



Dates for Your Diary

December
 6 Last Day PSSA Sport & School Sport
 6 Last Day Gymnastics
 10 Primary Presentation Day
 11 K-2 Movie Day
 16 Year 6 Farewell
 17 3-6 Movie / Picnic Day
 18 Last Day of Term for all Students

Salvation Army's Christmas Appeal

We are kindly asking for donations of new presents for the Salvation Army's Christmas Appeal. There will be a focus on presents for teenagers E.g. music vouchers, make-up, toiletries, beauty products, bath towels, costume jewellery, etc. However, all gifts for all ages will be kindly received.

Please wrap the presents in clear wrapping with a note labelling what age and gender the present is suitable for. Please bring the presents to the office by **Tuesday 17th December 2013** and place them under our beautiful Christmas tree.

Thank you!



Last Day of School Term 4	Wednesday 18th December Last Day of School for Students
First Day of School Term 1 2014	Tuesday 28th January Staff return to school
	Wednesday 29th January First Day of School for Year 1-6
	Friday 31st January First Day of School Kindergarten



SCHOOL LEADERS FOR 2014

Last Thursday, our 16 School Leader nominees presented their election speeches to Years 2 – 5, as well as their teachers. All nominees presented brilliant speeches that were thoughtful and articulate. Votes were then counted and announced at Wednesday's whole school assembly. I am pleased to announce that the 8 school leaders for 2014 are:

Angela 5RH, Lauren 5K, April 5K, Ariella 5RH, Tom 5K, Corey 5K, Brock 5RH and Kfir 5K. These students will be presented with their leader badges at Presentation Day next Tuesday, along with the announcement of boy and girl School Captain.

Ed Milts
 Assistant Principal

Rose Bay Public School



Thank you volunteers!

Last week the staff provided an impressive morning tea to say thank you to all the volunteers who supported the school throughout the year. We are so fortunate at Rose Bay to have such a supportive community who are able to help out at school in so many different ways from helping our students in the classroom, being on the traffic committee, P&C, supporting our art show, fundraising and enhancing our school environment and so much more. All of us here at Rose Bay School value the partnership we have with the community, so a very big thank you goes out to all our school volunteers.

School Survey

Science at Rose Bay Public School

Science is one of the school's priority target curriculum areas. Over the last two years the school has implemented many strategies to improve the outcomes for students through a focus on inquiry-based scientific learning.

As part of our regular evaluation process, we would like to ask your participation in our science survey. These surveys will involve the staff, students and parents.

Please access the parent survey click on the following link or cut/paste it into the URL <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/W7YY7MN> This survey will close on Wednesday, 18th December. As with any survey, the greater the response, the more valid and informative are the findings. Please take the time to complete this quick survey.

Library Stocktake

The library is now closed for borrowing for the year to allow stocktake to commence.

It would be greatly appreciated if students would return any outstanding books to the Library as soon as possible.

An accurate stocktake figure allows us to get a full picture of our resources and arrange replacements for books that have been damaged or misplaced.

Overdue notices will be sent home with students next week. Please do not be alarmed if you cannot find books that are on your notice.

It would be helpful if you could do a good check around the house or car and return any of your finds ASAP.

Thank you for your cooperation!
Regards, Yvonne Barrett



PAYMENTS DUE-End Of Financial Year

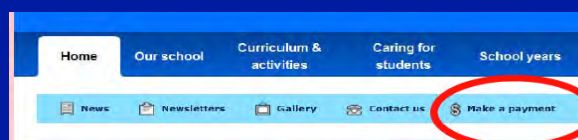
Prompt payment of outstanding accounts before the end of term would be appreciated.

Please Note, the school will carry over outstanding amounts into 2014.

It would be beneficial to the school if family accounts are cleared.

The school's secure online payment system is a quick and safe way to make your payment/s Just Google Rose Bay Public School website.

