

NEWSLETTER

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ROZELLE RUSTLINGS

Rozelle Public School

Valuing children and their communities since 1878



DATES TO REMEMBER

Wed 18th Mar	P&C meeting
Thurs 19th Mar	Selective School Test
Thurs 19th Mar	Harmony Day & Grandparent's & Friends' Assembly
Mon 23rd –Wed 25th Mar	CAMP S2
Wed 25 March	Ride to School Day
Fri 27th Mar	Bandaged Bear Day
Sat 28th Mar	Walk for Human Values
Wed 1 April	Photo Day
Thurs 9 April	Easter Hat Parade
Thurs 9 April	Last day of Term 1

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.



Assemblies

**Thursdays 9.30am in the Hall
All welcome**

Week 8	Harmony Assembly & Seniors' Week
Week 9	Cassiopeia & Ms Strachan
Week 10	Camp St 2
Week 11	ANZAC Day Assembly

Stewart House Clothing Appeal

Stewart House Bags have been given out to children this week, for collection of used and unwanted clothing. Please place bags in the entrance of B Block (against the wall, underneath the Library). Bags will be collected on Monday 6th April, please don't leave any after Friday 3rd April.

If you didn't receive a bag please use any plastic bags you have.

Stewart House bags always produce a high percentage of good clothing and all wearable clothing from the bags is used for welfare work. The remainder is used for industrial purposes.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Issue 4 Term 1 Monday 16th March 2009

HARMONY DAY & GRANDPARENTS' & FRIENDS' DAY-WEAR ORANGE

Harmony Day and Grandparents' Day this year will involve a special assembly on **Thursday 19 March**. It is a time when we celebrate the trust in diversity in our school, our community and our world. We are all **wearing orange on the 19th** and will be enjoying a special morning tea with our classes and grandparents and friends. We are privileged to have the Together for Humanity team here to work with Stage 2 and 3 classes.

We are hoping grandparents, special relatives, friends and volunteers will attend our Harmony Day assembly to share in the community spirit of our school and share a special healthy morning tea with the classes afterwards, remember no nuts. There will be a display of family trees completed by the children and linking with our gene fundraiser. We are raising money for the Cure the Future Foundation. Please send a gold coin donation on Thurs to support this great charity.

SCHOOL PARLIAMENT

We are working to transition to a full school parliament. The SRC/Senators and school leaders have received their brand new badges. Mr Vagne is coordinating the School Parliament with all our leadership positions incorporated into this parliament. Leaders of advertised positions will be interviewed at the end of this term.

SURVEY

You will soon receive an on-line Zoomerang survey on Literacy/Research Skills across the curriculum which will inform our future planning in this area. It takes only a few minutes to complete and staff and children will also complete this evaluation. The survey will include aspects of the Library which you would like to see change and/or develop for the new millennium. Thanks for your input and support.

AGQTP-Middle Years Literacy Project

Recently Heather Strachan and I was privileged to attend a 2 day Forum on Writing in the Middle Years. Rozelle and Stage 3 are part of an Australian Government Quality Teaching Project which will extend over 3 years. We're now into the 2nd year and are working with Staff from the Balmain and Leichhardt campuses of the Sydney Secondary College. For Rozelle Public School this project involves a whole school approach to teaching writing across the Key Learning Areas.

Our NAPLAN results last year in writing were excellent and we're looking forward to consolidating these results in the next few years via this project.

BUILDING THE EDUCATION REVOLUTION

A heartfelt thank you to all those who contributed thoughts/ideas for the BER applications within the following 2 categories:

The 'Primary Schools for the 21 Century' initiative is for Major Capital Works in schools. It is clear that most people feel the extension to the hall with backstage rooms and stage area would be the most appropriate way of spending the \$3million.

The 'National Schools Pride' [NSPP] program is for Minor Works \$200000. There were many suggestions for spending this bucket of money including upgrading the front and back playgrounds, upgrading the children's toilets, building of COLAs and outdoor learning spaces, tree management and designing of garden spaces, greening of the asphalt areas, extension of concert band practice area, new playground equipment, front playground enhancement with paving and heritage fence to offset the beautiful old building etc and many more.

We have put in as many applications as we can because we realise that we may not have our first choices taken up. I'll keep you posted as to how we fare with the applications.

