

NEWSLETTER

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ROZELLE RUSTLINGS

Rozelle Public School

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DATES TO REMEMBER

Thurs 5th Feb	Parent info eve
Thurs 12th Feb	Swimming Carnival
Fri 13th Feb	Official Opening of Playing Fields
Fri 27th Feb	School Clean up Day

ALLERGIES

We have six 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.**



WALKING THE TALK

Our new DVD on Rozelle Public School and the Restorative Way is now available for purchase from the office.

See how as a whole school we have learnt to use restorative language & practice to relate, think and learn together.

A must for all parents, carers, educators & kids.

Enjoy a \$5 discount until the end of February.

**\$15.00 or
2 for \$25.00**

As one of our new parents Kylie Hennessy said after seeing the DVD,

“Ahh, now I understand what the school’s philosophy is all about.”

FROM YOUR PRINCIPAL

ISSUE 1 Term 1 Monday 2nd February 2009

Welcome back for 2009 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.

Congratulations to Andrea from ROOSH on the birth of her daughter Chloe and to Mrs Horton on the birth of little Ivy and I am excited at becoming a Nanna for the 2nd time with the birth of my little grandson Harry on New Year's Eve.

CLASS INFORMATION NIGHT for ALL STAGES AND PRESCHOOL

Thursday 5 February 2009

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.

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

Preschool 5.00pm

Kindergarten 5.30pm

Stage 1 (Yrs 1/2) at 6.15pm

Stage 2 (Yrs 3/4) at 7.00pm

Stage 3 (Yrs 5/6) at 7.45pm

OFFICIAL OPENING OF THE NEW PLAYING FIELDS and P&C WELCOME PICNIC

There will be a special celebration for the official opening of the new playing fields on **Friday 13 February from 3.00pm** and continuing into the evening as part of the P&C Welcome Picnic. The parent band will be playing to celebrate the long awaited opening and 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. I know many former parents, staff and children will be celebrating the special event. The Hon Verity Firth and the Hon Tanya Plibersek will attend.

CLASSES for 2009

The year has begun very smoothly with the gaining of two new teachers and classes this year. We have formed 18 classes including the preschool and have an enrolment of 427.

Welcome to Rebecca Campisi, Kelly Bissett and Adam Willis to the permanent staff and congratulations to Jen Christie and Peter Vagne who gained permanency at the end of 2008. Welcome also to Signe Agersnap and Tanya Gregorio, as valued temporary staff this year.

Kindergarten

The year has begun very successfully for our 76 new Kindergarten children who have been placed in their four classes. There were smiles all round when the children started as they transitioned very well last year.

Our classes have a celestial flavour as this year is the **International Year of Astronomy**. The children will research the stars and galaxies after which their classes have been named.

We have continued with our stage groupings this year for the educationally sound philosophical basis but have made some changes for Stage 1 only due to the large number of classes and the need to plan and resource those classes equitably.

The classes and staff for 2009 are as follows:

Preschool- Zwicky / Ms Sephora Amanatiadis Rel. A.P /Mrs Jeanie Brown

Kindergarten-Umbriel/Ms Patty Ireland

Kindergarten-Triton /Mrs Christine Norrie

Kindergarten-Sagittarius/Ms Rebecca Campisi

Kindergarten-Titania /Mrs Jennifer Christie

Stage1-Ophelia/Mrs Signe Agersnap

Stage1-Orion/Ms Beth Martin

Stage1-Phoenix/Ms Carlie Tuite

Stage 1-Pisces /Ms Annie Courtemarche and Ms Tania Gregorio

Stage 1-Pegasus Mrs Taryn Lynch Rel. A.P

Stage 1-Pandora/Ms Kelly Bissett

Stage 2-Indus/Ms Riki Kochar

Stage 2-Hercules/Mr Adam Willis

Stage 2-Draco/Mrs Amber Peninton

Stage 2-Hydra /Mr Mike Bancks (AP)

Stage 3-Andromeda/Ms Kristi Gollan

Stage 3-Cassiopeia/Mrs Heather Strachan Rel. A.P

Stage 3-Aquila/ Mr Peter Vagne

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 M-Th))

ICT Coordinator-Mr Keith Guy

Learning Assistance-Mrs Jeanie Brown/Ms Jane Vuong

ESL, Integration Support and Student Welfare Programs-Ms Violetta Stojcevski (AP) - Taryn Lynch is Rel A.P in this role this term as Violetta is on long service leave.

