



# Rose Bay Primary School

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Dear Parents of Students in Years 3-6,

March 2013

Our school has been taking part in the ICAS (International Competitions and Assessment for Schools) tests organised by the Testing centre of the University of NSW, for many years. We have found these tests to be a valuable and worthwhile form of assessment providing detailed and useful feedback for students, parents and teachers. We are encouraging all children to participate in these tests, as results will be used as another indicator to inform teachers of areas of strength and weakness across the curriculum.

The tests are as follows:

The **Computer Skills Competition - (Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> May)** will test competency in the areas of common operating systems for desktop computers (Windows, Macintosh), basic internet skills, common computer features and peripherals and common features of software packages.

The **Science Competition - (Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> June)** provides students with a stimulating challenge and gives them feedback on their performance. Students are called on to solve problems based on real-life situations using skills and processes of science.

The **English Competition - (Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> July)** provides students with a worthwhile and challenging experience which will engender confidence and competence in the use of English. The skills and processes associated with prose and document literacy, vocabulary and language usage are tested using a wide variety of material appropriate to the classroom and the wider community.

The **Mathematics Competition - (Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> August)** asks students to solve problems based on mathematical skills, concepts and processes appropriate for their age and cognitive development. The competition is not based on the curriculum of any particular state or country.

Comprehensive results are sent to the school and to parents including certificates that are awarded as follows:

High Distinction	top 1% in the state/country
Distinction	top 10% in the state/country
Credit	top 20% in the state/country
School Achievement	Students who are placed in the top 20% of their school but who have not qualified for a state/national certificate.
Participation	to all primary school students who do not qualify for one of the certificates above.

The entry fee for all 4 tests is \$32. We encourage you to use our easy and convenient on-line payment option.

#### On-Line Payment Instructions:

- Please go to [www.rosebayp.schools.nsw.edu.au](http://www.rosebayp.schools.nsw.edu.au).
- Find the \$ Make a payment link on the front page of the website and follow the instructions.
- **You do not need to enter a student registration number.**
- Select "Other" as the Payment Option and type Uni Tests

#### Each child needs a separate payment.

If you are paying at school, please complete the section below and return in an envelope with payment to your class teacher by **Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March 2013**.

**No money will be accepted after this date as one school cheque is forwarded to the University to pay for all competitions and they need to receive our entries soon after.**

Yours sincerely,

Deborah McIlwain and Jeannette Leonzini  
Co-ordinators

Gai O'Neill  
Principal

Enclosed is \$32.00 payment for my child/ren \_\_\_\_\_ in class/es \_\_\_\_\_ to participate in the 2013 ICAS tests.

SIGNED: \_\_\_\_\_ (Parent/Guardian) DATE: \_\_\_\_\_