Kindergarten Orientation....

On Thursday evening, we held our Kindergarten Information session for our new parents and students starting Kindy in 2015. It was a wonderful opportunity for the teachers to meet with parents and for parents to ask questions before their children begin school. Parents gained an understanding of how to make the transition between home and school as smooth as possible.

The Kindergarten teachers are looking forward to seeing all the girls and boys at the upcoming orientation days on Tuesday 18th November, Thursday 27th November and Friday 5th December. This is an excellent opportunity for children to make friends, feel comfortable about coming to school and get to know the teachers.

Mrs Fiona Mackenzie
Kindergarten Supervisor

Jim Lynch Visits...

Last week, we had the pleasure of having some pre-schoolers from Jim Lynch Pre-School visit Rooty Hill Public School. Each day, around 10 children came eagerly to have a tour of the school and see some Kindergarten classrooms. The children were very excited to discover areas of our large school including the library and canteen. In the classrooms, they played games on the interactive whiteboard and wrote their names. The Kindergarten teachers loved showing the children the school before they begin Kindergarten here in 2015.

Kindergarten Teachers.
Little Learners….
Our transition to school program Little Learners has now finished. This program ran for 8 weeks and was attended by 30 children who will be attending Kindergarten in 2015. Children learnt about classroom routines, including rotating groups, lining up, listening to stories and much more. They practised writing their names, cutting with scissors and creating craft activities. We played outside with the parachute, balls, bean bags and learning relay games and our old favourite… Duck, Duck, Goose!
I would like to say a big thank you to all the parents for bringing their children each week! It was a very beneficial experience as children developed confidence, friendships and some independence over this time.

Mrs Fiona Mackenzie
Little Learners Coordinator

Library Stocktake is Coming….
At the end of each year, the library needs to close early so that stocktake can be completed before the school holidays begin. For this reason, this week is the last week of borrowing. Next week, all library books need to be returned to the library. If there is a book on your child’s name that they do not have, please write a note or tell the child’s teacher so the book can be cleared off their name on our database. Otherwise, you might be asked to pay for a book registered against your child’s name.

Mrs Poona
Librarian

Important Notice To Parents… From Western Sydney Area Health
Re : Whooping Cough—Public Health Alert

There has been an increase of whooping cough (Pertussis) notifications in the Western Sydney area since June 2014, particularly in the 2155 postcode area. In order to prevent further cases of whooping cough Western Sydney Public Health Unit advises the following:
If your child (or any member of your family) has any of the symptoms of whooping cough, such as a dry persistent cough, which may be especially bad at night, please see your doctor and take this notice with your. A nose and throat swab test can be performed to confirm the diagnosis.
If your child has whooping cough, your doctor will arrange a course of antibiotic treatment. Antibiotics given early in the illness are effective in stopping the cough and in preventing spread to other people. If your doctor diagnoses whooping cough please advise the school and keep your child at home until s/he has taken 5 days of antibiotics.
More information on whooping cough is available on the NSW Health website at http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/Infectious/whoopingcough/Pages/default.aspx or please call Western Sydney Public Health unit on 9840 3603 if you have any queries.