

# 'News from the Hill'

## Rooty Hill Public School

*Quality Education in a vibrant, caring school*

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**Term 1 Week 4**

**20th January 2017**

### From the Principal



#### Swimming successes

Thank you to everyone who supported last week's swimming carnival. We organised things a little differently compared to previous years, (see report later in this Newsletter) so if you have any thoughts on the new arrangements we would be pleased to receive them.

In particular thank you to Mrs Russell for her overall organisation, and to the representatives from Rooty Hill High School who did a great job.



### Thank You.....

We received the following from Anglicare, following our Toys 'N Tucker drive at the end of last year.

*"On behalf of the families that were supported through this program, I'd like to thank you for partnering with us to share the joy of Christmas. Please pass on this message of thanks to the children, staff and families and assure them that their generosity helped make a real difference to families in need at Christmas."*

### PSSA

Congratulations to the many talented students who have been selected to represent our school in this term's inter-school PSSA competition. All team members have been asked to sign a PSSA "Code of Conduct", indicating that they understand the importance of good sportsmanship at all times.

February.

Representing our school is an important role, needing a good memory! – all team members must ensure that they are wearing a school uniform hat every day, that they bring bus money to their coach each Friday morning and that they have plenty of water with them.

### Evacuation Practice

Each school is required to have an emergency plan and practise the evacuation procedures at least twice per year. Last Thursday we had our first emergency drill for 2018. It is great to see all the students, staff and visitors to the school respond so well to the alarm and make their way to the designated area in less than 5 minutes. Our new Kindergarten students managed extremely well with the interruption and change in routine.

### Library News

The stocktake of the library books at the end of last year itemised over 200 books that had not been returned to the library! Please help us make sure there are ample books for the students to borrow by having a good look around the house to see if there are any books hiding under beds or on bookshelves. If you find any please bring them along to the library and place them in the return shute. Mrs Poona and Mrs McIlwhan are looking forward to beginning library lessons this week.

### Calendar

Thursday 22 Feb  
-Zone Swimming  
Carnival

### What's happening @ Rooty Hill PS

Thurs 22nd Feb  
-Zone  
Swimming  
Carnival

Thurs 1st March  
-Meet the Teacher

Fri 2nd March  
-PSSA Begins

Wed 7th March  
-Kindy Cake Stall

Tues 13th March  
Welcome  
Evening

Tues 20th March  
School Photos

### Focus of the Fortnight

Walk on hard surfaces  
and pathways

## 2018 Swimming Carnival

What a way to begin our 2018 House points competition ! The swimming carnival was conducted in a different format this year so that as many students as possible got the chance to increase their water awareness by having more time in the pools. Our competitors had an early start arriving at school at 8am so that the race events could be completed before the novelty events. The rest of our Years 3-6 students arrived at 10am to cheer on Alex Perry and Dylan Loughton as they competed in the gruelling 200m Individual Medley. The change of style of carnival saw the number of competitors double from previous years. It also dramatically increased the number of students who attended the second part of the day.

The added bonus was that more of our students than ever before qualified for the Mt Druitt PSSA Zone Swimming Carnival. These students will represent our school on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> February:

Ebony Dunwell, Charlie McVernon, Keira Papwoth, Chloe Chai, Yonalee Gallage, Georgia Mc Andrew, Monique Robert, Vivian Fishlock, Victoria Brockway, Lena York, Dhwani Ramwani, Maxine Ortiz, Maria Halatanu, Ella Fishlock, Aiden Moules, Ryan Hogan, Zachary Dunwell, Alex Perry, Maxwell Woodhall-Murphy, Mahi Rahmaan, Dylan Loughton, Lachlan O'Leary, Logan Lloyd, Tyson Lees, Rem Chavez.

A massive thank you to the wonderful parents who volunteered to assist us with time-keeping. We truly could not have run the race events without your help. It was a really great atmosphere with all the parents supporting not only their own children, but also encouraging other competitors. The cheers of genuine excitement from all the parents when one student broke his PB time made the morning and created a nice school community event. Thank you again the parents of Alex Perry, Victoria Brockway, Ebony and Zachary Dunwell, Charlie McVernon, Logan Lloyd and Dylan Loughton for your much appreciated help.

Sandra Russell

Swimming Carnival Co-Ordinator



Our students in Years 3 to 6 are once again being provided with a wonderful reading resource this year. Wushka is an online levelled reading program which students are able to access at home as well as school.

Wushka can be accessed on any device which has internet access, e.g. iPad, laptop, iPod, mobile phone or desktop computer. This makes it easier than ever for your child to access home reading texts anywhere, anytime!

Join us at our parent information session where we will demonstrate how Wushka works and show you how you can assist your child to use Wushka to complete their home reading.

Sessions will be held on **Monday 5<sup>th</sup> March at 2:15pm in the front office** and **Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> March at 6pm in the library**. We look forward to seeing you there!

Karla Hamilton

Assistant Principal

## Our School Rules

**Care For Your  
School**

**Care For Others  
Care For Yourself**

## Lost Property...

Our lost property  
and clothing are  
located  
in Miss Smith's  
room - KS

## Uniform Shop Hours

**Monday,  
Wednesday  
Friday  
8.30am – 9.30am**

## 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, Disci-  
plines and Self Control.

Mobile – 0405 000 366  
Head teacher

Kancho Deena Naidu  
6<sup>th</sup> Graduate of the Ja-  
pan Karate College in  
the world.

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