

# 'News from the Hill'

## Rooty Hill Public School

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Term 2 Week 10

2nd July 2019

### From the Principal



We have come to the end of another busy term. On behalf of the staff here at Rooty Hill PS, I would like to wish you a restful and safe upcoming school vacation. **Students return to school on TUESDAY JULY 23<sup>RD</sup>.**

#### Always proud!

I am always confident that when our boys and girls are representing our school at various events, they behave in a manner we are proud of. However, it is always great to receive outside recognition of this, so I am pleased to share with you a letter I received recently:

*Hi Jackie,  
I have had the pleasure of being the U11's Manager for Sydney West Rugby League and I would like to pass on my congratulations to Jasais Ahkee for his outstanding behaviour and sportsmanship throughout the NSWPSA Championships. You should be extremely proud of Jasais and it's great to see the boys win the NSW State Title. Please celebrate this success as a school.  
Kind regards  
Jacqui Cox*

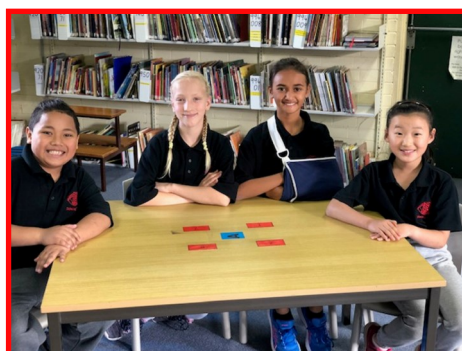


### Staffing Changes

Last week it was a pleasure to welcome Mrs Jody MacDonald, who has been appointed as Instructional leader at Deputy Principal level, following a merit selection process to fill the vacancy created by Mrs Julie Lewis, who recently moved to another school. As a school that is part of the 'Early Action for Success' program, our school has been allocated two full time Instructional Leader positions to work with Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2. Instructional Leaders (ILs) do not have a class themselves, but work shoulder to shoulder with teachers in classrooms to ensure students are provided with quality teaching to meet their individual needs in literacy and numeracy. ILs build staff capacity through the provision of professional learning. Additionally they analyse data to inform effective planning and curriculum delivery.

### More Debating Success!

Last week, Rooty Hill Public School hosted the Round 3 debate against Glendenning Public School. The topic of the debate was "Technology does more good than harm". Our speakers Sienna, Jaedus and Stefanie spoke confidently in front of the audience and delivered 7 strong rebuttals that were organised by Leandro. The adjudicator, Mrs Curran from Lethbridge Park Public School said that it was a very close debate. In the end, Rooty Hill came out with the win. Miss Madden Debating Coach



### Calendar

#### Reports Home

-Wed 3rd July

#### PULSE Concert

-Thurs 4th July

#### Athletics Carnival

-Thurs 4th July

#### Garden clean up

-Fri 5th July

#### Last Day of

Term 2

-Fri 5th July

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#### First Day Term 3

-Tues 23rd July

### Focus of the Fortnight

# Always wear a school hat for outside activities

## A New Experience

On Wednesday the 26<sup>th</sup> June students from Rooty Hill Public School attended an inclusive sports day at Olympic Park. Students enjoyed catching a train and walking as a class to the venue. Students participated in a variety of sporting activities throughout the day. Wheelchair netball was an exceptional hit where students were able to wheel themselves around on a wheelchair while passing a ball and shooting hoop. A number of sporting skills were also taught. Students participated in learning how to play tennis, NRL and soccer. Students had a great day and especially liked meeting other people from schools across Western Sydney.



## Sydney West Cross Country

Six of our very fit students went to Eastern Creek Raceway to compete at the Sydney West Cross Country Carnival. The students did really well and all 6 completed the gruelling 3km course. Racing down the home straight to the finish line in front of a packed grandstand was the highlight for many of them. For some it was their first time competing at this event but they handled the nerves well. For others who had been before the nerves were just as great, each one setting themselves goals to better their previous years' results. Two of these students actually beat their previous placings by 23 and 35 positions.

Congratulations to Cooper Brady, Sabaa Boram, Trey Hodson, Hayden Hull, Vivian Fishlock and Zachary Dunwell.

Congratulations also go to Jaedus Peterson who qualified for the event but unfortunately could not compete due to an injury.

Mrs Sandra Russell  
Cross Country Co-Ordinator



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### Camp Dates

**Year 3  
YMCA  
Depart  
Mon 2nd Sept  
Return  
Tues 3rd Sept**

**Year 4  
YMCA  
Depart  
Tues 3rd Sept  
Return  
Wed 4th Sept**

**Year 5  
The Great  
Aussie Bush  
Camp  
Depart  
Wed 4th Sept  
Return  
Friday 6th Sept**

**Year 6  
The Great  
Aussie Bush  
Camp  
Depart  
Wed 4th Sept  
Return  
Fri 6th Sept**

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## K-2 Parent Workshops

Last week, we held our second parent workshop for this year. This time our focus was Numeracy in the K-2 classroom. The aim of this workshop was for parents to gain an understanding of how Numeracy is taught in the classroom and to get some tips to help their children at home. The parents who attended loved learning some of the activities their children do in the classroom. They also took home with them a range of ways they could support their child at home. The feedback from those who attended was very positive and they all said how much fun they had and how valuable the presentation was. We look forward to working with more parents in future workshops. Stay tuned!

Linda Dollin & Alisia McWhirter

Workshop  
co-ordinators



## Visual Arts Day

Last week we held our annual Visual Arts Day in preparation for our Learning Neighbourhood exhibition-“Art on the Hill”. All students were involved in making and creating some fabulous artworks. Thank you to the teachers for planning and preparing some fun and engaging art lessons. The students really enjoyed themselves! Four artworks from each class have been chosen by their teachers to be exhibited at “Art on the Hill” which is early next term. Invitations will be sent out to those students who have been chosen, as well as those receiving special awards.

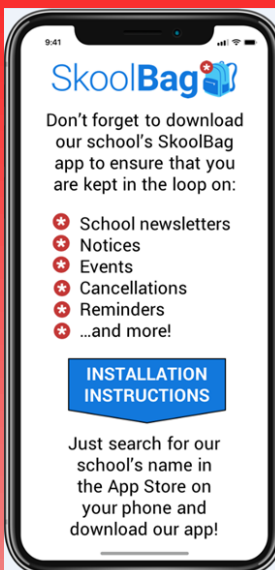
Linda Dollin

Art on the Hill Co-ordinator



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## NAIDOC – Voice. Treaty. Truth.

### National Aborigines and Islanders Day of Observance Committee

On Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> June we celebrated NAIDOC Day. Bob Withey from Snake Tails came to our school with a collection of turtles, lizards and snakes. These included an Olive Python, Bearded Lizard, a Long Neck Turtle, a Red Belly Black Snake, a Brown Snake and the deadliest of all, a Fierce Snake! We learnt about bush tucker and what to do if we see a snake in the wild – walk away! When we were not in the hall learning about reptiles, we were in our rooms learning about significant Aboriginal people, reading Aboriginal stories, watching Dust Echoes and playing traditional Aboriginal games.

Our Indigenous students then had the opportunity to hold the Olive Python, they had a very up-close experience.... This was followed with a sausage sizzle, organised by parents. Thank you to the parents who volunteered their time.

Leanne Kiely

Aboriginal Education co-ordinator



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### IMPORTANT NOTICE

So there is minimal disruption to your child's learning, please try to make any appointments outside of school hours

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PLEASE  
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