

NEWSLETTER

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ROZELLE RUSTLINGS

Rozelle Public School

Valuing children and their communities since 1878



DATES TO REMEMBER

Wed 2/4 School Photos
Fri 4/4 Lucinda Holdforth "Women in Paris" Library 7.30pm
Fri 11/4 End of Term 1
Mon 28/4 Pupil Free Day - Staff development
Tues 29/4 Back to school - Term 2

ALLERGIES

We have five students at our school this year who have severe allergies -

We do request that peanuts and foods containing any nuts or sesame seeds are not brought to school.



ASSEMBLY NEWS

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

Week 10 Camp Assembly
Week 11 Anzac & Grandparents & Seniors' Assembly

FROM YOUR PRINCIPAL

Issue 5 Term 1 Monday 31st March

GOOD LUCK JO

We are farewelling an exemplary teacher and wonderful staff member next week as she embarks on one of the biggest events in her life. Jo will go on maternity leave next Thursday 10 April and we wish her every happiness in the next chapter of her life with bub.

We welcome Riki Kochar to the class while Jo is on maternity leave. Riki is a valued casual teacher and has been making the transition smooth for the children in Kangu.

GROUNDS

The latest on the grounds is that the water board has been investigating the state of the pipe and will hopefully disconnect it this Friday. Meanwhile the site vans will be erected this week and work on the redevelopment will begin next week!

WORLD YOUTH DAY CELEBRATIONS 14-19 July

During the 2nd week of the school holidays in July Rozelle Public School being an inner city school with good facilities will be hosting pilgrims as part of World Youth Day celebrations. The young people from all around the world will be bunking down in the hall and extra hot water services and catering will enable the visitors to get to their destinations in an effortless fashion.

NAPLAN-National testing Program

The National Assessment Program for Literacy & Numeracy (NAPLAN) will begin on 13 May with tests across Australia for students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9. The primary children will sit for Grammar, Punctuation and Writing on Tuesday 13 May. Reading is conducted on Wednesday 14 May and Numeracy will be conducted 15 May. For those children who miss the tests they can make up the tests on the Friday 16 May. Ultimately the development of a National curriculum will enable all states to be singing from the same book and will make movement from state to state much easier for parents and children. The NAPLAN will replace the current state assessment BST (Basic Skills Test).

BUDDIES

Buddies classes across the school have been going very well and last Friday I witnessed the making of a super sandwich by children in Gunya (Mr Bancks) and Pakanha (Ms Vuong). It was full of a array of 'substances'. It was a real experience to taste this sandwich and its layers of honey, vegemite, baked beans, pickles, cheese etc etc!!! Great fun and learning were experienced by all. The best part for the children was watching us all take a bite!

ADVERTISED LEADERSHIP ROLES

As you know leadership is shared across our school and the advertised positions have created much interest. The children will complete their CVs for members of the Publicity, Environment, Library, Office and Technology Teams. Successful applicants will be interviewed by student leaders and staff for final selection

OLD UNIVERSITY STUDY

A study around air quality and respiratory health in schoolchildren aged 7-12 years is being conducted all over Australia and Rozelle has been invited to participate. If your child brings home an envelope please consider giving permission for this worthwhile project

NATIONAL SCHOOL LEADERS DAY

Our school leaders had a fabulous day at Homebush for the National School Leaders Conference attended by thousands from across the state. Motivational speakers included Andrew Scipione, Catriona Rowntree and the two young kayakers James Castrisson and Justin Jones who crossed the Tasman.

Wednesday 2 April School Photos

As a result of Create East (gifted and talented initiative) we need **all students in Stage 3** to arrive at school at **7.45am** to get their photos taken.

VISIT FROM CANADIAN SECONDARY PRINCIPAL

Last week we had the pleasure of a visit from the principal of Richmond Green Secondary School in Toronto Canada (with 1200 students), Susan Logue. Susan had heard me speak in Toronto where I addressed principals as part of my Churchill Fellowship and she was keen to see how restorative practices have spread throughout the Sydney Region. Susan's school has adopted the framework and is so positive about the changing culture that she was keen to visit our school and other schools around Australia.

