



NEWSLETTER

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SICK BAY LINEN - FRIDAYS

Friday 9 th March	Daniella Cetkovic
Friday 16 th March	Allison Esmonde

Dates for Your Diary

Thursday	8 th	March	Student Goal Setting Interviews	2:00pm – 7:00pm
Friday	9 th	March	Curriculum Day (Pupil Free Day)	
			Division Swimming Trials	
Monday	12 th	March	Labour Day – Public Holiday	
Wednesday	14 th	March	Unit C Garden Maintenance	9:15am – 11:00am
Friday	16 th	March	House Cross Country + Fun Run	
Monday	19 th	March	Badge Presentation	
Thursday	22 nd	March	Parents + Friends Assoc AGM	9.15am
Friday	23 rd	March	KidsMatter Special Day	
Thursday	29 th	March	LAST DAY OF TERM 1 (Early Finish)	8:50am – 2:30pm
			Hat Parade – Good Friday Appeal	
Monday	16 th	April	FIRST DAY OF TERM 2	8:50am – 3:30pm

REMINDER

Friday 9th March is a Curriculum Day
and therefore a pupil free day

Student /Goal Setting Interviews - Today - Thursday 8th March

Just a reminder, that our goal setting interviews will be held from 2.00pm until 7.00 pm **today**. If some reason you are unable to attend at your specified time, please phone the school on 9795-3744 and we will make sure that your message is passed on to the class teacher.

Who to Contact? *The 'Parent Code of Conduct Policy' is included with this Newsletter*

Often parents have questions that they would like addressed and wonder whom they should see. I advise parents that the classroom teacher is the first person that they should always contact. The classroom teacher is in the best position to give you advice and to help solve any issues that may arise. We would prefer to know if there is something unsettling your child, so that we can take steps to rectify the situation as quickly as possible. All of our teachers are outside in the yard straight after school, if you wish to see them. Ideally, we ask that you make an appointment with the class teacher, so that they can give you their full



attention. It is very difficult for teachers to talk to you and to look after their class at the same time. In addition, each Unit has a Unit Manager (Unit A - Mrs Rumney, Unit B - Mr Pepper, Unit C - Mrs Hartmann and Unit D - Mrs Palmer-Tanner). If you still feel that your issue is unresolved, then you can make an appointment to speak with Mrs Payne or Mr Growcott or myself.

Please note that it is **never** appropriate for a parent to approach other children regarding an issue, or to chastise them. This only serves to compound the issues and make them difficult to resolve. We have included the Parent Code of Conduct Policy with this newsletter for your information.



In primary school, some students miss on average as much as three weeks of school per year. That's half a year of school, by the end of year 6!

This year, we are aiming to raise our attendance data and **we encourage all children to attend school every day**, unless they are genuinely sick. I ask that all parents work in conjunction with us to ensure that students attend school regularly. As mentioned previously, it is **not okay** to keep children home to take them shopping or if it is their birthday. When your child is away you are required to notify the school immediately. You can do this by leaving a phone message, Flexibuzz notification or via the school email. rosewood.downs.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au We are tracking student attendance closely and where children have high numbers of absences, parents will be asked to attend a meeting with the Principal. At these meetings, we develop strategies to help improve student attendance.

Staying for the whole day!

Some parents arrive early to collect children before the end of the school day and this is very disruptive to the whole class. It also means that your child may miss valuable information that helps them to be prepared for the following day. Getting to school on time and staying for the whole day are also good habits that children need to establish. I ask for your cooperation in ensuring that children are at school every day and that they arrive on time, by 8.50 am.

Helen Casey
Principal



KidsMatter

Kids Matter Special Day – Friday 23rd March

We are excited to be celebrating our successful implementation of the four KidsMatter Components over a five year journey. During Cultural Diversity Week we have organised a Special Day, 'Proud to Belong' to celebrate and learn more about our Rosewood Downs Community.

We are hoping to have a special assembly as well as smaller workshops throughout the day where our Rosewood Downs Community members can share their cultures. You may be able to entertain us with traditional music or dances, you may have artefacts to show or personal stories to tell, you may be able to teach your language or how to write our names in your script...anything that you would be happy to share with us. If you would like to help please talk to Julian Growcott or Deborah Lucas. Our Neighbourhood House team is also involved and will be preparing a special lunch on this day. Further details will follow next week.

