

# 'News from the Hill'

## Rooty Hill Public School

*Quality Education in a vibrant, caring school*

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**Term 2 Week 5**

**24th May 2016**



### From the Principal

#### Keep Kids Safe: #parentscheckthecheck!

From time-to-time a number of parents employ the services of tutors for their child, out of school hours. The Department of Education has provided the following message to assist you:

Parents or carers who engage the services of a private tutor or coach have an important role to play in helping to keep their children safe.

From 1<sup>st</sup> April 2016 adults who provide private tuition or coaching services to children will need to obtain a new Working With Children Check.

The Certificate for Self Employed People will no longer be valid after their expiry date and the certificate holders will need to apply for a new Working With Children Check.

Parents or carers should ask their child's tutor or coach for their name, date of birth and their Working With Children Check number.

They must then go online and verify the tutor or coach is not barred from working with children in NSW.

Verifying that a tutor or coach can work with children is quick and easy – just follow the simple steps at [www.kidsguardian.nsw.gov.au/parentscheckthecheck](http://www.kidsguardian.nsw.gov.au/parentscheckthecheck)

If you suspect that an adult is providing services to children without a Working With Children Check you can go online to make a confidential report or phone (02) 9286 7219.

Kind regards  
Jackie Malecki

### Zone Cross Country

On Thursday 19th May, forty students represented the school at the Zone Cross Country carnival. Every student tried their very best on the day. Thank you to all the parents, grandparents and caregivers who came on the day to support our runners and those who helped with the equipment. Our school had several runners who came in the top 8 in their age race and should soon receive their invitation to the next level event. Congratulations to everyone for such a successful day.



### Mrs Epps & Mrs Powers

On the 17<sup>th</sup> of May, the Year 5 and Year 6 students had the privilege of receiving a special visit from some courageous firemen. They gave us an informative presentation about the unique equipment that they use to prepare for house fires and bushfires. The firemen also gave us a demonstration of how they prepare for the devastating event of a fire and how we should do so too. This was an interesting experience for all of us, we are tremendously lucky to have such remarkable people visit our school.



Jamee Lee and Tasha 6H

### Calendar

#### Synergy Dance Festival

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

**Thu 26th May**  
-3K & 3A to Penrith Lakes  
**Thu 26th May**  
-K-6 Assembly  
**Mon 13th June**  
-Public Holiday  
**Tue 14th June**  
-Synergy Dance Festival Matinee performance  
**Wed 15th June**  
-Synergy Dance Festival Evening performance  
**Thur 16th June**  
-Olympathon  
**Thu 23rd June**  
-Athletics Carnival  
**Tue 28th June**  
-Year 2 to Riverside Theatre  
**Friday 1st July**  
-Last day of Term 2  
**Tuesday 19th July**  
-1st day Term 3 for students

#### Focus of the Fortnight

- \* Invite others to join your activities
- \* Look after classroom resources

### Premier's Reading Challenge

This year's Premier's Reading Challenge is about half way through and already we have our first whole class that has finished the Challenge. Congratulations to KM who have completed reading all of their 30 books. Many children completed their reading without using any of the teacher-read books - which means they have read 30 books of their choice. Keep it up Kindies!

Year 3 and Year 6 are next in line with 5 children each who have completed the Challenge.

Remember, if you are having a problem with logging in your books, hand your list to Ms Chapple who will enter the books for you. Any holiday reading can go on the log as well. In addition, 5 books that are not on the PRC booklist can go on your reading log. Books that are new to the Challenge are: The Horrible History series and some Mind Craft books.

### Ms Helen Chapple

### GRIP Leadership Conference

Last Wednesday our Prefects travelled by train to Sydney Olympic Park and then walked to the State Sports Centre for the GRIP Leadership Conference. Students listened to speakers discuss and explore what makes a good leader and how to be a positive leader within the school. They also participated in games and activities which included talking to student leaders from other schools. Our Prefects really enjoyed the day and learnt a lot about how they can make a difference as leaders within our school. All of the boys and girls represented our school extremely well and made myself and Mrs Power very proud to accompany them.

Here is what our Prefects learnt from the day:

"We learnt how to be a better leader and how to communicate with others" – Jack Foote

"I learnt that leadership is about working well with others" – Koralee Catlett

"We learnt lots about leadership, how to prevent bullying and about the traffic light system of leadership" – Nicholas Pakas

"We learnt various things about leadership and how to deal with bullies. It was an exciting and interesting day" – Tasha Fuentes

"We learnt a number of new skills and about how to grow as a leader" – Coen Brown

"We learnt many things about leadership and how to be good leaders of our school" – Jamee Balzan

"We learnt how to stop bullying and 4 steps to be a good leader" – Jyi Masters-Forsyth

"We learnt how to be great leaders!" – Chontal Robert

"I learnt how to be a respectful leader" – Joshua Jackson

"We learnt a number of things about leadership, dealing with bullies and skills you need to lead the school" – Mikhaela Mendoza

"We learnt about how to be good leaders" – Kenneth Villalon

"I learnt how to be a better leader" –

Hannah Cosgrove

### Karla Regan

### Year Six Supervisor



### Our School Rules

**Care For Your  
School  
Care For Others  
Care For Yourself**

### Goshin Kan Karate & Self Defence

#### Rooty Hill Public School

Monday &  
Wednesday  
6.30pm Children  
7.30pm Adults  
Learn to protect  
yourself.  
Develop Confidence,  
Human values,  
Disciplines and Self  
Control.

Mobile –  
**0405 000 366**  
Head teacher  
Kanchi Deena Naidu  
6<sup>th</sup> Graduate of the  
Japan Karate College  
in the world.

### YMCA Rooty Hill OSHC

**Call 0419 725 621**  
**Visit**  
**[oshc.ymcasydneymc.org](http://oshc.ymcasydneymc.org)**

**Before school care:**  
**6:30 - 8:30am**  
**(Breakfast provided)**

**After school care:**  
**3:00 - 6:30pm**  
**(Afternoon Tea provided)**

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