

NEWSLETTER

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ROZELLE RUSTLINGS

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DATES TO REMEMBER

- Tues 12/2** Information Night for Parents Stage 1-3
Tues 19/2 Information Night for Parents Early Stage 1 & Preschool
Wed 20/2 P & C Meeting 7.30pm
Fri 22/2 P & C Welcome Picnic
Wed 27/2 - Fri 29/2 CAMP
Fri 29/2 Clean Up Day
Thurs 6/3 Swimming Carnival
Thurs 13/3 Selective Schools Test

ALLERGIES

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Assembly News

Assembly is on **Thursday** mornings
9.30am
All parents / carers welcome.

Week 2 Ms Gollan & Kattang
Week 3 SRC

FROM YOUR PRINCIPAL

Issue 1 Term 1 4th Feb - 8th Feb 2008

WELCOME

Welcome back for 2008 to our wonderful community!

A warm welcome is extended from the Rozelle staff to our fabulous community and especially to all new students and parents. We trust that our school will provide you and your children with a rich, safe, supportive and friendly environment.

I am delighted to welcome fabulous new staff to our school for 2008 and know that they'll be warmly supported by the community.

Our open morning last Friday was very successful and we look forward to the Information Evenings which will be held next Tuesday for Stages 1, 2 and 3 and the following Tuesday for Early Stage 1 and Preschool.

CLASS INFORMATION NIGHT for STAGES 1-3 PARENTS/CARERS

Tuesday 12 February for Stages 1-3

Meetings will be conducted in your child's class and staggered times will cater to those with more than one child.

Stage 1 (Yrs 1/2) at 6.00pm

Stage 2 (Yrs 3/4) at 6.45pm

Stage 3 (Yrs 5/6) at 7.30pm

CLASS INFORMATION NIGHT for KINDERGARTEN & PRESCHOOL PARENTS/CARERS

Tuesday 19th February 2008 for Kindergarten and Preschool only.

The Preschool session will occur at 5.30pm in the Preschool.

The Kindergarten session will occur 6.00 pm in your child's classroom.

This night is an opportunity for parents to meet the teachers and be presented with information regarding general school routines and organisational matters, classroom routines and teachers' and parents' expectations.

This evening is not a night for parent/teacher interviews as the students have just begun the year in their new classes. It is however, an occasion where parents can begin to build a relationship with each other and the teacher. It is a perfect opportunity to inform the teacher as to the individual needs of your children or offer information that may help the teacher in their work with your child.

P&C WELCOME PICNIC

There will be a special P&C Picnic on **Friday 22 February from 5.30pm** to welcome all the new parents and friends to our school. It is always a special event in our calendar with the whole community enjoying the weather and company at this time of the year. Maybe we can coax our combined parent/staff band to perform on the evening!

CLASSES for 2008

The year has begun very smoothly with the gaining of two new teachers and classes this year. We have formed 16 classes including the preschool and have an enrolment of 390.

Welcome to Beth Martin, Amber Peninton and Jill Hall to the permanent staff and to Peter Vagne, Kathleen Cook, Taryn Lynch and Jennifer Christie as full time temporaries. Welcome also to Jeanie Brown and Bronwyn Richens who are job-sharing on Preschool.

Kindergarten

The year has begun very successfully for our 85 new Kindergarten children who have been placed in their four classes. There were smiles all round when the children started as they have been transitioned very well during the 5 week program last year. I think the only tears were from a few parents! It was lovely to have our Deputy Director-General Trevor Fletcher visiting us on the Kinders' first day. He visited all the classes and was impressed with the smooth transition to school for all children and parents.

Our classes have been named after Aboriginal languages as this year is the **International Year of Languages**. The children will research the languages (some of which are almost extinct) after which their class has been named.

We have continued with our stage groupings this year for the educationally sound philosophical basis.