Thank you to the wonderful generosity of families who donate quality Rosewood Downs school clothes to give to another family who is grateful for a little extra support. Thank You!





Neighbourhood House

Thank you to our wonderful team of helpers who volunteered their time to help get our Community Garden productive again. Together our team weeded, pruned and planted vegetable and herb seedlings. Our students are keen to help with the watering so all our plants are flourishing. We look forward to our cooking sessions where we turn our produce into delicious foods to taste.

We have an Olive Tree abounding with olives. We are hoping someone from our Rosewood Downs Community may like to come along to a Neighbourhood House Session to teach us how to preserve olives. Please let Deborah Lucas know if you are able to help. Thanks.

We have added an additional Neighbourhood House Event on Wednesday 14th March at 9.15 am. We are keen to help Unit C prepare their Kitchen Garden ready for planting. We hope you are able to spare an hour and join us to weed and tidy this garden area. Further information follows.



DANDENONG
neighbourhood HOUSE

Connecting our Community

Rosewood Downs Primary School



Special Event

Unit C Garden Maintenance

After the wonderful turn out in our Community Garden we are again looking for help from our Rosewood Downs Community, in particular families of the Unit C students.

Come and join us to prepare the Unit C Kitchen Garden, ready for the students to begin planting when school resumes in Term 2.

Bring along your gardening gloves and favourite gardening tools.

Make new friendships. Learn English. Have fun.

Wednesday 14th March 2018

9:15am to 11:00am

TODDLERS WELCOME

Families Matter
at Rosewood Downs Primary School



Networking and Connecting for Parents and Carers
Australian Primary School Mental Health Initiative

Caught You Being Kind Award

Regan Skinner from 5T was 'Caught Being Kind'. Well done Regan.

Music Award & Music News

Anna Pious, Aaliyah Mahboub, Tess Simon, Judd Esmonde, Maximus Ioane, Leo Bou Karroum, Belma Cerim, Lachlan Wallace, Lana Debski, Kai Edwards, Fatima Kobeissi, Teo Miljanic, Shaun Spiteri

Anita Chan – Music Coordinator

Sport Awards & News

Braxton Oliver, Ana Simic, Todor Tomic, Sofia Dimopoulos, Regan Skinner, Joshua O'Callaghan

Aryna Mulholland, Achello Perera, Liam Farrier, Hadi Fallah, Mo Pham, Calin Searle, Didier Savrimoutou

SPORT NEWS

AFL player visit – Read Like a Demon

On Monday the 26th of February, the students in Unit B received a visit from two players from the Melbourne Football Club; Christian Petracca and Sam Weideman.

This visit was part of Melbourne Football Club's community work, in which the playing group visits schools in the Greater City of Dandenong and the City of Casey. They conducted the industry leading Read Like a Demon program, which encourages children to celebrate literacy.

The players also shared stories with the students and answered questions about their favourite books growing up. Thank you to Penny from Monash Uni who helped with the reading program and Sebastian from the AFL for bringing the players along.

Free Family Ticket offer

The Melbourne Football Club has a special offer for the families at Rosewood Downs. If you register online you can access a free family pass* to watch the Round 3 clash against North Melbourne at the MCG on Saturday 7th April.

Please use the link: <http://www.melbournefc.com.au/club/fans/MFCRd3> and the MFC will send ticket redemption details when tickets become available in early March.

*Family Pass is for two adults and two children under 15 years of age. Please note, tickets are limited.

Greater Dandenong Division Swimming Trials – Friday 9th March

Our Swimming Team will compete at the Noble Park swimming pool against students from around the Greater Dandenong Division. Thank you to the students and parents attending as this will be on our school's curriculum day. Good luck to the students in the following events:

9/10 year olds

Jack Sheedy – 50m Breaststroke

Cade Marsh – 50m Backstroke and Butterfly

Anthony Diacoyannis – 50m Freestyle

Maria Milkovic – 50m Backstroke

Aleisha Zhou – 50m Freestyle

11 year olds

Calin Searle – 50m Freestyle

Teo Miljanic – 50m Backstroke

Lanny Duan – 50m Freestyle and Breaststroke

Boys 4x50m Freestyle Relay – Calin Searle, Teo Miljanic, Cade Marsh and Anthony Diacoyannis

