

'News from the Hill'

Rooty Hill Public School

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Term 3 Week 7

30th August 2016

From the Principal



High achievers

This week will see the second of our 'Principal's Afternoon Teas' for 2016, where we will congratulate students who have achieved 'Gold Level'. I look forward to seeing as many parents or family members as possible at this important event.

Well done to:

Noah Cini-Young, Joshua Curran, Taiba Hussain, Veilylonah Poasa, Nazli Celik, Mahnoor Khan, Reece Richmond-Cassells, Duaa

Saeed, Noor Emaan, Mirvava Ngu, Chelsea Radzki, Lena York, Garth La Roux, Demi Charmand, Quinne Brewer, Zainab Haywari, Grace Pham, Kobie-Tyce Wescombe, Maximus Hunt and Aradhana Parimi.

Finance 'freeze'

For a short period of time we will be unable to undertake any financial transactions at the school.

Please read the following carefully so that you are aware of the 'exclusion dates' that will apply.

1. **EFTPOS payments:** We will not be able to accept EFTPOS payments between **Monday 29 August** and **Monday 5 September 2016**. Please ensure that you have made any outstanding EFTPOS payments before **29 August, 2016**. From **6 September 2016**, EFTPOS payments will be accepted as before.
2. **Cash and cheque payments:** Between **Wednesday 31 August 2016** and **Monday 5 September 2016**, we will also not be able to accept payments by cash or cheque as we prepare to close our current bank account and transition to the new one. Please ensure that you have made any outstanding cash or cheque payments before **31 August 2016**. From **6 September 2016**, cash and cheque payments will be accepted as before.
3. **Online payments:** Between **Saturday 27 August 2016** and **Sunday 4 September 2016**, we will also not be able to accept online payments as we prepare to close our current bank account and transition to the new one. Please ensure that you have made any outstanding online payments before **27 August 2016**. From **5 September 2016**, online payments will be accepted as before.

Thank you!

You may have seen that we now have three 'Water Bottle stations' around the school, so that our boys and girls can easily fill up their own bottles whenever needed. These were purchased using funds raised by the P&C Association – so thank you to all families who at any stage have contributed to P&C fundraising activities.



Calendar

No Financial Transactions

What's happening @ Rooty Hill PS

Week Beginning

29th Aug

-No Financial Transactions

Wed 31st August

-Father's Day Stall

Thurs 1st September

-Principals A/Tea

Tues 6th September

-Public Speaking Comp
-P&C Meeting

Thurs 8th September

-Year 6 Excursion to Sydney University

Mon 19th September

-3-6 (Excl 2/3K) Parent Teacher Interviews

Tues 20th September

-K-2 (Excl 2B, 2/3K) Parent Teacher Interviews

Friday 23rd September

-Last day of Term 3

School Council

Each term the elected staff, parent and community members who comprise our School Council meet on your behalf. At last week's meeting, the following topics were discussed:

- Compass Program update
- Technology resources update
- LMBR preparation
- National Disability Data Collection
- Practicum students
- Teacher accreditation processes
- NRMA Day
- WUSHKA e-readers

More information on Council activities is available from parent representatives Michael Hedgman, Daniel Lee, Mailanel Mercado, Monika Vave and Donabel Cayabayan.

A quick reminder.....

Tomorrow (Wednesday) at our Fathers' Day Stall, gifts will be available to purchase from 50cents to \$7.00

Kind regards
Jackie Malecki

Zone Athletics Carnival...

Over two action packed days, 48 of our students represented our school at the Mt Druitt PSSA Zone Athletics Carnival. We were very lucky with the weather on Tuesday with all Field events and the 800m heats being completed. A few of our students finished in the top few places and are eagerly awaiting for official results to be finalised. Regional qualifying times, distances and heights will be compared to their results before we are notified as to who has made it to the Regional Carnival.

Unfortunately, the weather was not so kind on Wednesday for the track events. Due to Blacktown Olympic Park being classified as an all-weather track, bookings are not allowed for back up dates. Our students did an amazing job in the wet conditions and measures were put in place to try to keep the students out of the rain as much as possible. Finals for the 100m, 200m and relays were unable to be conducted so heat times will be used to select the students who will go through to the Regional Carnival. Spurred on by scenes of sportsmanship at the recent Olympics, our students were really supportive of each other and competitors from other schools. We had a great cheer squad going in the grandstand on both days. It was great to watch our Senior Boys Relay Team and the students of Madang Public School's Relay Team shaking hands and congratulating each other after their very close race.

A massive thank you goes out to the parents who helped transport our students to and from the venue over the 2 days. Special thanks to Reece Richmond-Cassell's parents who did extra shuttle runs back to school to ensure as many of our Relay Team competitors as possible could get back to school before the home time bell. A big thank you also to Koralee Catlett's parents who assisted Mr Fitzgerald and myself as Team Managers over both days.

Sandra Russell
Athletics Co-Ordinator



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- * Eat a healthy lunch

Art on the Hill...

Wednesday night was our Annual Art on the Hill exhibition, held at Rooty Hill High School. This year we had a wonderful selection of artworks on display, created by some very talented students at our school. They all looked amazing hung alongside works from Minchinbury, Eastern Creek and Rooty Hill High School. Thank you to all the family and friends who braved the cold and rain to support our students. They all looked so proud!

Special congratulations to the following students who received awards on the night:

Abraham Kenneh KR who was our school winner.

Senila Peato 1/2D who received a quality award for Stage 1.

Madeleine Lee 1/2D who was awarded People's Choice Award for Stage 1

Tamzyn LeRoux KW Quality award for Early Stage 1

Thank you also to the teachers who came along to support our students. We all came away with some ideas for future artworks!

