



Dear Parents and Caregivers

Dates for Your Diary

March

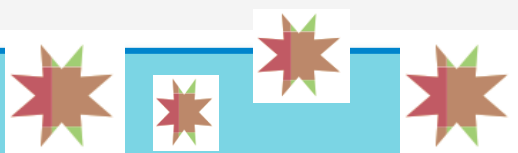
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PICNIC UNDER THE STARS

We look forward to the Rose Bay P&C Picnic Under the Stars event. All families welcome. We hope many of our new families will come along to enjoy a relaxing evening, get to know other families in the school and hear about some of the ways you can get involved in supporting the school through the P&C.

When: Thursday 14th March

Time: 5:30pm to 8pm

Bring a picnic for your family, a rug to sit on and be entertained by music and friends.

BEING GOOD NEIGHBOURS

On three occasions this term a member of our school community has blocked a drive way of one of our neighbours. At the very least this is inconvenient and in the case of an emergency there may have been even greater repercussions. Whatever the circumstances please park legally and be considerate of our neighbours. Your cooperation would be greatly appreciated.

You Can Do It!

As a part of the Personal development and Health curriculum, students in years K-6 are participating in lessons from the You Can Do It program.

The You Can Do It program is a social and emotions learning program designed to optimise students' success, relationships and experiences at school.

The program targets five strategies for successful learning, including:

- Resilience
- Getting along with others
- Organisation
- Confidence
- Persistence

This term the **You Can Do It** focus is 'Organisation'. Learning about organisation includes; setting goals for doing your best in school work, listening carefully to teacher's instructions, planning time so that you are not rushed, having all your supplies ready and keeping track of homework and assignments' due dates.

All teachers have been using the term 'organisation' across the school grounds and students have been trying hard to learn the tricks of the trade. With this, the students are also beginning to understand the benefits that come with it.

SCHOOL PHOTOS 2013

This year the school photographs are being taken on **Monday 18th March**.

Please send payment on this date only.

If sibling envelopes are needed they are available from the school office.

All children need to be in **full** summer uniform.

Girls – dress or white school polo shirt/skort white socks and black shoes.

Boys – white school polo, black cargo shorts, black socks and black shoes.

Classes will be photographed in order K-6, commencing at approximately 9.30am. Family photos will be taken after lunch. So that full class photographs can be taken, all children are to be included in the class photo. This does not oblige you to purchase the photo.

Whole School Photos, as well as School Leaders, House Captains and Band photos will be taken on the following **Monday the 25th March**.

Please bring the "Band" polo shirt to school on photo day. Children in the band are to wear their normal school shirt to school and change into their Band t-shirt for the band photo. These photos can be ordered and paid for later, after viewing them.

Please note that order forms for family photographs are available from the front office.

Regards

Sarah Skelton

Co-ordinator

YR 6 - 7 PLACEMENT IN 2014 IN A GOVERNMENT HIGH SCHOOL

Year 6 parents have received an EOI form to indicate the high school they would like their child to attend from 2014. Completed forms need to be returned to the school by Wednesday, 20th March 2013, regardless of whether your child will be attending a government school or not. Please note that we will write the name of the designated local comprehensive high school your child should attend, based on the residential address currently held in our system. If you have moved recently and you have not updated your new details, please contact the school office.



Being Excited About Reading

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There is still a chance to become a **VOLUNTEER** for our B.E.A.R reading program.

TO BECOME A PARENT TUTOR all you need to do is give your name to the office or fill out the form attached to this weeks newsletter.

Thankyou for your support,

Jasmina Caldarevic

School Attendance

Did you know that if your child misses as few as eight days in a school term, by the end of primary school they will have missed a whole year of education?

By law, you are required to send your child to school every day. If your child has to be away from school for any reason, please either tell your child's teacher or send a signed note explaining the reason for the absence, as soon as possible. If your child arrives at school late, or needs to leave early, you will need to go to the office to sign your child in or out.

