

'News from the Hill'

Rooty Hill Public School

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Term 1 Week 2

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From the Principal



Welcome back to what is going to be another exciting and highly productive year for our students and community at Rooty Hill Public School.

I would like to extend a particularly warm welcome to our new families this year – I know you will soon feel at home here! New staff have joined our skilled and highly dedicated team this year. We welcome Mr Tim Gerard and welcome back Mrs Lauren Carney (formerly Miss Milan!).

Our new School Administration Manager is Mrs Fiona Wassell – pop in to say hello next time you come to the office!

I extend a very special welcome to Ms Jane Wilson. Ms Wilson joins us for the year from Canada as part of the Department's Teacher Exchange Program. She has 'traded places' with Mrs Fiona Golder, who is spending 2016 at Ms Wilson's school in New Brunswick, Canada.

I will provide you with a full staff list after permanent classes are formed.

Congratulations to all of our youngest students – over 80 of them - who are enrolling in Kindergarten this week – I hope they are all looking forward to their next seven years with us! Our calendar for this term is already very busy – with more to come. Please peruse the dates provided in this term's 'Community Calendar and try to make arrangements to be able to attend our 'Meet the Teacher' night on Thursday 18th February.

For all parents of Kindergarten students and families with students new to our school in any grade, make space in your diary for our "Welcome Evening" on March 3rd – this will be a special informal evening for your whole family, with a Sausage Sizzle supper and fun activities for our boys and girls.



Yesterday you should have received a package of notes for your child. While the number of notes may seem overwhelming, parents have asked us to provide as much information as possible at one time so that expenditure could be planned. Take a deep breath, read all notes thoroughly and make sure you return each one by the required time!!

Calendar

**Swimming
Carnival
Wed 10th
February**

What's happening @ Rooty Hill PS

Wed 3rd Feb

-PSSA Tryouts

Fri 5th Feb

-PSSA Tryouts

Mon 8th Feb

-Performance tryouts

Tues 9th Feb

-Performance tryouts

Wed 10th Feb

-Swimming Carnival

Thurs 11th Feb

-New classes formed

Mon 15th Feb

-Library starts

Thurs 18th Feb

-Meet the teacher

Fri 19th Feb

-PSSA starts

Wed 24th Feb

-Scripture starts

Focus of the Fortnight

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- * Always arrive at school on time

Showcasing our wonderful students

We have a number of prestigious performance groups here at Rooty Hill. Auditions will soon take place for students to secure places in our Dance Groups, Choir and Drumming Group. Performance opportunities may include Sydney West Dance Festival, District Education Week performances and the Western Sydney Arts Showcase "PULSE" to be held at the Sydney Opera House in June! As placement in these groups is competitive, any students who are successful in gaining a place in one of them will be expected to make a commitment to that group for the whole year, attending all rehearsals and performance activities.

Trials will also be underway this week for places in our inter-school PSSA sports teams – a busy time indeed!! Sports on offer include Newcombe Ball, AFL, Cricket, Volleyball and Softball.

Any superfish?

I hope everyone is looking forward to our Swimming Carnival, only a week away. This event is part of our School Curriculum so I know we'll see everyone there from Year 2 to Year 6!! There is no need to be a 'good swimmer' to attend – there will be lots of novelty events for our non-swimmers.



Looking forward to saying 'Hello'

Please make a diary entry to ensure you put time aside to join us for our "Meet the Teacher" evening on Thursday 18th February. Staff will be available to meet with you informally from 5.30-7.30pm.

Come along to 'put a face to a name' and to seek the answers to any general questions you may have. This event is really 'for the grown-ups' – but if you are unable to make alternate arrangements for your child, they can be supervised in the Library while you meet with teachers in the Hall.

Some gentle reminders

Our car park can be a dangerous place, with delivery and staff vehicles coming and going throughout the day. Please ensure that, if you walk your child to their classroom, you use the pedestrian gate and do not use the car park entrance at any time. Cars may not enter the car park to drop off or pick up students – we have to ensure our students' safety at all times.