Counsellor-Bobbie Stanton (Wed & Thursday for terms 1 and 2)

Learning Support officers-Karen Faulkner, Amanda McKenzie, Matt Szady

Preschool Staff-Julie O'Grady (Cook) and Kim Kelly (Learning Support Officer)

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

General Assistant-Glen A'Court/Greg Poynter

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, grounds etc. If you are available to assist us in any small way please contact your child's class teacher or the office. 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 18 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.

P&C MEETING 18 Feb in the staffroom

We always have an enjoyable time at the P&C meetings so come along to have input into what happens in the school, meet new friends and staff as well.

A special presentation by secondary staff about the selective stream at the Sydney Secondary College, Balmain Campus will be a highlight. Ask all the questions you've always wanted to ask. This meeting is for all parents as even parents of Kindergarten children are preparing to select prospective high schools for their children now.

CONGRATULATIONS to SSC on outstanding results in the HSC!!

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 the newsletter on-line but will deliver hard copies to Kindergarten until we add names to the distribution list and to those without email access. You can also access the newsletter on our website. Past newsletters can be accessed there as well. There are extra copies available from the office foyer if you miss out, it is also on display in the cabinet in the front entrance.

The **CALENDAR** outlining the year's important dates will be distributed as well. It will be 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 new bucket hats and have phased out the baseball caps. Hats are available from the uniform shop and are very inexpensive. Please encourage your child to wear a school hat and not other coloured varieties.

UNIFORM-SPORTS

This year we are requesting the children wear their sports uniform consisting of coloured House shirt and shorts/skirt on different days during the week according to their Stage arrangements (see Carlie's memo). New 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 containers are situated beneath the P&C noticeboard at the rear of Block A 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 their 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 of which you need to be aware.

ABSENCES Parents, please try to ensure children are at school on time. The welcome circle and establishment phase of the lesson are extremely important to children.

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. If you are planning a holiday in term time, forms from the office must be completed.

MEETING CHILDREN

The areas for collecting children after school include the back playground for Yrs1-6 but we are requesting you collect Kindergarten children from the area near the hall (Mrs Christie's and Ms Ireland's classes) and the area outside the computer room (Mrs Norrie's and Ms Campisi's 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 Thursdays and our Learning Support Team meets every Thursday afternoon at 3.30pm. Parents you can refer your children if you have concerns about social, emotional, physical and academic domains by contacting the office.

MONIES

When paying for anything at school all monies need to be put in a sealed envelope with the child's name, class and the amount and purpose clearly written on the front. These envelopes must be handed to the class teacher.

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 and we are persevering with the Nude Food initiative of last year. Lunches in a lunch box with no plastic wrap on the food is the preferable option.

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 become dehydrated.

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

ALLERGIES and ANAPHYLAXIS

We have 6 students at our school 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.

CANTEEN

Dina at the Canteen offers an on-line ordering system and we encourage you to try this easy method of ordering lunches. (No canteen available on 12th Feb as it is the swimming carnival.

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 12 February**. 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.

Have a wonderful week everyone.

Warm regards Lyn Doppler Principal

SCHOOL NEWS

Sport News

This year, we will be having separate sports days for each stage in order to ensure each class gets adequate time to use both sporting equipment and the school oval in their PE lessons. As of Week Two, your child/ren will need to wear their full sports uniform on their new sports day.

Monday - **Stage Three**

Tuesday – **Stage Two**

Wednesday – **Kindergarten**

Friday – **Stage One**

Our school swimming carnival will be held on **Thursday 12th February** at Ashfield Aquatic Centre. This will involve children from years 2 - 6. A permission note will be sent home early in week 2. If you are available to help on the day with any jobs (marshalling, timekeeping, lifeguarding, recording etc), please see Carlie Tuite ASAP.

Rozelle Sport Team.

Rozelle Public School Training Band 2009

We still have some limited openings for kids in Year 3 & up.

If your child would like to play saxophone, trombone, flute or euphonium please contact us.

We're also looking for kids in Year 2 & up who are interested in joining the Recorder Ensemble - a great stepping stone to training band! - or any age child who is interested in guitar lessons.

Please contact Leyla Nassif

leyla@optusnet.com.au

or 0408 241 263

*Official Opening
of the School
Playing Fields*

The Principal and Staff of Rozelle Public School invite you to the

Official Opening of the School Playing Fields

Date: **Friday 13th February 2009**

Time: **3pm**

Please join us for the formal opening at 3pm and then continue to celebrate - with The Parent Band for the P&C Picnic and on into the evening.....

