Great Achievers

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

We are very proud of: Quinne Brewer, Jasaiss Ah Kee, Junior Peato, Maximus Hunt, Roberto Santiago, Vanessa Zarzeczn, Mahika Chandra, Victoria Brockway, Koleti Pese, Logan Lloyd, Lyndon Tume, Chelsea Radzki, Zachariah Matara, Ebony Curran-Christensen, Aaniya Raza and Crystelle Xuereb.

Congratulations also to: Jennifer Buckley, Niloy Mohammed, Hallelujah Crichton, Nael Salacsacan, Riley Te Huki, Jericho Del Rosario, Kathleen Moxham, Divek Kumar, Nina Shemon, Ivan Vinoya, Brock Jarrett, Emil Balajan, Myracle Matara and Connor Syrls.

More changes………..

As any ‘long-term’ families from our school would know, we work hard to constantly upgrade and improve the facilities offered to our boys and girls here at Rooty Hill PS. Our latest addition, soon to be completed, is a large shade area being constructed on the far side of the oval, near the Perkins Street gate. Not an inexpensive project, this additional facility has been made possible by some careful budgeting, a donation from Rooty Hill RSL and not least through the wonderful support our families have given to our fundraising activities over the past twelve months. Thank you to everyone who has contributed in any way.

Once the COLA (Covered Outdoor Learning Area) has been completed we will need to make plans to improve the seating and asphalt area around it.

Kind regards
Jackie Malecki

Debating News…..

Congratulations to our Debating Team, who have made it into the semi-finals for the R.A Pickles Debating Competition. Our team has worked very hard this year and developed their skills in speech writing, public speaking and refuting arguments. We will now debate against Glendenning Public School in the Pool 2 semi-finals. The debate will be held at our school in Week 10 (with a date to be confirmed soon). The topic for the debate is: **Summer is better than Winter**, with Rooty Hill Public being the affirmative team. The Debating Team have worked very hard to reach this goal and we know that they will continue to make us proud at our next debate.

Mrs Robinson and Mrs Shankaran Debating Coaches
Year 4 Camp....
On Tuesday 26th of August Year 4 went to Taronga Zoo for a Zoo Snooze. Before we got to the zoo we went for a walk up the Pylon of Sydney Harbour Bridge. We learnt a lot about the bridge. It took over 50000 rivets to make the bridge! There are 200 steps inside the pylon. After that we ran down the 200 steps and got in the bus.
Then we went to the Rocks walking tour. Blake Knight and Connor Syrls were sharing all of their knowledge about the First Fleet. We learnt a lot about the Argyle Cut, the Push Gangs and much much more.
We finally got to the Zoo and had our twilight tour. We learnt about an omnivore, herbivore, insectivore and carnivores. Before we had dinner we got to touch some reptiles. After that we had dinner and went to bed. The next day we packed our bags and had breakfast. Then we went back into the groups we were in last night and touched some cute, furry animals e.g. a glider. After that we went to the nocturnal house. In the house we saw some more gliders, bats, mice and owls.
Guess what? It was the tiger cub’s birthday. We all sang happy birthday to surprise the tiger keepers. We also got into groups of thirteen and fourteen to see all the diurnal animals. There were also African animals. Even the king of the jungle was there! We also got to see the seal show and the bird show. They were amazing! We got to explore the rest of the Zoo. We caught the bus and went back to school and then home.
By Blake and Vinuji

P & C News....
Wow, another term is almost over and what a busy time we have had shopping and preparing Fathers’ Day Gifts.
Thank you to all the mums who helped wrap and sell gifts for our stall. We greatly appreciate all your help.
Hope all those Dads and Grandads enjoyed their lovingly selected gifts. The children seemed to have a difficult time choosing just the right one.
We raised $967 at our stall so a big thank you to all parents for supporting us!

Deb Johns
P&C President
Year 6 Hill End Camp....
On Monday 25th August, Year 5 and Year 6 boarded our buses to Hill End Ranch, northwest of Bathurst. The journey took about 6 hours and was a stomach churning event for many of us. Camp lasted three days and two nights and we needed to ‘rug up’ as it was very cold. Day two saw us explore the heritage town of Hill End; visit a Gold Mine and climb up an air-shaft; walk down and explore Golden Gully; see how quartz was once crushed and pan for gold. Most of us were lucky enough to find something, whether it be gold dust or cubic crystals, also known as Fools’ Gold. One lucky student even found three small golden nuggets. The next morning, sadly the last day of camp, we woke up sleepily to pack our bags. After breakfast, we bought some items at the gift shop and then headed for home. We all had a fantastic time on camp and we’d like to thank Mrs De Rosa, Mrs Epps, Ms Grice, Mr Katon, Mrs Power and Mrs Shankaran for making camp possible.

