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Before and After School Yard

Supervision: Please be aware that children in the yard are supervised by teaching staff from 8.45am to 9.00am and 3.30pm to 3.45pm only.



Coming Events

February:

9th Radio Show Grade 5

10th PA Association
Meeting 7.00pm(A+II
Welcome)

10th School Student
Banking

10th, 11th 12th

Water Safety Grade 5 & 6

13th District Swimming
Sports

14th School Community
Market

16th Water Safety
Grade 5 & 6

17th School Student
Banking

21st Bush Dance

23rd & 24th

Grade 3 Camp

24th School Student
Banking

24th, 25th & 26th
Grade 4 camp

From the Principal

From the Principal's desk.

Welcome back to all our students and families to Rosebud Primary School 2009. A special welcome to all the new students enrolled at R.P.S. The year has started smoothly and children are to be congratulated on their approach and attitude to school.

Our forty eight new prep students started school well and congratulations to their parents for preparing their children for school. Thanks also for the Parent's Association for organising a "Tea and Tissues" session for our new parents. This get together was a great way to be introduced to our school.

Parents please remember each year brings your child in contact with new teachers, their own style, expectations and requirements. Everything generally settles down quickly. Parent teacher interviews will be organised for later this month but if you or your child are having any issues please contact the school and make an appointment with your child's teacher.

Curriculum Days

2009 saw the government introduce legislations that made it compulsory to conduct three curriculum days at the start of the year. There will be one more mandated curriculum day in June.

Last week our staff attended a two day course on a spelling program called THRASS.

Staffing for 2009:

As of last week we have 327 students enrolled. The school will be operating 13 grades in 2009. We only have one composite grade.

Staffing Structure.

Assistant Principal

Janice Madigan

Prep

Tanya Menz and Lorraine Bodger

Grade 1 and 2

Carole Penn, Lesley Fladeby, Judy Higgins, Margot Mason and Robyn Ross (2 / 3 composite)

Grade 3

Di Law

Grade 4

Damian Walsh and Gemma Butler

Grade 5

Vicki Nell and Heidi Kerr

Grade 6

Angela Thomson and Tom Gamble

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Happy Birthday this week and next week:

A

3rd Jie Pepperall
Jessika Duncan

P

5th Seth O'Rourke
Nicole Harvey
Samantha Knights

P

Y

6th Lalita Conquest
8th Krista-Marie Serra
9th Reif Nicholas

B

10th Sarah Cahill
11th Michael Williams-Moses
Jack Stewart

I

Dylan Araps
13th Shay-Lee Robertson

R

15th Edward Mills
Chloe Rossborough

T

19th Mia Teoh

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20th Lachlan Medges Moroney
Brylee Robinson

D

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CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR STUDENTS OF THE WEEK!

For Week 1



		★
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1A	Bethany Boyle	★
1B	Peta Henshaw	★
2A	Madeline Fox	★
23A	Zara Pescud	★
4A	Ben Jarrett	★
4B	India Bulus	★
5B	Tessa Hotton	★
5A	Tash Lincoln	★
6A	Sarah Cahill	★
6B	Jake Datson	★
3B	Jareth Cocaine	



LOST READERS

In 2008 the number of readers in the Grade 3/4 reading room decreased by 100's (no exaggeration).

They can only be in the homes of those children who took them home.,
If you find any of these in your house could you please send them back to school.

They will be accepted gratefully—No questions asked.

Mr D. Walsh.



Principals Report Continued:

Specialist teachers are Steve Fisher, Malcolm Boag, Janet Petrovic, Lance Smith, Rebecca Teoh and Tracey Anne Elliott.

The office staff are Chris Hanslow (Business Manager) Kellie Campbell and Kathy McKernan.

Our amazing support staff includes Robyn Reed, Janet Woods, Linda McCartin, Sarah D'Amelio and Brendan Smith.

Facilities

During the term one holidays Higgins Coatings painted both the library and the school's hall. During the term one vacation the school will have new carpet laid in the library.

The school has also purchased 30 new computers to be installed in classrooms.

Insurance.

Parents please be advised that the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development does not provide personal accident insurance for students. Parents and guardians are responsible for paying the cost of medical treatment for injured students, including any transport costs. Parents should note that reasonable low cost accident insurance policies are available from the commercial insurance sector.