12 year olds

Vladimir Milkovic – 50m Freestyle and Backstroke

Emran Akbari – 50m Breaststroke

Open Age

Mixed 4x50m Medley Relay – Maria (Backstroke), Emran (Breaststroke), Vladimir (Butterfly) and Lanny (Freestyle)

Coles Sports for Schools

Thank you to the overwhelming response to our effort to collect the Coles Sports for Schools vouchers. We have exceeded our original goal of 5,000 vouchers! Luckily we will not have to individually count the vouchers anymore and Coles will be collecting them and updating our total. Please keep collecting and sending in as many vouchers as possible and we will be able to get more sports equipment for our school.

Lindsay Campbell - Sport Coordinator

Art Awards & News

Sarah Silk, Zoe Casequin, Milan Milkovic, Eshan Majeed, Zipporah Ioane, Lincoln Leighton, Hadden Marsh, Daniela Tokanovic, Lillie Esmonde, Vladimir Milkovic, Alex Calderon, Kyra Redden

Events Committee**Friday the 16th March – House Cross Country and Fun Run** at Tirhatuan Park (Kriegel Way)

This is a **free** school event, that is a House Team competition. All students are required to return their **Minor Excursion forms** to be able to attend. Families are welcome to attend to support the students and their House Teams. Parent helpers are needed to make this event run smoothly, so please see Mr Campbell if you are able to assist.

Save the Date – Hat Parade – Thursday 29th March

On the last day of Term 1 we will be holding our annual Hat Parade in support of the Royal Children's Hospital Good Friday Appeal. The theme will be decided on soon and we will start to advertise the event so all children can start to create their hats. There will be prizes awarded in every class for the most imaginative hats made.

We are also collecting donations of Easter chocolates and treats for our raffle. We will be putting several hampers together. If you are able to contribute, please drop them into the office. Tickets will be on sale soon so all donations will be greatly appreciated.

Class Representatives

We have new members in our Junior School Council this year. They will be representing their class and will be meeting regularly to help organize and run many great events this year. They are:

2/3H	Hadden Marsh
3M	Paarth Walia
4M	Ruby Fitzgerald
4F	Mo Pham
5T	Judd Esmonde
5FP	Yianni Rozakis

Congratulations to these students for being elected to represent their class. Please make sure you help support our representatives and let them know of any ideas you may have to make Rosewood Downs the best school. They will be presented with their badges of office at assembly on Monday the 19th of March.

Badge Presentation – Student Leadership Team and Junior School Council – Monday 19th March

On Monday the 19th of March, the students in the Grade 6 Leadership Team and Junior School Council will be presented with their badges of office at assembly at 9:00am. Mrs Gosia Zastawnik, School Council President, will be officiating. Refreshments will be served in the hall foyer after the presentation for these students and their families.

The Green Team**Green Team 2018**

Congratulations to the following Year 5 and 6 students who were nominated by their class to be members of the Green Team:

Grade 6 Team Members

Alex and Brandon from 6P and Jonah and Mursal from 6B

Grade 5 Team Members

Janith and Teo from 5FP and Bethany and Saeed from 5T

They will work alongside Mrs Ford and Mrs Chan to guide the school in learning about the environment and sustainability and help with important school community development projects, with the aim of helping to improve our school environment. The first task for the year was to inform the school community about Schools Clean Up Day, and then to help everyone get into action. The next project will be Earth Hour, which is on Friday 23rd March at Rosewood Downs, and on Saturday 24th March in the wider community.

Schools Clean Up Day and Clean Up Australia Day

Last Sunday 4th March was Clean Up Australia Day, and citizens and community groups from all over Australia ventured into the environment to help remove rubbish from parks, rivers and open spaces, and help clean up Australia.

On Friday 2nd March members of the Green Team from Rosewood Downs PS helped inform and encourage the teachers and children to clean up our school environment for Schools Clean Up Day. All children learnt that it is important to look after our environment and keep it clean. Children from Prep through to Grade Six donned their gloves and helped clean up our school environment for Schools Clean Up Day.



How can we help throughout the year?

Did you know that throughout the year you can also continue to make our school a clean and tidy environment by bringing less pre-packaged food to school? Try using a washable plastic sandwich or snack container instead.

