



Rouse Hill Public School Newsletter

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Week 8, Term 1

Calendar Dates	
Week 8	
Thursday 16 th March	NAPLAN – Years 3 and 5 P&C AGM, 7pm
Friday 17 th March	No PSSA
Week 9	
Monday 20 th March	NAPLAN – Years 3 and 5 Year 6 Leaders Training Day – Brewongle Environmental Education Centre
Tuesday 21 st March	NAPLAN – Years 3 and 5 Harmony Day
Wednesday 22 nd March	NAPLAN – Years 3 and 5
Thursday 23 rd March	NAPLAN – Years 3 and 5
Friday 24 th March	NAPLAN – Years 3 and 5 No PSSA Sydney West PSSA Regional Swimming Carnival
Week 10	
Monday 27 th March	NAPLAN – Years 3 and 5
Tuesday 28 th March	Backflips Against Bullying incursion
Thursday 30 th March	Emergency Evacuation Drill
Friday 31 st March	Summer PSSA Round 3 P&C Disco
Week 11	
Tuesday 4 th April	Winter PSSA Trials
Wednesday 5 th April	RHPS Cross Country Carnival Year 6 Cake Stall
Thursday 6 th April	K-2 Easter Hat Parade Anzac Service Winter PSSA Trials
Friday 7 th April	Good Friday Public Holiday

From the Principal and Deputy Principals

Thank You

A very big thank you to our community and our P&C Committee for P&C for the generous donation of a set of laptops and charging trolley. It's great to see our P&C's fundraising efforts benefitting our children.



Backflips Against Bullying

Our Backflips Against Bullying incursion will be taking place on Tuesday 28th March. This high energy show engages children through parkour and acrobatics, with the following aims:

1. Build Them Strong: teaching resilience and practical tools to help children, and
2. Social Influence: empowering students to hold each other accountable.

The school will be covering the cost of this incursion.

Goal Setting Parent Teacher Meetings

Thank you to those of you attended a learning goal meeting with your child's teacher last week. Our next formal parent teacher interviews will be held in Week 2 of Term 3. In the meantime, please do not hesitate to contact the school to organise a phone or face-to-face meeting with your child's teacher to discuss your child's academic progress or wellbeing.

Well Done

Well done to current student Kira from 5H, and former student Viktoria, now in Year 7. During the December school holidays the sisters were among 980 young people who assisted in providing over 12,500 hot & cold meals, breakfast boxes, snack packs, care packs and writing empathetic, positive messages to 13 charities around Sydney. I received an email from the 'Kids Giving Back' CEO, Carole Schlessinger, acknowledging the exceptional leadership qualities, compassion, and a strong sense of civic responsibility that Kira and Viktoria demonstrated, and conveying her heartfelt gratitude for their contributions.

Mrs Schlessinger stated in the email that 'Kids Giving Back' would love to see more of our students involved in 'giving back' through volunteering. Please visit www.kidsgivingback.org for more information if you are interested.

Rebel Sport Community Givebacks

Our school is part of the Rebel Sport Rouse Hill Town Centre Community Givebacks program. Every time you mention Rouse Hill Public School when purchasing items from Rebel at Rouse Hill Town Centre, we accrue credit to spend on items for our school. Thank you to those of you who are already supporting this scheme. If you are a Rebel member, you can also link your membership to the school so that points are automatically applied to RHPS. Our points are used to replenish our recess and lunchtime play equipment, particularly basketballs, netballs, soccer balls and table tennis balls, as well as general sporting equipment.



Swimming Carnival

On Wednesday 22nd February, an enthusiastic group of students in Years 2-6 attended our Swimming Carnival. Our students displayed outstanding behaviour and a healthy competitive spirit. Congratulations to all of the students who entered races on the day. Thank you to Mr Jackson, Miss Simmons and Mrs Mangion for organising the carnival. A big thank you to the parents who volunteered to help out on the day. Well done, also, to the children who qualified for the Ridges PSSA Zone Swimming Carnival, which was held on Friday 3rd March.

Smart Watches

As smart watches are communication devices, they are not appropriate to be worn during the school day. As with mobile phones, smart watches are to be handed to class teachers at the beginning of the day and collected at the end of the day. As they are an expensive electronic item, it would be preferable that children do not wear them to school at all.

Emailing the School

Please include your child's full name and class when sending emails to the school, as this will make it much easier to forward the email to the correct teacher or staff member. We do our best to monitor school emails, however, if you have an urgent message please phone the school rather than email.

NAPLAN 2023

NAPLAN for students in Years 3 and 5 is taking place from today to Monday 27 March. If you have any questions about NAPLAN, please contact your child’s teacher.

Every Day Matters

Every day matters, right until the last day of term. There are still three weeks of learning left and it is really important for students to come to school every single day, unless they are sick and/or displaying COVID-19 symptoms. Being at school every day, wherever possible, boosts students’ learning and confidence and helps them to build and maintain friendships.

A reminder that, wherever possible, holidays should only be booked during school breaks and students should be at school every day during school term, right from beginning to end. Missing a day here or there may not seem like much, but absences add up. Every day matters and we are here to support all students in attending and engaging with their learning every day of the term.



Rob Jarvis, Rebecca Wallace and Jess Pintado

PBL Awards – Respectful Responsible Resilient

Early Stage 1 PBL Award Winners



Harmony Day

Rouse Hill Public School will celebrate Harmony Day on Tuesday 21st March 2023. The theme 'Everyone Belongs' promotes respect for everyone from all cultural backgrounds and encourages inclusion. This includes the ongoing custodians of the land on which we live, as well as those who have come from many countries around the world.

