From the Principal

First for the year

Congratulations to our first Gold Award winners for 2014, who will be attending Wednesday’s Principal’s Morning Tea with their parents or family members. We are very proud of these boys and girls who have worked consistently well since the beginning of the year and certainly deserve this acknowledgement.

Well done Shaye Ryan, Aradhana Parimi, Rushil Gounden, Mackenzie Berrier, Georgia McAndrew, Dalovinya Taiki, Stefanie Schneider and Malae Koro.

Congratulations also to Hayden Hull, Johnny Wu, Jamee Lee Balzan, Skye Lepua, Evangeline Mascarenas, Stefan Adamovic, Patrick Bourke, Jack Foote, Nicholas Pakas, Nathan Salacsacan, Divina Ambat, Monique Powell, Jade Ratanasirilak, Justice Sene and Vince Tumbaga.

Superfish??

Well – maybe not yet - but we’re hoping for great progress from the 35 Year Two students attending the ‘Learn to Swim’ Program at Emerton Pool this and next week. This program is particularly for non- and beginning-swimmers in the hope that they develop confidence and safe swimming skills before the summer pool season is upon us.

Kind regards

Jackie Malecki

Little Learners Transition Program…. 

We are very excited to announce that Rooty Hill Public School is running a Transition to School Program called Little Learners. This is an excellent opportunity for children to become familiar with some of the daily routines of “big school,” engage in pre-reading and writing activities, maths games and counting, singing, stories and art and craft.

Little Learners will be a 2 hour session which will run every Thursday for 8 weeks. We will begin Week 8 of Term 3 (Thursday 4th September) and run through to Week 5 (Thursday 6th November) of Term 4. Expressions of Interest forms are available from the office. Please note, places are limited to 30 students.

“Little Learners” will be run in addition to our usual Kindergarten Orientation Program

Mrs Fiona Mackenzie
Transition Organiser
Kindergarten Ducklings....

Over the last 2 weeks, Kindergarten had the pleasure of watching our 10 ducklings hatch from eggs and grow remarkably quickly. Kindergarten got to see first-hand the lifecycle of a duck and have been learning through plenty of hands-on experiences, which included lots of cuddles! Students have been producing quality pieces of writing about their experiences. Here are a few examples:

Today I saw some ducklings. They are cute yellow and fluffy. They were in KF. – Mahika KF

Today we cleaned the box and then we will take the ducklings for a swim. – Quinne KF

I can see the egg hatch in the incubator. – Brae KR

I held the duckling. It was soft and it was yellow. – Malae KR

I saw the ducklings in the growbox. – Aliyah KR

The ducklings know how to swim by themselves. We put the ducks in the new house. I like the duck feathers because they are soft. – Nina KE

The ducklings cut the egg with their beak. The ducklings swim with their webbed feet – Omar KE

The ducklings are little. The ducklings are yellow. I like the ducklings when the ducklings drink. – Jordyn K/1C

The ducklings are cute. – Luke K/1C

Tomorrow I think the ducklings will go to their family. I think the family will go to the river. I feel happy because they will be back with their family. – Jaedus KM

Tomorrow I think the ducklings will go back to the farm and I think the ducklings might have a bath all together. – Sasoa KM

The students and the teachers have had a blast looking after our little ducklings! We will miss having them in our classrooms.

The Kindy Teachers
ATTENDANCE

It is important that children are here on time every day to ensure they get the maximum benefit of the education our school provides. The table below shows the impact that missing a few minutes a day can have on your children’s education.

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Debating News....

The debating team went to Glendenning Public School to debate the topic “Tourism Should Begin at Home. We were the negative team and argued that it is just as important to visit the world and experience the culture, cuisine and explore famous landmarks. Unfortunately, we were defeated. However, all the team is to be congratulated for their brilliant effort and the time spent preparing and rehearsing their speeches.

Lianne Robinson

PSSA Soccer Reds....

Last Friday, our teams played Hassall Grove Public School to play off for first and second position on the competition table.

All three teams had tough matches. Everyone was making strong tackles and playing good passes to their team mates. All three teams had lots of attempts at goals and worked together well to stop the opposition from scoring. Standout players from these matches were Corey Hadden, James Herning, Lachlan Thomas, Jacob Churchill and Jackson Handley.

The Junior A team won both of their matches 3-1 and 2-1. The Junior B team drew their first match 0-0 and were defeated in their second match 2-0.

The Senior team were defeated by Hassall Grove Public School 3-1.

The senior team and both junior teams have all made the Semi Finals. The Senior team finished 2nd on the table. The two junior teams finished 2nd and 3rd. The Semi Finals will be played on Friday 15th August. Venue to be confirmed next week.

Well done on a terrific season boys and girls!

Semi finals will be played this Friday 15th August at Hanna Reserve.

Scott Fitzgerald
Soccer Coach
K-2 Oral Reading Competition 2014….

After a busy few weeks, all K-2 students have read their chosen books to their class. Each class winner has been selected to read at our school final. The final will take place in our hall on Tuesday 19th August at 11.30. Friends and family are welcome to attend. Congratulations to the following finalists: Aaniya Raza, Shrastha Sarker, Leandro Lama, Cruz Lese, Ella-Grace Dunn, Hannah Valesi, Dakota Christian, Chelsea Batty, Estell Sunkova, Pilitati Peato, Clara Stirk, Jaedus Peterson, Kobie Wescombe, Jillianne Tabernilla.

Mrs Sandra Russell
Oral Reading Competition Co-ordinator.

Road safety

Road safety around your child’s school
Your child’s safety depends on you

Drop off and pick up by car
Make sure your children are in an appropriate child car seat that is fitted and used correctly.
Stick to the 40km/h speed limit in a school zone as children are about.
Look for buses pulling out – watch for flashing wag wag lights.
Always park and turn legally around schools.
Avoid dangerous manoeuvres such as U-turns and three-point turns.
Always give way to pedestrians particularly when entering and leaving driveways.
Drop your children off and pick them up on the school side of the road in your school’s designated drop off and pick up area. Calling out to them from across the road is dangerous – they may run to you without checking for traffic.
It’s safest for children to get out of the car on the kerb side of the road to be away from passing traffic.

Walking together to and from school
Plan your trip to school so you use pedestrian crossings where possible.
Always hold your child’s hand. Children need your help to spot dangers such as vehicles coming out of driveways. They can also be easily distracted and wander into traffic.
Drop off and pick up your child near the school gate and avoid calling them from across the road.
Talk with your children about Stop, Look, Listen and Think every time they cross the road.
STOP! one step back from the kerb.
LOOK! for traffic to your right left and right again.
LISTEN! for the sounds of approaching traffic.
THINK! whether it is safe to cross.
Young children can learn these safe pedestrian habits from you and continue them later on when they are old enough to travel alone.

Focus of the Fortnight
* Always wash your hands after using the toilet
* Be sensible in and near the toilets

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