



Dear Parents and Caregivers

Dates for Your Diary

June

- 12 Year 4 Council Excursion
- 13 Lockdown Practise
- 13 Reconciliation Aboriginal Performance K-6
- 17 Year1 Excursion Little Diggers
- 20 Year 3 Zoo Excursion
- 25 Flashmob Dance Rehearsal
- 28 Red Nose Day
- 28 Last Day Of Term

July Term 3

- 15 Staff Development Day
- 16 First Day Back for Students
- 16 Flashmob Dance Rehearsal
- 17 Primary Athletics Carnival
- 24 OC Testing
- 29 Education week
- 31 ICAS English Competition

August

- 1 **Flashmob Performance**
- 13 District Athletics Carnival
- 13 P&C Meeting
- 12 ICAS Mathematics Competition
- 14 Primary Proms Rehearsal 9am-1:30pm
- 20 ½ Day District Athletics Carnival
- 27 Festival of Music Concert –Violin
- 29 Excursion-Hebrew Students Y4-6

September

- 5 Big Band Bash, Daceyville
- 10 P&C Meeting
- 10 Senior Choral Rehearsal 9am-1:30pm
- 10 Author Visit
- 14 Election Day BBQ
- 18 Primary Proms Performance
- 20 Last Day of Term

Have you
returned your
Sportathon money?

Dear Parents and Carers

Week 7 of a nine week term is already here. Teachers are busy preparing for and writing reports.

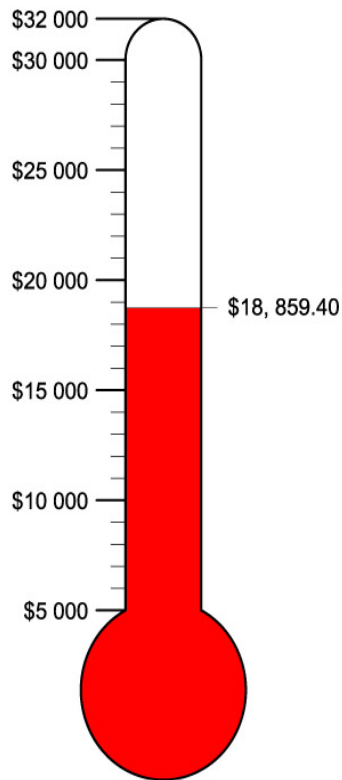
This time of year students are busy undertaking the required assessments in order to demonstrate their knowledge and skills to their teacher. Whereas NAPLAN measures and compares standards and proficiency, reports coming home will inform you how your child has performed against the syllabus outcomes that have been taught during Semester 1.

It is important to remember that the NAPLAN results reflect each student's performance at a single point in time only. Teachers in all schools assess their students' learning in literacy and numeracy on an ongoing basis. NAPLAN testing adds to but does not replace the information that teachers gather.

There are a range of valid assessment strategies used by teachers to help determine the student's level of performance. These strategies include teacher observations, standardised tests and activities based around the content taught. The content taught is directly linked to the outcomes of the syllabus. Reports will be sent home at the end of the term.

A huge thank you to the teachers who took our stage 3 classes to Canberra last week. A good time was had by all. Taking 140 students on a three day camp requires a high level of planning organization and collegial support. Congratulations to the students of Rose Bay who not only behaved well but whose manners were complimented on even from staff at various locations. I am proud of you.

Finally, I would like to acknowledge the hard work by all the teachers. The professionalism and commitment of all the staff here at Rose Bay continues to impress me.



As of Tuesday 11th June

PLEASE RETURN SPORTATHON MONEY

Did you know that half of the children in the school have raised \$18,859.40 towards the next Mobile Learning Centre?

That is a great accomplishment, and to all the children and families that have bought in their Sportathon money, congratulations and thank you.

That means that when the other half of the school brings their money in we can reach our fundraising target and pay for another mobile learning centre with 30 lap tops!!

Please support the event and return your money asap.

The collection desk will still be in the playground each day this week (don't be concerned if you've misplaced your form) or you can leave it in your child's plastic folder.

Thank you again for supporting the Sportathon fundraiser.



NO DOGS AT SCHOOL

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 gate. There is a **\$550.00** fine should any child be injured by a dog within the confines of the school. Thank you for your assistance in ensuring the safety of our children.

Dogs

As much as many of us love our canine friends, they are **not permitted at school or school events.** This includes sporting events outside of school grounds. Following an incident at another local school two years ago where a girl was badly bitten, the owner of the dog told the principal that he would never have suspected his dog would bite. Unfortunately, no matter how placid or friendly a dog is, being surrounded by a large number of children can make them quite anxious. Also, some children who are not used to having animals around can be easily frightened by them. Please assist us to keep our children safe. Please do not tie them up near the school gates, near any entrance or at peak transit areas such as our school crossing.

Reporting to the Office

This week, we have been reviewing some of the practices we have in place for ensuring student safety at our school.

We already require visitors to our school to sign in at the office but this practice will be strictly reinforced from today and all visitors will need to collect and wear a badge while on the premises. This includes all parent helpers.

