

NEWSLETTER – 17th March 2016

Diary Dates

- 17th Mar - Harmony Day
- 24th Mar - K-2 Hat Parade
- 25th Mar - Good Friday (Public Holiday)
- 28th Mar - Easter Monday (Public Holiday)
- 1st April - P&C AGM
- 1st April - PSSA Gala Day 2
- 5th April - School Photo Day
- 8th April - Disco
- 8th April - Last day of Term 1

From The Principal

School Facilities

The school received another demountable classroom that will be ready for occupation next week. Some general landscaping will take around the facility and additional pathways installed. The school was also successful in gaining a grant from Red Cross for the installation of a larger vegetable garden and chicken coup. This facility will allow for students to be taught outdoors with a hands on focus. Construction of this facility will be starting soon and hopefully students will be able to access it early next term.

Car Park

Due to safety concerns, we request that you do not park in the school car park. Please park outside school grounds and walk onto the premises. We seek your support with this important safety issue. We also ask that you do not walk your children through the car park to enter or exit the school grounds. A local school had a near miss last week when a parent drove into the car park hitting the fence. I urge everyone to support this very important safety issue.

Community Conference

We have over 30 members of the community joining us on Saturday to discuss, in detail, school planning. The aim of this conference is to inform parents and equip them with greater skills to contribute to the overall planning and decision making of the school. I will report on the outcomes of the day in my next newsletter.

Harmony Day

The school celebrated Harmony Day last Thursday with many parents and community members in attendance. We were appreciative of the support we received from various community groups. The students that spoke and performed on the day were outstanding. Thank you to the committee that organised this wonderful event.



School Photos

Parents please check the names on the front of the photo envelopes to ensure that they belong to your child. Each child has a unique photo envelope and code and if you use the wrong

code you may not receive your child's photo. Please contact the office for a new envelope if needed.

Photo day is Tuesday 5th April 2016. Please make sure your child's money and orders are returned by Monday 4th April 2016.

Sibling photos envelopes are available at the office.

Congratulations

Well Done to Latisha T, Jazz T, Arty B, Jade B, Jayden B and Iszak I for making it to the Regional Swimming Carnival.

No Dogs

It is against school policy to allow dogs on school grounds, so please ensure that you keep all pets at home when dropping off or picking up your child.



Paul Hughes - Principal

Easter Hat Parade

On Thursday 24th March, Kindergarten, Year One and Year Two will be participating in a Hat Parade at 9.30am to 10.30am under the shelter area. Parents and family members are welcome to attend.

Parents are asked to assist their child in making a simple decorative hat. We encourage parents to keep costs to a minimum.

If you have any questions please contact your child's teacher.

We hope to see you there.
Kindergarten, Year One and Year Two Teachers

SeeSaw

Rosemeadow Public School this year will be starting to utilise the Seesaw App across the whole school. Seesaw empowers students to independently create and organise their work in a digital journal, develop their academic voice and collaborate with classmates.

Seesaw facilitates parent communication with real-time notifications, giving parents a glimpse of their child's day and an opportunity to support learning at home. Parents will receive a QR code that is unique to their child and this enables parents to see their child's work, as soon as the teacher uploads it. Seesaw is available as an app on iPad, iPhone and Android devices.

All classes are utilising the Seesaw App and I encourage you to engage in this valuable opportunity to find out about your child's learning.

It is important to note Seesaw is not published to the web and only you as a parent, your child and the classroom teacher are able to view your child's portfolio. The only time other parents may see children's photos is when a group or whole class photo is taken.

We really look forward to capturing your child's learning and sharing it with you. If you have any questions or would not like your child's photos to be published on Seesaw, please do not hesitate to contact your child's class teacher.

We look forward to strengthening our partnership with school and home.

Technology Committee

Brett Emerton

Brett Emerton was part of the Australian Soccero's team and visited Rosemeadow Public School to share inspirational stories of his time with the team and the dedication needed to achieve his goals.



The students really enjoyed the visit. It was very informative and motivational.

World's Greatest Craze

Thank you to everyone for supporting this wonderful event. Rosemeadow PS raised over \$490.

The Premier's Reading Challenge (P.R.C.)

The Premier's Reading Challenge aims to encourage a love of reading for leisure and pleasure in students, and to



enable them to experience quality literature. It is not a competition but a challenge to each student to read, more and to read more widely.

This year all students from Years 2-6 will be entering the challenge. While most students will be completing this task at school, some students may wish to include books from home in the challenge.

The challenge ends on the 19th August by which time all students must have entered their books online. This will be done at school during Library time. It is up to each student to keep an accurate record of the books they have read, on their personal reading log which is held in each classroom.

P.R.C. includes a vast list of books which children must select from for the bulk of the challenge, but each student is also allowed 5 free choice books which may be in a language other than English. Students in Years 3-6 may read at their own level or up into the next level but they are not to read down a level. Year 2 students will all be completing the K-2 challenge.

GRADE	MINIMUM P.R.C BOOKS	FREE CHOICE BOOKS	TOTAL BOOKS READ BY 19/8/16
K-2	25	5	30
3-4	15	5	20
5-6	15	5	20

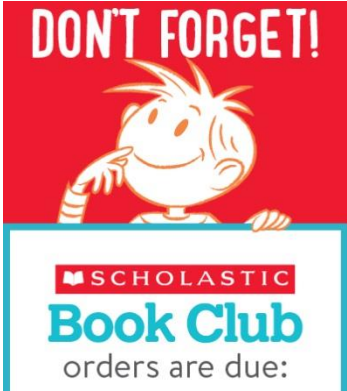
Please encourage your child/children to complete the challenge. Reading widely is extremely important for improving vocabulary, comprehension, imagination and general knowledge.

Thank you for your support.
Karyn Jansen - Teacher-Librarian

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.



Issue 2 - Friday 18th March 2016

RPS FIT & FUN



RPS Fit & Fun will commence THIS FRIDAY. Sessions will be fun by a qualified fitness instructor and will cater for a range of fitness levels, so feel free to come and get involved!

WHEN: Fridays 2:10pm - 3pm starting 11th March 2016 and every Friday after.

WHERE: Meet at the new play equipment behind the office

CHILDCARE: Miss Wendy will be at the new play equipment to look after any younger children.

WHY: To get fit, have some fun and meet some new friends!

BRING: Sports clothes, water bottle, towel etc

Hope to see you then,
Miss Harrison

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 4621 4902.

Wendy



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.

End of Term Disco

Friday 8th April is our end of term DISCO. Come along dressed in your disco clothes.
The costs are as follows:
Disco only \$3.00 Sausage Sizzle only \$3.00
Disco and Sausage Sizzle Combo \$5.00
Glow Products will be available starting in price from \$1.