We are looking forward to next year's exhibition already!

Linda Dollin

CAPA Coordinator





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Book Week....

Last week marked 'Book Week' at RHPS. As part of Book Week celebrations, students in K-6 had an opportunity to look at some of the books that have been short listed for awards this year. We would like to take the opportunity to thank all of the parents and teachers that were able to give up their time to read with small groups of students in the library at lunch times. A special thank you goes to Mrs Brockway, Mr Hedgeman, Mrs Saeed, Mrs Thomas, Mrs McAndrew, Mr Lee and Mrs Mercado. The students really enjoyed their time listening to the wonderful stories you read.

Mrs Bishop

Teacher / Librarian



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SASS National Recognition Week

Across Australia this week schools will be acknowledging the great work done by School Administration and Support Staff (SAS Staff). At Rooty Hill we have a wonderful SAS team, who make up the 'engine room' of our school. They ensure the smooth running of our school and are important contributors to its success and your children's education.

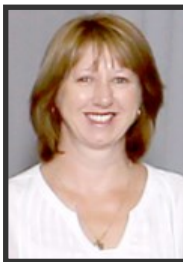
If you see any of them around the school this week, make sure you give them a special smile and 'Thank You' for the work they do!

Each of them has a specialist role, but without exception, they all contribute to the corporate life of the school 'above and beyond the call of duty'!

Who are our SAS Staff?

School Administrative Manager Fiona Wassell heads up the Office team. She has overall leadership of the operation of the School Office, with special responsibility for financial management. Working closely with her as our front office personnel (School Administrative Officers) are Joanne Ryan and Sue Bebbington.

Cindy Davis is our General Assistant, with the daunting task of keeping our entire premises in working order and shipshape!



Michele Power, Luisa Gordon, Angela Fleming, Rachael Berry, Kelly Bradshaw and Jodie Piggott are our School Learning Support Officers. They are employed to work with a number of students with diagnosed disabilities, providing academic, physical and social support.

Touch Football Champions

Last Friday, the girls' touch football team played their PSSA Grand Final at Heber Park. The girls had a good start with an early try from **Koralee Catlett** in the first half, followed by another try in the second half. **Tiresa Stanley** scored a good try late in the second half to give the team a 3-0 lead. Well done to **Hallelujah Crichton**, **Skye Lepua** and **Jayla Aboud** for their awesome defending and leadership on the field. The team made some good runs up the sideline, especially **Azariah Ah Kee**, **Veronika Vuki** and **Taira Pule**. The girls had an outstanding game and played together well as a team. They managed to come away with a good win (3-0) against a very tough competition in Minchinbury Public School.

Congratulation girls on being Touch Football Champions of the Mt Druitt PSSA Competition.

Mr Fitzgerald

Very Proud Coach



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Technology Update....

Our school has recently purchased 105 iPads, in part using money raised from the Olympathon. This gives us a total of 175 across the school! Every Year 3 to 6 class now has a set of 10 iPads to use each day. Kindergarten, Year One and Year Two will continue to share a set of 10 iPad per grade.

There are a number of educational apps that have been downloaded onto the iPads. Below are the apps that we are using at school. You may like to download these apps for your child to use at home.

K-2 apps

App	Description	Price
Eggy Alphabet	An app designed to help children learn the alphabet. It helps students to learn the name and sound of each letter, the shape of the letter and how to create it correctly when writing.	\$2.99
Eggy 100	A reading app designed to help children recognise and learn sight words.	Free
I Can Spell with Phonics	A spelling app where children learn phonics at the same time as learning to read and spell 150 commonly used words. Spelling words are taught in meaningful context, but are also broken into "phonic chunks" and sounded out.	\$4.49
Spelling Games Reading Eggs	A grade-based spelling app where children can choose from 10 interactive spelling games – each reinforcing a different literacy skill	\$2.99
How Do You Know?	A reading app which uses over 500 pictures and questions to engage students in critical thinking skills. Children will build and strengthen their language and inferential skills by identifying and labeling visual clues and key details to explain how they know the answer.	\$7.99
Sentence Builder for iPad	A writing app which is designed to help children learn how to build and write grammatically correct sentences.	\$9.99
Targeting Maths	A maths app where students can access a huge range of activities that make learning maths fun. This app covers almost all areas of maths.	\$9.99

3-6 apps

App	Description	Price
Quick Maths	A maths app for students wanting to improve their general maths skills. This app focuses on addition, subtraction, multiplication and division facts at multiple difficulty levels and focuses on self-improvement.	\$2.99
Quick Fractions	A maths app that enables students to practise working with fractions, decimals and percentages.	\$2.99
Quick Clocks	A maths app that focuses on telling the time, comparing and converting time and much more! This app also focuses on self-improvement.	\$2.99
Quick Maths+	For students in Years 6-12. The focus of this app is on self-improvement. It encourages the development of mental arithmetic skills as players race the clock to improve their score and earn stars to unlock exciting new avatars.	\$2.99
Strip Designer	A reading and writing app that enables students to create their own comic strips.	\$4.49
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Our students are really enjoying using iPads in the classroom as a learning tool. We look forward to adding more apps in the near future.

Karla Regan
Technology Co-Ordinator

Father's Day Stall
Wednesday 31st August 2016.

The P and C are holding a Father's Day stall on
Wednesday 31st August.

Gifts will be priced from 50c to \$7.00, and available for students to purchase
with their class from 9am.

So remember to bring your money to buy a gift for Dad or Pop for Father's
Day!

Thank you for your support!
P and C Fundraising Group.

Happy
Father's
Day