

# 'News from the Hill'

## Rooty Hill Public School

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### Term 2 Week 7

6th June 2017

#### 3/6L Excursion to Blacktown Leisure Centre....

Last Wednesday 3/6L went to Blacktown Leisure Centre for an excursion. Sports NSW and the Variety Club hosted a day for students to give them the opportunity to experience different sports like Tennis, Netball, Basketball, Wheelchair Basketball, Soccer/Futsal and Touch Football.

3/6L had a wonderful time and we enjoyed it all. Our favourite sport was Wheelchair Basketball and Tennis because it was really different, fun and amazing!

Our favourite part was that we got to ride the wheelchair and eat free food.

Thank you to Ms Lam, Mrs De Rosa, Mrs Power and Mrs Gordon for driving us to the excursion.

**Gabriel and Simran 3/6L**



#### PSSA Touch Football....

What a superb start to the season both teams have had! The girls' team have played three matches and won two and lost one. The boys' team have also played three matches and comfortably won all three games. All of the boys and girls have displayed outstanding sportsmanship and represented our school with pride. Congratulations to Jayla Aboud, Azariah Ah Kee, Daniel Prescott and Shaun McCann for displaying good leadership skills on the field as captains and vice captains of their team.

Keep up the outstanding work Touch Footballers! I am very proud of you all!

**Scott Fitzgerald**

**Touch Football Coach**



### Calendar

**Monday  
12th June  
Public Holiday**

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

**Thurs 8th June  
-Indigenous  
Hearing Assesment**

**Mon 12th June  
-Public Holiday**

**Tuesday 13th June  
-Synergy Dance  
Groups Evening  
Performance**

**Wed 14th June  
-Yr 5 Science Fair  
RHHS**

**Thursday 15th June  
-Synergy Dance  
Groups Matinee  
Performance and  
Excursion**

### Focus of the Fortnight

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## Out and about in the City....

We had a fantastic day on our excursion last Monday. We went to the Rocks in Sydney and learned about important people. We got a name tag of people who lived in the Rocks when it was first developed. We learned a lot of information about them including their job and family. It was sad to hear that the Indigenous people were scared when they first saw the boats sail into the Harbour.

**Stefanie 3M**

Today was the best day of my life. I went to the Rocks in Sydney for our excursion. I saw the Sydney Harbour and some olden day structures. It was amazing! I could not believe my eyes. We learned about the olden days and how the buildings were using bricks made of sandstone and a mix of sea shells and sand.

**Johnathan 3M**

On Tuesday May 30th, 3S & 3B had an excursion to the Rocks. We went on a train and some of the places we passed were Mount Druitt, Redfern, Lidcombe, Blacktown and Central.

At the city, we met our guide who helped us understand more about the First Fleet. We got lanyards that had the name and story of some of the convicted people who arrived or lived in the area. It was an exciting day!

**Jaedus 3S**

## More Debating Success!....

Last week, Rooty Hill Public School hosted the Round 3 debate against Eastern Creek Public School. The topic of the debate was "*Plastic is better than paper*". Rooty Hill convincingly argued the affirmative case with the team line "*Trees, Animals and Humans will all rejoice that plastic is always going to be the better choice*".

Our speakers Matilda, Sabeeka and Eljohn spoke confidently in front of the audience and delivered 8 strong rebuttals that were organised by Demi. Eastern Creek spoke really well and they had an interesting take on the topic, but unfortunately for them, Rooty Hill won!

Our adjudicator Ms Farrugia said that this was the hardest debate she's had to adjudicate so far this year, and that it felt like a semi-final debate! In the end she said that the rebuttals and arguments were just too good to ignore and that Eljohn secured the win for the team in the end. We look forward to our next debate and hope that we remain undefeated!

By Favour and Taylor on behalf of the Debating team.



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**Excursion/Payment/Permission Note Due Dates**

**Yrs 5 & 6 Camp**  
**3rd Payment Due now**  
**\$40**

**Yrs 3 & 4 Camp**  
**2nd Payment Due Now**  
**\$35**

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### Getting ready for the Opera House....

Sixteen of Rooty Hill's finest singers were selected to be a part of the PULSE choir showcase of excellence in 2017. These students attended their first multi primary school choir rehearsal on Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> May. The choir was made up of over 400 students. Prior to this rehearsal students prepared a variety of songs ranging from musical theatre to classical.

On rehearsal day they were able to join their voices with other primary school students to perfect what they have been learning. Students learnt how to listen to and repeat rhythms, sing with the correct phrasing, add expression when singing, include dynamics, breathe to help sustain their voices and to sing in 2-part harmony with an alto and soprano voice.

One of our students, Luisa Paulo, wowed the chorister with her dynamic voice when she auditioned for a solo part. This took great courage and I commend her for her effort. Well done Luisa!!

The trip to and from the venue was far from dull as our students sang with angelic voices making everyone smile around them including the bus driver. Overall it was an enjoyable day and our students look forward to attending future rehearsals and in particular the final show at the Sydney Opera House in November.

**Caragh Karaka**



### Nationally Consistent Collection of Data-School Students with Disability

In July Rooty Hill Public School, together with all schools in New South Wales, will be completing the "Nationally Consistent Collection of Data for school students with Disability". This is an annual collection of information that counts the number of school students with disability and the level of reasonable educational adjustment they are provided with. The definition of disability for the national data collection is based on the broad definition under the DDA (Disability Discrimination Act).

For the purposes of the national data collection, students with learning difficulties such as dyslexia or auditory processing disorder as well as chronic health conditions like epilepsy, diabetes or asthma, that require active monitoring by the school, may be included.

The national data collection will count students who have been identified as receiving an adjustment to address a disability under the *Disability Discrimination Act 1992* (the DDA). The DDA can be accessed from the ComLaw website at [www.comlaw.gov.au](http://www.comlaw.gov.au).

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## School Sport Swimming....

Swimming has so many benefits. It is excellent for heart and lung health. It improves strength and flexibility, increases stamina and even improves balance and posture.

Each Friday we take 30 children to SGAC for swimming. Everyone is doing brilliantly! We have a group of 10 now swimming laps and focusing on stroke correction. They regularly go into the lap pool and are learning to dive. Another group is moving towards this. They too are working on stroke correction and breathing correctly. Along with this they are learning to float on their backs and glide.

The first group are learning about water confidence and safety. A few of these children began with a great fear of water, some not willing to step into the pool or get their faces wet. All children are now putting their faces in the water, blowing bubbles, learning freestyle, floating and gliding. Each group is working well to achieve their best in the water and it is great to see.

**Leanne Kiely**



## 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.



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