



Dear Parents and Caregivers

Dates for Your Diary

April

- 4 **Mufti Day –Stewart House Fundraiser
TOMORROW- No School Uniform**
- 6 Working Bee with Costa- *this Saturday*
- 9 P&C Meeting
- 12 School Council election-votong closes.
- 12 Last Day of Term 1

May

- 1 First day of Term 2 Students Return to School
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June

- 4 ICAS Science Competition
- 5/6/7th School Camp Y5/6
- 10 Public Holiday
- 11 P&C Meeting

Working Bee with Costa

Calling all Volunteers

When: THIS Saturday 6th April 8:30am- 1: pm

Where: Rose Bay School
(near the kindergarten building)

Please join Costa in our school garden for a Working Bee between 8:30am 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.



SRC Stewart House Mufti Day-Fundraiser

When: TOMORROW Thursday 4th April

Donation: Place a Gold Coin Donation in an envelope and hand to your class teacher .

Mufti Day- That's right no school uniform

All donations will be go towards Stewart House.

Rose Bay is proud to be associated with this wonderful charity.

IMPORTANT DATES

Friday 12th April – School Holidays Commence

Monday 29^d April- Staff Development Day

Tuesday 30th April- Staff Development Day

Wednesday 1st May –Students Return to School

Professional Learning

This year Rose Bay Public School is working in collaboration with Bondi Beach Public, Woollhara Public, Bondi Public, Glenmore Road Public, Double Bay Public, Vaucluse Public, Bellview Hill Public, Waverley Public, Bronte Public, and Paddington Public Schools as we move towards the implementation of the K-6 component of the K-10 English Syllabus.

At the beginning of Term 2 there will be two school development days. Both days will be devoted to the English Syllabus and give all schools an opportunity to discuss the plan for implementation.

This framework provides a great opportunity for the Rose Bay staff to be part of a professional learning community and to broaden our collegial base. As professionals we look forward to many opportunities for open and honest discussion with teaching staff from other schools.

The new syllabus examines closely the purpose of English and stresses the importance of developing a love of literature and learning as well as being challenging and enjoyable. It also focuses on developing a depth of understanding and the importance of critical and imaginative thinking. Students will engage with and explore texts that include widely acknowledged quality literature from past and contemporary societies and engage with literature and literary heritage of Aboriginal and Torres Strait islander peoples.

I will keep you informed via the newsletter about the progress of our planning and implementation.

You can find more information on the NSW Board of Studies website

<http://syllabus.bos.nsw.edu/support-materials/parents-guide/>

Create East Success!

Thirteen Year 5 and 6 students have been successful in gaining places in the upcoming Sydney Region Arts Unit production, "Junkyard Garden". This regional initiative is a three-day creative arts workshop, culminating in an integrated, high quality performance presented on the final day at the Seymour Centre. Our students had to audition with 500 other students for a place in a specialist area including band, choir, dance and drama.

Congratulations go to Tashi, Manon and Jack (5/6M), Amy (6J) as well as Josh (6E) who will be part of the choir; Sacha (5/6M), Zak and Finn (6E) who will play in the band; Mila and Sophia (6E) who will be part of the dance ensemble and Ed (5/6M), Ruben and Jackson (6E) who will be acting in the production. The performance will be on Wednesday 10th April at 5:00pm and 7:30pm with tickets available from the Seymour Centre.

Ed Milts

Assistant Principal

School Council Elections

Vacant Positions 2013

Elections for the two vacant positions on the School Council close this Friday 12th April. Ballot forms, including the biographical details of the four nominees went out last week.

There is one vote per family. Please place your vote in the ballot box provided in the school office.

I encourage all members of the parent community to vote.

Please consider leaving the car a block away and **walking to school**
This would certainly ease the traffic congestion around our school, making it a
safer place for all our children.



Arriving Late/Leaving Early

We have a yellow carbonized book where parents and carers are required to sign in and out their children. This is located on the reception desk. Your child will take this voucher to class if arriving late or you will take the voucher to class to pick up your child early. These vouchers must be signed by the parent or carer and are kept by teachers as part of the formal attendance and absence records of your child.

Thank you

ALL
VISITORS
MUST
SIGN IN
AT OFFICE

Your Voice In Our School

Save The Date

Rose Bay Public School P&C will be holding a **Mother's Day breakfast** for all the students and their mother, grandmother or special other person on Friday 10 May 2013 at 7.30-9.00am.

Spend some quality time with your children and indulge in a buffet breakfast for Mother's Day!

More details to follow...

Next P&C meeting

The next P&C meeting will be held in the library on Tuesday 9 April from 7.00-8.45pm. Come along and for some chocolate, snacks and drinks while we discuss the latest matters relating to our school, from the Principal's Report to traffic and events. All new voices will be very welcome!