Parents are reminded that anyone coming into the school during the day **MUST** report to the office to sign in. This is both a work health and safety and a child protection measure. Even if you are visiting for five minutes to drop something off, you **MUST** sign in and out.



District Cross Country Carnival 2013

On Tuesday 28th May, 48 of our students who performed extremely well at our school cross country carnival competed at the Sydney Coastal PSSA carnival. The scene at Centennial Park was set in dramatically foggy conditions... A tough 2km course for our juniors and an even more difficult course for our 11 and 12 year olds - complete with sand, hills and slippery areas.

Mr Everett and I were thrilled not only with the results and behaviour of our Rose Bay athletes but also with the sportsmanship they ALL showed to each other and athletes from other schools. It is very rewarding to be part of a school that has children who are so supportive and genuinely proud of each other's achievements.

Many of our competitors improved their places or times from years prior and every single competitor from Rose Bay did our school proud. Special mention must go to the following athletes who will represent the Sydney Coastal Zone at the Regional Carnival at Miranda Park on Friday 14th June:

Allegra Symonds
Charlie Michell
Jordan Chapman-Race
Brock Lopes

We wish them the very best of luck for the upcoming carnival.

Congratulations to all our cross country runners – we are so proud of you all.

S. Mills
PE Teacher



Rose Bay Public School

Helpful Hints

Parenting ideas

Parenting expert Michael Grose opened his Facebook page to readers' questions for a little while recently and was inundated. It's worth jumping online to have a look - if only to see you're not alone in your parenting challenges.

Find out more: <https://www.facebook.com/parentingideas.com.au>

Too sick to go to school?

Sometimes it's hard to know if your child is really coming down with something or just suffering a bout of Mondayitis. This chart will help answer your questions about common childhood illness and how long sick kids need to miss school.

Find out more: <http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/health/too-sick-to-go-to-school>

Speech problems

All children learn how to talk and listen at different rates but there is a general pattern to children's language development. If you're worried about your child's speech development – or their teacher has concerns – the best thing you can do is get it checked out professionally.

Find out more: <http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/health/speech-problems>

Go wild and silly with 1Z on Red Nose Day

We are selling these items from now until 28/6/13

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Multicultural Public Speaking Competition

The Multicultural Public Speaking Competition is underway at Rose Bay. This competition has been running throughout NSW since 1996. The competition aims at heightening awareness of multicultural issues among primary students while developing their interest in public speaking.

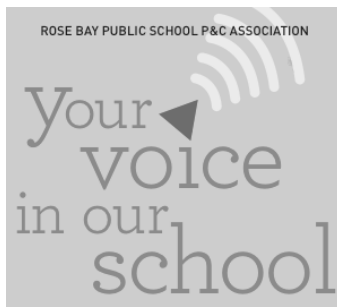
Rose Bay Public School has invited students from Stage 2 and Stage 3 to participate in a mini competition at school level in which two students from each stage will be chosen as finalists to compete against other public speakers at the District Multicultural Speak off at Woollahra Public School on Tuesday 25 June.

Australian Government assistance for our Canberra Excursion

Students from our school recently returned from an educational tour of the national capital. While on this excursion they participated in a variety of educational programmes focused on Australia's history, culture, heritage and democracy. The Australian Government recognises the importance of all young Australians being able to visit their National Capital as part of their civics and citizenship education. To assist parents in meeting the cost of the excursion the Australian Government contributed the funding of \$20 per eligible student under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate programme toward the travel expenses incurred. This rebate was then factored into our final cost. We would like to thank the Australian Government for their support of this program which contributed to make the excursion a rewarding experience for all students.

WOOLWORTHS EARN & LEARN

FINAL WEEK COMING UP, BRING
YOUR STICKERS TO SCHOOL ...



Hip Hip Hooray!!! We have a fantastic group of volunteers who have agreed to work as a team to coordinate the adult social/fundraiser event planned for November 2013. If you have skills in event coordination, decorating, having fun and would like to join the Team email your details to rosebaypc@gmail.com. Stayed tuned for more details in the coming weeks.

The cabling upgrade for our school is nearing completion. The new infrastructure will mean that the whole school will have wireless connectivity. Our P&C have supported the schools technology aspirations with support of 3 mobile learning centres (which operate as docking trolleys with 30 lap tops each). These have been deployed to the 3 senior classes, and the existing laptops have been given to the year 5 classes. The whole school will see the benefits as the library computer lab (that was refurbished with new computers last year) becomes more available to the junior years.

For your diaries: Our next meeting will be 7pm Tuesday 13 August 2013 and we will be inviting South East Sydney P&C Council to present what Gonski funding reforms means to our children.

Come and join the fun!!

Ayse Burke
P&C President



Volunteers for Traffic Duty urgently needed NOW

As the school continues to grow it is important that as a community we work together to ensure the safety of our children around the school.

Your role: Volunteer Traffic Helper. Together with your other "parent helper", you will assist cars to move in and out of the Wilberforce Ave car line smoothly and safely, and to remind parents of the procedures for using the car line. (You will always be with another parent and the staff member on duty, and full briefing/training provided).

