Term 1 Week 2  5th February, 2013

Principal’s Report….

Welcome back to what is going to be yet another exciting and highly productive year for our students and community at Rooty Hill Public School.
I would like to extend a particularly warm welcome to our new families this year – I know you will soon feel at home here!
New staff have joined us this year. We welcome to our skilled and highly dedicated team Ms Jamal, Ms Langerak, Ms Mikhail, & Ms Gentle
I will provide you with a full staff list next week when permanent classes are formed.

Congratulations to all of our youngest students who enrolled in Kindergarten last week – I hope they are all looking forward to their next seven years with us!

Our calendar for this term is already very busy – with more to come. Please peruse the dates provided in “What’s Happening @ Rooty Hill PS” and try to make arrangements to be able to attend our ‘Meet the Teacher’ night on Thursday 21st February.
For all parents of Kindergarten students and families with students new to our school in any grade, make space in your diary for our “Welcome Evening” on Thursday March 14th – this will be a special informal evening for your whole family, with a Sausage Sizzle supper and fun activities for our boys and girls.

Showcasing our wonderful students
We have a number of prestigious performance groups here at Rooty Hill. Auditions are currently taking place for students to secure places in our Dance Groups, Choir and Drumming Group. Performance opportunities may include Sydney West Dance Festival, the District Education Week performances and the Western Sydney Arts Showcase “PULSE” to be held at the Sydney Opera House in August! As placement in these groups is competitive, any students who are successful in gaining a place in one of them will be expected to make a commitment to that group for the whole year, attending all rehearsals and performance activities.

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*Line up correctly
Trials will also be underway this week for places in our inter-school PSSA sports teams – a busy time indeed!! Sports on offer include Newcombe Ball, T-Ball, Cricket, Volleyball and Softball.

Any superfish?
I hope everyone is looking forward to tomorrow’s Swimming Carnival. This event is part of our School Curriculum so I know we’ll see everyone there from Year 2 to Year 6!! There is no need to be a ‘good swimmer’ to attend – there will be lots of novelty events for our non-swimmers. Our Swimming Carnival will provide the first opportunity for our newly elected House Captains to undertake their important duties. Congratulations to:

**Baker:**
- Captains – Zane Catlett & Jayden Cini-Young
- Vice-Captains – Jack Drennan & Anushua Saha

**Cable:**
- Captains – James Herning & Jade Ratanasirilak
- Vice-Captains – Samara Colwell & Emily Bolan

**Higgins:**
- Captains – Holly Steeden & Georgia Simpson
- Vice-Captains – Dylan Piggott & Selina Urbina-Quiroz

**Macdonald:**
- Captains – Jade Walsh & Varnie Raman
- Vice-Captains – Jesse Wilshire & Mark Aiatia

(We have been advised by Mt Druitt Pool that, should parents wish to remain at the pool with their child at the conclusion of the school carnival, both children and adults must leave the pool and pay for re-entry).

**Pride in our school**
It is really pleasing to see nearly every child in full school uniform, ensuring pride in our school and a message to the local community about the high standards set and achieved at Rooty Hill PS. Whenever you need new items, our Uniform Shop is open each **Monday, Wednesday and Friday morning from 9.00 to 10.00.** If you are unable to attend school personally to make purchases, order forms are available at the Canteen, at the school office and on our website – uniform items will be sent home with your child. Please remember that school hats are part of the uniform and there is an expectation that they will be worn.

Both broad-brimmed hats and caps are available.

**Kind regards,**  
**Jackie Malecki**

**Eight ways to get your kids organised**
Are you ready for morning madness, late assignments, yesterday's half-eaten lunch sweating in the schoolbag? Just like adults, children cope much better if they can manage their time and their environment wisely.

**Smart foods to boost learning**
Mother Nature is full of foods that help us think and feel better. What do you give your child to help them think more clearly, and enhance concentration and memory?

**2013 homework planner**
Kids and families run more smoothly when there's a plan. The 2013 homework and study calendar includes key dates and school holidays. You can print it out month by month, or by the whole year.

Doing well in class
Our expert panel shares tips about how parents can help their younger and older kids reach their full potential at school and motivate them for learning. Watch the video. Find our more: http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/development/getting-off-to-a-good-start/good-start/chapter-one

Early Childhood Clinic....

From Monday 8th October the Early Childhood Clinic times will change to:
Appointments
Clinic is on Wednesdays 9am - 12midday
If your child is due a "Blue Book Check" you need to make an appointment.
Blue Book Checks are at 8 weeks of age, 6 months old, 12 months old, 18 months old, 2 years old, 3 years old and 4 years old. You can contact Mt Druitt Community Health Centre on 9881 1200 for an appointment.

Plumpton/Oakhurst Soccer Club

'The Family Club'
REGISTRATION DAYS
At: Hanna Reserve, Hyatt's Road, OAKHURST
All Players: Sat 2nd FEB & 9th FEB 2013: 10am-1pm
All new players REQUIRE ID

We welcome everyone from 5yrs to Over 35's
Please complete the on-line registration process in advance.
www.myfootballclub.com.au

Enquiries Contact our Registrar – Katrina Ena
On 0409 564 105 between 6-8pm only
For details visit the website: www.plumptonoakhurstsc.org.au

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