By Tarsha 6D and Emily 6S

Public Speaking Year 3-6....
What a fabulous year for Public Speakers! Our class winners were all wonderful and very brave to stand up and speak in front of a packed audience. Our children wrote some amazing speeches – Year 3 had the topic of “Lost”, and Year 4 was “Come Travel With Me”. Years 5 and 6 had free choice, their speeches were varied and very entertaining. Our grade winners were
Year 3 – Lachlan Thomas
Year 4 – Coralee Catlett
Year 5 – Keely Hodgetts
Year 6 – Divina Ambat
These children will now speak at the District Competition in Term 4, which this year will be hosted by our school! I’m looking forward to the event.
Well done everyone

Leanne Kiely
Public Speaking Co-ordinator

SRC Disco....
On Thursday 4th September, we had our second SRC Disco for the year. The theme for the disco was ‘Favourite Sports Star’. Children arrived wearing a variety of sporting teams colours and dressed as their favourite stars. All of the children had a lot of fun dancing and K-2 enjoyed a range of party games.
We raised a total of $1301.50. SRC will be holding meetings over the next few weeks to discuss what they would like to spend the money raised from the SRC Disco on.
A big thankyou to Mrs Beath for supplying the DJ equipment for the night and all teachers involved!

Yvonne Simunovic
District High Jump…

Last Wednesday I accompanied Rithick Naiker, Angelica Gonzales and Carlos Torzar to Dawson Public School when they competed in the Mt Druitt District High Jump competition. Rithick and Carlos both competed in the 11 Year Boys competition and were both great competitors. Carlos jumped an amazing 1.37m and placed 1st which means that he qualifies for the Sydney West Athletics Carnival this Wednesday. This is Carlos’ 4th event that he will compete in at Sydney West. Angelica competed in the 11 Year Girls age group. Angelica jumped 1.30m and placed 3rd in her age group which is a huge achievement. Congratulations to Rithick, Angelica and Carlos for their efforts and taking the time after school to compete in this event. Good luck to Carlos at the Sydney West Athletics Carnival this Wednesday!

Karla Regan
Athletics Carnival Coordinator

Library
Borrowing
Competition
Winners
Term 3 Week 8

Petra
Adamovic KE

Niloy
Mohammed 3F

Kanith
Shukla 5B

Road safety

Key points to remember around schools

4 Hold your child’s hand

As pedestrians, children can be easily distracted and are often too small to be seen by drivers. They may be unable to predict or identify dangers and tend to act impulsively.

Talk with your child about safe behaviour on the footpath – it is not a safe place to play. Include discussion on the dangers of vehicles that may be entering or exiting driveways.

Until your child is at least eight years old, hold their hand:

• on the footpath,
• in the car park,
• when crossing the road.

Up until at least 10 years old, supervise your child very closely, holding their hand when crossing the road.

If you cannot be with your child, organise for another trusted adult to accompany them.

After school, meet your child at the school gate.

At the end of the school day, children may be excited, distracted and tired and may not concentrate on road safety.

5 Helmet and safety on wheels

Your child must wear a helmet when riding a bike in any public place – it’s the law.

Your child’s helmet must comply with the Australian and New Zealand Standards. It must be securely fitted and fastened on their head.

Check that your child wears a bicycle helmet whenever playing or riding on wheels – bikes, foot scooters, rollerblades, skateboards or rollerblades. The helmet should be firmly buckled so it fits without wobbling or slipping to the sides. It must protect the forehead.

Although children quickly learn to pedal, steer and brake, they are not ready to cycle near traffic or on the road.

Children under 12 and adult riders accompanying and supervising them may ride on the footpath, unless there are signs specifically prohibiting cycling.

When riding on the footpath, cyclists must keep to the left and give way to pedestrians. Children need to take special care at driveways where vehicles may be driving in or out. At intersections, children must dismount and wheel the bicycle across the road as a pedestrian, following the ‘STOP! LOOK! LISTEN! THINK!’ procedure.

For more information visit
roadsafety.transport.nsw.gov.au

Our School Rules
Care For Your School
Care For Others
Care For Yourself

Focus of the Fortnight

* Put your rubbish in the bin
* Sit down to eat