

'News from the Hill'

Rooty Hill Public School

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Term 2 Week 2

2nd May 2016

From the Principal



Working hard – this week all of our Year 3 and Year 5 boys and girls will be practising for next week's NAPLAN tests – early bedtimes and hearty breakfasts should be on the agenda so that our students are ready to do their best! These tests provide us with a 'snapshot' of a child's ability – the data obtained from their results is added to the vast array of information gathered throughout the year from a wide variety of assessment activities.

One of this week's highlights will be our Mothers' Day Stall, to be held tomorrow, Wednesday 4th. A small but very committed group of parents has kindly donated time and hard work to ensure that enough gifts have been made so that every child has the opportunity to purchase something for Mothers' Day. 'Thank You' to our fundraising group, on behalf of all of our families!

It was a pleasure recently to be able to congratulate Mrs Jessica DeRosa on her receipt of a "20 Years of Service" certificate from the Department of Education. Joining a group of highly experienced staff who have already been presented with service certificates, we are pleased that Mrs DeRosa's service to public schools and students has been acknowledged in this way.



Don't forget that the school now has EFTPOS facilities to enable you to pay for school-related costs. (Unfortunately this is not available for uniform purchase as this service is run by the P&C Association, not directly by the school.)

In the next couple of weeks you will also be receiving information about the capacity to pay for school services on-line – watch this space!!

We have been asked by residents in Perkins Street to remind parents that they should not park across driveways or restrict driveway access at any time. While we are all aware that parking around the school is always a challenge, it is inconsiderate to inconvenience our neighbours and of great concern to them. Please make sure that resident access is assured at all times.

Kind regards
Jackie Malecki

Little Hands Program

This term Kindergarten students are taking part in the Little Hands program. Little Hands is one of the projects run by the University of Sydney's Compass program. It will be introduced in our school this year. It involves volunteers from the University working with students in partnership with Kindergarten teachers. This program provides students with additional help to develop and strengthen their learning and fine motor skills. Little Hands will be run in our school in Term 2 and Term 3. It is fun, interactive and helps make the first year of school as easy as possible. Fine motor skills are particularly important for all children as they help students regularly participate in classroom activities, such as writing and cutting.

Calendar

What's happening @ Rooty Hill PS

Tue 3rd to Thu 5th May
NAPLAN practice
Wed 4th May
Mother's Day Stall
Thu 5th May
SRC Disco
Fri 6th May
Winter PSSA begins
Tue 10th to Thu 12th May
NAPLAN assessments
Tue 17th May
Stage 3 Incursion
Thu 19th May
Zone Cross Country
Mon 23rd May
4R & 4S to Penrith Lakes
Tue 24th May
3/4F, 4/5E & 3N to Penrith Lakes
Thu 26th May
3K & 3A to Penrith Lakes
Thu 26th May
K-6 Assembly
Mon 13th June
Public Holiday
Wed 15th June
Synergy Dance Festival
Matinee performance
Wed 14th June
Synergy Dance Festival
Evening performance
Thu 23rd June
Athletics Carnival
Tue 28th June
Year 2 to Riverside Theatre

Focus of the Fortnight

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- * Walk back to class after recess and lunch

RHPS Cross Country, 2016

Last Friday, 29th April, all students from Years 2 to 6 participated in the annual Cross Country. The weather was beautiful and made for perfect conditions for the course. All children enjoyed competing in their age event. I would like to congratulate each and every student for participating to the best of their ability and having a go.

The following students have successfully qualified to race at the Mt Druitt Zone Cross Country, to be held on Thursday 19th May, at Morreau Reserve, Rooty Hill. I wish them the best of luck and look forward to reporting their district results in an upcoming newsletter.

8/9 Years		10 Years		11 Years		12/13 Years	
Reece Richmond Cassells	4S	Junior Fatui	5S	Koby Pochodyla	5W	Jye Masters	6 R
Lachlan O'Leary	4R	Sebastian Halteh	5/6 D	Lachlan Thomas	5S	Nathan Salacsacan	6 K
Lawrence Gao	4R	James Que	5S	Ali Khalaf	6K	Kenneth Villalon	6 K
Dylan Lough-ton	3N	Kyron Kite	5S	Daniel Prescott	5W	Nivad Charan	6 K
Josh Joaquin	4/ 5E	Ravikesh Prasad	4/5 E	Rossles Stanley	5/6 D	Noah Tirados	6 K
Jasais Ah Kee	3/ 4F	Dominik Dillon	3/4 F	Shaune Hawe Mccann	5/6 D	Huazhen Liu	6 R
Dakota Christian	2/ 3K	Ella Fishlock	4/5 E	Koralee Catlett	6K	Tasha Fuentes	6 H
Sabaa Boram	3A	Chelsea Batty	4S	Rhea Norman	5W	Nicole Li	6 K
Ysabelle Anecchini	3A	Hayley Hartley	5S	Hannah Cosgrove	6K	Hallelujah Crichton	6 K
Jaedus Peterson	2/ 3K	Emelia Sleep	3/4 F	Emily Nobbs	5/6 D	Phoebe McMaster	6 R
Vivian Fish-lock	2C	Vanessa Zarzeczny	4R	Aaliyah Abutaa	5/6 D	Veronika Vuki	6 K
Ava Fishlock	2C	Crystal Hooper	4/5 E	Mikhaela Mendoza	6K	Skye Lepua	6 R



Daniel Katon (Cross Country Coordinator)

SRC Disco

This Thursday 5th May, the SRC Disco is on!! K-2 Disco is from 4.30-6pm and 3-6 Disco is from 6.30-8pm. Can parents please ensure they pick up their child promptly. Glow sticks will be available for purchasing on the night for \$2. Tickets can be purchased beforehand at lunchtime on the Blue Shade area or from the SRC for \$3 or on the night. The theme is Superheroes so come dressed ready to go!! The canteen will also operate throughout the disco selling drinks, chips and icecream. Looking forward to seeing you there with your dancing shoes!!

Mrs Thomas

Getting Creative!

CAPA groups are beginning this week! Every student from Kindergarten to Year 6 will be involved in an activity on Wednesday afternoons this term. Some students will be learning a dance or traditional bush songs while others will be gaining new art skills through painting, printing and even sculpture.

This is all in preparation for our Education Week Open Day concert and art exhibition in Term 3. All students were able to choose an activity that interested them and this is also the time where our Senior and Junior dance groups as well as our choir, drumming and boys' dance group are able to practise not only for Education Week, but for the numerous events some of them have coming up.

Students and teachers alike are very excited to have the opportunity to participate in creative activities that are not only fun and engaging but contribute to the development of a well-rounded child.

Linda Dollin

CAPA Coordinator

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
6th Graduate of the
Japan Karate College
in the world.

Tuesday is School Banking Day

Uniform Shop Hours

**Monday,
Wednesday
Friday**

8.30am – 9.30am

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