‘News from the Hill’
Rooty Hill Public School
Quality Education in a vibrant, caring school

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Term 4 Week 1

From the Principal

It seems impossible that we have already reached the final term for 2014! This is probably our busiest term – your calendar is attached to this Newsletter so you can start fixing those diary dates! There will be a number of events which we hope you will join us for over the next few weeks.

More achievers

Pleasing results for the University Maths Competition arrived during the holidays. Competition certificates and parent reports will be sent home this week. Special congratulations go to the following:

- Merit: Kalp Panchal, Stefan Adamovic, Anam Diwan, Vinuji Polwaththa Gallage, Tarsha Daly, Alwin Joseph
- Credit: Jabez Ou, Divina Ambat
- Distinction: Jacob Kapustic, Vince Tumbaga

We were particularly pleased that Johnny Wu received a High Distinction in this competition.

Kindergarten 2015

Invitations to our Orientation Program will soon be issued to you and your child. The ‘Parents Only’ evening information session will take place on Thursday 13th November.

Morning sessions for you and your child are scheduled for Tuesday 18th November, Thursday 27th November and Friday 5th December.

If you have a child who will be starting school next year and you have not yet completed application to enrol forms, it is important that you do this as a matter of urgency to secure a place in a 2015 Kindergarten class.

Kind regards
Jackie Malecki

Debating…

On the 19th of September the debating team met Glendenning Public School in the semi-finals. The topic was that summer is better than winter and we were taking on the case for the affirmative. Glendenning lost against our strong arguments. Our speakers were:

1st speaker Ann Rose
2nd speaker Faqeeha
3rd speaker Emily
4th speaker Alwin

We had a great time debating against Glendonning and we wish them the best of luck in the future.

By Alwin Joseph 6G and Emily Rough 6S

Calendar

PSSA Begins this Friday

Fri 10th Oct
- PSSA Begins

Tues 14th Oct
- Principal’s Afternoon Tea

Wed 15th Oct
- District Public Speaking Competition

Thurs 13th Nov
- Kindy 2015 Orientation Parent Session

Mon 8th Dec
- Presentation Assembly

Tues 16th Dec
- Year 6 Graduation & Farewell

Focus of the Fortnight

* Eat a healthy lunch

* Walk around the school
Our School Rules
Care For Your School
Care For Others
Care For Yourself

Tuesday is School Banking Day

Library Borrowing Competition Winners
Term 3 Week 10

Lawrence Gao
1/2D

Tayla Norton
4/5L

Suaad Khalaf
5/6E

Uniform Shop
Hours
Mon, Wed, Fri
8.30am – 9.30am

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Reach Concert....

Senior Dance We felt nervous when we were on stage. When we started dancing it was great and we were having so much fun. When our dance was finished everyone started to clap, it was exciting. Thank you to all the girls for coming to rehearsals and all the parents and people in the Reach Concert.
Breanna Foster 5B & Koralee Catlett 3/4S

Choir I’m in choir and my name is Mia. I came to the school at 6 o’clock. I got to perform in both brackets on Tuesday and Wednesday nights. We sang at ten past 7 in the MBM Anglican Church across the road. The first song we performed was “We Be Cool”. The second song was “Colours of the Wind” which is from Pocahontas the Disney movie. We came back and had to entertain ourselves till we were called again. In the second bracket we sang “I’ve Lost my Homework” and “Big Bad Bushranger”. It fun but by the time we got home we were so tired!!! My mum and dad came on Tuesday and then Wednesday my sister, Aunties, Mel and Kristina, my uncle and my Grandma came to watch the concert and see me.
Mia Thurstun 5/6E

This year I was part of the Reach Concert for 2014. I was in the 2 groups, PULSE Choir and Reach Choir. The schools that participated in the Reach Concert were Rooty Hill High, Minchinbury Public, Eastern Creek Public and Rooty Hill Public. All the performances were excellent. You could see all the preparation that went into the performances, Students from our school Logan Loyd and Shaye Ryan introduced all our school performances. They were very confident and handled being in the spotlight very well. A big thanks to Mrs Poona, Mrs Epps, Miss Morton, Mrs Mackenzie, Miss Kimber and Mrs Dumont for taking the time to teach their groups their fabulous performance, and a special thanks to Mrs Steward for taking photos on the night for the newsletter.
Rhea-Maree. Hill 5/6E

Cyberbullying - prevention tips for parents
The statistics around cyberbullying are sketchy, mainly because it often goes unreported. What we do know is that the likelihood of children being bullied online or over the phone increases as they get older and use technology more frequently.
Find out more: http://bit.ly/xHLLDH

How much screen time?
‘Screen time’ used to mean how many hours you spent watching TV and playing on the computer. However, with the growing number of digital devices on offer today, the question of what screen time means now is far more complex.