The classes and staff for 2008 are as follows:

Preschool- Yorta Yorta / Ms Bronwyn Richens/Mrs Jeanie Brown

Kindergarten- Pakanha/Ms Jane Vuong

Kindergarten-Wiradhuri /Mrs Christine Norrie

Kindergarten- Pini /Ms Patty Ireland

Kindergarten- Nungalia /Mrs Jennifer Christie

Stage1- Kangalu/Mrs Jo Wilbrandt

Stage1-Lardil/Ms Beth Martin

Stage1-Kuringai/Ms Carlie Tuite

Stage 1-Manda /Mr Peter Vagne

Stage 1-Mullukmulluk/Mrs Taryn Lynch

Stage2-Bardi Mrs Amy Horton (AP)

Stage2-Gambera/Ms Kathleen Cook

Stage2-Dharug/Mrs Amber Peninton

Stage 2-Gunya /Mr Mike Bancks (AP)

Stage3-Kattang/Ms Kristi Gollan

Stage3-Wambeya/Mrs Heather Strachan

Our valued support staff includes:

Reading Recovery- Mrs Jill Hall

French -Ms Susie Newman

Drama/ Music-Mrs Jill Hall

Library-Ms Francine May (for 4 days)

ICT Coordinator-Mr Keith Guy

Learning Assistance-Ms Carina Harris/Ms Meg Alwyn

ESL, Integration Support and Student Welfare Programs-Ms Violetta Stojcevski (AP)

Counsellor-Bobbie Stanton (Wed & Thursday this term)

Teachers' Aides-, Toni Webster, Amanda McKenzie, Matt Szady

Preschool Staff-Julie O'Grady (Cook) and Kim Kelly (Teachers' Aide)

Office Angels-Avril Burn, Melanie Wales, Kerry Englaro, Amanda McKenzie

General Assistant-Glen A'Court

VOLUNTEERS and VISITORS

Please report to the office to sign in, get a name tag and report back to sign out.

We welcome back our valued volunteers this year.

We would love to have volunteers assisting us with literacy, numeracy, drama, sport etc. If you are available to assist us in any small way please contact your child's class teacher to register. We welcome parents, grandparents, other family members and community helpers. If you are interested in being a class coordinator for the year come along to the first **P&C meeting on Wed 20 Feb at 7.30** where coordinators for social and other class activities will be organised. If you can't make it to the meeting please let your child's teacher know you are keen to take on this role.

ASSEMBLIES

Assembly time is **Thursday morning at 9.30am** and is a very special time for our whole school to come together and we welcome all parents and friends to this celebration of student effort and achievement. Each week a different class will be running the assembly and performing an item as an integral part of their learning for that period. Everyone is welcome to have a cuppa in the staffroom afterwards!

NEWSLETTER

Newsletters are distributed to the eldest child every fortnight. We send email messages letting parents know that the latest newsletter is on the website and we will deliver hard copies to Kindergarten until we have added names to the distribution list and to those without email access. You can also access the newsletter on our website.

There are extra copies available from the office foyer if you miss out. The **CALENDAR** outlining the year's important dates will be distributed shortly and on the web and will be updated regularly.

NO HAT, NO PLAY

Parents please insist that your child wears a hat. They must have one at school for their own benefit or refrain from playing. We are encouraging children to wear the broad brimmed hat available from the uniform shop not baseball caps.

UNIFORM-SPORTS

Each Friday we are requesting the children wear their sports uniform consisting of coloured House shirt and shorts/skirt. New kindergarten children will be placed in houses shortly in preparation for our House meetings to elect our House Captains and Vice-Captains for the year.

LOST PROPERTY

These translucent containers are situated on the verandah outside the uniform shop and contain a wonderful array of clothing and bric a brac!!! We encourage children to visit regularly to retrieve goods and the prefects will be looking to hand back labelled items to the owners.

SICK BAY

Please don't send children to school if they are unwell.

If a child is treated for illness or injury it is recorded in a register.

Parents are phoned if there is concern. We send a note home to let you know if there is anything you need to be aware of.