HARMONY DAY

What a wonderful Harmony Day we experienced last week. The Goodness and Kindness Team really challenged us all about stereotypes and boxing people in through labels. Thanks to the wonderful Gambera class who led the assembly and sang the John Lennon song Imagine so beautifully. Thanks to Ms Stojcevski for coordinating a wonderful day and to the choir, band and recorder group for regaling us with their talents.

EARTH HOUR

I trust you all enjoyed your candlelit activities as part of Earth Hour. We hope this event highlights the need for us all to do simple things like turning off the lights.

'SLEUTH-'Create East' Gifted and Talented program

Children nominated by schools in the Sydney Region will have the opportunity to workshop for 3 days with other talented youngsters in the creative areas of dance, art, drama, choir, band and technology culminating in an amazing performance entitled 'Sleuth' to be performed at the Seymour Centre on Thursday 3 April. Well done to those Rozelle children who'll be performing:

Luci, Jamie, Nicole, Shiona, Maisie, Ruby, Meg, Mardi, Keely, Emma, Sarah and Daniel.

SENIORS' WEEK – GRANDPARENTS & SENIOR FRIENDS

A special invitation is extended to all grandparents and senior friends to attend our special ANZAC assembly on Thursday 10 April. Classrooms will be open and after morning tea we encourage you to wander around our school.

CHOIR AT HANNAFORD CENTRE

Our beautiful choir will be singing for seniors at the Hannaford Centre next Wednesday. We know how much they enjoyed the children performing for them last year. Thanks to Jill Hall who coordinates the fabulous choir.

ANZAC DAY ASSEMBLY and GRANDPARENTS & SENIOR FRIENDS

At Rozelle our ANZAC Day Assembly is very special indeed. We are holding this special commemorative assembly on Thursday 10 April at 9.30 and welcome your participation in the proceedings. Please come along and invite any returned service people you know to come along and share morning tea and memories together.

EDUCATION WEEK and 130th ANNIVERSARY

Open Day celebrations will occur at Rozelle on Thursday, 29 May, beginning with an assembly at 9.30am followed by open classrooms and morning tea. There will be tabloid activities in the afternoon from 1.45-3.00pm. We will also celebrate 'Back to School Day' and we are inviting adults who are former students of Rozelle to attend our special day. This week is a special occasion for celebrating the wonderful learning occurring in public schools across the state. If you know of any former Rozelle students we would be grateful if you could remind them about our Education Day activities. The theme for Education Week 2008 is 'Love of Learning, NSW Schools Leading the Way'. It's a week in which we honour the wonderful institution of Public Education.

RAINBOW CIRCLES

This program will begin for students in S2 next term. It's a program for students who have experienced grief, loss or change: a death (family, friend, pet etc), divorce/separation, medical issues, moving home/schools, loss of friends. Students participate in a number of activities that are based on art, journaling, dance/movement, singing or song. It is a reflective process not a counselling or therapy program and after each activity students may or may not comment on the activity.

HIGHLIGHTS of TERM1

Below are just some of the highlights for this term. In term 1 we:

- welcomed 88 Kindergarten children to our school and new children and staff,
- welcomed new families at our P&C Welcome Picnic,
- experienced a sensational school camp at Milson Island,
- celebrated the National Apology Day to the Stolen Generation with the whole community
- engaged in professional learning projects for staff on, Making a Difference, Restorative Practices, HIP, Literacy S3/4,
- enjoyed a wonderful swimming carnival at Ashfield pool,
- participated in GALA Days for children in S2/3
- elected our SRA reps, House Captains, Advertised leadership roles and participated in student council meetings,
- Rode our bicycles safely to school with verity Firth,
- participated in celebrating Harmony Day with the Goodness & Kindness Team,
- conducted planning meetings for our students on Funding Support,
- participated in Create East as part of the G&T program performing Sleuth at the Seymour Centre
- hosted librarians in the Sydney Region for professional development thanks to Francine May,
- dressed in stripes and raised money selling Bandaged Bears for Westmead Hospital,
- gratefully utilised the expertise of our parents/carers in improving outcomes for students via volunteers in rooms, help with submissions, grounds, policy development etc,
- were selected to participate at the Opera House thanks to our fabulous choir and teacher Jill Hall,
- had a focus on Gymnastics via our Experts in Residence program,
- had children participate enthusiastically in the Paul Kelly Cup and enrichment sessions in visual arts (print-making & sculpting) at Dulwich Hill HS,
- paraded down Darling St with our buddies for a fabulous Easter Hat parade!
- smiled for the cameras during school photographs,
- entertained seniors at the Hannaford Centre with a beautiful performance by the choir,
- will experience our wonderful ANZAC Day and Grandparents/Senior Friends Day.

