ATTENDANCE - something to think about!
During the course of the year, student attendance patterns can cause concerns for teachers. It is important that children are here on time every day to ensure they get the maximum benefit from the education our school provides. The table below shows the impact that missing a few minutes a day can have on your children's whole education.

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Reforms to P&C Federation
The NSW Parliament has passed legislation to reform the NSW Federation of Parent and Citizens Associations, which has suspended operation pending Supreme Court action. While these reforms will not affect the day-to-day operation of individual school P&Cs, they will introduce a new executive structure which will ensure the Federation operates as a modern and representative body on behalf of school P&C Associations. Each school’s P&C Association will be asked to vote for councillors and delegates who will represent their electorate at the Federation’s Annual General Meeting and councillors who will serve on the Federation’s Board of Management. More information will be available on the Department’s website at http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/gotoschool/a-z/involvement.php

A message from the Canteen…….
For obvious security reasons the Canteen carries only a small amount of change at any one time and takings are banked daily. As a result the Canteen does not have the capacity to change $50 (and in some cases $100!!) notes in the morning, so please bring smaller denominations when purchasing recess/lunch for your child.

Kind regards

Jackie Malecki

Cake Stall….
The senior and junior dance group are busy baking cakes for their cake stall this Thursday 22nd May. The money that is raised will be used to help with the purchase of dance costumes for the dance groups who are performing at the Sydney West Dance Festival. Prices range from 50c to $2.

Beonika Dumont
PSSA- Soccer B…

Last Friday Mrs Dumont’s senior and junior soccer teams versed Dawson at Heber Park. Both teams played well and they did some amazing defending. Rooty Hill seniors did an amazing job defending although they lost 3-0. Junior 1s drew the first game 2-2 and they lost the second game 0-3. Junior 2s won the first game 1-0 and lost the second game 0-1. All the soccer teams have been having a great time learning to play as a team and showing great sportsmanship. Please feel free to come watch your child play. Next week’s game is at Popondetta Park.

Beonika Dumont
Coach

A healthy lifestyle…

Each week for the rest of the term we will be sending home some pamphlets about how to keep our children active and healthy. This week’s pamphlet is about easy lunch and snack ideas for children. It has some fantastic ideas on how to create a healthy lunchbox for your child.

Noele Steward

Student Welfare and PBL Update…

The Student Welfare Committee has been busy updating our Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) posters. These posters are located around the school and in every classroom. We have introduced two new focuses this term – Always arrive at school on time and Wash your hands after using the toilet. Each fortnight we focus on two positive behaviours. Please discuss these with your child. They can be found on your child’s homework sheet each week, on the electronic sign at the front of the school, or in each weeks newsletter.

Congratulations to the large group of students who received certificates for 100% attendance. These students were at school every day during Term One, with up to 3 partial absences. Keep an eye out for our brand new 100 Club attendance wall! One of the hall windows will soon undergo a transformation and you will see photos of every student who received a 100% attendance award.

Karla Regan
Student Welfare Committee

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**Billy G’s Gourmet Cookie & Biscuit Dough**

Students have received a Billy’s Gourmet Cookie Dough order form. An individual prize program has been included for every student/family that sells one or more tubs. The more tubs you sell the better the prize! There is a selection of over 55 prizes to choose from. If you have misplaced your order form, please see the staff at the office.

Please detach the order form with your orders and don’t forget to select a prize! Please return the order form along with your monies to your class teacher **on or before the 23rd May 2014**.

Please ensure that you make arrangements to collect your cookie dough order on the day of delivery as the product is frozen and we do not have enough storage to store your order when the cookie dough arrives.

**WIN A FAMILY HOLIDAY** - You also have the chance to win a 7 night family holiday for 2 adults and 2 children, staying at either the Gold Coast or Hamilton Island or Fiji including a Virgin Australia airfare voucher and $1,000 spending money. For more details on this promotion and how to enter, please view the inside of the order form.

Thank you for your continued support.
Rooty Hill Public School P&C.

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Focus of the Fortnight

* Always wear a school hat for outside activities
* Invite others to join your activities