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From the Principal….

As always, on behalf of the staff at Rooty Hill PS, I wish all families a safe and happy holiday. School resumes for students on Tuesday 7th October. (There is no School Development Day next term)

Great Achievers

Congratulations to our latest Gold Award recipients – and thank you to the parents and friends who were able to join us at yesterday’s Principal’s Afternoon Tea.

We are very proud of:
- Rylene Chaudhary,
- Natalia Iese,
- Clara Stirk,
- Sophia Thurston,
- Raheela Hassan,
- Emelia Sleep,
- Annika Hagan,
- Leandro Lama,
- Cheryl Sun and
- Charlie Hartmann.

Congratulations also to:
- Myra Kumar,
- Juan Tabernilla,
- Olivia Hull,
- Maria Nisar,
- Antonio Thomas,
- Cruz Iese,
- Lise Peato,
- Malakhai Thomas,
- Cielo Bautista,
- Lauren Copta and
- Suaad Khalaf.

Amazing performances!

I do hope as many of you as possible will take the opportunity to attend tonight’s or tomorrow’s performances of ‘REACH’. This amazing concert is the result of many months of hard work by the students of our school, Eastern Creek PS, Minchinbury PS and Rooty Hill High School.

Make sure you are there to support our boys and girls even if your own child is not performing. If you have not already purchased a ticket, a few additional ones will be available at the door.

More achievers!

The results of the NSW University English Competition have arrived at school. Participants received their certificates and parent reports last week. Special congratulations go to the following students for their exceptional results:

Certificates of Credit –
- Shyla Singh,
- Emily Rough,
- Davina Ambat,
- Lilly Thomas and
- Tarsha Daly

Certificate of Distinction –
- Johnny Wu

Sweet treats

A reminder that tomorrow (Wednesday) our Year 6 cake stall will take place. Bring some pocket money to buy something delicious at recess.

Kind regards

Jackie Malecki
Year 4 Science Incursion….
On Thursday 11th September Year 4 had a Science incursion in the school hall. Year 4 students had the opportunity to go into a Cosmodome Planetarium and listen to a presenter teach them about the Earth and Space.

The children learnt about our galaxy, the planets in our solar system and constellations in the sky. They also learnt about how the Earth gets night and day, as well as how the Earth gets its seasons. To conclude the session, the students watched a video called ‘Earth’s Wild Ride’ on a 180 degree screen.

Listed below are some comments from the Year 4 students about what they learnt from the incursion:
Johnny Wu (4F) – I learnt that stars twinkle and planets don’t, so that is how I will identify planets and stars in the night sky.
Skye Lepua (4F) – I learnt that there are millions of galaxies in the universe.
Jacob Kapustic (4B) – I learnt that everything on Earth, including ourselves is made from space dust.
Lily-Rae Dunn (4F) – I learnt that Pluto is no longer considered to be a planet and it is now a dwarf planet.
Nicholas Pakas (4F) – I learnt the sun is a star.
Lamiah Hossain (4B) – I learnt about how the planets orbit the sun and how the planets were formed.
Chontal Robert (4F) – I learnt that constellations have names and pictures for remembering them, and that they tell a story.
Imeleta Fono (4F) – I learnt that Earth’s moon moves around the Earth.
Emil Balajan (4F) – I learnt that an exploding star is called a supernova.

Sydney West Athletics Carnival….
Last Wednesday, five students from Rooty Hill Public School represented Mt Druitt District at the Sydney West Athletics Carnival.
Angelica Gonzales competed in the 11 Year Girls 100m race and placed 3rd in her heat which is an amazing effort. Well done Angelica!
Our Senior Boys relay team consisted of Kobe Lepua, Rheece Vassallo, James Herning and Carlos Torzar. The boys had been training hard during their lunchtimes and were determined to run a great race. They definitely tried their very best and placed 3rd in their heat! The boys completed the relay race in 58 seconds which was 3 seconds faster than their time at the Mt Druitt District Carnival. The boys relay team placed 10th overall – A fantastic result! Well done!

Carlos Torzar competed in the 11 Year Boys 100m and 200m races, as well as the high jump. In the 200m heat Carlos placed 2nd and qualified for the final. He placed 3rd in the final. This is an enormous achievement! In the 100m heat Carlos placed 4th in his heat. Congratulations Carlos – some amazing results that you should be very proud of!

Well done to all of our athletes – Angelica, Kobe, Rheece, James and Carlos. We are very proud that you represented our school and the Mt Druitt District. Congratulations and well done!
Karla Regan…Athletics Coordinator

Little Learners Program….
On Thursday, we had our very first session of the Little Learners Transition to School program. I was extremely lucky to meet and work with 30 excited and talkative children who will be starting Kindergarten next year at Rooty Hill Public School.

Although we had a few tears from children leaving their mums and dads for the first time, all the parents put on very brave faces. We played many fun activities including sports, painting, singing and Crunch and Sip. Some children practised writing their names, while others read books or built train tracks all around the classroom! We read a book about dinosaurs and then created our own dinosaur skeletons using pasta shapes. Everyone was very impressed with our work!

We practised sharing toys and enjoyed eating our healthy Crunch and Sip. The children had a wonderful time getting to know each other and making new friends… friends who they will see next year in Kindergarten!

It was an absolute pleasure teaching the children and I look forward to seeing 30 happy, smiling faces next Thursday.
Mrs Fiona Mackenzie….Little Learners Coordinator