(All children to be supervised by a parent/carer after 3.15pm)

PYJAMA FUNDRAISER

At the end of last year, inspired by Ms Cole's wonderful pyjama designs decorating the hall for the school musical, a group of Stage 2 students decided to create, package and sell origami PJ's to raise money for a Christmas charity. Thank you to all who purchased the pyjamas. The \$40 raised was used to buy two gift cards through Uniting Care to be distributed to local families in need at Christmas.

Elaine Smith

P&C provides a forum to learn about the activities at the school, raise concerns and have input into the decisions affecting their children. Through parent volunteers, the P&C runs the uniform shop and various sub committees who assist school projects from school band to landscaping.

Contacts for P&C

Do you have a question or comment for P&C to discuss? Leave a message in the P&C Communication box or email the school who will forward your comments onto the relevant contacts.

President - Howard Packer
 Deputy President - Jenny Curtis
 Secretary - Maxine Bartlett
 Treasurer - Cathy Newman

Publicity - Lisa Smajlov
 Music Committee - Kristen Dunphy
 Canteen Committee - Bronwyn Suzuki

The first P&C Meeting for the year is Wednesday 18 February at 7.30pm. All parents and community members are welcome to attend. Come along to the staffroom and find out what happens in the school.



Playing Field Opening and Welcome Picnic - Friday 13th Feb

The long awaited opening of the playing field opening is on Friday 13th Feb. The official opening begins at 3.00pm which will be followed by the schools welcome picnic from 5pm. Dance along to our wonderful parent band that will make this event a night to remember. Children must be supervised by parents at both events.



Tax Deductions Available - looking to reduce your tax bill?

Why not donate to the **Rozelle Public School building fund!** The funds will be used for maintenance and extension of school structures, refitting class rooms. Contact office staff for details on how to help the school and receive a tax deduction for your support.

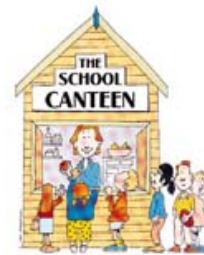
Communication
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If you have ideas or feedback you can place them into the black box in the front office marked for P&C or email the school who will forward your email to the P&C. You can be or leave your name or if you prefer remain anonymous - all responses will be replied and discussed in this section of the newsletter.

Canteen News

The canteen committee, canteen staff and teacher representatives met last week to discuss canteen operation for the start of the year. New procedures include:
 All canteen orders must be placed by 9.15am or 9.30am via SCAMPS online
 Hours of operation are Recess 10.50-11.20am and Lunch 12.50-1.40pm
 Children will now stand behind marked lines according to canteen purchases to make the canteen run smoother. Canteen will be closed on 12th Feb because of Swimming Carnival.



All children must stay behind the lines in an orderly manner and be considerate to each other. Due to instances of children carrying large notes this year there will now be a \$5 limit for snack and drink orders (excluding pre orders). This means the canteen will not accept notes greater than \$5 Please ensure your children do not bring larger notes into the school.
 Canteen now has a coupon system for milo and orange cups. The coupons are purchased in the morning and students must keep their coupons to receive their cup.
 Anyone interested in volunteering at the canteen for a couple of hours a week? Dina would be very pleased to have a couple of extra helping hands – it's a fun and often hectic way to get involved with students at the school.

Do you have any feedback for the canteen please email them to rozelle-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au

Dates to Remember

Friday 13th Feb - Playing field opening and Welcome Picnic

Wednesday 18th Feb - P&C Meeting 7.30pm

COMMUNITY NEWS

DRAMA NEWS

Over the last three years I have had the great pleasure of teaching drama to the students of Rozelle as part of the Drama-in-Residence programme and establishing a series of lunchtime drama classes. The school provided a great space in which to teach, now established as "The Drama Room" and utilized by students and teachers as a creative space. I have been very inspired by Rozelle Public School, so much so that I have decided to undertake a postgraduate degree in teaching for which I will be studying full time over the next 2 years.

Where does this leave drama?

Well, hopefully not in the past. The drama room will remain intact and I'm hoping that I'll be able to continue teaching some classes during the year and perhaps incorporate them as part of my degree. Once I know my timetable at Uni I'll be in a better position to inform you of my plans for classes. I am very grateful to Lyn Doppler and the Rozelle staff, and to all the parents and students who have so enthusiastically supported the drama programme.

Thank you and I look forward to seeing many of you again this year.