In addition you can say “NO” to plastic bags in the supermarket and use green recycling bags instead.



Thanks to everyone for helping to save our environment.

Parents & Friends Association

Parents and Friends will be holding our AGM this month on **Thursday 22nd March at 9.15am in the Hall Foyer Community Space after assembly.** This is a very casual meeting and we are a casual group, however as we are a sub-committee of the School Council we have to have elected committee members to hold the positions of President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. We will have coffee and a bit of morning tea and we will also choose what items we would like to sell in our Mother's Day stall coming up next term. We also have quite a collection of second hand uniforms which we will need to sort through to prepare for a clearance sale. Hope to see you there.



Allison Esmonde – PFA President

School Banking



Thank you to all the children who so diligently remember to hand in their bank books every Wednesday morning straight after assembly. Over the last few weeks there have been a number of occasions where children have handed in their bank books late and unfortunately they have not been processed. We do endeavour to check with every class to make sure that the books have been handed in. I'm sorry if your child has missed out on some occasions.

Bank books are processed every Wednesday morning between 9am and 10am. We are only able to process one deposit per week.

If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to write us a note or come see us in person in the staffroom on a Wednesday morning.

Happy banking.
Michelle Marsh

Unit News

Unit A

It was lovely to see so many of our Prep families attend the Welcome Picnic. The children obviously enjoyed the chance to play with their friends and join in the fun of the evening. These events help to build a strong sense of community within our school and enable parents and students to make important connections.

The Prep students are very excited to join the Grade 1s in taking home a reading bag. Please encourage your child to be responsible for the bag and its contents, remembering to return it to school each day so

that readers can be changed regularly. Daily reading is going to support the establishment of good work habits for the future.

We are looking forward to our Goal Setting interviews on Wednesday 14th and Thursday 15th March, and ask that your child does accompany you so that we can set realistic goals, relevant to each student. The children usually enjoy being part of the process and it involves a meaningful commitment from them.

This term is flying by and we are delighted with the way the children are now well settled and comfortable in their school surroundings. Thank you for supporting your children and their teachers to create a happy and positive working environment.

Unit A Team,

Ashlee Rumney (Prep R), Linda Harrison (Prep H) and Chanté Smith (Prep/1S)

Unit B

In Unit B, we are looking for your support to help us implement The Resilience Project curriculum. During the week, you will have received a notice about purchasing a Resilience Project journal for \$18. Through using the journal, students will learn to rewire their brain and start scanning the world for the positive. We appreciate your support with this program and in order to make full use of the journals, we will be ordering them on Friday 16th March.

Thank you from the Unit B Team,

Brenda Brighton (6B), Shaun Pepper (6P), Mia Todisco (5T), Carly Pinwill & Jo Ford (5PF)

Unit C

Unit C is getting busier and busier as the weeks go by. Who can believe that we are already in week 6!

With Camp ADANAC only a month away Unit C teachers are eagerly awaiting the return of camp forms (medical, permission to travel & the consent form) to continue with their preparation. These forms are due by Monday the 19th of March. All Grade 2 students' Expression of Interest for Camp Oasis are also due back this week.

Last week grades in Unit C elected their Junior School Council representatives for 2018. It was great to see so many students giving it a go. We would like to congratulate Hadden Marsh (2/3H), Paarth Walia (3M), Ruby Fitzgerald (4M) and Mo Pham (4F) for being our JSC representatives for 2018. The assembly for the representatives to receive their badges will be held on Monday the 19th of March.

Just a reminder that next Friday the 16th of March we will be running our house Cross Country. The Grade 3 and 4 students will be competing in their age level groups and the Grade 2 students will participate in the Fun Run. Students are encouraged to come in their house colours.

We look forward to seeing many of you on Thursday for our Goal Setting Interviews. If you are unable to make it please get in touch with your child's teacher to organise another suitable meeting time.

Unit C Team,

Mrs Maddy Hartmann (2/3H), Mrs Dianne McCulloch (3M), Ms Gail Fitzpatrick (4F) & Miss Caitlyn Marsham (4M)

Unit D

It's been another busy fortnight in Unit D. All children participated in "Clean up Australia Day" last Friday, and they worked hard to get our school environment looking fantastic. It would be great if we could all work towards having more items of "nude food" in our lunches as rubbish around the school can sometimes be a bit of an issue. Please remind your children that if they have rubbish from their lunch boxes or lunch orders

to make sure that they pop it in the bins. We have all been learning about care, compassion and co-operation so looking after our school environment is a great way to show these values.

