



Rouse Hill Public School Newsletter

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Week 10, Term 1

Calendar Dates	
Week 10	
Friday 31 st March	Summer PSSA Round 3 - cancelled due to ground closures Winter PSSA Trials 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
Friday 7 th April	Good Friday Public Holiday
Week 1 – Term 2	
Monday 24 th April	School Development Day
Tuesday 25 th April	Anzac Day Public Holiday
Wednesday 26 th April	Children return for Term 2
Friday 28 th April	Winter PSSA Round 1
Week 2 – Term 2	
Thursday 4 th May	Selective High School Test Sport in Schools Australia commences – K-2 P&C Meeting, 7pm
Friday 5 th May	Winter PSSA Round 2

From the Principal and Deputy Principals

Bus Travel – Opal Cards

If your child travels to and/or from school on a bus, please remind them to use their Opal Card to tap on and off. Increased demand for bus travel between Box Hill and Rouse Hill PS will be measured by the number of children tapping on and off with their Opal Card. If numbers are high enough, this may indicate the need for a dedicated school bus between the two suburbs.

Mobile Devices Procedures

Children who bring mobile phones or smart watches to school are to hand their device to their class teacher each morning and collect each afternoon.

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.

Opportunity Class Placement for 2024

Applications for entry into Year 5 opportunity classes (OC) in 2024 open on Thursday 30th March and close Monday 15th 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. Opportunity classes are unzoned so you can apply no matter where you live. 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, and 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 online together.

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

Learn more about the placement process, the placement test and find a link to apply at [Opportunity classes – Year 5](#).

Happy Holidays

On behalf of the Rouse Hill Public School staff, we hope you have a safe and enjoyable holiday. A chance for our students to rest and recharge, ready to return with plenty of energy and enthusiasm for all the learning and activities ahead in Term 2. We hope you enjoy some family time together over the break.

Rob Jarvis, Rebecca Wallace and Jess Pintado

PBL Awards – Respectful Responsible Resilient

Stage 3 Merit Award Winners

Stage 3 Bookwork Award Winners



Stage 3 PBL Award Winners

Stage 3 Dino Draw Winners



Stage 3 Leadership Development Day

Our Stage 3 student leaders had a wonderful day developing their leadership skills at Brewongle Environmental Education Centre. The children participated in a range of activities that required them to work as a team and understand the importance of effective communication. Students used magic carpet to cross a crocodile infested river and navigated Brewongle using handheld GPS units and maps to break a hidden code. In the afternoon, students worked in small groups to design and record a video of a leadership project they would like to implement back at school.



Steve Watkins – Stage 3 Assistant Principal

Harmony Day Photos





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 KE and 5A's turn.

KE

In KE, we have been learning about 'Living Things' in science. We have spoken about the different things that plants and animals need to stay alive. We were also lucky enough to see Mrs Proglyo's baby chickens! The eggs were in the incubator for about three weeks before hatching and now we have eleven little chicks. Now that they have hatched, they need food, water and a heat pad because they can't keep themselves warm yet. They came down to visit our class on Wednesday and we all had the opportunity to hold them. As a class, we discussed things we need to be mindful of, such as being very gentle and washing our hands after touching them. This was a very exciting part of our week and we will be sad to see the chicks go.



Miss Phegan

5A

In 5A last week we celebrated Harmony Week. Harmony Day, Tuesday 21st March, was filled with a range of activities to celebrate the diversity of our class. We completed beautiful artworks which celebrate what Harmony Day means to each individual within the class. It was great to see so many students in 5A dress in a range of cultural outfits or orange clothes. We also got to see our buddies for the second time! 5A are so excited to have buddies this year and are enjoying building quality relationships with the Kindergarten students in KE. This week for buddies, we went outside to practice throwing and catching. What a great week for 5A!



Mrs Aret

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](https://www.safetytown.com.au)



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

AFTER-SCHOOL MANDARIN CLASSES AT ROUSE HILL PUBLIC SCHOOL

After-school Mandarin classes have been Rouse Hill Public School for 5 years! Having been a community language school for the past 20 years, we at Hua Xia make learning Mandarin easy and fun for both native and non-native speaking students!

Time	Mondays (3.30pm - 5.00pm), Starting on 1 May in term2
Classes	Two Classes (Native + Non-native speakers) on Mondays
Class Fees	\$145 for 8 sessions in Term 2 2023
Class Location:	Will be same classrooms
Payment Method:	A/C Name: Hua Xia Chinese Culture School BSB: 112-879, A/C No. 438456361 Reference on Receipt: Student's name and RHPS

If you are interested, please fill out our [enrolment form](#) if you are a **new student**, or confirm your attendance via our ['Contact Us' form](#) if you are an **existing student**.

CONTACT US

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out to **Bin Lin**



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10AM-1PM

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Come along to our **FREE**
KIDS
GARDENING
CLASSES AT FLOWER POWER

11AM WEEKDAYS

Tue 11 – Fri 14 April & Mon 17 – Fri 21 April

No classes on Easter Mon 10 April

No booking required



Kids under 5 must be accompanied by an adult
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