Phew feel exhausted! What a great term we've had. Thank to our wonderful Rozelle learning community for making learning fun, based on high expectations, healthy relationships and dialogue and for assisting our students to have enhanced learning outcomes-to the amazing children, dynamic parent body and talented & dedicated staff enjoy a well earned rest and thank you!

Have a wonderful holiday everyone and enjoy these perfect autumn days.

Kind regards

Lyn

SCHOOL NEWS

YEAR 6 FAREWELL

Tuesday 2 December 2008, Bayview Room, Balmain Leagues Club

Help is needed by parents, carers and students to raise money for this important social event for all Year 6 students leaving Rozelle at the end of the year.

Donations of time, money, ideas, goods or anything else you can offer will be gratefully accepted. We need to start fundraising now.

Contact Kate McNamara (k_mcnamara@telstra.com) or Bronwyn Suzuki (bronwynsuzuki@hotmail.com).

WAKAKIRRI

Needed parents/volunteers to help with music, choreography, set and/or costumes.

Initial meeting: Thursday 3.15pm 3rd April in the Drama Room.

Thank you

Heather Strachan

SUBMISSION WRITERS

As you know there are a multitude of grants for which schools can apply. We have been very successful over the years but need the assistance of a parent who would be willing to keep an eye out for worthwhile opportunities and help to write the applications or submissions. Thanks Lyn

Australian Child Health and Air Pollution Study

Our school has agreed to participate in the Australian Child Health and Air Pollution Study (ACHAPS) which is being conducted by the University of Queensland and the Woolcock Institute of Medical Research and is supported by the NSW Environmental Protection Authority. This study will investigate the relationship between air quality and respiratory health by testing 3,200 students from 60 primary schools across the country and our school has been selected as one of them. It is the first nation-wide study of its type to be conducted in Australia. Information gained from this research will be used in setting air quality standards for Australia.

Children in some classes in years 3 to 6 will bring home an envelope containing information about the study, a consent form and a questionnaire. If you receive this package please read the information statement and, if you agree to allow your child to participate send back a signed copy of the consent form and the completed questionnaire (using the envelope provided) as soon as possible. The tests will take place at our school on Wednesday, 7th May, 2008.

P & C NEWS

Fundraising Dynamo's "put the fun into fundraising"

There are a number of fundraising projects coming up and the P&C is looking for fundraising coordinators for various projects. A meeting will be held on Friday 4 April at 9.30am at Café 2000 to discuss the fundraising for the next big event.

Mothers' Day is fast approaching and this year we don't get caught out at the last minute! So the first fundraiser is for a Mothers' Day stall and/or booklet if time and energy permits.

If you are a bargain shopper, gift wrapper, have desktop publishing or printing expertise please complete your details below and place them in the black Communication Box marked "Fundraising" in the office. Alternatively just talk to a P&C member. If we do not get any helpers for Mother's Day we will have to cancel the stall this year, apologies to all mums.

You would like to help with (*please tick*)

Mothers Day School fundraiser night Book club
Music NAIDOC Other

Do you have a suggestion for a fundraiser project you would like to coordinate? Let us know your idea! Please complete your details below and place them in the black Communication Box marked "Fundraising" in the office.

Name:

Phone:

Email:

Mobile:

EASTER 2008

Easter is early this year. Easter is always the 1st Sunday after the 1st full moon after the Spring Equinox (which is March 20). This dating of Easter is based on the lunar calendar that Hebrew people used to identify passover, which is why it moves around on our Roman calendar.