ABSENCES

A note **must** be sent to school if your child has been absent and late arrivals and early departures must be registered in the office by parents. Absences and days late are recorded on the reports the children bring home at the end of Semester 1 and 2.

MEETING CHILDREN

The areas for collecting children after school include back playground for Yrs1-6 but we are requesting you collect Kindergarten children from the meeting room near the hall (Mrs Christie's and Ms Ireland's classes) and the areas outside the computer room and Mrs Norrie's class for the other two kindergarten classes.

MEETING WITH TEACHERS

If you need to meet with your child's teacher for any reason please make an appointment as the teachers cannot give you full attention in morning lines, on the way to class or on their way to a school meeting. I have an open door policy so if I am available please feel welcome to discuss any issues you may have. We value open communication channels in our school and will contact you very early if we are concerned about your child or are sending home a congratulatory letter in accordance with our Good Discipline and Effective Learning Policy. We need this solid partnership in order to gain the best outcomes for you and your children.

COUNSELLOR

This year our counsellor Bobbie Stanton is available on Wednesdays and Thursdays and our Learning Support Team meets every Wednesday afternoon at 3.30pm. Parents can refer their child if they have concerns about the social, emotional, physical and academic domains by contacting the office.

VICTORIA ROAD UPGRADE

You may be aware of the website outlining the Victoria Rd Upgrade www.rta.nsw.gov.au/victoriaroad The info line is 1300 780 841 The State government is planning to build a new \$150 million bridge where the Iron Cove Bridge is now.

A meeting regarding the upgrade of Victoria Road will be held on Sunday Feb 10 at 10.00am in Brett Park Drummoyne.

GROUNDS

As you can see our Grounds Project has not progressed but I've been assured it won't be long before momentum resumes after the water pipe was struck.

LUNCH and LUNCH ORDERS

The children sit with their class mates and teacher inside for the first 10 minutes of lunch. We have noticed that the children seem to be enjoying their lunches more and the littering in the playground has been greatly reduced.

We do request that you send only **healthy lunches** to school each day with no plastic wrap on the food.

Please place food in a paper bag or lunch box. After our waste audit we found that plastic and wraps from chips etc formed the bulk of our waste. Fruit is best by far for morning tea and lunch can include a sandwich and fruit. Water is by far the most appropriate drink for the children and they may bring this in a plastic bottle if they need to drink inside (it can be placed on their desks) and please encourage your child to drink often from the bubblers as headaches can occur when the children are dehydrated.

Rozelle is a plastic bag free suburb and we do ask that they are not brought to school.

ALLERGIES and ANAPHYLAXIS

We have 5 students at our school this year who have a severe allergy to peanuts, peanut butter, sesame seeds and tree nuts so we do request that peanuts and foods containing nuts are not brought to school.

Subway services our school with lunch orders each day. Children need to fill out their orders in the office **before** school and place the \$5 in the paper bag. The bags are then placed in the Subway box. The selection includes a healthy roll with salad and meat, fish or chicken plus a fruit juice or water.

EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

There are many activities in which children may be involved. Activities include Dance, Drama, Chess, Music and Band. Keep an eye out for details in the Newsletter.

SWIMMING CARNIVAL

We are all looking forward to the swimming carnival at Ashfield Pool on **Thursday 6 March**. All children from Yrs 2-6 will attend the carnival. House meetings will be held shortly to elect the new House Captains and Vice-Captains for this year. House chants will be practised with great enthusiasm and we look forward to a very exciting day.