Sydney Regional Band

Applications for the Sydney Regional Band are now open for suitable students in Year 5,6,7 & 8.

Information regarding the audition, rehearsals, camp and other requirements is available at www.sydneyregionarts.nsw.edu.au. Please check with your band teacher to see if you are eligible to audition.

The closing date for applications : Tuesday 30th April, 2013

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. All students must remain seated on the silver seats until supervision commences. Thank you for your assistance with this important safety matter.

Calling for Sportathon Sponsors



Next month we will be holding Rose Bay Public School's major fundraiser, the Sportathon.

The fast-and-furious sporting event is for the entire school and involves 12 different sporting activity stations in 90 minutes. It is enormous fun for the children with the added benefit of raising much-needed money for the school.

The goal:

One new Mobile Learning Centre

Mobile Learning Centres will give every Rose Bay Public School student easier access to technology in our growing school.

To help us achieve our target we are calling for Sponsors to demonstrate their willingness to support the learning and development of Rose Bay Public School.

If you have a business, and would like your logo to appear on:

- Sportathon event posters around the school;
- Sportathon booklets distributed to all 600 students; and
- Promotion in the newsletter and on the school website

please call Karen Collins on 0412 077 655 before 5pm Friday 12 April.

Grandparents' Day

2013



Thursday the 21st of March was a very special day on the Kindergarten calendar, it was Grandparents' Day. After much anticipation the day arrived, our grandparents, great grandparents and special friends came to visit us at school.

The classrooms were buzzing with activity. The children shared what they were learning by playing reading games on the Interactive White Board and writing their own sentences.



The morning continued with a performance by Kindergarten: the song 'Grandma's Feather Bed' was a definitely a favourite! A wonderful Devonshire Tea followed the performance where our grandparents talked about how much school has changed.



Thank you to all the grandparents and special friends who bought books and donated them to the school library. The morning tea was a great success so thank you also to the parent volunteers who gave up their time to help.

“ What a beautiful morning with my grandson.” – Grandma.

“That was the best day ever!” – Kindergarten student.



National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy 2013 LETTER TO PARENTS

In May 2013 the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) will be completed by all students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 in all government and non-government schools. NAPLAN has the support of all State and Territory Education Ministers and will assess the literacy and numeracy learning of students in all Australian schools.

The results of the tests will provide important information to schools about what each student can do, and will be used to support teaching and learning programs. Parents will receive a report indicating their child's level of achievement. Each student's level of achievement will be reported against the national minimum standard.

Background information (student name, gender, date of birth, language background and Aboriginality) will be collected as part of the National Assessment Program. This information is treated confidentially and held securely to ensure that every student's right to privacy is maintained.

The tests will be conducted across Australia for all students from 14–16 May 2013.

TUESDAY 14 MAY	WEDNESDAY 15 MAY	THURSDAY 16 MAY
Language conventions (Spelling, Grammar and Punctuation) Writing	Reading	Numeracy (Number, Algebra, function and pattern; Measurement, chance and data; and Space)

In the Numeracy tests students do not require any measuring tools such as rulers or protractors. In Years 7 and 9 there will be two Numeracy tests: one where a calculator is allowed and one where calculators are not to be used. For the calculator test, the student should use the calculator that they currently use at school.

Friday 17 May – A 'catch-up' day is scheduled for students who missed a test or were absent on a test day.

Students may be considered for exemption from the tests if:

- they are newly arrived in Australia (less than one year before the test) and with a language background other than English, or
- they have significant intellectual disability and/or significant co-existing conditions that severely limit their capacity to participate in the tests.

All other students are expected to participate in the tests. Disability adjustments that reflect the student's normal level of support in the classroom may be provided. Large print, braille and black and white versions of the tests are available for students with vision impairment.

Access to disability adjustments or exemption from the tests must be discussed with the school principal, and a parent or carer consent form must be signed. Students may be withdrawn from NAPLAN by their parent or carer. This is a matter for consideration by parents and carers in consultation with the principal. If you wish to withdraw your child from the tests, you must sign a parent/carers consent form. Consent forms are available at your child's school.

Please make an appointment with the school principal if you would like further information about your child's participation in NAPLAN.

Additional information about NAPLAN can be found at:

<http://www.nap.edu.au/naplan/parent-carer-support.html>

From the RBPS library...

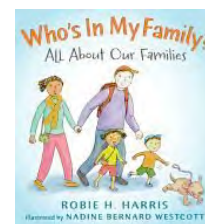


Happy celebrations! Our library monitors have displayed books for Harmony Day last week, and for the upcoming religious celebrations for our students to borrow. Remember too, that we have books in other languages for our students to borrow - Hebrew, French and other languages including bilingual books. Both these areas will continue to be a collection focus this year, along with keeping our fiction collection current.