Based on the above information, Easter can actually be one day earlier (March 22)- that is rare.

Here's the interesting information. This year is the earliest Easter any of us will ever see the rest of our lives! And only the most elderly of our population have ever seen it this early (95 years old or above). And none of us have ever, or will ever, see it a day earlier! Here's the facts:

1) The next time Easter will be this early (March 23) will be the year 2228 (220 years from now). The last time it was this early was 1913 (so if you're 95 or older, you are the only ones that were around for that!).

2) The next time it will be a day earlier, March 22, will be in the year 2285 (277 years from now). The last time it was on March 22 was 1818. So, no one alive today has or will ever see it any earlier than this year!

Interesting!

COMMUNITY NEWS

FREE TO A GOOD HOME

One large metal bird cage in excellent condition.
Call Mardi or Paul on 9181 4185

ROZELLE NEIGHBOURHOOD CENTRE

Seniors Day High Tea Party

Entertainment with RPS school choir, Gordon Roache,
Scottish dancing, and more...

Wednesday 9 April at 10am

Rozelle Neighbourhood Centre
665a Darling St
Rozelle NSW 2039
RSVP: 9555 8988

Insektus

Step into the world of insects

Wednesday 16 April at 10.30am

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Rozelle NSW 2039
RSVP: 9555 8988

Magicians Apprentice Workshop

Beginner magicians return for next level

Wednesday 23 April at 10.30am

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Australia's leading non-profit youth poetry prize

The Taronga Foundation Poetry Prize offers Australia's youth the opportunity to share in over \$31,000 in prizes, and have their poetry published by Random House Australia.

Every individual who enters receives a certificate, a sticker and free entry for two to Taronga Zoo on 28th February 2009. Poems may be on any subject but a \$3,000 Wildlife Prize is awarded for the most outstanding poem dealing with wildlife conservation or the environment. Entries close September 19 2008. If you are interested pick up an entry form from the office.



You are invited to a:

SPECIAL EVENT

In support of our FRENCH Language Program

To be held at the
Rozelle Public School Library
Darling Street, Rozelle
Friday 4th April, 2008
7.30pm



LUCINDA HOLDFORTH

Author

Will speak to us and read from her beautiful book

"True Pleasures"

A Memoir of Women in Paris

Meet the dazzling women of Paris; from Colette to Nancy Mitford; Marie Antoinette to Coco Chanel; Napoleon's Josephine to Edith Wharton. Rule-breakers and style-setters, these women were utterly diverse, yet they shared one common passion - Paris, the world's headquarters of femininity.

Come and share with us, an evening of pleasures and delights
(Gentlemen may attend, but no children please)

Musical entertainment by:

Susie Newman (Chanteuse & French Teacher)

Entry by gold coin donation,

Bring a bottle of wine, a glass, some nibbles and a cushion

Lucinda's books will be on sale on the evening, including her latest "Why Manners Matter"

We will also be launching:

"Le Shopping (and other cultural pleasures) Tour de Paris"

January, 2009

a 12 day trip to Paris, for women (group of 20)

Come and discover the delights of Paris with your own Australian, French-speaking tour guide. Fill your suitcase with purchases from the January sales and the renowned Parisian flea markets. Stay in a gorgeous hotel in the 14th arrondissement. Stroll the boulevards, take the Metro, wander through the food markets, savour the delicious wines, cheeses and hot chocolate, sip a cocktail on the 56th floor of the Tour Montparnasse as you watch the Tour Eiffel scintillate before your eyes, practise your French
- ALL IN GOOD COMPANY.

For more information and to RSVP contact susienewman@hotmail.com

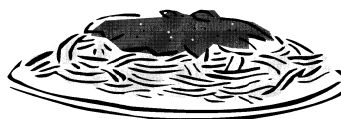
Please RSVP ASAP to susienewman@hotmail.com if you intend to come along.



Canteen Pasta Day

Friday 4 April

- Penne bolognaise
- Macaroni cheese



\$3 pasta cup

(Keep hold of your cup to receive extra serves)

Would you like to help the P&C Canteen make or serve pasta?
Call Bronwyn 0417 218 585

