From the Principal….

It’s hard to believe we have reached the end of Term One, 2014. I hope you all have a safe and restful holiday period and manage to have some ‘quality time’ with your children. Our boys and girls return to school on TUESDAY April 29th.

Join us on Thursday for our ‘Easter Happening’ – your pre-schoolers are welcome to join in the fun of the parade too!

Make sure you have returned your ‘Guessing Competition’ tickets – you may well go home with some great Easter goodies! There’s still time tomorrow to donate some Easter eggs so that more prizes can be made – just take them directly to the Canteen.

Please join us on Friday morning for our ANZAC Ceremony. This is a very important occasion for our students, staff and community. We would appreciate as many students as possible bringing flowers to school so that we can make up a number of floral tributes to be displayed at the special memorial at Rooty Hill RSL Club.

Thank you to those parents who are attending our Parent / Teacher Interviews this week, and thank you to the teachers who are giving up their own family time to ensure you have the opportunity to discuss your child’s progress. If you have any concerns regarding your child, you don’t have to wait for formal interview times to speak to your child’s teacher – just call the school (9625 8807) and a mutually convenient meeting time can be organised for you at any stage during the term.

Staffing News

It’s been a busy couple of weeks for our ever-increasing ‘Rooty Hill family’!! Mrs Siff Jamal (Kindergarten teacher 2013) recently gave birth to a daughter, Sara. Last week saw the arrival of a girl, Charlotte, for Mrs Jackie Thomas. Mr Luke Shaw and his wife welcomed the arrival of a baby girl, Anna. Congratulations and best wishes to all concerned!!

Congratulations to Mrs Zavera Shankaran, who has been confirmed in the position of Assistant Principal, replacing Mrs Sowter.

Kind regards

Jackie Malecki

Bus Safety….

Last week we had a visit from the Bus Safety co-ordinator from Busways. He engaged and informed our bus-catching students on how to stay safe while travelling to or from school. He demonstrated the best way to behave when getting on or off the bus and how to act in a way that keeps everyone safe while the bus is moving. All the students who attended the presentation will receive a Busways bag of ‘goodies’ that will include

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**Calendar**

- *School Photos*  
  Wednesday 9th April

- *Easter Happening*  
  Thursday 10th April

- *ANZAC Assembly*  
  Friday 11th April

- *Last day of Term 1*  
  Friday 11th April

- *School Cross Country*  
  Tuesday 29th April

- *Students Return for Term 2*  
  Friday 2nd May

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**Focus of the Fortnight**

- Look after classroom resources
- Walk when the afternoon bell rings
stickers and an activity book. Thanks Busways!

Tianne Roberts

**SRC Disco….**

On Thursday 3\(^{rd}\) April, we had our first SRC Disco for the year. The theme for the disco was ‘Black and White’. Children came dressed in their black and white disco outfits. All of the children had lots of fun dancing and playing a range of dancing games. We raised a total of $1558.00. The SRC will be holding meetings in the coming weeks about how they would like to spend the money raised from the SRC Disco. A big thankyou to Mrs Beath for supplying the DJ equipment!

Yvonne Simunovic
SRC Coordinator

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**The Grove Physical Culture Club ENROLMENTS FOR 2014**

Classes are held at Rooty Hill Public School, Westminster Street, Rooty Hill Every Tuesday evening. For class times, fees or more information, please call Jenny on 0402 100 123 or email us at thegrovezp@ hotmail.com

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**Lost Property…**

Our lost property clothing is located on the veranda of KR classroom

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**Uniform Shop Hours**
Monday, Wednesday, Friday
9.00am – 10.00am

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**Do you have problems getting your child to school???**

Some of the main reasons given for children being late to school are:

- Won’t get out of bed
- Won’t go to bed
- Can’t find their bag, clothes, books, homework etc.
- Lunch is not ready
- Slow to eat breakfast
- Homework not done
- Test or presentation at school
- Birthdays
- Watching TV until late, or watching TV when they should be getting ready
- Playing game consoles until late
- Screaming and not letting go of you
Here are some suggestions which are based on setting regular routines:

- Have a set time to be out of bed
- Have a set time to go to bed
- Have uniform and school bag ready the night before
- Make lunches the night before
- Have a set time for starting and finishing breakfast
- Set a daily time for homework activities
- Be firm, children must attend school
- Turn the TV on only for a set time once your child/children are ready for school
- Time your arrival at school so you are at school before 8:55am.

**What an Achievement….**

A massive congratulations goes out to Koralee Catlett. Last weekend, Koralee competed at the NSW Elite State Trampoline and Gymnastics Championships. Koralee placed 3rd in the Tumble section and 4th in the Double Mini Trampoline section. Koralee has also qualified to compete in the Australian National Championships and will be travelling down to Melbourne this May.

To get to this level, Koralee has had to be very dedicated and work extremely hard. She trains 5 days a week for at least 3 hours each day. She started gymnastics at an early age but has only in recent months started to train and compete in trampolining.

We wish Koralee all the best at Nationals.

**Kindergarten Excursion….**

Last Friday, Kindergarten went on their very first excursion to Calmsley Hill City Farm in Fairfield.

It was a very exciting day with loads of hands-on activities with the animals, informative tours around the farm and mini shows for the children to enjoy.

Kindergarten learnt about the various animals found on the farm and had the opportunity to get up close and personal with lambs, goats, sheep, cows, baby chicks and rabbits just to name a few! Our tour guides walked us around the farm and told us lots of interesting facts and information.

Towards the end of the day, Kindergarten got to see 3 mini shows – the farmer cracking his stock whip, the resident working-dog rounding up his herd of sheep, and a sheep shearing show where every student got a little piece of wool as a memento of the day.

Thank you to our parent helpers for the day – Zachary Deguara’s grandmother and Kathleen Moon’s mum! For their very first excursion, Kindergarten were on their best behaviour despite their overwhelming excitement –

**Tuesday is School Banking Day**

**JIMINEY CRICKET**
Pre-School & Long Day Care
Creating lifetime learners
Open until 6pm
9675 2129
*Computer based Learning*
*Meals Provided*
*School Readiness Program*
110 McFarlane Drive
Minchinbury

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and there were a lot of sleepy kindies on the bus ride home!
Looking forward to our next adventure!

Kindergarten Teachers

Fruit and Veg Sense Workshop

On Thursday 3rd April, the Cancer Council presented a workshop on how we can encourage our children to eat fruit and vegetables. Parents were given practical ideas on how to create simple healthy snacks and meals and had the opportunity to create a snack using fruit. Thank you to the parents who attend, we hope you found it a valuable experience.

Mrs Mackenzie

Cross Country Carnival….

Just a reminder for students in Years 2-6 that the school cross country carnival will be held in Week 1 of Term 2. Students will be encouraged to compete at their own pace. The event will take place on the school grounds. So in these holidays, put your joggers on and start practising your running for our schools cross country carnival.

Scott Fitzgerald
Cross Country Organiser

Great books for tweens to read
Favourite books from the Premier’s Reading Challenge team that will inspire kids aged between nine and 13 to read read read!


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