Term 4 Week 9 2nd December 2014

From the Principal

End of year reminders

For the true believers........... Santa has kindly let us know that if anyone wishes to write to him, he will collect letters from the mailbox in the school foyer. He may not have time to reply to all letters himself, but he has asked some of his helpers to assist him with this task. Santa’s mailbox will be open until this Thursday December 4th.

On Wednesday Year 6 students will enjoy a Gala Day at Stanhope Gardens as part of our Transition to High School Program. This year-long program, for students who will attend Rooty Hill High School next year, is designed to ensure our boys and girls are familiar with the school and its staff so that they feel really confident about the significant change they are about to make in their school life.

Back at school on Friday, many boys and girls will be presenting speeches, in the hope that they will be selected as House Captains for 2015. Good luck!!

On Friday we will hold the last of our Kindergarten Orientation sessions. We are looking forward to over 80 new students joining us next year.

If you are busy tidying your cupboards in preparation for the Christmas holidays, try to find something that you could send to school for the Anglicare ‘Toys & Tucker’ Drive. There is a large box in the office foyer, just waiting for donations of non-perishable goods that can be given to families in need over the holiday period. There would be over 450 items if each of our families donated one item!! Items should be handed to class teachers so that your child can receive a ticket in a daily prize draw. The box will be collected next Thursday 11th December.

I really hope as many parents and friends as possible will be in attendance at our Presentation Assembly next Monday, 8th December, at Rooty Hill RSL Club. As this is a very special, formal occasion, please make sure that ALL students are dressed in full school uniform - and that they have returned their permission note to walk to the Assembly!

The last day for bringing payment for our Party Days will be next Tuesday 9th December. Numbers of participants have to be confirmed with Rooty Hill RSL on this day.
Please ensure you have returned both the permission note with swimming information, and the gymnastics indemnity form that was sent home separately to the original note. (We did not receive this form from the Club until after Party information was sent home – our apologies for an extra layer of administration for you to remember!!)

A massive ‘Thank You’ to all families who contributed to our Aquathon – an incredible $8747.93 has been raised. The winning tickets for the great prizes will be drawn at this week’s K-6 Assembly, this Thursday.

We have been spending a lot of time recently organising our resources so they are easily accessed by staff for use with our boys and girls. One of the greatest challenges has been ‘rationalising’ all the costumes we use for performing arts. We now have a central spot where they will all be stored – but they all needed ‘washing and sorting’!! We are very grateful for the assistance given to us with this mammoth task! Thank You to: Kerri Neighbour, Pauline Bates, Yasemin Vedat, Rita Grieci, Monique Bliss, Melissa Saliba, Kimberley LeRoux, Casey Burns

Kind regards
Jackie Malecki

Hire a Helper Day…. Last Tuesday was Hire a Helper Day – a school fundraiser for the Year 6 Farewell. All Year 6 students were auctioned off to K-5 students and took part in lots of fun activities assisting their “hirers” in class and on the playground. Thanks to the school community’s generous contribution to this fundraiser, Year 6 managed to raise $1901.30. A big thank you to everyone involved for their continued support and we’re certain everyone had a fabulous time!

Luke Shaw & Year 6

PSSA Grandfinals…. Tee Ball

Last Friday afternoon we saw the Girls Tee Ball team play in the Grand Final against Hassall Grove PS, which was the only undefeated team in the competition. There was a buzz of excitement as well as some nerves being shown by the girls, however, I knew they would all turn up to play… and that they did!

It was an amazing start to the game and the girls raced out to an 8-0 lead in the first innings. When it was our turn to field, all of the girls did unbelievable jobs and the fielding was second to none. There were catches, great fielding and throwing to get the Hassall Grove runners out.

Before we knew it, was our turn to bat again. Each innings that we batted we managed to find the gaps in the field and our base running was excellent and we had runners making it around the bases all the way home. Every innings that they batted always got to our final batter, Annrose, who always managed to get 2-3 runners home each time.

The girls did extremely well and they saved their best game of the season for the grand final. After 4 innings Rooty Hill PS were the victors 28-13. I was very proud of
all of the girls’ efforts and in particular when the Hassall Grove teacher complimented them on how well they played the game and their sportsmanship, not just on Grand Final day but throughout the season.

All the girls did a great job throughout the season and they deserved to be crowned the Mt Druitt PSSA Tee Ball Premiers for 2014.

Great effort girls and I am proud to be your coach!

Mr Sloane
Coach

2014 Girls Tee Ball Premiers are:
Jovana Borovicanin       Keely Hodgetts       Lamiah Hossain       Tayla Norton
Sonya Ahmadi             Julia Buckley        Annrose Joseph        Skye Lepua
Miranda Hawe             Lauren Copta         Abby Bradbery

AFL
Congratulations to both the junior and senior AFL teams for making it to the Mt Druitt PSSA Grand Final. Both teams were up against strong competition in Hebersham Public School. Both teams played hard, made strong tackles and kicked many goals. Unfortunately, both teams couldn’t get the win, but they did try their best and represented Rooty Hill Public School with pride.

I am very proud of your efforts across the year and I am proud to have had the opportunity to coach such a fair, happy and great group of boys and girls.

Mr Fitzgerald
AFL Coach

Softball
Congratulations to both the boys’ and girls’ softball teams who made the semi-finals. Unfortunately due to the extreme heat the semi-finals scheduled on the 21st November, were cancelled and because the boys came 4th they were knocked out. The grand final was held on Friday 28th at Heber Park with the girls losing 9 – 7. It was a tight game and all girls played very well. The grand final team consisted of the following players, Monique Powell, Sarah Stanley, Emma Stanford, Akanisi Vuki, Breeanna Foster, Shya Hedgman, Alexia Khalil, Mary Nixon, Tarsha Daly, Lily Thomas, Esmay Smith and Lateisha Hartley. All girls should be really proud of their performance on the day.

Well done and big thank you to all the parents and staff who turned up on the day to support the girls.

Mrs Epps
Coach