DATES for YOUR DIARY

Training for Parents in Restorative Practices

We are privileged to have the internationally recognised Terry O'Connell with us again this year to provide training for parents new to our school and a refresher course for those who've experienced it before or those who've just missed out in past years. Terry will be here on Tuesday 31 March at 7.30pm.

As I always say the way we embed Restorative Practices in our school is as a way of being and teaching/learning. You as parents will see that it becomes a way of being/learning and parenting when you hear Terry speak. Please spread the word and we look forward to seeing you in the Library on Tuesday 31 March at 7.30pm.

SCHOOL PHOTOS

We trust you will be bright-eyed and bushy-tailed for our photo day on 1 April. As well as individual, group and class photos we'll have our traditional informal whole school shot as well.

EASTER HAT PARADE

Thursday 9 April is Easter Hat Parade Day and the children love parading down Darling St in their creations and with their Buddy classes. It's always a wonderful event so new parents, book your seats in the coffee shops early! The parade begins at 9.45am and proceeds down to the roundabout and back again. That mischievous Easter Bunny pops in for a visit while we are away!

ANZAC ASSEMBLY & holiday dates

Our ANZAC assembly is always a special and poignant occasion and we invite you to attend on Thursday 29 April. There is no public holiday on Monday 27 April because ANZAC Day occurs on the Saturday this year. However there is no school on Monday 27 as this day is still part of the school holidays. Tuesday 28 April will be a pupil free day which means in effect the children return on Wed 29 April.

EDUCATION WEEK

This important week will occur in Wk 5 Term 2. Our **Open Day celebrations will occur on Thursday, May 28**, beginning with an assembly at 9.30am followed by open classrooms and a morning tea provided by the school.

The emphasis will be on the environment and reconciliation.

P&C WELCOME PICNIC

We are frustrated about our Welcome Picnic and are determined to have one this term. The electrical equipment used by our parent band was a big decision in postponing last Friday's picnic and as it turned out the evening was a beautiful and balmy one.

We'll try for another evening but it may have to be an Easter Picnic. Please come along and enjoy a very pleasant picnic with loads of dancing and fun.

Come along to the P&C meeting on Wednesday 18 March, our 2nd one for this year-in the staffroom at 7.30pm.

VOLUNTEERS

A huge thank you to Campbell Baird who has volunteered his time and skills by installing new bollards and repairing the roof over the sand pit. Thank you to all who give time to make our community so special.

Thank you also to all the children who have volunteered their time to sell old books, toys, make muffins and ice blocks etc. to raise money for the bush fire victims, it has been a tremendous effort!

Have a great week everyone. Happy Harmony and Grandparents' Week! Dig out the orange from your wardrobe.

Kind regards

Lyn Doppler

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SCHOOL NEWS

SCHOOL PHOTOS

School Photos will be on Wed 1st April. Your child will be bringing home an envelope for their own portrait and class photos. If you'd like a family portrait of all your children at Rozelle Public School, please ensure that your child picks up an envelope from the school office for family photos. Some photo times may affect the senior classes due to Create East; these students will be informed by the end of this week. There is a School Days Album available to purchase (\$24.00) which is on display in the office if you are interested.

CREATE EAST

Congratulations to the following children for being nominated and accepted for this years Create East - a Sydney regional gifted & talented creative and performing arts program: Lucas, Jaaron and Luci for Dance. Isaac for Drama, Harriett for Art Anna & Katie for Choir and Emily, Michael and Jackson for Band. Sepfora Amanatiadis is working as choreographer on the event and Rebecca Campisi will also be involved.

Link to website: www.sydneystationarts.nsw.edu.au/regionarts_productions.asp?p=wpa-652855

SCHOOL BANKING

School Banking has started again this year. Please pick up a starter kit from the office if you are interested. 5% of the money the school students deposit, the Commonwealth Bank matches and gives to the school. Please leave the deposit book with Melanie or Amanda on Monday mornings only, they are collected by Sarah Nelson and deposited then returned to the office to be collected by the children on Tuesday.

