



Dear Parents and Caregivers

### *Dates for Your Diary*

#### March

- 21 Grandparents Morning Tea (Kindergarten only)
- 22 Last day of PSSA Sport-Change of Venue
- 25 Stewart House bag collection due
- 25 School Photos
- 25-28 Parent Teacher Interviews
- 28 Woolhara Council Y3 Excursion
- 28 Payment for ICAS Due-Date extended.
- 29 Public Holiday

#### April

- 1 Public Holiday
- 4 Mufti Day -Stewart House
- 6 **Working Bee with Costa**
- 12 Last Day of Term 1

#### May

- 1 First day of Term 2 Students Return to School
- 3 PSSA Winter sport commences
- 7 Cross Country Carnival
- 14/15/16 NAPLAN

#### June

- 5/6/7<sup>th</sup> School Camp Y5/6



### Picnic Under the Stars

It was great to chat to so many parents who are new to our school at the Picnic Under the Stars and to hear how well their children are settling in. The beauty of this event is its simplicity. A social event with parents getting to know each other and children just playing, socializing and making conversation. It was a great night. Thank you to the P&C. Thank you to all who attended and all who helped out!

### VARIATION OF LOCATION FOR PSSA PRIMARY SPORT

#### THIS FRIDAY 22 MARCH, 2013 -ONLY

#### Dear Parents,

This Friday, Centennial Park and Queens Park are unavailable for PSSA Sports. An alternative venue will be used - Christison Park, New South Head Road, Vaucluse

Buses will depart school at 9:00am and return at 11:00am as usual. Please ensure your child is at school by 8:45am.

Please note these changes only affect PSSA Oz Tag, Cricket and Softball/T-ball.

If you do not wish your child to participate at this venue, please notify us by return email.

### Working Bee with Costa

Calling all Volunteers



**When: Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> April 8:30 am- 1pm**

**Where: Rose Bay School** (near the kindergarten building)

Please join COSTA in our school garden for a Working Bee between 9am and 1pm.

All – parents and children are welcome.

There are vegetables to harvest and seeds to plant. There is lots of mulching; weeding and general grounds clean up to be done. Jobs for everyone, no experience required. Bring your gardening gloves and hand tools if you have them. Come and join us.

Stay tuned for other dates.



## Bike and Scooters

To ensure the safety of all students, riding of scooters, bikes, skateboards or roller blades is not permitted on school grounds. This includes siblings toddlers and even parents.

Bikes and scooters should be dismounted and walked to the racks on arrival at the school gates. The school does not take responsibility for the security of these items. Skateboards and roller blades are not to be brought to school.

Please ensure your child wears an appropriate protective helmet when riding.

### A REMINDER ABOUT BEING SAFE WHEN RIDING TO SCHOOL



On the footpath, riders of foot scooters, skateboards or rollerblades should ensure their riding does not threaten pedestrians, especially the elderly. They may need to slow down or dismount in busy areas.

In the interests of safety and enjoyment, foot scooters, skateboards and rollerblades are best ridden in recreational areas designated for their use.

Foot scooter, skateboard and rollerblade riders **should wear a helmet and protective gear such as kneepads and elbow pads.**

The use of foot scooters, skateboards and rollerblades on the road is not recommended for school aged children or younger.

## Stewart House Clothes Collection



Dear families,

Stewart House provides short term respite care to thousands of public school children across New South Wales. These children are in dire need of a break for a variety of reasons and circumstances. During their 12 day visit they are cared for and experience an environment that builds on their self esteem, resilience and well being.

In support of Rose Bay Public School's number one charity, we are asking that you fill and return these bags to school with clothing, shoes, handbags and sheets or blankets by **Monday 25th March**. Please take them to the school hall.

Thank you for assisting us with your continued support to this wonderful organisation that assists so many public school students.

Sarah Skelton

## 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. Parents, your support is appreciated.

### NO UNSUPERVISED STUDENTS BEFORE 8.50 AM

For safety reasons students must not be at school without adult supervision before 8.50am. There is no teacher on duty in the playground before 8.50am. Thank you for your assistance with this important safety matter.

**ALL  
VISITORS  
MUST  
SIGN IN  
AT OFFICE**



## Online Payments

### ICAS

Many parents have already taken advantage of this convenient service. Over 90% of parents are now making payments on line.

You can also make payments for ICAS (International Competitions and Assessment for Schools) tests on line. The final payment date has been extended to **Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March.**

When making a payment online for ICAS select "Other" as your payment option and type in Uni tests.

The total costs is \$32.

Details of the payments are passed daily to the school where they will be receipted against your child's account.

Here's how to do it...