Canteen

We are indeed grateful the D.O.V. organisation will continue to operate our canteen three days per week. 2008 saw a strong partnership formed with D.O.V. and I have nothing but praise for the organisation and its clients. Under the direction of Anna Wood (parent to Jordan) we plan to expand our operations. D.O.V. will now organise the children's weekly fruit break. D.O.V. will also be able to do some catering for special events and even work in with some of our camping and outdoor education programs.

Days of Extreme Weather Conditions

I have been asked by many parents recently "What does the school do on a day of extreme heat? That's a great question. For those of us old enough will remember when the mercury reached 100F we could go home. That was a terrific system but unfortunately in today's society an impossible feat. Last week I received a memo from the government stated we had the right to reduce lunchtime by up to 30 minutes and as a result dismiss the children at 3 PM., BUT I do have to know that all children will be supervised at home. There is no provision for the closure of schools during days of heavy rain or extreme heat. Schools are responsible for developing policies and procedures to care for students on days of extreme weather conditions. I quote from the memo

- * Students should not be sent home unless there is someone at home to look after them.
- * Teachers must remain on duty until the normal time to supervise those students who remain at school.

I guess in a snapshot we cannot reduce lunchtimes as I do not know that every child will be attended by someone when they get home.

As a result RPS cannot finish school early.

Please note when we have a wet day (remember those!!!) the children are sent back to class and supervised by some staff. I am more than happy to do this on very hot days. Every classroom at R.P.S. is air-conditioned. Parents also have the right to collect their children on days of extreme heat. I will present this memo to school council and ask the parent representative to discuss a sensible policy for our children.

Assemblies

At last week's staff meeting it was decided to conduct our Monday assemblies at 2.45pm. This shift of time has been designed to give all students another uninterrupted literacy session from 9 to 11.00am. We will trial this new assembly time for term one. Children will be dismissed from assembly. Parents are most welcome to attend.

Have a great week.

Tony Short - Principal

Early Years.... prep to grade two.....

I would like to welcome our young preps and their families to our school. It was wonderful to watch their first day at our school. One of the best parts of being in the teaching profession is sharing the varied experiences of all our students. On Monday I was privy to seeing our youngest members enjoying their first steps in the primary sector of their learning. I then went into the grade six rooms to welcome the former grade fives to their final year!! Both groups very excited by the challenges that lay ahead.

As teachers we are constantly assessing our students to support them in moving on to the next step in their life long journey. Learning does not begin when children come to school. Some children begin the prep year with a huge assortment of skills already in their tool kit of life. They can write their name, count to twenty, (even one hundred!), recognise numbers and letter names, identify shapes and patterns.. the list goes on and on. Others are not so developmentally ready and arrive with just a few of these skills.

The teachers in the prep grades are already assessing the needs of their students. This is called the **Prep Entry Assessment**. These small tasks delivered one on one enables the teachers to really know their students and therefore provide for them more effectively. The grade one teachers will also be using the **Observation Surveys** over the next two weeks to help them assess their students on a one on one basis.

Assessment focuses on children's learning in a broad sense, including strengths, interests, needs dispositions, style, temperament as well as skills and knowledge. Sharing this assessment with the students' families helps our teachers to make better sense of it through feedback and is a powerful way to make their learning more visible.

As parents it is important to become involved in your child's education. It is from this shared vision that your child will grow to understand how essential their education is and how to make the most of it.

In the near future the teachers in prep to grade two will be **inviting parents to become helpers** in their classrooms. It is always fantastic to have parents helpers to take groups and individuals and assist in a variety of ways. It is also a great way for parents to see what is happening in the grade and the type of work your child is involved in!!

Thrass... the teaching of handwriting, reading and spelling skills.....

For the first two days of this term the teachers were involved in a whole school professional learning course called Thrass.... The teaching of handwriting, reading and spelling. The primary reason we invested the two days in this course was that as teachers we are seeing a need to look at the way we teach spelling. It is a growing trend across Australia that more and more children just don't "Get" spelling. Thrass has been recognised as a program that helps to make spelling more accessible to children who do not find it easy to memorise how words are put together.... (Phonological Knowledge).

The Thrass Program emphasises the correct articulation and discrimination of Phonemes. It teaches the students how words sound, how they are made and the patterns within them. There are 44 phonemes (speech sounds) in spoken English!!!