And click on the \$ to make a payment



Asthma Plans

We are currently updating our Individual Student Asthma Plans for 2014. Please pick up a form from the office if your child has been recently diagnosed with asthma. Please return the form to school by **Friday 13th December**. If your child has already been identified as being asthmatic, a form will be sent home with your child early next week. Thank you!



Hebrew News!

Congratulations are in order to our language teacher Judit Rubinstein and her Hebrew years 5 and 6 students for winning **FIRST PRIZE** at the 2013 MLTA of NSW Languages Competition with their short film titled 'Round About'. The awards and presentations were held last week at Parliament House. The award celebrates the benefits and contribution of language education to the community. The marking criteria for primary and high school entries were language accuracy, creativity, performance skills, film quality and adherence to the competition rules. The film was chosen out of more than eighty entries. It will also be used for teachers' conferences, professional development and future projects.



New Resources



Over recent weeks Rose Bay Public School has been purchasing many literacy resource books to support the implementation of the new NSW school curriculum that takes effect in 2014.

The school has been able to purchase an additional \$800 of books courtesy of Hart Estate Agents, from referrals they have received from school families.

Principal Gai O'Neill believes each and every book provides immense support and professional learning to the teachers as they look to implement the NSW syllabuses for the Australian Curriculum.

"These rich literacy books, many of which are picture books for K-6, will enable our teachers to focus on creative and critical thinking, visual literacy and, importantly, appreciation of literacy for all the students at Rose Bay Public School," Ms O'Neil said.

Alex Hart, whose sponsorship contribution has previously supported the library to purchase books and computers, is delighted to once again donate money to help the school.

"It gives me great pride to be able to help with something that provides such a tangible benefit to our kids' development," Hart said. "I'm sure all of the books bought will be well used."



Band News

Wow! What a fantastic show we put on last night. The hall was packed to the rafters with family and friends eagerly waiting to hear the Senior and Junior Bands perform... and we didn't disappoint! Senior Band opened the show with the popular Adele song Rolling in the Deep and a more traditional concert band piece Atlantis. Congratulations to the soloists who bravely volunteered to play on their own. It was great to hear such variety and see the progress that can be made with lots of practice. Well Done.

Junior Band entertained us with Beginner Band's Greatest Hits and demonstrated how much progress they have made with a more difficult piece The Spook. The favourite of the night has to be Rose Bay's rendition of Gangnam Style, made all the more exciting with help from our juniors!

Congratulations to the following students who received band awards:

Senior: Finn , April L, Gill G, Jack F, Alix A, Liam A.

Junior: Ruby A, Lilas-Mae N, James G, Matthew C, Amelia S, Taylor A.

The finale of the evening was a combined band performance signalling the Juniors graduation into Senior Band with Guantanamera.

A fabulous performance by all and what a great way to end the term! Thank you to the tutors who have worked hard all year in lessons. A big thank you and farewell to Ms Jenn Brown. Your musical direction and passion has given so many Rose Bay PS students a love of music and enjoyment in Band. We wish you well in the future. Finally a thank you to all band members and parents who continue to support the Rose Bay PS Band Program.

All lessons and Band rehearsals have finished for the year.
I hope you have a safe and happy holiday and I look forward to seeing you all in 2014!

Heidi Wilson

Program Manager

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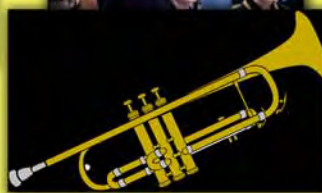
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Chess Championship



This Wednesday, 27th November, over 50 children from Kindergarten to Year 6 participated in the Rose Bay Chess Championship. Young players met the challenge of playing older and more experienced players. It was a very exciting day and there were quite a few students vying for the title of Chess Champion. Each player played 8 games against a competitor of equal ranking with the same number of points.

Congratulations!
Chess Champion: Zak.
Second place: Keanu
Third place: Jonah.
Best Junior: Ethan.
Best girl: Rachel.





