

'News from the Hill'

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Term 4 Week 4

1st November 2016

From the Principal



Great achievers

Once again last week it was an honour to host a Principal's Afternoon Tea where another group of exemplary students received their Gold Award. Thank you to the family members who were able to attend to share this event with our boys and girls. Congratulations to:

Jamaica Poilly, Theo Lagman, Kate Waid, Maddison Borg, Timothy Tumbaga, Mikalah Borg, Zandie Oca, Dalovinya Taiki, Dev Shah, Georgia McAndrew, Brionne Miranda, Deionidus

Sakaio, Angelique Vinensig, Nabaa Boram, Matthew Lim, Himani Singh, Stefano Bettini, Gamaliel Amar, Roxanne Cajumban, Salma Hassan, Johannan Ah Kee, Jairus Corpus and Himanshi Chand.

Well done also to:

Abiaz Amin, Blake Fryer, Priya Muduliar, Apple Nucom, Syeda Zaidi, Thaira Pule, Georgia Cotter, Nevaeh Scott, Maxine Ortiz, Lawrence Gao, Adam Ryan, Eljohn Mercado, Junior Fatui, Shivanjli Lal, Favour Gueh, Destiny Elton, Aaron Foster, Lamiah Hossain, and Anuksha Sami.



A warm welcome!

Last Thursday saw our Orientation session for parents of students enrolling in Kindergarten in 2017. So far over 70 boys and girls will be joining us for the first time next year, many of them already familiar with the school as they have participated in our 'Little Learners' program over the past few weeks.

At Orientation, parents had access to a wealth of information to help make their child's transition to school as smooth as possible. Besides our current Kindergarten teachers, Deputy Principal Miss Law and myself, a number of people contributed their time to make the evening a success. Thank you to Mrs Cayabyab and Mrs Amar from the P&C, Simone from Camp Australia, Mrs Wassell and Mrs Ryan from our school office, our Prefects, and Mrs Piggott and Mrs Power, our resident 'babysitters'!!

Kind regards
Jackie Malecki



Calendar

13th December
Year 6
Graduation
and
Farewell

What's happening @
Rooty Hill PS

Thurs 3rd Nov
-Little Learners

Wed 7th Dec
-Parent Helpers
Morning Tea

Mon 12th Dec
-Presentation Day

Tues 13th Dec
-Year 6 Graduation
& Farewell

Thurs 15th Dec
-Party Day

Fri 16th Dec
-Last day for
students

Focus of the Fortnight

- * Always say please and thank you
- * Always wash your hands after using the toilet

Mandarin classes....

Last week selected Year 6 students who will be attending Rooty Hill High School in 2017 started to learn how to speak Mandarin [a form of Chinese].

We learnt how to greet people and say goodbye while singing a song in Mandarin. We enjoyed learning Mandarin with Vicky our teacher for our classes. We learnt this form of Chinese language in preparation for high school.

This week we are going to learn to count from 1-10 in Mandarin and in the following lessons we are going to learn how to sing Happy Birthday and how to say the names of our family members, e.g. brother, sister, mum, dad, etc.

Our classes are held every Friday in 6R and 6K computer room. We really look forward to learning more Mandarin!

By Nina Shemon, Nael Salacsacan and Anam Diwan 6R

Celebrations....

One of the great strengths of our school is its multicultural composition, with students, from over 50 different cultural groups making up our school "family". Last Friday was Diwali "Festival of Light". Students from K-6 were encouraged to share this celebration and wear their traditional outfits for the day. Students came to school dressed in bright and colourful clothes. Thank you to the parents who treated the staff and their child's class with traditional sweets.

Students from 6R and 4R were lucky enough to create Rangoli drawings on the concrete in our playground using coloured chalk. A huge thank you to Mrs Charan who spent her morning carefully designing and drawing Henna Art on the hands of students from 6R and 4R.

Happy Diwali

Mrs Simunovic



A great result....

Last week our debaters – Koralee, Jamee, Vinuji and Tasha, went to Lethbridge Park Public School for the pool final against Blacktown West Public School. The topic was "It's the journey, NOT the destination." Our team was affirmative. It was very tight, but luckily our team won! Now we're off to the grand finals! The topic will be "The best things in life are free." We're, once again, affirmative. Hopefully Rooty Hill Public School takes the win again and comes back with a No.1 trophy! We would also like to thank Miss Lam and our classroom teachers for supporting us leading up to last week's debate!

Jamee and Vinuji, Debaters



Future Leaders....

Year 5 students were recently given the opportunity to nominate themselves to be a Prefect for 2017. Last Tuesday 33 nominees participated in Prefect Interviews with Miss Regan and Mrs Tume. We were very impressed by the high standards of the students during these interviews. 12 boys and 12 girls have been chosen to move on to the next part of the process. These students will present a speech to students from Years 1 to 6 and all staff. The boys will be presenting their speeches on Tuesday 8th November at 11:20am. The girls will present their speeches on Wednesday 9th November at 11:20am. Parents are invited to attend. We wish all students the best of luck. Our School Captains, Vice Captains and Prefects will be announced by Mrs Malecki at our end of year Presentation Assembly. Good luck to all the candidates!

Karla Regan

Year 6 Supervisor

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