One question that often arises is how to encourage our students in their reading. Often in library sessions the students will have an opportunity to 'book talk' to their classmates. This is one way to choose a new book to read. As adults we often will read books recommended by friends, family or colleagues – the same for our students ☺. A *suggestion book* is always at the desk so students may request books that we currently do not have. Students may like to look at the different literature websites on:

http://www.netvibes.com/libraryonline#Books_and_Reading (colour coded). Included are links to websites where students type in the books they enjoy reading, for suggestions of similar genre: What Should I Read Next <http://www.whatshouldireadnext.com/> or TasteKid <http://www.tastekid.com/> and more. Book blogs are also a great source for recommended books e.g. <http://boysblokesbooks.edublogs.org/> or <http://www.insideadog.com.au/> or <http://kidsblogs.nationalgeographic.com/about-dogearred/> Why not have a look at some of these to start you and your children finding new books to read.

Thank you to grandparents who supported the recent book fair for Grandparent's Day with the Kindergarten. Over \$700 worth of books were donated to the library. Donation slips with your grandchild's name have already been added to the books, and will soon be processed, so they may borrow them.



Students are currently involved with the [Premier's Reading Challenge](#) which *"aims to encourage a love of reading for leisure and pleasure in students, and to enable them to experience quality literature. It is not a competition but a challenge to each student to read, to read more and to read more widely"*. We have over 100 students currently participating;

though hope to see more involved before the end of the PRC Challenge in August ☺ Thank you to parents who have contacted me regarding difficulties with logging into the website. Remind your child that the user name and password is the same as when they log in at school. Some students may have numbers after their name. Also make sure for their user name they enter their full name (**first name.surname**) while password is either their **class name e.g. 1z** or **rb**. Students are allowed to record books on the PRC during lunchtime in the library, during library sessions as well as at home. Parents will need to add details for Kindergarten and Year 1 children. Students from Year 2 -6 should be able to access the PRC and add their own book details. Please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Barrett rosebay-school@det.nsw.edu.au for more information.

The library has subscribed to **World Book Online** www.worldbookonline.com for our students information needs. This resource is available 24/7 to our school community from school and home (anywhere you may access the internet ☺). There are three levels: Kids (K – Year 2) Student: (Years 3-6) and Advanced (Year 5 – 9).

User name: rbps2029 and Password: wbook

Please encourage your students to use this for their research and online leisure. Parents if you could assist younger students to log on this would be appreciated.



<http://www.worldbookonline.com/?uid=rbps2029&pwd=wbook>

Alternatively, you can access the products individually.



This is the coding for KIDS edition for school and home access:

<http://www.worldbookonline.com/kids/home?uid=rbps2029&pwd=wbook>



This is the coding for STUDENT edition for school and home access:

<http://www.worldbookonline.com/student/home?uid=rbps2029&pwd=wbook>






This is the coding for ADVANCED edition for school and home access:

<http://www.worldbookonline.com/advanced/home?uid=rbps2029&pwd=wbook>

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

Date	Event
<p>Status: Open Country: Australia Start Date: 01/02/2013 Closing Date: 31/03/2013</p>	<p>Poetry, Short Story & Art Competitions at Write4Fun</p> <p>Write4fun encourages young student writers and artists with fantastic competitions, by publishing top quality books and conducting interactive, fun workshops across Australia. Get creative today for your chance to win some awesome prizes! Share your poems, short stories and artwork with other students around the world. Get writing, typing, drawing, painting, shooting (photo's of course) and designing today! See how your work compares, read and rate other student entries.</p> <p>http://www.write4fun.net/</p>
<p>11 April 2013</p>	<div data-bbox="528 701 770 880" data-label="Image"> </div> <p>Scholastic Super Sale <i>Image courtesy of Stuart Miles / FreeDigitalPhotos.net</i></p> <p>The world's largest publisher of children's books, Scholastic, will be holding a huge super sale at Sydney Olympic Park Sports Centre in Homebush this April. On Thursday April 11 the public is welcome to come down as well, and get their hands on some cheap books. Everything at the sale will be at least 50% off the recommended retail price and there will be thousands of items to choose from. Paperback novels will cost \$3.00, paperback picture books \$5.00 and hardcover picture books \$8.00.</p> <p><u>The Scholastic Super Sale will be open from 10.00am to 7.30pm on the Thursday (and 10.00am to 6.00pm on Wednesday). You will need to bring your own boxes or bags to carry your purchases home with you.</u></p>
<p>14 April 2013</p>	<p>The Norman Lindsay Festival of Children's Literature/Puddin' Day 2013 Featuring Emily Rodda, John Marsden and Cartoon Dave</p> <p>The Norman Lindsay Festival of Children's Literature, also known as Puddin' Day, is a special event that takes place each year at the Norman Lindsay Gallery and Museum in Faulconbridge in the Blue Mountains. This year, it will be held on Sunday April 14, from 10.00am.</p> <p>The event is a day to celebrate children's literature (and in particular, Lindsay's ever-popular The Magic Pudding). It's very family-friendly and will feature games and entertainment, bush ballads, cooking demonstrations, bush walks, a colouring competition. Dressing up is encouraged and there will be prizes for the best costumes. There will also be a sausage sizzle and refreshments, and even a Pudding Hunt.</p>