1. Go <http://www.rosebay-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/>
2. Select **\$ Make a payment**
3. Enter the students name & class & date of birth
4. Make a Payment
5. Save, Print or email your receipt

School fees and Term invoice payments are now due. It is a great opportunity to give the online payment system a try. Prompt payment is appreciated.

## Good number sense

Maths is a numbers game but for some students - and parents - the figures don't add up. Here are some strategies to help kids to work out sums in their heads in a way that makes sense to them. Find out more:

[http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/maths/maths-a-to-z-/maths\\_glossary/Rld5/141/mental%20strategy](http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/maths/maths-a-to-z-/maths_glossary/Rld5/141/mental%20strategy)

## Reading with your child at home

When your kids see you reading and writing in everyday life – whether reading for pleasure, sharing a story with them or making a shopping list – it teaches them that they are useful skills. Here are some things you can do at home to help your kids with reading.

Find out more: [http://](http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/en/homework-and-study/english/english-tips/reading-with-your-child-at-home)

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## Removing head lice and nits

Mention head lice and most of us instantly develop an itch. While head lice and nits, (the eggs of head lice) are certainly annoying and persistent, they're not dangerous. Here's everything you need to know to rid your kids of head lice and nits.

Find out more: [http://](http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/health/removing-head-lice-and-nits)

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## PSSA (winter sport) Trials

Trials for the winter PSSA sports will be held on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> March.

The winter sports offered will be:  
Netball (junior and senior girls)

AFL (junior and senior boys and girls)

Soccer (junior and senior boys and girls)

Rugby League/Rugby Union (junior and senior boys)

Trials will be conducted by at least two teachers and decisions made on the day are final. Students who will be participating in the trials on Tuesday are encouraged to wear sport shoes and bring a water bottle.



Just a reminder to all school families, dogs are not allowed on the school premises at any time. This includes tying them to the school fence, inside or outside the school gates. Thank you for your assistance in ensuring the safety of our children.

## **SCPSSA Swimming Carnival 2013**

After all children swimming their very best at our school carnival in Week Two, 42 children were selected to represent Rose Bay Public School at the SCPSSA Swimming Carnival on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March at Des Renford Pool.

We were able to watch and cheer many great swims by our Rose Bay Swimming Team. We saw many children overcome pre-race nerves and achieve personal best times in their swimming events which is something they should each be very proud of.

We are lucky at Rose Bay Public School to have children with such good sportsmanship representing our school. There were a number of times our swimmers were unlucky when their goggles fell off at the beginning of a race or they missed out on a place by less than a second. Mr Everett, Mrs Young and I were very proud to see these children get out of the pool with a smile on their face knowing they had done their best. We were also extremely lucky to have such supportive parents, many who took time off work to cheer and support not only their own children but the whole team!!

Congratulations to the following competitors who swam so incredibly well, they were selected to represent SCPSSA at the Regional Swimming Carnival on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> March:

Brock Lopes – 11 years 50m Backstroke and 50m Butterfly

Charlie Michell - 9 years 50m Freestyle

Ryan von der Heyden – Junior Breaststroke

All three swimmers represented our district with pride.

Special mention must also go to Sophia Clyne and Lily McCowan who made the 8 years 50m Freestyle Final after swimming so well in their heats.

Congratulations to all members of our Swimming Team!!

Samantha Mills

PE Teacher

### Your Canteen Staff

Cathy O'Connor is your canteen manager; she works everyday in the canteen, busily cooking fresh food for the children. This week we are pleased to welcome Beth Green to the canteen, Beth will be assisting Cathy every Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. They make a great team and are enjoying being part of the Rose Bay school community. Welcome Beth.



### What's on the Menu?

Toasted Sandwiches win as the favourite lunch order for the students of our school! Some days we make over 60. We have special items during the week - Tuesday is Nachos Day, Wednesday is Sushi Day, Thursday our delicious Fried Rice and Friday is Pizza Day. Everyday there are freshly made sandwiches and wraps.

Cathy makes fresh fruit filled muffins daily – full size \$1:00 and mini muffins just 20 cents. They smell great and are very popular. There's vege sticks with lovely Tzatziki dip, frozen fruit pieces, apple slinkies and freshly air popped popcorn. Soon we will be making fruit smoothies from real fruit puree and low fat milk. The full menu is available on the school's website.

### Ideas and Suggestion

Please don't hesitate to provide ideas and suggestions about your canteen service. Shortly we will look to develop the winter menu. You can either drop a note in the box at the canteen, have a discussion with Cathy, your canteen manager, or email: **info@healthy-kids.com.au**

### Get Online for Recess and Lunch Orders

Thank you everyone who is using the online ordering system. This system allows you to place orders from home, work or school at any time typically up until 9:30am for that day's service. The payment is also done online, so **you no longer need to send cash or a paper order to school**. Also we can check your order particularly if a child believes they were meant to have an order for lunch or recess.

