

NEWSLETTER – 19th February 2016

Diary Dates

3rd Mar	Swimming Carnival Yr 3-6
11th Mar -	PSSA Gala Day 1
17th Mar -	Harmony Day

From The Principal

Drills

In the coming weeks we will be practising our Lockdowns and Evacuations procedures in Department of Educations policies

The Tell Them From Me student feedback survey

I am delighted that this term, our school, like many others in the state, will participate in a Department of Education initiative: the "Tell Them From Me" student feedback survey.

The survey aims to help improve student learning outcomes and measures factors that are known to affect academic achievement and other student outcomes. The focus of the NSW-wide survey is on student wellbeing, engagement and effective teaching practices.

More information about the survey is available at: <http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au/information-for-parents>

The survey is a great opportunity for our students to provide our school with valuable and quick feedback on what they think about school life, how engaged they are with school and the different ways that teachers interact with them. Schools in Australia and around the world have used the Tell Them From Me survey to help improve how they do things at school.

I want to assure you that the survey is confidential and school staff will not be able to identify individual students from their responses. The survey is conducted online and will typically take less than 30 minutes to complete. It will be administered during school hours between 14 March and 8 April. Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary.

A consent form and a list of frequently asked questions (FAQs) for parents/carers about the survey is being sent home with students. If you do not want your child or children to participate, please return the consent form to school by Friday 26 February. The FAQs and copies of the consent form, including translated consent forms, are available from the website above.

Professional Learning

This year our Year 1 & 2 teachers will be involved in professional development around a Literacy Program- Language, Learning and Literacy (L3). The teachers will be attending the professional development at Campbelltown North Public School for 3 hours per fortnight until the end of Term 3. The Learning Support teachers will be following the class teachers program so as to not to disrupt student learning.

Rosemeadow Public School values parent involvement

As educators know and research verifies, a critical factor in a child's educational success is parent involvement. A positive home-school connection not only benefits the child; it also benefits the school. If you would like to be involved in any way please fill out the coloured form and return it to the office. We look forward to working with you.

Car park

The school has previously worked with Work Health and Safety personnel to review our car parking situation. A risk assessment was conducted around the safety of cars parking on school grounds. The recommendation has been made that no parents park on school grounds. We urge that all parents and community members support this request.

Welcome Back BBQ

We had a great response to our "Welcome Back BBQ" last Friday. It was great to see the staff, students and community members have an opportunity to engage on an informal level. We have appreciated the positive feedback about the afternoon.



Kindergarten 2016

We are currently processing the students enrolment forms to ensure we have all the paperwork needed to complete the process. If you have any missing information we will call and send home a letter requesting that the information be provided as soon as possible. ie missing birth certificates, immunisation etc

If you have any questions or concerns please contact the office on 4621 1733

Mr Hughes

Lilypads and Leap Frogs

Lilypads Playtime Playgroup for 0 - 5 Years for children & their parents. Tuesday mornings 9 - 11.00 am

Leapfrogs Transition to School Program for 4 - 5 years for children & their parents.
Thursday : Session 1 : 9.00 - 10.30
Session 2 : 11.00 - 12.30

Walking Group

Join us for a healthy regular morning walk starting Friday 26th February 2016 9 - 10 am and every Friday after that.

All welcome! Even your pram and Bubs..
Please ensure you bring your water and hats for use during the walk and meet Wendy at the flagpole outside the office.



For more information please call Wendy on 46211 4902.

Wendy

Join the R.P.S Clubs!

At Rosemeadow students have the opportunity to join a club at lunch time to pursue their interests and learn new skills.

This year R.P.S. teachers will be offering the following clubs:

Club	Day	Teacher
Art	Monday	Mr Coskerie
Dance	Tuesday	Mrs Delaney
Glee Club	Tuesday	Miss Hyeronimus
Debating	Wednesday	Miss Charmand, Mrs Jansen
Italian	Wednesday	Miss Zorzut
Drama	Thursday	Miss Stringer
Green Team - Gardening	Friday	Miss Harrison

The clubs will offer fun activities, as well as opportunities for performances and/or excursions throughout the year. The clubs will be starting in weeks 5 and 6, all interested students are encouraged to join.



Student Health Conditions

A reminder to parents to notify the school about your child's health

We welcome information from parents about your child's health, even if you are not requesting specific support from our school. Our school asks for medical information when you enrol your child. It is also important that you let us know if your child's health care needs change or if a new health condition develops.

Information about allergies, medical conditions such as asthma and diabetes and other health care related issues (including prior conditions such as medical procedures in the last 12 months) should be provided to the school by parents. Please provide this information in writing to the principal. This will greatly assist our school in planning to support your child's health and wellbeing.

Please also remember to notify staff in the school office of any changes to your contact details or to the contact details of other people nominated as emergency contacts.

We appreciate your assistance in this regard and assure you that any information you provide the school will be stored securely and will only be used or disclosed in order to support your son or daughter's health needs or as otherwise required by law.

School Banking

One of the most important life skills your child will ever learn is SAVING. The earlier children start good saving habits, the longer those behaviours will stay with them.



School Banking encourages regular saving with an exciting Rewards Program to motivate children to save. Application packages have been sent home to all students, additional packages are available from the front office.

The banking day for this year is MONDAY.

So far the school has received \$1800 in commissions from the student banking process

UPDATED CONTACT DETAILS

It is very important that you let the office know of any changes to your family details especially contact numbers. We have already had instances where parents have not been able to be contacted because they have incorrect numbers listed and this can cause much distress to the sick child.

Thank you for your cooperation.

AMBARTOUR 2016

Parents and students of Years 5 and 6 are invited to attend the 2016 Ambartour. This is a great opportunity to tour our school and meet staff and students.

Discover what your local high school has to offer!

Tuesday 23 February
5:30pm - 7:30pm
Ambarvale High School
Thomas Rose Drive Rosemeadow

**We look forward to meeting you.
The tour commences in the School Hall.**

ALL WELCOME

GOOD GUY DOLLARS

If you are shopping at the Good Guy stores please ask for your Good Guy Dollars for our school. These all add up and enable us to purchase much needed equipment such as cameras etc.

SCHOOL ZONE PARKING OFFENCES

Current as at 1 July 2015

	Means that in the area in the direction of the arrow, you <u>must NOT STOP your vehicle</u> at any point on the road or kerb, unless there is a medical or other emergency.	Maximum Penalty \$425 + 2 Demerit Points
	Means that you have no more than 2 minutes for drop-offs or pick-ups of passengers or goods and the driver must stay within 3 metres of your vehicle.	Penalty \$177 + 2 Demerit Points
	Means that in the direction of the arrow or arrows you are not allowed to stop your vehicle unless you are driving a bus.	Penalty \$319 + 2 Demerit Points
	DOUBLE PARKING You are NOT PERMITTED to stop or park your vehicle alongside another vehicle that is already parked parallel to the kerb.	Penalty \$319 + 2 Demerit Points

- STOP in a NO STOPPING zone: \$319 + 2 Demerit Points
- STOP on or near a Children's or Pedestrian Crossing (within 20m on approach & 10m on departure side of crossing): \$425 + 2 Demerit Points
- STOP on path/strip in built up area: \$177 + 2 Demerit Points

Please Note: fines subject to change without notice. These penalties apply to offences in school zones only while the zone is active.