Canteen News

- New website link for canteen menu and SCAMPS information
<http://www.rozelle-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/Parents/Canteen.htm>
- Canteen hours of operation are Recess 10.50-11.20am and Lunch 12.50-1.40pm
- Student Leader Canteen Position - application and position description available from the office - good luck!
- Canteen looking for replacement options for milo and oj cups - ideas anyone?
- Due to instances of children carrying large notes there is a \$5 limit for snack and drink orders (excluding pre orders). This means the canteen will not accept notes greater than \$5 so please ensure your children do not bring larger notes into the school.
- Are 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 attention Canteen Committee

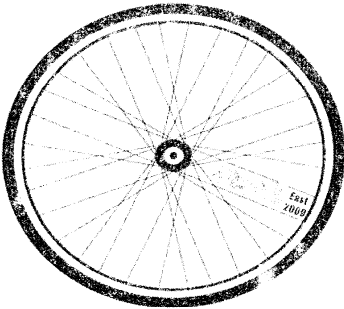
Communication Box

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

Ideas for P&C Agenda Items

Do you have a topic or idea you would like the P&C to discuss in depth? To help P&C members understand your idea please compile a brief background (limit one A4 page). Deadline for inclusion into the agenda is one week before each meeting. Send to school email or hard copy to office staff. This will help meetings flow quickly and also ensure everyone is on the same page and can contribute to the discussion.

Next P & C Meeting is on 18th March at 7.30pm

Create East 2009 "THE BICYCLE OF DARKNESS" <i>For your school newsletter, school and staff notice boards:</i>
COME AND SEE OUR ROZELLE PUBLIC SCHOOL STUDENTS PERFORMING IN THE BICYCLE OF

DARKNESS
SEYMOUR THEATRE CENTRE THURSDAY 2 April 7pm Tickets: \$18 (adult) \$12 (concession) Call the Seymour Theatre Centre Box Office on 9351 7940 as soon as possible, to secure a seat! Or book online at www.seymourcentre.com.au

Southern Cross Cultural Exchange, an Australian not-for-profit organisation specialising in international student exchange programs, is seeking volunteer host families for high school students scheduled to arrive in Australia in July 2009 from Germany, Italy, France, Holland, Austria, Spain, Sweden, Norway, Denmark Finland, Japan, Brazil, Canada and the USA. Host families can choose from students staying for a range of either 3, 5 or 10 months and they all attend local high schools whilst they are in Australia. The main purpose of cultural exchange is to challenge youth towards international understanding and tolerance, encourage further learning, self knowledge and awareness - invaluable characteristics in today's world. We organise all the flights, school enrolment, transportation, insurances and support systems. Just imagine your child having an older brother or sister for a few months from another country. It's a great opportunity for young children to start learning that there is a world of variety and opportunity waiting for them – different languages, foods, sports, customs, and perhaps a visit to look forward to when they grow up.

To enquire, call Southern Cross Cultural Exchange now toll free on 1800 500 501, visit www.scce.com.au or email scceaustr@scce.com.au

THE SUIT DRIVE FOR THE SURVIVORS OF VICTORIA'S BUSHFIRES

12 large boxes of men's suits, ties shirts and trousers; and women's corporate suits and good clothes, shoes and handbags (including 2 Prada!) left on Monday for the Victorian fire grounds.

We would like to thank all the parents who donated their stylish clothing; Kennards Self Storage for donating boxes; and Couriers Please for transporting the boxes (at no charge!) directly to the Salvation Army in Victoria. The Salvation Army extends their thanks to you. These clothes will assist in helping the survivors return to some semblance of normality.

Thanks so much
Caryn Morgan

A Huge thank you!!!

To everyone who supported the TEAR fundraising in 2008. Your incredible generosity has provided for :

6 Community schools (in Bangladesh, Cambodia or Zambia)

40 School supplies kits and 6 Toilets (which provide hygiene, dignity and disease reduction) in recognition of the United Nations Year of Sanitation 2008.

In the spirit of shared humanity, thank you.
Debbie Wellfare.

SAVER PLUS

Saver Plus is a matched savings program aimed at assisting low-income participants to develop positive saving habits and reach their financial goals. The scheme matches 1;1 (limit \$1000) on a monthly basis with savings accumulated after 1 or 12 months. The program also includes 5 workshops on budgeting and financial education to make your money stretch further.

If you are receiving Centrelink payments and work or study part time and are interested contact: Lisa Smajlov at Rozelle Neighbourhood Centre 95555 8988 (ext 7 or email community@rnc.ngo.org.au)
Personal information at all times will remain confidential.



Come on new mums—come along and have fun!

The Education Tax Refund – Get 50% back

Under the new Education Tax Refund, parents and others who are eligible can now claim 50% of their eligible education expenses up to \$750 for primary students and \$1500 for secondary students.