The Grade One children have been learning about places in Australia and ways we could look after those places and the Grade Twos continue to look at the history of family life, looking at how we have played throughout time and the kind of toys children have had in past times. Imagine life without the internet!! They find it incredible to comprehend!

Grade Two teachers are beginning with camp organisation so PLEASE if you have not returned the yellow expression of interest form please could you do so asap.

Thank you to all those parents who have made appointments for goal setting interviews. It will be great to sit together and discuss the future goals for your children. Please ring the school office or book online if you haven't made an appointment yet. Bookings close very soon.

Another big thank to those family members who are giving up time to hear readers in the Unit. We are desperate for helpers, so even if you can't commit to a regular time but do have some time to spare come and chat to one of us. We'd love to see you.

Thanks to those families who have sent in tissues, we have lots of children with sniffles already, so as we get towards those colder months, please remind your children about hygienic practises. "Sneeze Safe" is a great website to visit for ideas. (www.sneezesafe.com.au/parents)

Remember it's a Curriculum Day on Friday so enjoy the extra long weekend with your families. Thanks for your continued support with all that we do in Unit D.

Unit D Team

Mary Chan (1C), Terrie Palmer-Tanner (1PT), Karen Woodhouse (2W)



FREE FAMILY PASS*



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Round 3

Melbourne v North Melbourne
Saturday 7 April, 2.10pm MCG

Sign up to register at melbournefc.com.au/MFCRd3

* Family Pass is for two adults and two children under 15 years of age. Limited tickets available.

Get ready for a Super Savers adventure with School Banking.

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This year in School Banking, your child will join the Dollarmites on a Super Savers adventure, developing strong savings skills.

School Banking encourages children to learn the value of saving and rewards those who demonstrate a regular savings behaviour.

New Super Savers reward items.

Introducing an exciting new range of reward items with two released every term. Available in Term 1:

- Twister Power Handball
- Secret Scratch Notepad.

Your child can redeem one of these rewards, while stocks last, after making 10 School Banking deposits.



Remember, with the CommBank Youth app, it's easy for your child to monitor the Dollarmites tokens they earn when making School Banking deposits and track their savings. Available to download from the App Store on any iOS9+ device.



A chance to win a family trip to Hawaii.



Students who truly are Super Savers will have the chance to win a family trip to Honolulu, Hawaii, staying 7 nights at the Sheraton Waikiki Resort, plus AU\$2,000 spending money.

To enter, students simply make 15 or more School Banking deposits before the end of Term 3 2018, and they will automatically enter the Super Savers Grand Prize Competition.

To find out more about School Banking, or explore fun activity sheets for your child, visit commbank.com.au/schoolbanking

Things you should know: The 'Super Savers Grand Prize Competition' (Promotion) is conducted by the Commonwealth Bank of Australia (ABN 49 123 123 124) of Level 9C, 11 Harbour Street, Sydney NSW 2000. The Promotion starts at 9am AEST on 22/01/18 and closes at 11:59pm AEST on 26/03/18. Entry is open to Australian residents aged 4-13 years only who have made 15 separate School Banking deposits into their CommBank 'YouthSaver' account during the Promotion period. Eligible entrants will be automatically entered into the draw. Maximum 1 entry/person. The first eligible entry randomly drawn will win a trip to Honolulu, Hawaii, USA for two adults and up to three children (aged 17 years and under), including 7 nights accommodation and \$2,000 AUD spending money, valued at \$17,868 AUD. Terms and conditions apply. The draw will take place at 12pm AEST on 10/04/18 at the address above. The winner will be notified by telephone and email, and will be published online at commbank.com.au/schoolbanking and in The Australian on 17/04/18. Winner must claim the prize by 5pm AEST on 15/01/19 or the prize will be redrawn. The prize will be awarded to the winner's nominated parent or guardian. Conditions apply to accepting the prize. Full terms and conditions available from commbank.com.au/schoolbanking Authorised under NSW Permit No: LTPS/17/18318, ACT Permit No: ACT TP 17/01989 and SA Permit No: T17/1878.