Getting online **is easy and only takes a second to register**. Simply go to [www.flexischools.com.au](http://www.flexischools.com.au) and click **"Register Now"**. You will be sent an email with further instructions on how to complete the registration. Once registered, you can start placing orders immediately. If you have any questions, FlexiSchools provide a great help desk on 1300 361 769, or you can contact them via their website.

**Avoid merchant fees - do a bank transfer.** The system operates via a pre-paid account, so you don't need to scrounge for coins in the morning and can easily budget for your canteen spending throughout the term.

# *Your Voice in Our School*

## *Rose Bay P&C highlights*

Picnic Under the Stars proudly bought to you by Rose Bay P&C and was a great way to welcome the school community to Rose Bay Public School and to give us all a chance to meet new friends and catch up with old friends. The heavens cleared for 3 hours, the sun shone and the band played. Thank you to Bianca Havas who coordinated the event and to all the volunteers who helped from set up to catering to clean up.

**For your diaries:** Next P&C Tuesday 9 April 2013 7pm- 8.45pm Library – we have refreshments at the meeting and sometimes go for a coffee/drink after the meeting.

**Traffic Committee Call for Volunteers:** If you are able to volunteer 20 minutes of your time (just one afternoon a week or fortnight) to help supervise the Wilberforce Ave pick up zone please send an email to the Traffic Committee: [mimi@nexon.com.au](mailto:mimi@nexon.com.au)

**Environment Committee Working Bee:** Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> April. Everyone welcome. Come for one hour or more. Join Costa in our school garden. There are lots of jobs to do. Bring the family.

**Uniform Shop Call for Volunteers:** If you are able to volunteer once a week on Monday or Wednesday mornings from 8.45-9.45am you can help us provide this essential service to the school while spending time with friends. Write to [rosebaypc@gmail.com](mailto:rosebaypc@gmail.com) for more information.

**Tuesday 12 March P&C Meeting highlights:** The March meeting was focused on finalizing our strategic plan which will act like a road map for the rest of 2013. We had reports from our various hard working sub committees and found out that the Traffic Committee's successful approach to traffic and safety issues in our school has caught the attention of other schools in our area who want to learn from us. Congratulations to Debbie and Mimi and all the wonderful traffic volunteers that help make drop off and pick up times safer for all. And finally we voted on financially supporting the school band's essential equipment wish list request and the school's request for a second mobile computer lab (that is now 60 new laptops that will become available for use by our senior classrooms!!).

*Come and join in the fun!!*

### CALLING ON ALL PARENTS. We are still collecting mobile phones.

We once again have the opportunity to help clean up Australia (and those cluttered drawers in your home)

We are asking all parents who have old mobile phones, which you have been meaning to throw out, when you got the chance to send them in to the school and leave them in the red box provided opposite the Library stairway and under the rainbow artwork.

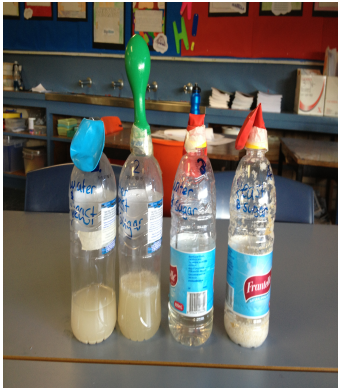
A Melbourne company recycles these phones for poorer nations who can't afford, but need phones, and they send money for the school's fundraising efforts.





# Microorganisms

In science, 5RH have been learning all about microorganisms. We have done experiments to investigate the conditions that yeast needs in order to grow and expel carbon dioxide.



## Video Conferencing

**5RH have  
been busy!**

On Monday, 5RH attended a videoconference with the author Laurine Croasdale. Laurine told us all about how to structure our persuasive writing and how to make our writing more effective.



## Reading Eggspress

5RH have started using Reading Eggspress. It has been a fun way to work on our reading, comprehension, grammar and punctuation, spelling and writing skills.





### Feathers Fur or Leaves by 4M

This term 4M has been engaged in the Science unit titled Feathers, Fur or Leaves, which is about living and non-living specimens. 4M has been learning how to group living things (plants, animals, insects) based on observable features such as whether they have backbones (invertebrates/vertebrates), fur, legs or gills. 4M has also been collecting insects and plants for their Natural Science Museum, which has given them the opportunity to investigate and explore these living specimens close-up. 4M's class pet, the Venus Fly Trap (that they have been feeding insects to) as well as their excursion to Taronga Zoo, were the highlights of the unit.



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