

# 'News from the Hill'

## Rooty Hill Public School

*Quality Education in a vibrant, caring school*

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**Term 4 Week 9**

**1st December 2015**

### From the Principal



#### Great Readers.

This year the largest group ever of Rooty Hill PS students has completed the Premier's Reading Challenge. This is a great achievement and thanks should go to our keen readers, parents who have supported and encouraged reading and to Ms Chapple for her overall co-ordination this year.

A number of boys and girls have received their 'Premier's Gold Award' - presented to readers who have successfully completed the Challenge for four years.

Congratulations to:

Nima Ahmadi, Jye Bryant, Koralee Catlett, Nivad Charan, Demi Charmand, Cassandra Corpus, Raaveesh Dandamudi, Daniela Demasi, Raheela Hassan, John Koudakpo, Rohan Krishna, Amishay Lal, Tyson Lees, Jonathan Moxham, Kathleen Moxham, Tjahn Muduliar, Amanda Ngo, Fatima Nisar, Trish Ortiz, Abhishek Parimi, Trojan Sakaio, Kandace Singleton, Britanya Stevanytantra, Juan Tabernilla and Trae Thurlow



#### More golden students!

Another group of outstanding students will be presented with their Gold Awards at a special Principal's Afternoon Tea tomorrow. I hope many parents and friends will be able to join us.

Congratulations to:

Shahana Aye, Maliha Hossain, Rameez Khan, Lawrence Gao, Rhyl Villegas, Denzel Autor, Maddison Borg, Olivia Hull, Maximus Hunt, Vanessa Zarzeczny, Jamee Balzan, Rahi Patel, Maria Khan, Lewis Tierney, Elijah Tirados, Logan Swan and Coen Brown.

Well done also to:

Jack Foote, Amanda Ngo, Nivish Lal, Aleyas Manapori, Jacob Kapustic, Pheobi-Paris McMaster, Roberto Santiago, Jacob Martiin, Apple Nucom, Isabella Pakas, Mikayla Condon, Duaa Saeed, Kye Klumper, Jai Hartley, Zarah Elton, Sophia Thurstun, Rianne Perez and Noor Emaan.

### Calendar

**Presentation  
Assembly  
Mon 7th Dec**

**What's happening @  
Rooty Hill PS**

#### Wed 2nd Dec

-Parent Helper  
M/Tea  
-Principals A/Tea

#### Mon 7th Dec

-Presentation  
Assembly

#### Tues 8th Dec

-Principals M/Tea

#### Thurs 10th Dec

-Reports Home

#### Fri 11th Dec

-Yrs 4-6 Party Day

#### Mon 14 Dec

-Yr 6 Graduation  
and Farewell

#### Tues 15th Dec

-Yrs K-3 Party Day

#### 16th Dec

-Last day for  
students

#### Thurs 28th Jan 2016

-Students return  
Yrs1-6

## End of year reminders

**For the true believers.....** Santa has kindly let us know that if anyone wishes to write to him, he will collect letters from the mailbox in the school foyer. He may not have time to reply to all letters himself, but he has asked some of his helpers to assist him with this task. Santa's mailbox will be open until this Thursday December 3<sup>rd</sup>.



**On Wednesday** Year 6 students will enjoy a Gala Day at Stanhope Gardens as part of our Transition to High School Program. This year-long program, for students who will attend Rooty Hill High School next year, is designed to ensure our boys and girls are familiar with the school and its staff so that they feel really confident about the significant change they are about to make in their school life.



If you are busy tidying your cupboards in preparation for the Christmas holidays, try to find something that you could send to school for the Anglicare 'Toys & Tucker' Drive. There is a large box in the office foyer, just waiting for donations of non-perishable goods that can be given to families in need over the holiday period. There would be over 450 items if each of our families donated one item!! Items should be handed to class teachers so that your child can receive a ticket in a prize draw. The box will be collected on the last day of term.

I really hope as many parents and friends as possible will be in attendance at our Presentation Assembly next Monday, 7<sup>th</sup> December, at Rooty Hill RSL Club. As this is a very special, formal occasion, please make sure that ALL students are dressed in full school uniform - and that they have returned their permission note to walk to the Assembly!