Warm regards
Lyn Doppler
Principal

COMMUNITY NEWS

Here is some information on Extra Curricular Activities:

BAND - Helen Crimmins 9810 4905 0422 915 853
Training Band - Fri 8.30am (Start 8th Feb) Band Room
Concert Band - Wed 8.30am (Start 13th Feb)
Recorder - Tuesday 8.30am (Start 12th Feb)
All classes in the Band Room

CHOIR - Jill Hall
Wednesday Lunch (Start Wk3) in the Hall

DANCE - Helena K. School of Ballet & Gymnastics
Lunchtime Classes:

Mon Stage 3
Thurs Stage 1 & 2

Cost: \$50 (free if you do after school classes)

After School Classes:

Pre-School age	Thurs	3.30pm - 4.00pm
Kindergarten age	Mon or Tues	3.30pm - 4.30pm

The Helena school of Ballet & Gymnastics has classes for all age students.

To try out for class placement into older please phone
Helena 0425289872

All classes start Mon 2nd Feb

All classes are held in the school Hall.

DRAMA - Elaine Smith
Starting in **Term 2** Lunchtime Only years 1-6
Elaine Smith 0417 553 472

MANDARIN LESSONS

Mondays 3.30pm in the Computer Lab. If your child is interested please see the Mandarin teacher on Monday afternoon.

VIP KEYBOARD LESSONS

Monday afternoons in the Music Room 3.30pm
Contact Leada 9411 3122

LEICHHARDT JUNIORS RLFC (INC)

Registering now
King George Park, Manning Street, ROZELLE
<http://leichhardtjuniors.leaguenet.com.au>
Ph: 9818 1688 or 0410 106 407

UNSW Football Club Girls Youth League Squad

U12 UNSW 3 remaining positions
For more information or to register your interest please email Sue at eweiner@bigpond.com or SMS 0414 895 296 Final registration 30th Feb 2008.

SCHOOL NEWS

SWIMMING CARNIVAL

Our Swimming Carnival will be held at Ashfield Aquatic Centre on Thursday 6th March **for all children in years 2-6**. There is a 50m freestyle age race (for children *turned or turning* 8,9,10,11,12 or 13 yrs) There is a boys and girls junior(8,9,10) and senior (11&12+) 50m event for breaststroke, backstroke and butterfly There is also a 100m freestyle, relays and a 200m medley. DATE FOR DIARY: Zone Swimming Carnival will be held on Tuesday 11th March, 2008

Thanks,
A.Horton

COMMUNITY NEWS

Thank You!

The Music Program raised **\$620** at the recent Wine Tasting evening.

The money raised goes towards instruments for the students to borrow so please help by ordering wine via the following link.

<http://www.pennanwines.com.au/rozellesch/rozellescform.html>



Parenting Evening with Steve Biddulph Playgroup NSW is pleased to announce that Australia's best known family therapist and parenting author will present two great parenting talks.

Steve's books, *Secrets of Happy Children*, *Raising Boys*, *More Secrets* and the acclaimed *Manhood*, are popular the world over and have contributed to changes in attitudes to the needs of children and methods of parenting.

Session 1

Secrets of Happy Children

Tuesday 4th March 2008 7.30pm

Parramatta Leagues Club, 13-15 O'Connell Street, Parramatta.

Session 2

Raising Boys

Wednesday 5th March 2008 7.30pm

Sydney Boys High School

The Great Hall, enter through Gate 2, Cleveland Street, Surrey Hills.

Book Online www.playgroupnsw.com.au or phone 1800 171 882



ROZELLE TAEKWONDO CLASSES

WHEN

This Taekwondo class is held *Wednesday Before School*
FIRST CLASS 6 February 2008

WHERE

In the **school assembly hall** 8.00 – 9.00am

INSTRUCTORS

Paul Clapham (*NCAS Qualified*) 3rd Dan Black Belt

BENEFITS

This *Fun* activity enhances fitness, ability to focus, safety awareness, coordination, self - control and self defence.

AGE RANGE

These classes are suited for both Seniors and Juniors

INFORMATION

For enquiries please call Greg Wyllie or Paul Clapham

ENROLMENT FORMS CAN BE COLLECTED FROM THE OFFICE

ALL NEW STUDENTS WELCOME
Greg 0414373473 - Paul 0417066576

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