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Term 3 Week 5

16th August 2016

From the Principal



What an exciting week this week for many of our boys and girls, heading off to camp for the first time! Students in Years 3 and 4 are spending one night away from home. On the first day of their overnight excursion, they will spend a full day at Taronga Zoo taking advantage of the live shows and access to a variety of animals. Then our students will journey to Olympic Lodge at Homebush to spend the night. Bright and early the next day they will enjoy a guided tour of ANZ Stadium.

Years 5&6 boys and girls are journeying to Point Wolstonecroft Sport & Recreation Camp for three days and two nights. They may have the opportunity to enjoy archery, rock climbing, canoeing, low ropes and team building activities. A number of teachers are 'abandoning' their own families to make sure they can attend camp to look after your boys and girls, so, on your behalf, I thank them for the time they are donating to make sure our students are offered great extra-curricular opportunities.

Last call for Kindergarten!

Enrolments for Kindergarten 2017 are currently being finalised. If you intend to apply to enrol your child next year it is imperative that you lodge an application-to-enrol form as a matter of urgency. Enrolment forms can be collected from the office, or call the school on 9625 8807 and we will arrange to send you a form as soon as possible.

Kind regards
Jackie Malecki



Confucius Classroom

On Wednesday 10th of August 2017, Year 5 students were able to take part in a calligraphy class taught by a wonderful Chinese teacher, Miss Cheng, from Rooty Hill High School. This was part of the Confucius Classroom Program, run by the High School. She showed us how to draw the characters for the numbers: 1, 2 and 3, how to hold a calligraphy brush made from animal fur. She also showed us how to draw the symbols for a king and queen, the sun and a mountain.

We used a calligraphy brush, special paper and water for our lesson. Because we were just beginners, we had to use water instead of ink. We used the special paper to draw our characters with water, and after a period of seconds the water evaporated, allowing us to attempt it over and over again. We also had to hold the brush in a vertical way- which was a little tricky for some!

Miss Cheng was kind enough to give us a special piece of Chinese art each to take home. I'm sure every student enjoyed it.

By Demi 5S and Matilda 5S



Calendar

District
Athletics
Next Week

What's happening @ Rooty Hill PS

Tues 16th ,
Wed 17th Aug
Year 5, 6 Camp

Tues 16th Aug
Year 4 Camp

Tues 16th,
Wed 17th Aug
Year 3 Camp

Fri 19th Aug
Wanderers Clinic

Tues 23rd,
Wed 24th Aug
District Athletics
Carnival

Mon 22nd Aug
School Council
Meeting

Wed 24th Aug
Art on the Hill

Week Beginning
29th Aug
No Financial
Transactions

Wed 31st
Father's Day Stall

A winning streak!

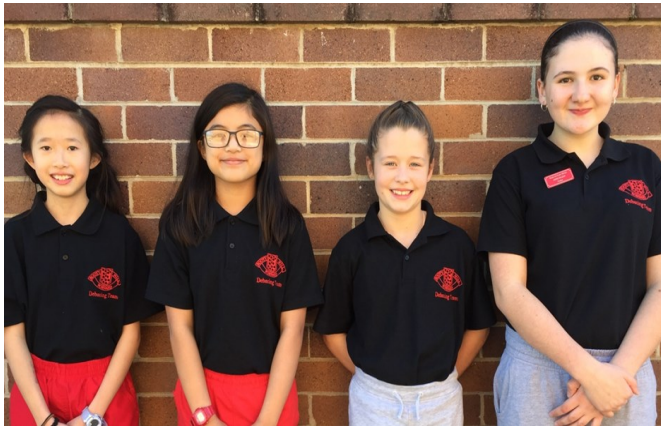
On Thursday 11th of August, we travelled to Blacktown North Public School to compete in the Round 4 debate. Rooty Hill Public had to argue the negative case for the topic "The Olympic games are overrated".

Koralee, Tasha, Amanda and Jamee-Lee represented our school on this occasion and worked hard to organise points to deliver convincing speeches. With the assistance of our team's researchers, we were able to win the debate, making it our third win this year. Blacktown North Public School had put in a phenomenal effort and were fantastic hosts.

We would like to thank Miss Lam and all members of the debating team for their 'behind the scenes' support.

We are looking forward to our next debate, and hope to make it to the semi-finals!!

The Debating team.



Off to University!

Last Tuesday 9th August, Year 3 went to the Seymour Centre to watch 'The 52-Storey Treehouse' production. All the kids enjoyed watching the book come to life and found the production hilarious!

Following the production, the students went on a tour of Sydney University, taking in the sights, looking at the old buildings and beautiful gardens. Students also had the opportunity to visit the Nicholson Museum. The students enjoyed viewing different artefacts from the past and learning about history from around the world.

Below are some comments from Year 3 students:

I loved the Nicholson Museum because I saw some amazing things. Syeda Zaidi 3/4F

I liked watching the show because it was funny. Rohan Prakash 3A

I liked watching the show because it was the same as the book. Rebecca Gao 3N

I enjoyed seeing the Opera House and Sydney Harbour Bridge on the journey.

Brock Neich 3/4F

I loved the show because the actors were good and I am reading the book.

Monique Robert 2/3K

This excursion was made possible by our involvement with the Compass Program run by Sydney University. The Compass Program works with students and their teachers to build the confidence and motivation to succeed through education and make informed decisions about their post-school options.

Many thanks to Sydney University and the Compass Program, who created, organised and made available this fun-filled day that was completely **FREE** to our students.

Mr Fitzgerald

Grade Supervisor



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