This means you could receive a refund each year of up to \$375 for each primary and \$750 for each secondary school student in your care.

Are you eligible?

To be eligible you must have received Family Tax Benefit Part A for each child whose education expenses you wish to claim. You can also claim the Education Tax Refund if you were stopped from receiving Family Tax Benefit Part A because your child received any of the following:

Youth Allowance (student) aged 18

Disability Support Pension

ABSTUDY

the Veterans' Children Education Scheme

the Student Financial Supplement Scheme

a scheme under s258 of the Military Rehabilitation and Compensation Act 2004

an Australian Postgraduate Award.

Independent students are also eligible to claim.

What can you claim?

You can claim the purchase, lease, hire or hire-purchase costs, repairs and running costs of:

laptops, home computers and associated costs — for example, internet and paper

educational software, printers, USB flash drives, disability aids to assist in the use of computer equipment for students with special needs

stationery and art supplies

school textbooks and associated learning materials

trade tools and safety equipment for secondary school trade courses.

Some of the expenses you cannot claim include school fees or the cost of school uniforms, school excursions or travel to and

from school, musical instruments or sporting equipment, clothing or footwear. For a more comprehensive list visit

www.educationtaxrefund.gov.au

When can you claim?

You can claim your education expenses in your 2009 tax return. If you do not have to lodge a tax return, you will be able to lodge a separate claim with the Tax Office from 1 July 2009.

Remember, you need to keep all receipts for expenses you claim.

If your education expenses in one year are more than the claim limit for your children, you can add the excess to your education expenses for the following year.



For more information:

visit www.educationtaxrefund.gov.au

phone the Tax Office on 13 28 61.

SENIORS' WEEK 09

Rozelle Neighbourhood Centre

Wednesday 18th March from 2-4pm.

Older people Get Together for a Jazz Party at Rozelle Neighbourhood Centre

665a Darling Street Rozelle

Rozelle Neighbourhood Centre & Leichhardt Council present **Unity Hall Jazz Band**

Free Entertainment to celebrate seniors! Afternoon Tea and Lucky Door Prizes

Bookings essential: 9555 8988 (ext 7)

Or email community@rnc.ngo.org.au

TADPOLES

If anyone would like some tadpoles

contact Jenny Curtis

9810 6846. They are

Sydney striped marsh frog

tadpoles and are 3mm long

at the moment.



As part of the celebrations for International Women's Day NSW Government Ministers, Local Members and members of the public nominated women from their community for outstanding achievements. On Thursday 5 November 86 women from around NSW gathered at Parliament House to celebrate International Women's Day hosted by Premier Nathan Rees. This year's theme 'Women and Education' recognised that through increased access to education provides the best opportunity for women to expand their career choices, obtain economic security and achieve their potential. Verity Firth MP - Minister for Women, Education and Training and Local Member for Balmain nominated Community Development Worker, Lisa Smajlov.

The nomination was in recognition of contribution to the community through projects and activities at Rozelle Neighbourhood Centre, Leichhardt Council and its committees and voluntary work with Rozelle Public School.

The NSW Women of the Years Award for 2009 was deservedly won by [Cheryl Koenig](#) who is author and campaigner for carers and for improving rights of people suffering with Traumatic Brain Injury. Jane McGrath who lost her battle with cancer last year was posthumously honoured. Each woman attending the event received a [Make a Difference McGrath Foundation](#) bracelet to continue raising the awareness of early detection and support services for breast cancer.

I was privileged and humbled by the inspiring stories of the nominee honour roll who illustrate the big and small achievements one person can quietly achieve. I would like to acknowledge all the women I work with who continually inspire and support me in my community work. I am only just beginning my journey and look forward to working with the community to identify gaps and provide support where I can - it is a role I thoroughly enjoy. Lisa Smajlov



For further information on this event please contact
Lisa Smajlov Community Development Worker
Phone: 9555 8988

CLASS ITEM - HYDRA

This term in Hydra we have been studying The Solar System. Many students completed mid-term projects about this subject. Angus Baird created a movie on his MAC simulating a space journey. Below is a transcript of his flight into space.

The Solar System by Angus Baird

I am going to take you on a journey into space. Jump into my rocket and get ready to blast off! As your captain, I will teach you more about the planets that make up our solar system. Please fasten your seat belts and enjoy this cool ride into outer space.