Please encourage your child/children to wear their cultural/traditional dress or something orange to school on that day.

We look forward to celebrating Australia's cultural diversity, with a focus on inclusiveness, respect and a sense of belonging for everyone.

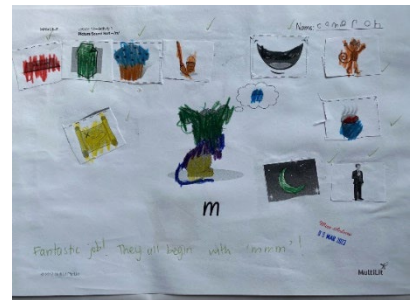
Mrs Singh & Mrs Kaur - Harmony Day Coordinators

Class News

Every few days we're sharing some class news with you via our Facebook page, as well as our newsletter. This fortnight it's KA, 2CS and 6W's turn.

KA

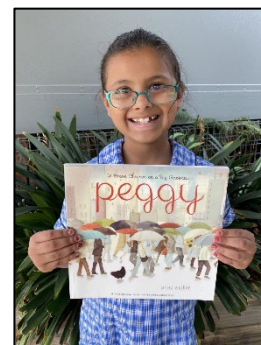
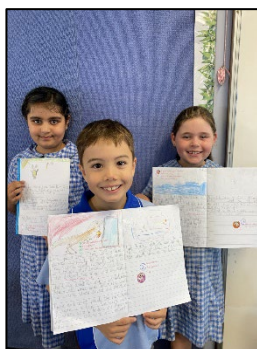
KA has had a busy start to Term 1! I am so impressed with how well the KA children have settled into school and classroom routines. The students have been exploring letters and sounds, particularly the letters 'm' and 's'. During these phonics lessons, KA have been learning about 'Maggie Mouse' and 'Sammy Seal', as well as sorting pictures and words according to their initial sound. During mathematics, we've been learning about patterns and length, recognising and continuing repeating patterns using objects and pictures. The children really enjoyed using play-doh to create 'worms' of different lengths, ordering them from shortest to longest. KA have created some amazing artwork inspired by the story 'Alexander's Outing'. Students loved exploring different mediums, including watercolour and oil pastels.



Miss Andrew

2CS

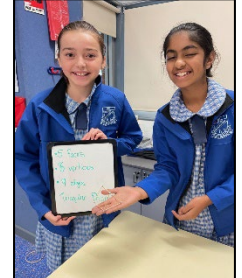
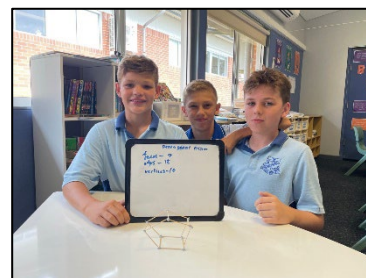
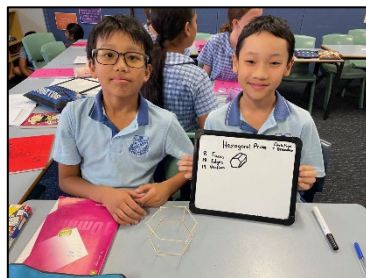
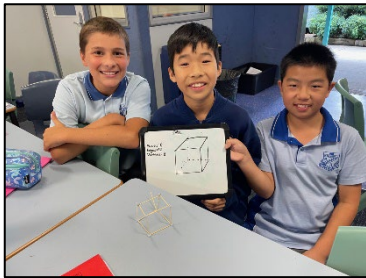
As part of our English program this term, 2CS have been learning about circular narratives. Students have enjoyed responding to a variety of texts, where we have analysed the text structure and changing character traits. In writing, students have learnt about compound sentences and have applied planning strategies to write their own circular narrative. Pictured are some proud 2CS students displaying their circular narratives and artworks in response to the picture book, 'Peggy' by Anna Walker.



Mrs Campbell & Miss Stretton

6W

6W have been investigating 3D space in mathematics. We have been investigating the various features of prisms and pyramids and specifying the number of faces, vertices and edges different 3D objects have. To consolidate our learning, we constructed a range of 3D objects and identified their properties.



Mr Watkins

Road safety



Your guide to driving and parking safely near schools

The beginning and end of the school day are busy times for pedestrians and vehicles outside the school. That's why you need to take extra care in 40km/h school zones.

- Park safely and legally, even if it means walking further to the school gate. Parking signs are planned with children's safety in mind.
- Slow down to 40km/h in the school zone and stay aware of crossings.
- Always park and turn legally around the school.
- Never double park as it puts children at risk.
- Manoeuvres such as U-turns and three-point turns are dangerous.
- Never park in a bus zone or in the school bus bay.
- Make sure your children use the Safety Door (rear footpath side door) to get in and out of the car.
- At a supervised crossing, observe the directions of the school crossing supervisor.
- Model safe and considerate behaviour for your child – they will learn from you.

Remember to always give way to pedestrians particularly when entering and leaving driveways. Don't park across the school driveway or the entrance to the school car park. It's always a good idea to use the drop off and pick up area suggested by your school. This will help keep all children as safe as possible during the busiest times of the school day.

For more information on keeping our kids safe around schools visit the [families](#) section on safetytown.com.au



Too many lives lost on NSW roads.
Our goal is zero.