The last day for bringing payment for our Party Days will be this Friday 4<sup>th</sup> December. Numbers of participants have to be confirmed with Rooty Hill RSL on this day.

A massive 'Thank You' to all families who contributed to our Aquathon. The winning tickets for the great prizes will be drawn at next week's K-6 Assembly, next Thursday.

### Please check!!

There are still lots and lots of loved but homeless items in Lost Property (located outside our Kindergarten rooms.). PLEASE check for lost items before the end of term – during the holidays we will dispose of all items. Jackets, jumpers, hats etc are very costly items to replace – so please look through Lost Property to see if any items your child has misplaced are there.

Kind regards  
Jackie Malecki

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### *Uniform Shop Hours*

*Monday,  
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### **Jiminey Cricket Preschool & Long Day Care Centre**

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\* Walk back to class  
after recess and lunch**

## Year 6 High School Timetable....

The high school timetable was awesome to do and I had a lot of fun and most students had a lot of fun as well. The subjects were like the ones in high school for example: language, science and history and etc. In science we did some experiments like the first one, where we tried to stick a piece of string to ice with only salt to use. That was a blast. In language we learned about Chinese culture like how to paper cut some symbols which were cool to look at. Anyway all together the timetable was a helpful and interesting experience which I and most students in year 6 will use in high school to help us. Also I hope the future year six students next year will have a fun and wonderful time like I and the whole of year six did.

**Jason Suarez 5/6E**



## Debating....

On 25<sup>th</sup> of November, nine of the people from our debating team went to watch the grand final debate at Lethbridge Park Public School. The debate was between Hassall Grove Public School who were the affirmative team and Blackwell Public School who were the negative team. The topic for this debate was "Water is better than Fire". We were astonished when we saw the topic and we knew it was going to be a difficult topic to win but at last Hassall Grove were the winners of the R.A Pickles Shield. At the end of the debate all the schools who participated got a certificate, we were all surprised to get those certificates, and Annrose Joseph was named the most improved debater in our team. We had great fun and hope that next year the debating team makes it to the Grand Final!

**Devanshi and Hitakshi**

## Congratulations....

Koralee Catlett was invited to attend the Mt Druitt Zone PSSA Presentation Ceremony on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> November. Mt Druitt Zone is made up of 19 schools. We are very pleased to announce that Koralee was awarded the trophy for Junior Girls Athletics Champion for Mt Druitt Zone.

Congratulations Koralee, we are very proud of your amazing achievement.



**Ms Steward**  
**Sports Co-ordinator**

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## AFL Grand Final....

Last Friday, both the junior and senior AFL teams represented our school in the Mount Druitt PSSA AFL Grand Final. Both teams played a tough opponent in Hebersham Public School.

The junior team played first. They were making some good tackles and good passes. They had a terrific start to the game, however, unfortunately the junior team lost the match. All of the players displayed outstanding sportsmanship and should be proud of their efforts.

The senior team played afterwards. Their defensive efforts were superb. Their tackles were strong and they were doing some long kicks towards our attacking end. The senior team were very competitive, however they lost the match. Just like the junior team, the senior team also displayed outstanding sportsmanship and should be proud of their efforts.

Congratulations to all the boys and girls for giving it your best! I am very proud of all of you and it has been an absolute privilege to have coached an awesome group of boys and girls.

**Scott Fitzgerald**



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Nutrition Snippet

# The simplest way

...to work out how much fruit + veg you need.

Eating two serves of fruit and five serves of vegetables every day will help keep you and your kids healthy. But what does a serve look like?

A serve of fruit is 150 grams or:

- 1 medium fruit (apple/banana) or
- 1 ½ tablespoons dried fruit (apricots/sultanas) or
- 1 cup of chopped or canned fruit (fruit salad)

A serve of veg is 75 grams or:

- ½ cup of cooked veg or
- ½ medium potato or
- 1 cup of salad

Pack fruit and veg every day for school lunches – every bit counts towards your child's daily total – plus healthy food gives them extra strength to concentrate longer.

For more information visit [www.eatittobeatit.com.au](http://www.eatittobeatit.com.au) or join us at [facebook.com/eatittobeatit](https://facebook.com/eatittobeatit)

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