<p>Tue. 7 May 13- Fri. 10 May 13</p>	<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>	<p> STORIES ON SCREEN – Children’s Book Council of Australia (NSW) Competition & Showcase for NSW Primary School Students (K-6) 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. The competition will take place in Terms 1 and 2, 2013 with entries due by Tuesday 16th July 2013 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: 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-writers-mentorship-program-announcement.html  Note: Congratulations to Thea Phillips and Luisa Coffey students of RBPS whose writings were published as Shortlisted Writers in the 2012 program.</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***



You are invited to the ...

Rose Bay Public School Kindergarten 2014 Information Evening

Date: Wednesday 22nd May 2013

Time: 7.00pm – 8.30pm

Location: Rose Bay Public School
Albemarle Avenue,
Rose Bay

RSVP: Monday 20th May 2013 to
Rose Bay Public School on [93714884](tel:93714884)

School Website:

If you would like further information about
our school please visit the school website:
www.rosebay-p.schools.nsw.edu.au

Upcoming Events for Kindergarten 2014

Term 2 2013

2013 Kindergarten Information
Evening:
Wednesday 22nd May

Terms 2 and 3 2013

School Tours:
Tuesdays at 9.45am
Wednesdays at 3.45pm
(Please call school for bookings)

Term 3 2013

Art Show:
Date to be confirmed

Term 4 2013

Kindergarten Transition Sessions

We offer quality programs in:

- ICT
- Specialist teachers in Music and Sport
- Choirs
- School Band
- Violin Ensemble
- Dance Group
- Art Shows and Musicals
- Comprehensive Sports Program
- Gymnastics
- Differentiated Curriculum for all students
- Support teachers for ESL and Learning Assistance
- Debating and Public Speaking
- Chess Program
- French and Hebrew classes
- Library



4L's Excursion to Taronga Zoo



Our class went on an excursion to Taronga Zoo to support our unit on 'Feathers, Fur Leaves'. We walked to the education centre and learnt about vertebrates and invertebrates. We also learnt how to tell if a creature is living or not.



After lunch we wandered around and saw many other animals such as elephants, bears and the giraffes. We stopped to see the reptiles before we hopped onto the bus to head back to school.

by Gracie and Josh F





Young Leader's Conference

On Monday the 25th of March the Rose Bay Public School leaders accompanied by Mrs Young attended the Sydney Entertainment Centre in Chinatown for the National Young Leader's Conference. There were over 6000 students from all over NSW who attended the conference.

There were five speakers there that taught the students about leadership, goals and how to be a good role model. The speakers were Mike Martin, Creel Price, Brett Lee, Jessica Fox and Nathan Hindmarsh.

Mike Martin, the executive of the Halogen Foundation, taught the students that leadership is influence and that anyone can be a good example.

Creel Price, an entrepreneur taught us that life is a balance of six things which were initiative, resilience, persistence, vision, self-belief and empowerment.

Brett Lee, an undercover police detective taught us to act on the internet as you would in the real world and to be a good leader online.

Jessica Fox a 2012 Australian London Olympic Silver medallist Kayak Sprinter taught us to never give up on our goals and to keep trying. You need to pick yourself back up when you fail and to be persistent.

Nathan Hindmarsh, the former Parramatta Eels Captain who played five Origin matches taught us to never say "I can't" and "the impossible is always possible".

Overall it was a great experience and the leaders learnt many important skills that they will use now and in the future. The student leaders thoroughly enjoyed the day.

Alexander, Sophia, Ruben, Jackie, Eden, Thea, Jackson and Jesse.





Surviving Tantrums

***A free workshop for parents/grandparents & carers,
Looking after children 2 to 6 yrs of age.***

***Come & share some tips & tactics to help you cope with
tantrums.***

Date; Wednesday April 3rd

Time 10.30 am till 12.30 pm

Venue; Shop 2, Albert St, off Avoca St, Randwick.

***Facilitator; Janet Harris; Practitioner in Triple P.
Facilitator for Tips,
Family Partnership Trainer.***

***Bookings essential; phone Janet on 9382 0928 ,
or e- mail; janet.harris@sesiahs.health.nsw.gov.au***

***Unfortunately no child care available, we are unable to
accommodate young children.***

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