If you're having problems getting your child to attend school regularly and on time, please talk to your child's teacher or principal.

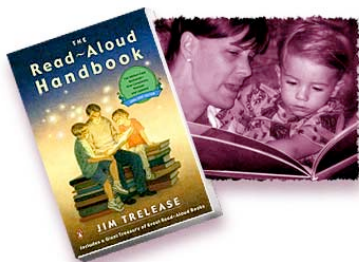
For your obligations under the school attendance guidelines, please go to: www.det.nsw.edu.au/policies/student_admin/attendance/sch_polproc/PD20050259.shtml

Playground Equipment

Parents are reminded that the fixed equipment in the playground is out of bounds to all students, pre-schoolers, siblings and toddlers in the mornings and after school. We have a requirement that children are supervised by a teacher when on this equipment. Please help us by ensuring your child does not use the equipment at these times.

From the RBPS library...

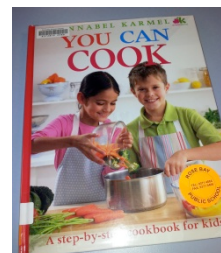
Welcome to the RBPS library for 2013. All parents are welcome to join up as members of our school library. You may borrow up to six books to extend your child/ren's reading. Reading aloud is an essential activity to develop lifelong reading skills and culture. Jim



Trelease, a world-renown author, has written how reading aloud "conditions the child to associate reading with pleasure; creates background knowledge; builds "book" vocabulary; and provides a reading role model". You may find out more information from Jim Trelease's website:

<http://www.trelease-on-reading.com/>

At the beginning of each year, students are asked to clean up their home bookshelves, and keep an eye open for any RBPS library books that may still be at home ☺. The process of labelling the front of library books with a bright fluorescent **orange** RBPS sticker is nearly completed, to make finding these books at home easier. Thank you to those parents and children who have already returned 'hidden' books.



I am again encouraging students to participate in the [Premier's Reading Challenge](#) which starts in March and continues till end of August.

Students are automatically included in the Challenge when an online student reading record is started. Students (or parents) log on from 4th March using their student DET username and password. On their first logon for 2013, students record their previous school, if applicable. Rules and information on how to record students reading record are available online (see hyperlink). Hard copies are also available in the library. Students may read books from the PRC book list or personal choice books, including books in their home language. This also includes children being read aloud to ☺.

February 21st also celebrates *International Mother Language Day (UNESCO)*. This Day is observed every year to promote linguistic and cultural diversity and multilingualism. It was created by UNESCO (the United Nations Education, Science and Cultural Organisation) in order to promote the dissemination of mother tongues and a fuller awareness of linguistic and cultural traditions throughout the world and to inspire solidarity based on understanding, tolerance and dialogue. For further information, visit:

www.un.org/en/events/motherlanguageday/



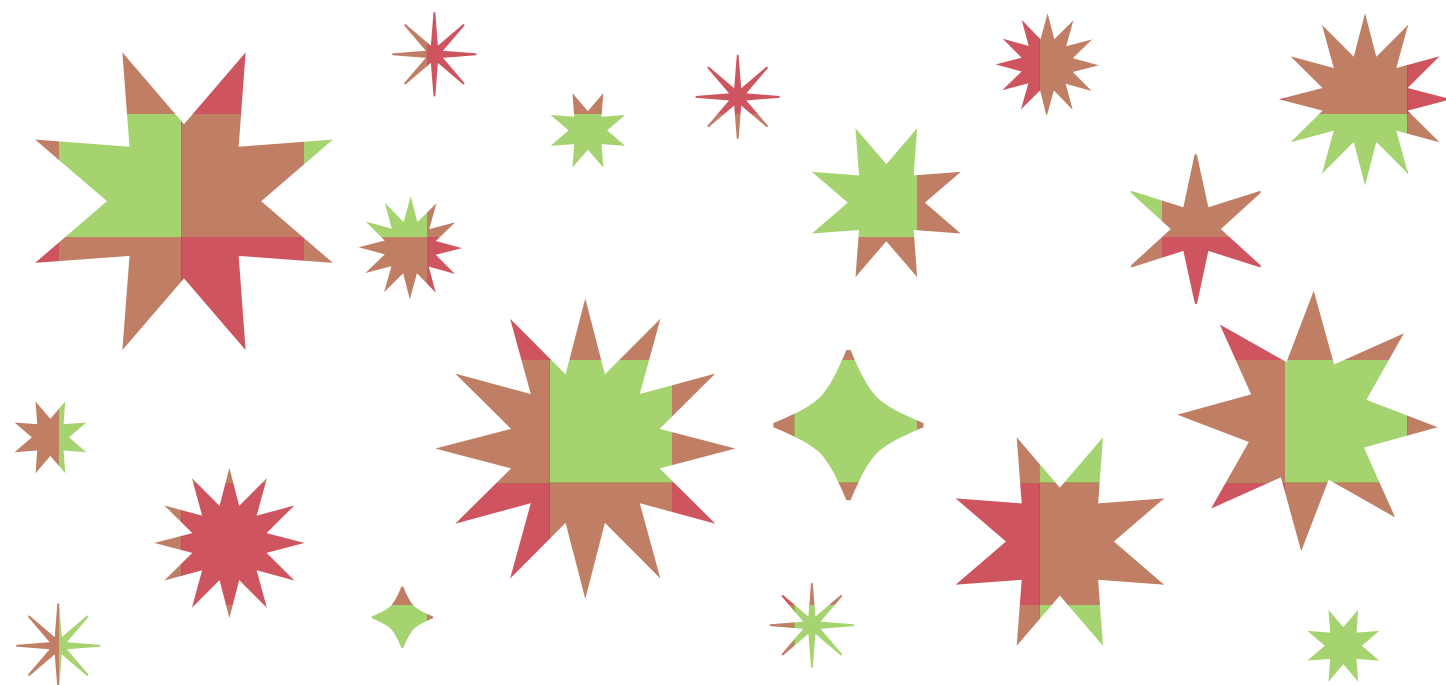
A continued focus area for the library will be to develop an international collection of books suitable for our students to read. If you have any books in quality condition that you would like to donate, we would be very appreciative. For any donated books in other languages, please note the title and author and year of publication in English on the inside front cover of the book.

There are numerous **special literature events and competitions** for our students to participate in 2013. See the information below:

<p>Tue. 7 May 13- Fri. 10 May 13</p>	<div data-bbox="566 138 719 300" data-label="Image"> </div> <p>POSSUM MAGIC 2013: THE MUSICAL LIVE ON STAGE Tue. 7 May 13- Fri. 10 May 13 Bookings & Enquiries: http://www.enmoretheatre.com.au/events/2012/01/07/possum-magic-2013-the-musical-live-on-stage After 30 years in print and over 20 years on stage, playing to over 500,000 patrons POSSUM MAGIC – THE MUSICAL, with tour Australia in 2013 for THE VERY LAST TIME! Featuring larger than life size puppets, and a cast of multi-talented performers, the story of Hush, the little possum, has been stylishly embellished into a rollicking AUSSIE MUSICAL.</p>
<p>Commences Term 1 & 2 Entries due Tuesday 16th July 2013</p>	<div data-bbox="497 488 683 728" data-label="Image"> </div> <p>STORIES ON SCREEN – Children’s Book Council of Australia (NSW) Competition & Showcase for NSW Primary School Students (K-6) <i>The Stories on Screen competition (SOS) is open to primary school aged students. Simply adapt an Australian picture book or excerpt from an Australian novel into a 3minute film. All details are up on our website and a unit of work can be obtained by contacting our office.</i></p> <p><i>The competition will take place in Terms 1 and 2, 2013 with entries due by Tuesday 16th July 2013</i></p> <p><i>Six shortlisted films are viewed at the Stories on Screen showcase, Sept 5, 2013, and the winners announced. In addition to the technology prize, our first place filmmakers receive chocolate Oscars. This is always a highlight for the students. This showcase celebration features a guest author or illustrator. See the website for more information:</i></p> <p>http://nsw.cbca.org.au/pages/stories-on-screen.html</p>
<p>20-26 May 2013</p>	<p>SYDNEY WRITERS FESTIVAL See the website for more information: http://www.swf.org.au/</p>
<p>Upcoming</p>	<p>FRUSTRATED WRITERS MENTORSHIP PROGRAM Children’s Book Council of Australia (NSW) See the website for more information: http://nsw.cbca.org.au/pages/2012-frustrated-mentorship-program-announcement.html</p> <p>Note: Congratulations to Thea Phillips, a student who was a Shortlisted Writer in the 2012 program.</p> <div data-bbox="1118 1406 1303 1646" data-label="Image"> </div> <p>writers- of RBPS</p>

