



Rosehill Public School Newsletter

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From the Principal

Separating Well

It has been great to see our children settling in so well to their classes this year – especially all our wonderful Preschool and Kindergarten Students! However, for some children, change and separating from parents or carers can be challenging, particularly when we return from the upcoming school holidays. Some may still be finding it hard to separate and say goodbye in the mornings. As parents, it is important that we remain calm, happy, and relaxed about the school day (even though we may actually feel like crying ourselves!). Saying goodbye well and letting them know when and where we will meet them at the end of the day, can be very reassuring for our children.

Below are some tips about separating well:

- Always clearly say “goodbye”, even if you have to go while your child is upset. This builds trust. Sneaking out or trying to get away may make a child feel that you can't be trusted. Once you have said "goodbye", try not to drag out your departure as this is unlikely to be helpful. Leave as definitely and as quickly as you can.
- Show them that you understand their feelings, e.g. "I know that you wish I could stay, but this afternoon we can be together and....."(something they enjoy).
- Make the morning fun and full of laughs, rather than a rushed and sad experience. Get up 15 minutes earlier and have a race to get dressed, tell jokes on the way to school, or sing songs together in the car to lighten the mood and promote happiness.
- Let your child mind something of yours (such as a small scarf, hankie or teddy) when you are not there.
- Reassure them that you will be coming back, when and where, and then make sure you're there on time! Tell them this in ways they can understand, e.g. “after lunch time activities, when the home time bell rings, I will be here waiting for you...”
- Sometimes if children are finding it hard to be away from parents during the day, they seem to want to make up time in the afternoon and evening. Try to give them extra time with you without too many after school activities.
- If you are feeling distressed during the day and worried about your child, always feel free to ring the school and check how they're going – most of the time your child has forgotten the difficult separation and settled down, or is happily running around with their friends!

Curriculum Corner- Talking and Listening

When we think of school, we usually think mainly about the skills of reading and writing – however being able to communicate with other children and adults is also very important. Children need to develop ways of sharing their ideas and ways of listening and responding to others.

How can you help at home?

*Encourage your child to talk about different topics

*Ask your child questions starting with what, who, where and when to encourage more information

*Encourage your child to explain their reasoning to you when they are making decisions

Have a great weekend!

Mr D'Amore

Principal

Deputy Principal

Opportunity class (OC) applications opening.

OC Year 5 entry in 2024—applications open 30 March–15 May 2023

Applications for entry into Year 5 opportunity classes in 2024 open on Thursday 30 March and close Monday 15 May, 2023.

What are opportunity classes?

Opportunity classes cater for high potential and intellectually gifted students. They help students learn by:

- grouping them with other gifted students
- using specialised teaching methods so students can learn concepts in more detail and more quickly
- supporting their wellbeing needs.

Most students in opportunity classes enjoy learning more when their classmates have similar abilities and interests. Note: Opportunity classes are unzoned so you can apply no matter where you live.

Where are they located?

There are 76 primary schools with opportunity classes in NSW each year.

- 45 schools are located in metropolitan Sydney
- 30 schools are located in rural or regional centres
- a virtual class, Aurora College, for rural and remote students is available in 618 authorised host schools

Students successfully placed attend the opportunity class full time in Years 5 and 6 at the relevant public school. In the majority of cases, students who have accepted a place in an opportunity class will leave their current school to attend the school with the opportunity class.

Should you apply?

If your child learns with greater ease and speed than their classmates, they may benefit from placement in an opportunity class. High potential and gifted children need to be challenged so they remain engaged with their education. Discuss the opportunity with your child and look through the information together on Opportunity classes – Year 5 <https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-5/the-test>

If you would like to discuss whether you think you should apply, please contact your child's teacher.

Equity provisions

The Equity Placement Model helps to make access to opportunity classes fairer for the following under-represented groups:

- Students from low socio-educational advantage backgrounds
- Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander students
- Students from rural and remote locations
- Students with disability

The Equity Placement Model holds up to 20% of places at each school for students from these groups to help increase their participation. These students may be considered for equity placement if their test performance is within 10% of general applicants for each school. Learn more at Equity Placement Model. Learn more about the placement process and the placement test at Opportunity classes – Year 5. Ready to apply? Apply online at education.nsw.gov.au/oc

Rosehill Public School SRC Representatives 2023

Congratulations to the following students, who have been elected as Student Representatives for 2023.

Class	Nominated Representatives	Class	Nominated Representatives
2C	1. Akhil 2. Aynur	3/4 R	1. Year 3: Tamatoa 2. Year 4: Dhruv
2D	1. Shreyansh 2. Sarai	3/4 T	1. Year 3: Inaya 2. Year 4: Dhyhan
2G	1. Ryder 2. Aaravi	4/5S	1. Year 4: Aarushi 2. Year 5: Ved
2W	1. Harbour 2. Syeda (Laleena)	5/6 E	1. Year 5: Lithumi 2. Year 6: Manav
3/4 M	1. Year 3: Aionee 2. Year 4: Nehanth	5/6 P	1. Year 5: Abeer 2. Year 6: Rihanna
3/4 A	1. Year 3: Isabella 2. Year 4: Hala	5/6 L	1. Year 5: Jayda 2. Year 6: Rudra
3/4 F	1. Year 3: Leah 2. Year 4: Muhammad	5/6 D	1. Year 5: Bani 2. Year 6: Nimisha
3/4 D	1. Year 3: Jacob 2. Year 4: Anna	5/6 S	1. Year 5: Raavi 2. Year 5: Dyuthi

Autism Awareness Day 2023:

To spread awareness about Autism Spectrum Disorder, ASD, to help recognise the symptoms, increase our own understanding and promote kindness and inclusivity, we celebrate Autism Awareness Day each year.

