Term 2 Week 2

From the Principal…. Congratulations!!!! It comes as no surprise that the best way to get the most advantage from a primary school education is to actually BE at school every day! Last term, 128 boys and girls achieved 100% attendance – well done!! Their names are listed below – thank you parents for facilitating and supporting this great achievement!


Jordyn Lepua, Luke Powell, Paul Amirkhan, Chelsea Batty, Maxine Ortiz, Juan Tabernilla, Lexie Auld, Abby Bradbery, Koralee Catlett, Jabez Ou, Grace Pham, Sophia Thurstun, Antonio Thomas, Keira Evans, Mikhaila Mendoza, Larissa Pols, Vinuij Polwaththa Gallage, Amishay Lal, Jam Mendoza, Fatima Nisar, Jamee Balzan, Skye Lepua, Muhammad Dhariwal, Jack Foote, Aaron Foster, Divek Kumar and Ryan McAndrew.


Akanisi Vuki, Chloe Paz, Allanah-Jade Pezzano, Veronika Vuki, Joshua Jackson, Naal Salacsacan, Tane Tume, Angela Bermudez, Angelica Gonzales, Alexia Khalil, Nera Pulido, Jade Ratanasirilak, Aisha Shabbir, Rehan Baig, Aidan Goundar, Marcus Ofioa, Saishivkar Panuganti, Justice Sene, Mahina Taiki, Vince Tumbaga, Harry Saliba, Kaitlin Kirby, Dominik Dillon, Lawrence Gao, Ravikesh Prasad, Katie Klumper, Avrielle Pulido, Rayan Ahmad, Jayden Hartley and Craig Ortiz

Kind regards
Jackie Malecki

Calendar

NAPLAN Week 3

WHAT’S HAPPENING @ ROOTY HILL PS

Wednesday 7th May
- Mothers’ Day Stall
Thursday 8th May
- Yr 4 Excursion ANZAC Memorial & Great Synagogue
Friday 9th May
- PSSA Begins
Tuesday 13th May
- NAPLAN
Wednesday 14th May
- NAPLAN
Thursday 15th May
- NAPLAN
Tuesday 20th May
- Yr 3 Excursion ANZAC Memorial & Great Synagogue
Wednesday 21st May
- Yr 5 Science Day RHHS
Thursday 22nd May
- Cake Stall

Focus of the Fortnight

* Walk back to class after recess and lunch
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Cross Country Carnival….  

Last Friday, 2\textsuperscript{nd} May, all students from Years 2 to 6 participated in the annual Cross Country Carnival. We were extremely lucky to have a beautiful, sunny day and all children enjoyed competing in their age race. I would like to congratulate each and every student for participating to the best of their ability and for getting in and giving it a go. It was wonderful to see. Names of the students who have made it to the district carnival will be published in the upcoming newsletter.

Mr Scott Fitzgerald  
Cross Country Organiser

Aussie of the Month….  

The Aussie of the Month Award has been operating in schools for over 10 years. It was an initiative of the Australia Day Council and recognises personal endeavour and contributions to the community. The award encourages students to be proud of themselves and to understand the responsibilities and rewards of community participation. The award also reflects some of the values we share as Australians such as,

- A sense of fair play
- Generosity of spirit
- Commitment to community participation
- A real concern for the environment

Each month, nominated students are presented with their certificate at our K-6 assembly. If you feel your child or one you know has contributed to the wider community in some capacity and would like to nominate them for this award, please send a short letter to the office outlining your reasons for nomination.

Last month’s Aussie of the Month recipients were:
Leandro Lama KF- Always being interested in what others have to say  
Zaiba Ali 1G- Always volunteering to help others at our school  
Kaitlin Kirby 1/2D- Being a kind and considerate class member  
Lillian Lolomanaia 3S- Always showing respect to her teachers and peers  
Stefano Hinago 4B- Helping out his church by fundraising for people in need  
Connor Jago 4/5L- Helping out his neighbours by mowing the lawn and taking out their bins  
Sara-Jane Pese 6D- Being a considerate student who is always willing to help out her teachers and peers.

Linda Dollin  
Co-ordinator

Excursion/Payments/Permission Notes

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CAPA lessons begin….  

Students have now been placed into Creative and Performing Arts groups in preparation for our Rooty Hill Education Week Concert and Art Exhibition. Students from K-6 will be very busy throughout term 2, with each Wednesday afternoon dedicated to their preparation of dance/musical performance items and visual artworks. Students will have the opportunity to explore their creative side through either dance, music and art with many groups working to compose a dance, learn a new instrument or song or explored wide variety of materials and techniques used by many famous artists. Our school performance groups - the Junior and Senior Dance groups, Hip Hop, Drumming and Choir will also use this valuable time to refine their skills and performance items. The students are looking forward to showcasing all of their talent, hard work and new-found skills in our Term 3 Education Week Open Day. More information regarding this event will follow, later in the term.

Cassie Bailey
CAPA Coordinator

At the end of last term students from 6D, 6G, 6S, 5/6E, 5S and 5B participated in the Tell Them From Me Student Survey. The survey was designed to provide schools with an insight into perceptions held by students and we have now received the results of this survey. The findings have found that at Rooty Hill Public School education is valued, with 96% of students believing that a good education led to positive outcomes in the future, and 92% of students saying they tried their best to succeed. Most students felt their teachers were approachable and provided encouragement with learning. Over 90% of students felt a sense of belonging at school, and had friends at school that they could trust and could help them make positive choices. There were some survey areas that indicated further development was needed and these were mainly linked to interpersonal skills, resilience building and the ability to communicate feelings in a positive way.

Ms Deb Grice

Kids, social media and privacy
Regardless of your child’s age, the world may already know a lot more about them than you suspect. According to recent research:

- 92% of children under the age of 2 have a digital shadow (- it starts with proud parents posting newborn baby photos on Facebook or Instagram)
- a quarter of Australian children 8 - 12 years old use Facebook, but the minimum age for a user is 13 years.
- more than 20 per cent of tweens publish photos of themselves on Instagram
- young people 14 - 19 have an average of 453 fans, friends or followers on social media.

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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 thegrovwzpcd@hotmail.com

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Printable planners for homework and study
School A to Z has printable monthly planners which include school holidays and the numbered weeks of each Term (for example Monday 19 May is the start of Week 4, in Term 2). Print one for each child to stick on the fridge or on their noticeboards. It’s a great way to teach them how scheduling their time means they’ll fit in the fun activities as well as their other commitments and responsibilities. Download May 2014 at http://bit.ly/UbmQz8

Is your child’s backpack damaging their spine?
A recent Australian study has shown that approximately 25% of school-aged children suffer from back and/or neck pain at any one time. It’s believed to be due to a combination of factors such as poor posture, everyday load carrying and the use of computers.

The Children’s Hospital at Westmead suggests young people should:

- not carry more than 10% of their body weight
- use a backpack with the straps over both shoulders and a waist strap
- load gear so that the heavier objects are nearer to the spine, with the lighter objects towards the front of the pack
- lift a backpack properly - bend at the knees and lift the pack with both hands

More tips at http://bit.ly/1iB4OBo

Mothers Day Stall
The P&C will be holding a Mother’s Day Stall Wednesday, 7th May
Gifts will be priced between 50cents and $7.00
Children will be given the opportunity to purchase one gift each during the morning session. If there are any gifts remaining they may be purchased at recess.

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