Because Thrass is most effective when used as a whole school program the teachers in all year levels will be incorporating this phonographic approach in their grades.

EMA 1ST INSTALMENT 2009

Application forms for the instalment of the Education Maintenance Allowance must be received by the school office by 28th February 2009.

The Education Maintenance Allowance will be paid in two instalments and to be eligible hold a valid card on the first day of term 1 (02.2.09) and first day of term 3 (13.07.09) for the 2nd instalment:

- be an eligible beneficiary of a Centreline pension, allowance or benefit
- be a Veterans Affairs Pensioner
- be a foster parent.

Application forms and all enquiries regarding EMA are available from the office

Hockey

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Where Peninsula Hockey Centre

When 13/02/2009 to 20/03/2009

For more details contact

Graeme Cooper – 0407 009 128

Paul Zimmerman – 0438 788 274

More info at frankstonhockeyclub.com



ROSEBUD NETBALL CLUB INC.

Rosebud Netball Club is looking for new and old players to join our club.

You don't have to have experience, we train at Rosebud Secondary College each Wednesday from 3.45-4.45pm.

If you are interested please contact Tracey on 0408 323 538 or come to our first training on Wednesday February 11th.

After School Care

Welcome back to another school year. We hope that everyone had a good holiday .

The children who attended the Holiday Program had a wonderful time. Lots of arts and craft activities and trips to Luna Park, Oasis swimming pool, Ten Pin bowling, roller blading and lots more.

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March to December

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Come along and enrol today

If you have any questions please call Felicity 0410 686 074 or Steph on 0410 686 054

ROSEBUD PRIMARY SCHOOL HELPING OUR ENVIRONMENT!!

As part of our ongoing commitment to being a Sustainable School, we have now introduced the following initiatives in an effort to encourage our students to be more environmentally aware!

Mondays **Bin Ban Monday** Children will take wrappers off their food prior to going out to play.



Wednesday **Water Bottle Wednesday** Children are encouraged to bring a water bottle from home to reduce the waste of water in the troughs (of course they can still refill).



Friday **Nude Food Friday** Children are asked to bring in lunch that has minimal food wrappings



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New Design Roofing And Plumbing

- ◆ Sale and installation of water tanks
- ◆ General plumbing ◆ Insurance work
- ◆ Roofing, guttering ◆ hot water services
- ◆ Emergency repairs, leaks, no job too small

Call Joel on 0400550896

Football Is Back!!

Rosebud Junior Football Club Registration Day

Monday 23 February, 4-6pm

Come along, bring your mates and join the Most Successful Junior Club on the Peninsula!!

More details, contact Andrew on 0405716535 or Tracey on 0437096354





Minister for Education

The Hon Bronwyn Pike MP

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Dear Parent/Guardian

Welcome back to the start of what promises to be another exciting school year. In Victoria, we are fortunate to have a world-class education system with a strong and vibrant government school system at its core. One of the greatest gifts we can all give our children is the solid foundation of a high-quality education. We are always working hard to improve so that every child can thrive, learn and grow.

Government schools are an important part of their local community. The people who make our schools great places for your child – principals, teachers, staff and school councillors – are dedicated to providing the best education possible for our children.

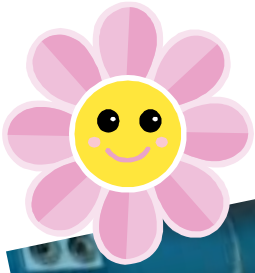
One of the most effective ways we can do this is by being actively engaged in the education of our children. We can all help our children develop the knowledge, skills and learning strategies they need to engage in lifelong learning. Reading with your child, talking with them about the world around us, and encouraging creative play are all crucial elements of your child's development.

I also encourage you to become actively involved in your child's school community. It helps children achieve the best possible learning outcomes. You can participate in school life, both formally and informally, through volunteering and staying up to date with your children's learning progress through regular contact with their teachers.

More information on Victorian government schools can be found at www.education.vic.gov.au or Education Line ph 1800 809 834 can provide further advice and assistance.

I wish you and your children all the very best for the year ahead.

Hon Bronwyn Pike MP
Minister for Education



SWIMMING SPORTS



**WELCOME TO SOME OF OUR
NEW PREPS**

GRADE 4 RUGBY DAY

