



Rosehill Public School Newsletter

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From the Principal



This term, K-2 students will be participating in the Dance Fever Multi Sport program every Tuesday, beginning Week 3 (Tuesday 7 February) which will be held in the school hall during school hours. We ask that parents please send students in sports shoes.

The cost of these weekly sessions will be covered by the school.

Next Term, it will be 3-6 students' turn.

Stage 3 Camp 2023

The Stage 3 Camp will be held at Camp Yarramundi, Richmond between **Monday 3 and Wednesday 5 of April (Week 11 Term 1)**.

The total cost for this 3-day camp is **\$305**, which includes transport by coaches, all meals, accommodation and activities.

For the price to remain at **\$305**, we require **150** students to attend. Activities may include night activities, abseiling, and rope courses.

All payments must be finalised by Thursday 16 March.

Parent Preferred Email Address



To facilitate parent emails from Rosehill we ask that you **nominate one (1) current email address preference** for your family to receive emails. Make sure that it is an email address that you currently use.

Please check the App message, sent out on 5.2.23 and click on the form attached to the message to nominate the email address.

Scripture/Special Religious Education

Scripture/Special Religious Education classes will begin in Week 6, Wednesday March 1st. Years 3-6 classes will be on Wednesdays from 11:25-11:55 and K-2 classes will be from 12-12:30.

Please check the App message, sent out on 14.2.23 and click on the form attached to the message to nominate which Scripture Class you would like your child to attend.

Mr T D'Amore
Principal

From Our Deputy Principal's



NAPLAN 2023:

The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) is a point in time assessment of literacy and numeracy skills. Each year students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 participate in tests for writing, reading, conventions of language (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and numeracy.

From 2023, NAPLAN is moving to Term 1 and will take place from **Wednesday 15 March** to **Monday 27 March**. The reason for this change is so that results can be returned to schools earlier in the year which will support teachers to understand the learning needs of their students and plan accordingly.

NAPLAN tests are just one part of our school learning assessment program and questions are primarily based on knowledge, understanding and skills gained from the prior year of schooling.

In preparation for NAPLAN 2023, our school will undertake activities to help students to become familiar with the format and functionality of the online tests. These activities are not an assessment of student ability and will not be marked.

Students and parents can access the [public demonstration site](https://www.nap.edu.au/online-assessment/public-demonstration-site) (<https://www.nap.edu.au/online-assessment/public-demonstration-site>) to familiarise themselves with NAPLAN and the types of questions and tools available. Excessive preparation for NAPLAN is not required nor recommended.

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If you have any questions about NAPLAN, please contact your child's teacher.

Emergency Contacts:

As we move further into the school year now is a good time to ensure all emergency contacts are up to date. If you or any of your listed emergency contacts have changed telephone numbers, please contact the office to update your details. It is very important that in case of emergency we are able to quickly make contact with parents/carers.



Road Safety:

When was the last time you spoke to your child about road safety? With children returning to school after some extended time away they will need regular reminders about being safe and making wise decisions on or near roads. Children can be impulsive and take unnecessary risks near roads. We encourage all parents to talk to their children about the following;

- Looking both ways when crossing the road
- Holding hand, a bag or a pram when crossing the road
- Using a pedestrian crossing wherever practical

When collecting your child from school – set a good example, use the pedestrian crossing, talk to your child about looking right, left and right again.



Mrs Rafferty, Mrs Cenk & Mr Quinn

From Our Admin Staff

We are excited to announce our school will be transitioning to an upgraded School Bytes finance system on 7 March 2023!

In preparation for the transition to a simplified finance system for both you and the school, we will be required to implement a short payment lockout period where we will not be able to receive any online or EFTPOS payments.

What this means for you

- **No payments can be made online or via EFTPOS from 4pm, Wednesday 1st March 2023.**
- We will advise you when payments can resume closer to the above date
- Any existing payment links that have been sent to you previously in emails can still

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be used after the transition and will automatically redirect to the new system.