Mercury is 58 million km from the Sun and is the closest planet to the sun. During the day it is very hot, but at night the temperature can drop to well below freezing. The atmosphere around Mercury cannot hold the heat.

Venus is the closest planet to Earth. It is known as the "twin sister" because it is made out of the same metals and rocks as Earth. Venus is the hottest planet in the solar system.

In order for us to survive on Earth we need heat and light that comes from the sun. Earth is the third closest planet from the sun, and it's the only planet that people can live on.

The red planet known as Mars is so red and dusty that the dust storms can last for weeks. On clear nights, Mars looks like a bright red disc in the sky. I can tell you that Mars is half the size of Earth. A Martian Day is a little bit longer than an Earth day.

Jupiter is 778 million km away from the sun, and it is called The King of the Planets. Jupiter is named the King because it is the biggest planet in the solar system. All the planets could fit inside it. Our day on Earth lasts 24 hours, but on Jupiter a day is 9.8 earth hours. That is just over a school day!

Saturn is the second largest planet in the solar system. Saturn's rings are nearly 3000 000km wide and between 100m and 1km thick. Did you know most of Saturn's moons are just tiny, icy worlds? Saturn is bigger and made out of more materials than Earth, but this material is not so tightly packed together.

Uranus is a large ball of gas. The Earth day is 24 hours but in Uranus their day is 17.2 earth hours. Uranus is 2859 million km from the sun. The planet Uranus has 21 tiny ice moons.

Neptune is a blue ball of gas. Did you know that Neptune is the windiest planet in the solar system? Neptune has faint, dark rings around it. The speeds of the rings are 2000km per hour.

Pluto is not only a dog at Disneyland; it is also a planet in the sky. Pluto used to be the smallest planet in the solar system, but now scientists have decided that Pluto is a dwarf planet. Pluto is the furthest planet away from the sun. Did you know that Pluto was only discovered in 1930?

Now the rocket is about to land. When we land, I, as your captain, will tell you to keep your seatbelts fastened until we come to a complete stop. I hope you enjoyed your journey to outer space. Thank you for travelling on my rocket and I'll see you again soon. Before we land I will tell you a rhyme from Dr Seuss, Mallory Valerie Emily Meetzahs just served us nine hundred and ninety nine pizzas!

for mum and dad

What is Cure The Future?

Cure The Future is all about family.

We are a charity funding innovative medical research into cell and gene therapies.

But how is this related to your family or mine? Well put simply, it's through our DNA.

DNA is what makes every person different to each other. Along with inheriting our parent's genetic codes or genes, we also may inherit some abnormalities. Abnormalities that may bring with them some serious diseases.

There are over four thousand diseases which you, your children and grandchildren could inherit. Diseases like leukaemia, diabetes, heart disease, haemophilia or prostate cancer.

Through the cell and gene research supported by Cure The Future we will eventually understand enough about DNA to introduce cells which will repair the disease-causing gene and replace it with a healthy gene – correcting the underlying cause of your family's medical condition.

At the forefront of this pioneering research is Professor John Rasko. He is a world-renowned gene therapy scientist and practising haematologist based at Royal Prince Alfred Hospital, chairman of the federal committee GTTAC and amongst other things, he is a board director of Cure The Future - a foundation specifically set up to fund cell and gene therapy research in Australia.

He was the first-in-the-world to run a clinical gene therapy trial with the aim of curing Haemophilia. As recently reported on the ABC Television program *Catalyst*, this trial involved a single injection of a modified, safe virus carrying the therapeutic haemophilia gene. This was delivered into the liver of the patient. In one of the two Australian patients we saw an increase in the previously-absent haemophilia factor was experienced.

While this success was only temporary, this trial offered proof to the principle that by treating the root genetic cause of a disease it can be cured.

Cure The Future is committed to funding research which might one day lead to finding the cures for thousands of genetically inherited diseases – so our children and grandchildren will not have to suffer from them in the future.

What is the Know You Family project about?

The Know You Family pack is designed for your child to find out all about his/her family tree. The purpose of the project is to provide each child with an educational experience by researching and talking to family members about their family history. The child can fill in as much detail as they want and include photos and anything else about their family if they would like too.

It is a fantastic opportunity for your child to create something special that they can keep and build on in years to come. It is also a worthy opportunity to support Cure The Future and the vision it has to find cures for thousands of genetically inherited diseases that affect many of our families every day.

For more information please visit www.curethefuture.org