This year's Autism Awareness Day lands on a Sunday – so we will be celebrating on **Wednesday the 29th March**. We will be participating in a range of activities throughout the day to help us learn more about ASD and to help spread awareness in our school community.

We will all wear Blue to show our support for people with ASD and bring a Gold Coin donation for charity.

Regards,
Mrs Leggat



RPS ARE CELEBRATING AUTISM AWARENESS DAY

WEDNESDAY 29TH MARCH
WEAR BLUE TO SCHOOL AND
JOIN IN FUN ACTIVITIES!

Please bring a Gold Coin Donation



Preschool NEWS



We have been celebrating Harmony Day all week at Rosehill Public School Preschool. Harmony Day celebrates Australia's cultural diversity. It's about inclusiveness, respect and a sense of belonging for everyone.

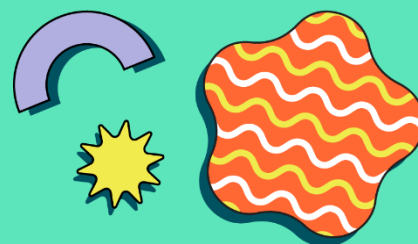
We are so fortunate to have a wonderfully diverse community, with children, families and educators who come from many different cultural backgrounds. This was made visible throughout the week as children and educators came dressed in traditional costume. We also celebrated Harmony Day by reading stories about diversity, and participating in cultural and orange-themed arts experiences, dances and songs.

Through these experiences, children are developing a sense of belonging to the environment and building connections with others in our welcoming environment, learning to interact in harmonious ways with their peers and educators. Everyone belongs at Rosehill Public School Preschool!

Reminders

- Please remember to **pack an ice brick in your child's lunchbox** each day.
- Please make sure you **sign your child in and out every day** upon arrival and departure. This is a legal requirement.
- The preschool **ramp gate will be unlocked in the morning from 8.55am-9.10am**. Please **do not use the buzzer** during this time. Parents/Carers leaving via the gate at the bottom of the stairs are responsible for latching the gate upon exit.

Newsletter



A message from your Coordinator

G'day Rosehill Friends & Family.

I hope term 1 has been amazing for everyone so far, I know we have had a great time here at OSHC with lots of new faces joining us every week and a huge number of activities being completed!

As we head quickly towards the Easter holidays I just wanted to remind everyone to book quickly to avoid disappointment, our zoo excursion on April 19th is now fully booked, and we have started a waitlist while we look to adding more spots to the day... If you wish to join the list, please text 0452 247 733 with your child's full name and we will let you know if they make the list!

I have already set our first 2 weeks of programs for the start of term 2 with Sports week and Movie week and the return of ★RGT★ Rosies Got Talent our new performance art club on the main stage as we have had a huge amount of requests from children to continue this regularly so put on your dancing shoes, polish up your comedy act or work on your singing voices because term 2 is going to be full of the best acts in Rosehill!

Feel free to pop in to visit or text/call me at 0452 247 733 if you have any questions or need a hand with anything!

-Anthony Hopkins, Your Service Manager.

Activities coming up

- ★RGT★ Rosies
- Got Talent show
- Easter Crafts Day
- Harry Potter day
- Cricket Day
- Star Wars day
- Volleyball Day
- Cartoon Day
- Nature Day

What's on the menu

- Mexican Pizzas
- Beans & Pita
- Asian Noodles
- Sandwich Day
- Fruit & Veg Platters
- ANZAC Biscuits
- Vegemite Scrolls
- Chickpea Nuggets
- Banana Oat Muffins

It's free to register

To attend our program, you must register your child. You can register an account with us at pp.campastralia.com.au or by downloading our Camp Australia smartphone app from the Apple App Store or on Google Play. Once registered, it's easy to make bookings and manage your account.



Visit our blog

New articles are added each week for parents and cover various topics to help families.

[Visit our blog](#)

RPS Community Corner

RPS Website

It gives me immense pleasure in launching the Parents, Carers and Community corner on the RPS website. Our community members can visit this link <https://rosehill-p.schools.nsw.gov.au/parent-information.html> and experience the journey of community engagement and connectedness here at our school.

I would like to thank Mrs. Shephard for all of her efforts and support in creating this corner for our community members on the website.

RPS P & C Committee

Our P & C Committee held the AGM on Tuesday 14 March 2023, during which the election of the new committee members was held.

Please join me in welcoming our RPS P & C Committee members for 2023-2024

President: Mrs. Jaya Samtani

Treasurer: Mrs. Jana al-Mir

Secretary: Mrs. Siji Devasia

Vice President: Mr. Mark Hadaway

Vice President: Mrs. Shagufta Yasmin

Jaya Samtani

Community Liaison Officer

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