

'News from the Hill'

Rooty Hill Public School

Quality Education in a vibrant, caring school

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Term 1 Week 7

7th March 2017

From the Principal



Great support for our youngest students!

'Early Action For Success' is an initiative that the state government has introduced at an overall cost of \$340 million. The program supports the well-researched idea that the earlier schools are able to support our youngest students in their learning, the less likely it will be that students will experience learning difficulties as they get older. Across the state, 'Instructional Leaders' have been allocated to 533 schools to drive improvement in Literacy and Numeracy in K-3.

From the beginning of 2017 until 2020, Rooty Hill Public School will be involved in the Early Action for Success program (EAFS) to improve student performance in Literacy and Numeracy. At our school, two Instructional Leaders have been appointed through a merit selection process to assist and support teachers in the classroom to help students meet their learning needs. These are class-free positions at Deputy Principal level, where the role includes working shoulder to shoulder with teachers and analysing individual student results to determine future learning.

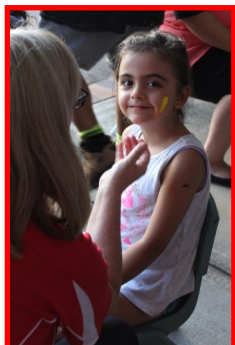
What does this mean for your K-3 child? Your child's individual learning needs will be met through the expertise of the Instructional Leaders working closely with your child's classroom teacher. Your child's results will be reviewed every 5 weeks to determine whether additional support or guidance is needed and where to go next in their learning.

Our two Instructional Leaders are Mrs Sue Bridge and Mrs Julie Lewis.



Welcome everyone!!

Despite the threat of rain, our Welcome Evening went ahead and we were thrilled to share some time with many families whose children are new to our school. Boys and girls enjoyed face-painting, hair colouring, burning up energy on the jumping castles and joining in sports activities. Everyone took advantage of the great sausage sizzle! Thank you all families in attendance – and of course, thanks to all the teaching and administration staff who donated their time and re-organised their own family commitments to be there.



Calendar

**Induction
Assembly
Monday 13th
March**

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

**Thurs 9th March
-Selective High
School Test**

**Mon 13th March
-Induction Assembly**

**Tues 14th March
-School Photos**

**Tuesday 21st March
-Year 1 Excursion**

**Friday 24th March
-RHHS Harmony
Day**

**Friday 7th April
-Last day of Term**

**Wed 26th April
-Students return**

Focus of the Fortnight

* Always say please
and thank you



Rooty Hill Public School App

We now have a school app as an alternative way to communicate with parents. By using our school app you can:

- * receive notifications and reminders about upcoming events
- * add upcoming school events to the calendar on your phone
- * download and read our weekly 'News From The Hill' newsletter
- * download and read grade newsletters each term

The app is available for download from iTunes or Google Play, just search for 'Rooty Hill Public School'. We look forward to communicating with parents using our app.

Indigenous Community Members' Afternoon Tea....

A huge thank you to the parents and community members who attended our afternoon tea last Wednesday. It was a wonderful opportunity to meet new families and a chance for everyone to catch up for a chat. We had some great suggestions for NAIDOC week activities, and we look forward to catching up in a few weeks to discuss and share ideas again.

Zavera Shankaran

Aboriginal Education

Our School Rules

Care For Your School
Care For Others
Care For Yourself

Jiminy Cricket Pre-School & Long Day Care Centre

2-6 Years
-Extensive School Readiness Program
-Qualified Staff
-Fully Accredited
-All Meals Provided
-CCB Available
9675 2129
110, McFarlane Drive,
Minchinbury

| HOW MUCH SCREEN TIME EVERYDAY? | | |
|--------------------------------|---------------------------|---|
| 0-2 years | NO screen time | Increase active play and limit sedentary activities to less than 1 hour at a time |
| 2-5 years | Less than 1 HOUR per day | A reduction in screen time can improve sleep patterns and physical development |
| 5-12 years | Less than 2 HOURS per day | Excluding homework time |

WHAT IS A SCREEN?

- TV/DVD/BLURAY
- Computer
- Game Console
- Tablet/Portable Games
- Phone

** Based on Australia's Physical Activity and Sedentary Behaviour Guidelines 2014

MAKE HEALTHY NORMAL **NSW** **Health Western Sydney Local Health District**

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