Kind regards

Jackie Malecki

Fun's the name of the game

Now there's a free family lifestyle program that helps children and their families lead a healthier life. It's called Go4Fun and the emphasis is on the fun. Run this term over 9 weeks, Go4Fun is aimed at children 7 – 13 years who are above a healthy weight range. Children attend with a parent and enjoy fun and interactive games, healthy eating advice, a supermarket excursion and goal setting exercises.

The program will run at Rooty Hill Public School from Wednesday 10th February, commencing at 4.30pm

To register today for this FREE program call 1800 780 900 or visit go4fun.com.au

Our School Rules

***Care For Your
School***

***Care For Others
Care For Yourself***

Static Dance Studios

**-Glendenning
and Rouse Hill**

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Hop,
Acrobatics, Private
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Tiny Tots,
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Cheerleading,
Singing, Drama,
Fitness

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For registration
details and
information

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Community Calendar Term 1 2016

Term One	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat/Sun
Week 1		26th Jan *Australia Day Public Holiday	27th Jan * School Development Day	28th Jan * Students Return	29th Jan * Prefect Training	30/31
Week 2	1st Feb * Kindergarten Enrolments * Notes Home – Student Essentials, Performance Tryouts, Swimming Carnival and Stage 3 Leadership Positions	2nd Feb * Stage 3 Leadership Day	3rd Feb * PSSA tryouts * Whole School Program – Social Skills	4th Feb * 1-6 Assembly	5th Feb * House Meetings * PSSA tryouts * Stg 3 Leadership Nominations due	6/7
Week 3	8th Feb * Performance Tryouts	9th Feb * Performance Tryouts	10th Feb * Swimming Carnival * Kindy STEPS Vision Testing	11th Feb * New classes formed	12th Feb	13/14
Week 4	15th Feb * Library lessons start	16th Feb	17th Feb * SRC Elections * Whole School Program – Social Skills	18th Feb * K-2 Assembly * Meet The Teacher Evening	19th Feb * PSSA begins	20/21
Week 5	22nd Feb	23rd Feb * SRC & Peer Mediator Training	24th Feb * Kinder cake stall * Whole School Program - Child Protection/Cyber Smart * Scripture Starts	25th Feb * Zone Swimming Carnival * 3-6 Assembly * Indigenous Community Members Afternoon Tea	26th Feb * Library Monitor and Canteen Assistant Training	27/28
Week 6	29th Feb	1st Mar * Indigenous PLP Parent Interviews	2nd Mar * Whole School Program - Child Protection/Cyber Smart	3rd Mar * Welcome Evening * K-6 Assembly * Year 6 Tree Planting	4th Mar * School Clean Up Australia	5/6
Week 7	7th Mar	8th Mar * RHHS leaders visit Yr 6	9th Mar * Whole School Program - Child Protection/Cyber Smart * Year 6 Tree Planting	10th Mar * Selective HS Test * 3-6 Assembly	11th Mar	12/13
Week 8	14th Mar * Induction Assembly	15th Mar * School Photos	16th Mar * Whole School Program - Child Protection/Cyber Smart	17th Mar * K-2 Assembly	18th Mar * RHHS Harmony Day (Stage 2)	19/20
Week 9	21st Mar	22nd Mar	23rd Mar * Whole School Program - Child Protection/Cyber Smart	24th Mar * Easter Happening * 3-6 Assembly	25th Mar Good Friday Public Holiday	26/27
Week 10	28th Mar Easter Monday	29th Mar	30th Mar * Whole School Program - Child Protection/Cyber Smart	31st Mar * Winter PSSA tryouts * K-2 Assembly	1st Apr	2/3
Week 11	4th Apr * P/T Interviews K-2	5th Apr * P/T Interviews 3-6	6th Apr * Work Samples Home * Whole School Program - Child Protection/Cyber Smart	7th Apr * K-6 Assembly * Winter PSSA tryouts	8th Apr * ANZAC Assembly * End of Term Reward * Garden Clean Up * Last day of term	9/10