The excitement has only just died down after last week's successful Year Six Fun Day. The ominous clouds in the morning broke open to provide a sunny, warm day where spider drinks, chocolate shots and sponge throwing were high in demand, alongside twenty-five other innovative stalls. It was an absolute credit to the organisation and running of each stall and each and every Year Six student can be commended for their efforts. The purpose of the afternoon was to raise funds for their Year Six gift to the school as well as subsidise their Farewell formal dinner, and of-course have fun along the way. Well done Year Six!

Ed Milts (5/6 M)

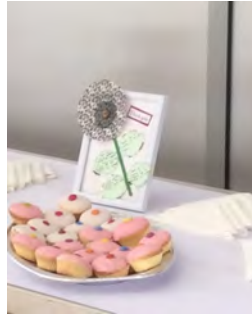
Jason Everett (6E)

Rebecca Jones (6J)





Thank you Morning Tea



Thank you to those of you who were available to attend this year's Thank You Morning Tea. It was wonderful for the staff to have the chance to thank you all for the things you do for our school big or small.



Ayse Burke with three of this year's recipients of the Simone Moore Award. Mike Tipper, Narelle Spencer and Sharine Ruppert. Di Adams and Debbie Linker were unable to attend this year's Thank You Morning Tea.



WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE LIBRARY

Borrowing & Stock Take Dates

Week 8: Last week student borrowing

Week 9: Books returned

Week 10: Stock take

News

Stocktake is here and our borrowing has now ended for the school year. Please return **ALL** books as soon as possible. It is very important that our departing Year 6 students return all of their books as well before they move on to their new schools and new adventures. Stock take is part of the school's audit of resources to see which books are missing, need replacing or to note those areas where we need to focus on developing the collection. The library appreciates the school community support in this matter. We look forward to the return of school resources.

2013 has been another big year for the library, with new soft furnishings and mobile spinner stands purchased, bulletin boards replaced. Close to **1900 books were accessioned** and **over 13,372,000 items were borrowed** during the school year. Students have already contributed to the 2014 suggestion book list to help with purchasing those books that they love to read! We also now have **33 parents who are members of our school library** and we look forward to welcoming more in the new school year. Congratulations to the 58 students who successfully completed the **Premiers Reading Challenge** this year. We are anxiously waiting for the certificates to arrive. Remember, that books read over the summer holidays can be registered for the 2014 Challenge!

A huge thank you to our **dedicated library monitors**. They have helped enormously both during lunch and class times to shelve books, return and borrow books, label and even more 😊

As the final library newsletter of the year we would like to wish the RBPS school community happy holidays and happy reading! It is important that our students continue their reading over the summer. Young readers who don't continue to read over the summer – especially those who are reluctant or at-risk – are likely to lose crucial ground. One summer off can sometimes mean a whole school year of struggling academic performance. Have a look at what is happening in your local library, visit your local bookshop and sit down with your children and enjoy reading together.

Your children may also enjoy joining up to the **Summer Reading Club**:

<http://www.summerreadingclub.org.au/registration/> Registrations remain open until January, but make the most of the holidays and join up today 😊





The P&C would like to say a BIG thank you to all of those who were able to attend our final fundraiser of 2013!

Much fun and frivolity was had by all on the night and we managed to raise the additional money needed to purchase the ipads requested by the school.

Monte Carlo Night would not have raised these much needed funds without the many prizes donated to our school for our silent auction, envelopes and games. A list of our donors is on the following pages. Please support these businesses as they have our school when looking for gifts to purchase, services you may require and a range of fun kid related activities to keep the kids busy during the holidays!!!

A huge thanks must go to all of our Monte Carlo event sponsors who assisted in making the night a great success!

Events such as these do not happen without the help of those parents who contribute in many different ways from ticketing, decorating, organising auction items, hamper production, collating and everything in between THANK YOU!

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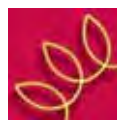
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