Elaine Smith

Helena K. School of Ballet and Gymnastics

BIG NEW VENUE

154 Victoria rd. Rozelle

CLASS TIMETABLE

(after school classes)

classes start 2nd of Feb

MON 3.30 Beginners age 5yrs +

4.30 A1

5.30 A3

TUES 3.30 Beginners age 5yrs+

4.30- 6 A4 + A5

WED 3.30 Beginners age 5yrs+

4.30 A1

5.30 – 6.30 performance

THURS 3.30 -- preschool

4.00- A2

5.00- A3

6.00- 7.30 A4 + A5

(A classes, children are placed on ability)

SATURDAY CLASSES

classes start 14th Feb

9am hip hop / jazz 7 – 11 yrs with

10am hip hop /jazz 12 – 14 yrs

11am hiphop/ jazz 14 to adult

9am junior gymnastics 5 yrs+

10am mid gym 10 yrs +

11am senior gymnastics 14 to adult

(open classes , all abilities catered for)

DAYTIME CLASSES

Classes start 2nd of Feb.

MON 1 pm - kindy gym /dance for little ones

THURS 1 pm - Ballet for adults

Pick up and drop off from ROOSH available

Enquiries ph Helena on 0425 289 872

ROZELLE PS MORNING TAEKWONDO CLASS 2009

<u>WHEN</u>	Every Wednesday during school term: 8:00am –9:00am
<u>WHERE</u>	In the school assembly hall
<u>INSTRUCTOR</u>	Paul Clapham 3 rd Dan Black Belt
<u>BENEFITS</u>	This Fun activity enhances fitness, ability to focus, safety awareness, coordination, self-control and controlling bullying situations without fighting.
<u>ENROLMENT</u>	Enrolment forms can be collected from the office will and be handed out at this term's 1 st Training: On 4th Feb, '09

YOU ARE WELCOME TO TRY A CLASS BEFORE ENROLLING
Visit our website: www.wyllietkd.com

ALL NEW STUDENTS WELCOME

Enquiries - Greg 0414 373 473 or Paul 0417 066 576

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Balmain District Football Club

2009 Registrations
 Join Up! – Football Players Required
 Small sided Games for U/8s, U/9s & U/10s,
 Full Field for all other Age groups
*** COACHES & MANAGERS ALSO REQUIRED ***
 New and Returning Players/Coaches registration:
 2nd Floor Class Rooms
 Balmain Campus, Sydney Secondary College
 Terry Street Rozelle
REGISTRATIONS DATES ARE AS FOLLOWS:
 Saturday 31st January 10:00am – 4:00pm
 Sunday 1st February 10:00am – 4:00pm
 Saturday 7th February 10:00am – 4:00pm
 Sunday 8th February 10:00am – 4:00pm
 All New Players copy of Birth Certificate is required at time of registration

French News –STOP PRESS

Bienvenue - Welcome back everyone. Just to let you know that I have a French teaching assistant working with me this year. Her name is Karine Dransart. She has recently arrived from France and is looking for accommodation for the year. She would prefer to live in a share situation with young English speaking students or the like in the inner city area. If you can help leave a message for Ms Newman in the office.
 Ms Susie Newman

BE A TIGER!

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 Registering Now

Term One 2009



	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat/Sun
January Week 1	26 Australia Day	27 Staff development Day	28 Years 1 to 6 start	29 Kindergarten start	30	31&1
February Week 2	2	3	4	5 Parent information eve	6	7&8
February Week 3	9	10	11	12 Swimming Carnival	13 Official opening of playing fields 3pm Welcome Picnic	14&15
February Week 4	16	17	18 P&C Meeting	19 SSC Presentation Eve	20	21&22
February Week 5	23	24	25	26 Opening of school year	27 School Clean up Day	28&1
March Week 6	2	3	4 World Maths Day	5	6	7&8
March Week 7	9	10	11	12 District Swimming Carnival	13	14&15
March Week 8	16	17	18 P&C Meeting	19 Selective Schools test	20	21&22
March Week 9	23	24	25 CAMP St2 Ride to school day	26 CAMP St2	27 CAMP St2	28&29
March/April Week 10	30	31	1 School Photos	2	3	4&5
April Week 11	6	7	8	9 Last day of Term	10 Good Friday	11&12

Meetings: Communication: Wednesday 8.30am
Professional Development: Tuesday 3.30pm
Early Stage 1 + Stage 1 - Friday morning
Stage 2 + 3 - Thursday morning
Band: Thursday Morning