From the Principal....

Staying safe

Two local primary schools have recently reported a student being approached or followed by a stranger. These events were not linked, however they do remind us that it is appropriate to regularly reinforce with our students aspects of safe travel to and from school. At school we frequently talk to our students about safety. Parents and carers can reinforce the ‘Safe People, Safe Places’ messages with their children, including:

- Make sure your parents, or another trusted adult you know, knows where you are at all times.
- Always walk straight home or to the place you are walking to. Walk near busier roads and streets, or use paths where there are lots of other people.
- Know where safe places are – a shop, service station, police station, library or school. If you are ever frightened, you should go to one of these places and ask them to call the police.
- Learn about safe adults you can look for and talk to if you need help – police officers, teachers at school, adults you know and trust.
- Don’t talk to people you don’t know and never get into a car with someone you don’t know. If a car stops on the side of the road and you don’t know the person inside, do not stop.
- If you are scared and can use a phone, call 000 and tell them you are scared.

Kind regards
Jackie Malecki

More debating success....

The debating team represented our school on the 21st of May. We went against Lethbridge Park Public School as the affirmative team on the topic that “Uniforms are good for us” Our adjudicator was Mrs Kerr from Blacktown North Public School. They had strong arguments and so did we. Our adjudicator had a tough time deciding who would be the final winner. In the end Rooty Hill Public School fortunately won the debate. We wished Lethbridge Park the best of luck in their next debate. We hope that we can receive the same results that we have been getting during the rest of the competition. Our speakers were:

1st speaker: Emily Rough
2nd speaker: Divina Ambat
3rd speaker: Jade Ratanasirilak
4th speaker: Faqeeha Amal

Calendar

Sydney West Dance Festival

Week 6

WHAT’S HAPPENING @ ROOTY HILL PS

Wednesday 28th May
-Young Writers

Tuesday 3rd June
-Jnr & Snr Dance dress rehearsal
-Jnr Dance evening performance

Wednesday 4th June
-Snr Dance evening performance

Thursday 5th June
-Jnr & Snr Dance matinee performance
-Audience excursion

Monday 9th June
-Public Holiday

Thursday 12th June
-Science-a-thon

Friday 27th June
-Last day of Term 2

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Also the Chairperson was Angela Bermudez and the time keeper was Vanshita Marwaha. We would like to thank the other members of the debating team: Makayla, Aidan, Tanzeela, Alwin and we also would like to thank Mrs Shankaran and Ms Robinson for their help and guidance.

Makayla Neville 6G and Emily Rough 6S

**Year 5 Science Day….**

On Wednesday 21st May students from Year 5 enjoyed an excursion to Rooty Hill High School for a Science and Technology Day. Year 5 students were given the opportunity to work with high school students and teachers to explore the wonderful world of science and technology. During the science session students were able to participate in 6 experiments, from creating a volcano, making a circuit, working with telescopes and making ‘flubber’. During the Technology session students created web pages using the school computers. A great day was had by all students who attended and participated on the day. All Year 5 students need to be congratulated for their fantastic behaviour on the day.

Karen Epps  
Organiser

**District Cross Country….**

On Thursday, Mrs Power and I accompanied 47 boys and girls to Morreau Reserve to participate in the Mt Druitt District Cross Country carnival. From our school Cross Country Carnival, the 6 fastest students in each age group qualified to represent our school at District level. After walking the track in the morning all the students were eager to get started. The races began with the 8/9 Years Boys and ran throughout the day ending with the 12/13 Year Girls. All students tried their very best running on a very difficult track with one very big hill. Our students all showed amazing sportsmanship by cheering on competitors from our school and encouraging each other. Congratulations to the students below for their impressive results.

8/9 Boys - Joel Musico 18th place and Konnell Annan 20th place  
8/9 Girls – Koralee Catlett 4th place and Hayley Hartley 15th place  
10 Year Boys – Jacob Churchill 4th place and Connor Jago 18th place  
10 Year Girls – Jarn Mendoza 11th place and Hallelujah Crichton 19th place  
11 Year Boys – Benjamin Curmi 13th place, Rithick Naiker 19th place and Corey Hadden 21st place  
12/13 Boys – Rheece Vassallo 5th place  
12/13 Girls – Akanisi Vuki 10th place, Monique Powell 19th place and Sarah Stanley 21st place

Congratulations to Koralee Catlett, Jacob Churchill and Rheece Vassallo who qualified for the Sydney West Cross Country Carnival at Penrith in June representing Mt Druitt District. Good luck and we look forward to hearing about your results.

A huge thank you to all the parents and friends who came along to support and cheer on the boys and girls from Rooty Hill.

Karla Regan
On Thursday 22nd May, some of our school leaders went to the GRIP conference in Homebush. We travelled by train and walked to Sydney Olympic Park. The whole theme for the day was learning how superheroes and leaders are the same. Some of our favourite parts of the day –

“Meeting other leaders from different schools.” Kobe and Tony

“One of the activities - Lead like a strawberry not like a watermelon, which was about integrity.” Divina and Natarlia

“I enjoyed absolutely everything” Jessica and Emily

“Learning about heroes and how each letter means something.” Crystal -Rose

“Watching the movie scenes and playing charades.” Kymberlie and Casey

“Loud Noises” and “Leadership Everest.” were great sessions! Jade and Aidan

Cake Stall….

A big thank you to all the dancers who made cakes for the dance cake stall on Thursday. The cake stall was a great success with many students buying cakes at recess and lunch. We raised $689. We are looking forward to purchasing some spectacular costumes.

Mrs Dumont
Stewart House Clothing Appeal…

Time for a clean out? Stewart House bags are being sent home to all Rooty Hill Public School families. It would be greatly appreciated if you could return the bags to school filled with any **clean, good quality second hand clothing**. The clothing collected from this appeal provides an important source of income for Stewart House. Clothing donated will be used to support Stewart House’s ongoing welfare work.

Clothing appeal bags need to be returned to 1/2 D classroom by Thursday 19th June.

Thank you for your support.

Jess Dixon
Charity Coordinator.

Does speaking another language at home confuse children?
Are your children fortunate enough to be growing up in a home where two or more languages are spoken? Many parents worry that bilingualism can cause confusion and even delays in learning for their children, but according the Raising Children Network, that’s not the case at all. A good knowledge of your native language can actually help your child with learning English. Bilingual children who are read books and spoken to in their in their native language find it easier to learn to read and write in English when they get to school. More information is at www.bit.ly/1m0agnk

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

The Grove
Physical Culture Club

**YOU CAN REGISTER ON ANY TUESDAY AT WEEKLY CLASSES**

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 thegrovewzpcd@hotmail.com

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