Happy reading.
Mrs Yvonne Barrett
Teacher Librarian.

*The more you read, the more things you know.
The more that you learn, the more places you’ll go.
Dr Seuss*



Rose Bay P&C presents

PICNIC UNDER THE STARS

**Thursday 14th March
5.30 - 8.00pm
at Rose Bay Public School**

We would like to invite all Rose Bay Public School families to a picnic under the stars.

Bring a picnic for your family, a rug to sit on and be entertained by music and friends under the stars!

If you don't have time to make a picnic, there will be some pizza slices for sale on a first come first served basis (\$2 per slice) as well as fruit and ice blocks.

Back up date if it rains: Thursday 21st March

NB: under DET guidelines alcohol is not permitted at a family event of this kind. All children must be supervised at all times by their parents/carers. For safety reasons the play equipment will be off limits for the evening. Remember our school policy regarding food allergies and no food with nuts.



Kindergarten Green Thumbs!



Kindergarten were very excited last week when they went outside to Costa's classroom - 'the garden'.



In a few years we harvest our own delicious avocados!



Each Kindergarten class planted a miniature avocado tree which they will care for and watch grow.



We then walked around to the veggie patch and planted tiny seeds. These will turn into green manure to feed the soil and get it ready for our next planting.



In 5K students have been investigating microorganisms. These pictures show the students investigating bread and discussing microorganisms in food.



6J had a competition to design a new Australian flag. Take a look at our fabulous designs.





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Dear Parents

B.E.A.R

Your Help is needed!

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VOLUNTEER TO BECOME A PARENT TUTOR

B.E.A.R. has been successfully implemented in our school over the last two years thanks to the support of committed parents and community members.

The commitment we need from you is;

- attend a morning training course at RBPS on **Wednesday 27th March at 9 o'clock.**
- to be able to work on a consistent basis in the mornings. This time can be flexible e.g. you may want to come in for 1 hour each week, half an hour or a whole morning session.

If you are interested in being involved in this program please complete the form below and return it to your child's teacher by Tuesday 5th March. Please phone the office if you need additional information.

Thankyou for your support,

Jasmina Caldarevic
Co-ordinator

Gai O'Neill
Principal

B.E.A.R. at Rose Bay PS

I am interested in participating in the B.E.A.R. program.

My Name: _____ Child's name and class: _____

Contact phone number: _____

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Please tick the box if you have already undertaken the B.E.A.R training program.

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PROPs

Primary Resources on Parenting sessions

Emergency First Aid

Sunday 24 March, 9.00am - 5.00pm

Woollahra Council's parent information sessions bring subsidised training in Emergency First Aid to parents and carers in the Woollahra Municipality.

The training, provided by Red Cross, will teach parents resuscitation techniques as well as what to do in a range of emergency situations including: severe allergic reactions, choking, bleeding and wound care.

Morning tea and lunch provided.