- After the transition, a School Bytes portal will be available for you to register and begin using (Link: <https://portal.schoolbytes.education>)
- All previous payments made will be migrated to the new School Bytes finance system and portal

What is the School Bytes portal

The School Bytes portal provides flexibility for you to conveniently:

- Make school payments online (including paying for multiple siblings at once)
- Use a family credit to pay for an activity or school contributions
- Download a receipt for payments made
- View all historical payments in one place
- Complete and submit digital permission notes
- View the status of all permission notes
- Request a refund if required

This can be done where you want at any time: day or night.

Through the portal, you will easily be able to download a receipt once a payment has been made and have access to view all historical payments when needed. Online payments are processed in real-time and can be viewed by school staff immediately.

While our preference is for payments to be made via the portal, we will still accept payment via cash, cheque, money order and EFTPOS.

Our Preschool News

Outdoor Play



We have been enjoying the beautiful weather recently at preschool with plenty of time spent in outdoor play. We are very fortunate to have a range of environments and experiences to enjoy outside at preschool, including a mud kitchen, sandpit, cubby house, climbing equipment, yarning circles, gardens, and so much more.



The children have been building dispositions for learning such as interdependence, resilience, curiosity and agency through the unique opportunities afforded in outdoor play. Some of the investigations we have engaged in lately include:

- Building homes for bugs
- Weeding in the garden
- Watching caterpillars grow and change (we now have Monarch butterflies!)
- Nature paintings with bark and leaves
- Playing hide and seek
- Exploring concepts of volume and capacity with containers in the sandpit
- Learning the difference between wet and dry rocks and sand in the mud kitchen.



“The outdoor environment provides children with the ability to engage with the natural world and explore nature and concepts



through STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) learning. The possibilities for a child to learn about their world is endless while playing outdoors, as are the opportunities for educators to scaffold learning, curiosity and development.” ACECQA, *Seven Metres Squared*, 2019



<https://wehearyou.acecqa.gov.au/2019/05/22/seven-metres-squared/>

Holi Celebration – Week 7

Holi is a popular ancient Hindu festival, also known as the ‘Festival of Love’ and the ‘Festival of Colours’. It is celebrated by many of our preschool children and families. We will be celebrating the festival of Holi at preschool on Tuesday 7th and Thursday 9th March 2023 with colourful powders, stories, songs, and dancing.

Please provide your child with a spare white shirt to wear or old clothes that you don’t mind getting dirty.



RPS Community Corner

Make Technology Safer for Kids

The use of social media platforms has exploded in the recent times, with phones and tablets putting the online world in our hands.

For parents, knowing what's on their child's smartphone or tablet, is an important step in helping to keep them safe.

For example: TikTok & What's App is very popular with children of all ages. Thirteen is the minimum age for social media, however there isn't a real way to validate age so anyone can download the app. It can be used for creating and sharing short videos and messages. With very limited privacy controls, users are vulnerable to cyber bullying and explicit content.

As parents we need to be mindful of the risk that the current technology poses and ask ourselves:

- Do you know your child's password?
- Do you perform regular checks on their devices?
- Do you know what apps are on your children's phones and how they're used?

For more helpful information on e-safety please visit these sites:

<https://www.esafety.gov.au/parents/skills-advice/are-they-old-enough>

<https://childrenandmedia.org.au/app-reviews/app-reviews-by-age-suitability/age12>

<https://aifs.gov.au/cfca/publications/online-safety>

<https://www.familyzone.com/anz/families/blog/what-age-for-social-media>



RPS P & C Committee

We will be holding the AGM to elect the new P & C members for 2023-2024, on Tuesday 7 March 2023, at 5.00 pm, in the multi-purpose building.

We will be electing office bearers; President, Vice President/s, Secretary and Treasurer to form the committee.

We encourage our Parents and community members (adults only) to attend and elect the office bearers.

Please enter via Virginia Street Gate only. Please be mindful, if you are feeling unwell it is best to remain at home.

We look forward to seeing you all there.

Jaya Samtani
Community Liaison Officer

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