As we come to the end of a very busy term, on behalf of the staff I would like to wish you and your children a happy and restful time during the upcoming vacation.

School resumes for all students on TUESDAY 15th July.

Monday 14th July is ‘School Development Day’, one of five days throughout the year allocated by the State Government to intensive professional development activities for all school staff.

Artists in the making!
On Wednesday, during our Visual Arts Day, every single student will be able to prepare a major ‘work of art’ - over 100 of these will be selected for exhibition at next term’s ‘Art on the Hill’, an event to showcase the visual arts talents of students from our own school, Eastern Creek PS, Minchinbury PS and Rooty Hill High School. Other works will be selected for long-term display in our school Library.

A new shade area soon..???
I hope you have had the opportunity to forward to the school any sponsorship monies promised after our recent Science Athon. Funds are due by the end of this week. All money raised will go towards meeting the cost of the construction of a shade area at the back of the oval (near the Perkins St gate)

Interesting reading…..
I have just finished reading and signing each of the 640 reports that will be sent home to parents on Wednesday. I hope you find them informative, together with the folder of work samples that will accompany them. While the next whole-school Parent / Teacher Interviews are not scheduled until the end of next term, should you have any particular queries about your child’s report, please call the school to make a mutually convenient time to speak to your child’s teacher.

Having the task of viewing reports on every child provides the opportunity to note any patterns or trends across the school. It is quite clear (with some exceptions of course) that boys and girls who are experiencing difficulties in their learning also commonly have a history of high absences or a history of many 'late arrivals' at school. Please ensure that your child takes advantage of every available minute at school to optimise their opportunities to learn.

…….with flying colours!!
Last week our new Director of Public Schools NSW, Ms Joanne Marshall, met with me and members of the school executive team to discuss a variety of school issues and to make sure we are ‘on track’ with our policies and achievements. Topics for this term’s appraisal meeting included reporting on our progress so far with the implementation of this year’s school management plan, teacher leadership development and monitoring our school expenditure. Ms Marshall also visited a number of classrooms to see our quality education in action. I am pleased to say, thanks to the excellent work all of our staff are doing, we received very positive feedback. Your children are in good hands!!

Are your contact details up-to-date?
Please make sure you inform the front office if your emergency contact details have changed.
Make the school aware of any special family circumstances

Any changes to your child's family situation can impact on their emotional and academic well-being. Inform your child's teacher and Principal or Deputy Principal about any changed circumstances so that your child can be supported if necessary. Examples of special circumstances include the birth of a sibling, divorce or the death of a loved one.

Kind regards
Jackie Malecki

Years 2 – 6 Athletics Carnival….

Last Tuesday, students from Years 2 to 6 participated in our Athletics Carnival. We were lucky that the sun was shining and it was a great day to participate in some fun activities. The day started with some fabulous runners completing the 800m races. Students participated in track and field events throughout the day. All of the boys and girls enjoyed running the 100m and 200m races as well as participating in discus, shot put, long jump and high jump.

A number of students will represent our school at the Mt Druitt District Athletics Carnival next term. Notes will go home early next term once we receive all the information from Mt Druitt PSSA. We will also publish the names of these students in a newsletter next term. Please remind your child/children that just because they came 1st, 2nd or 3rd in their 100m or 200m heat, this does not mean that they will go to district or get a ribbon as the races are only heats and the fastest children overall are chosen. Each field event (high jump, long jump, shot put and discus) has a qualifying height or length for district. This means that not all students who came 1st or 2nd in their event will qualify for district. Ribbons and certificates will be handed out once the results have been finalised.

Congratulations to everyone on a fabulous day!
Karla Regan

P & C Fundraiser – The Sydney Greater West Entertainment book….

Now is the perfect time to buy an Entertainment™ Membership! You will get discounts on bowling, movies, the zoo, Luna Park, Aquarium Madame Tussauds, QLD theme parks and much, much more. Not only will you have lots of ideas to keep the kids 'entertained', but 20% of every $65 Membership is returned to Rooty Hill Public School P&C. Each Entertainment™ Membership is packed with over $20,000 worth of valuable offers to enjoy from now until the 1st of June, 2015.

To get yours, or for any enquiries, contact Sandra McAndrew on 0416253220. A sample of the book is on display in the school office.
Last Tuesday, students from Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 competed in Rooty Hill Public School's Annual K-2 Athletics Carnival. There were many fun activities for children to participate in, such as the Sprint Races, Egg and Spoon Races, Long Jump, Hurdles and the very exciting “Scream Races”, where students had to run and scream to the finish line. All students had the chance to participate in all 12 activities throughout the day and they were very excited and on their best behaviour all day. It was great to see many students dressed in their House colour, either red, blue, green or yellow! Thank you to the parents who turned up to our carnival to support their children and to the teachers that helped create a smooth-running, exciting day for all.

Lauren Milan
K-2 Athletics Co-ordinator

Work Experience…

We would like to welcome Suzanne Hall to our school in Week 9. Suzanne is a Year 10 student at Rooty Hill High School and is completing her Work Experience placement with us. She will be working closely with Mrs Steward teaching PDHPE and will see all students in their classes from K-6. We hope you enjoy your time here Suzanne!

Fiona Mackenzie

Kindergarten visit High School…

On Monday, 80 excited Kindy students walked to Rooty Hill High School. Each class group went to two different rooms to learn new and interesting things. Students experimented in the Science lab, learnt how to write Chinese calligraphy, composed songs using percussion instruments and some were lucky enough to make pizza! We all enjoyed the experience and thank the High School teachers for teaching us.

Fiona Mackenzie
Kindergarten Supervisor

Canteen News…

The canteen will be Closed after recess on Friday 27th June due to stock take!

Canteen Roster

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Week 8
Winners of the Library Borrowing Competition are-
Luke Powell K/1C
Reynald Narayan 3F
Xavier Tuigamala 5B

Focus of the Fortnight
* Line up correctly
* Safely store school bags