This PROP session is presented by:



Price: \$43 per person (normally \$80)

Location: Woollahra Council, 536
New South Head Road, Double Bay

What are PROP sessions?

PROP (Primary Resources on Parenting) sessions are an initiative of the Woollahra Council. These sessions provide parents, grandparents and carers with resources and information on contemporary parenting issues. If you have ideas or suggestions for future sessions please contact the Community Development Team on 9391 7166.

Reserve Your Place

For more information call 9391 7166

or email community@woollahra.nsw.gov.au

Online booking: <http://emergencyfirstaidmarch.eventbrite.com.au/>

Bookings essential

www.woollahra.nsw.gov.au



**Congratulations
Year 12, 2012**

**TOP OF
THE CLASS**



99.85
Artem Churilov
1st in State - Russian
Advanced Maths & Actuarial
Studies/UNSW Scholarship



99.05
Sebastian Tattam
Commerce & Liberal
Studies
USYD



98.70
Shira Samocha
Engineering/Science
UNSW
Thyne Reid Scholarship



98.60
Emily Freedman
**1st in State - Society &
Culture**
Advanced B Arts Honours/USTD



98.55
Dean Shachar
Commerce
USYD Scholarship



98.55
Ian Wong
Advanced Maths &
Actuarial Studies
UNSW Scholarship



98.35
Sarah Lugay
Science
UNSW



97.60
Aoife Coleman Clarke
**Selected for
ARTEXPRESS 2013**
2014 Fine Arts
RMIT



97.55
Pia Guilliat
UNSW
Scholarship



96.65
Nicola Freedman
B Arts
USYD



96.25
Pier Noble-Berry
Creative Writing &
International Studies
UTS



95.95
Wendy Chen
Commerce &
Economics
UNSW



95.50
Anna Jacobs
International Studies
& Global Studies
UNSW



93.95
Michelle Tye
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Informatics
UNSW



93.05
Andrew Yim
Pharmacy
USYD



92.30
Lily Cullen
Fine Arts
COFA



92.75
Harold Xin-Williams
Civil Engineering/
Architecture
UNSW



92.90
Alex Menyhart
Communications
UTS



92.00
Thomas May
Diagnostic
Radiography
USYD



91.90
Marc Dardouillet
Commerce
USYD



91.70
Samantha Hopkins
Property Economics
UTS



91.45
Jari Kurka
International Economics
UTS



91.05
Greg Nojnski
Environmental
Engineering
UNSW



91.00
Shoshana Malev
International
Studies
UNSW



90.55
Rebecca Koerber
Communications
UTS



90.00
Duc Vu
Economics
USYD



Rose Bay Secondary College warmly welcomes all prospective students and their families to visit us on

OPEN NIGHT

Wednesday 6th March 2013 • 6:30pm – 9:30pm

- school tours
- meet the College's new principal, Mr. Richard Skinner
- talk to students and teachers

"Rose Bay Secondary College provided me with an exceptional education. I am very thankful for the fantastic teachers who were always willing to support my learning; not just in class, but often during lunch times, after school and holiday periods. The College's Homework Centre - an amazing, free resource - provided me with a motivating environment with teachers and tutors on hand to provide support.

Thanks to these opportunities, and a community that celebrates success, I achieved an ATAR beyond my expectations. I am very proud to have been a student of Rose Bay Secondary College."

*Dean Shachar, Year 12, 2012,
HSC All-Round Achiever,
University of Sydney scholarship recipient*

"I have always been told that school is what you make of it. At Rose Bay the opportunities we are given, give us the chance to have an amazing school career. There is so much to choose from when it comes to extra-curricular activities and I am really grateful for everything that Rose Bay offers me. I am excelling academically, and in many other areas of my school life also. I am really happy with my time so far at Rose Bay."

*Sophie Lew
Year 8 Student.*

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**PARKS
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established 1990

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Dr Frances Gibson

developmental psychologists assess kids'
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(*and their families)

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