When: We need helpers on any afternoons 3.15-3.30pm and especially on Monday, Wednesday or Thursday, 3.15-3.30pm.

Where: Meet on Wilberforce Ave, at the ramp to the entrance of the school

Why help: Feedback received from school parents indicate that the Go-with-the-flow has improved greatly since parent volunteers started assisting with the flow of traffic after school. By giving up just 15 minutes of your time, 1 afternoon a week/fortnight, you have the opportunity to play your part in making our school a safer environment for kids. It's one way of doing your bit in a very direct way.

Please contact Mimi Zilka: mimi@nexon.com.au for more info

Kindergarten - You Can Do It

Oscar Organisation

At the beginning of the year, we met a new, very helpful friend called Oscar Organisation. He helped us to settle into school and learn how to take care of our own belongings! Oscar also taught us how important it was to remember our listening ears to get us ready for learning new things now we are at school!

Gabby Get Along

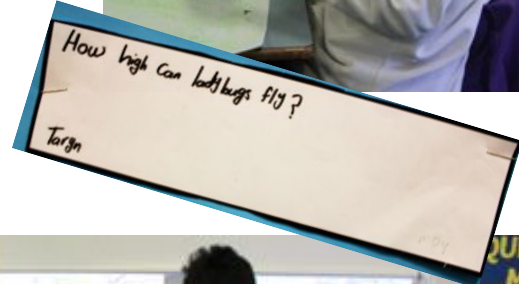
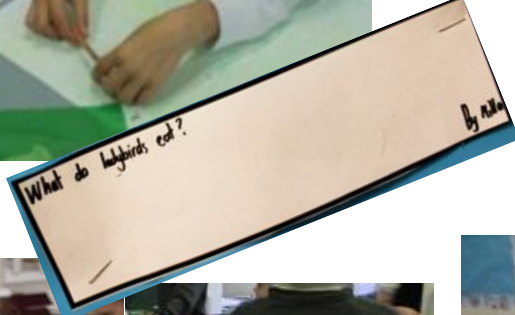
This term Kindergarten classes are being visited every week by Gabby Get Along. She brings us stories about people who get along with others and sometimes stories about people who don't. We discuss and act out ways that we can get along at school and even at home.

Gabby is teaching us that being kind to others makes everybody happy.



This term iW have been busy learning about Our Stories, our integrated unit of work. In class we have been engaged in creating story maps and making timelines of our past. Inspired by the literature read in class, the children have delved into their own memories, remembering special and significant moments of their own lives. Through the children's fabulous news presentations we have learnt a lot about each other, our heritage and what makes each and everyone of us unique.





2C have been learning about Ladybirds. Take a look at some of our wonderful artworks created using mixed media collage.





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Sharing Custody

After parents separate, they need to find a new way of parenting that works for them and their children. Some divorced and/or separated couples continue to share parenting, or share care, where each parent spends a considerable amount of time caring for their children¹.



The most positive shared care experiences involve parents who have a cooperative relationship and are child-focused and flexible. These parents make an effort to maintain good communication with each other and to avoid exposing their children to parental conflict². Below are tips for parents on how to create a positive shared custody experience with their child.

Tell your child/young person what's going on - separation can be a difficult time for children and young people, and telling them what is happening in an age-appropriate way will help them avoid becoming confused and concerned. Explain to them why you have decided to stop living together and what is going to happen in a way that is respectful towards both your child and your ex-partner.

Show them that you still love and care for them - children and young people may confuse the breakdown of a relationship as meaning that the separating parent may no longer love or care for them any more. Regardless of their age or developmental stage, children and young people need to know that their parents will still care for and love them. Emphasise that your love for them has not changed even though everyone is not living in the same house, and it's not their fault or responsibility.

Listen to your child - be mindful of your child's needs and wishes (personal, emotional and developmental) when you and your partner make decisions about parenting after separation. Where appropriate, focus on your child and include them in the process as much as possible, so their wishes and views can be incorporated into any new living arrangements.

Support your child - relationship breakdowns and new living arrangements are never easy for anyone, especially children. Support your child through the transition. Be warm, responsive, nurturing and loving and show your support to the best of your ability.

Be consistent and predictable in your care giving - children need certainty and routines so they can feel in control of their world, which makes them feel safe and secure.

Be responsive - be flexible with schedules and about issues that may emerge due to the new living arrangements. Try to support your child to continue their daily lives with as few interruptions and stresses as possible.

Separate parenting issues from relationship issues - divorce and relationship breakdown issues don't have to become entwined with parenting.

Work together with the other parent - working together with your ex-partner, having good communication and respecting each other as parents will enable you to maintain shared care arrangements and will help your child to adjust.

Avoid conflict and resolve issues with your ex-partner - sharing the care of your child while maintaining high levels of conflict with the other parent can cause your child to feel distressed and can negatively effect their adjustment to the separation and their emotional well-being. Avoid 'using' your child to communicate with the other parent or putting them in the middle of disputes. Resolve your issues as parents by yourselves without exposing your child to them.

Create a space for children/young people - if your child/young person is going to be spending time at two homes as part of your shared parenting agreement, make sure they have their own space at each home so they feel like they are at home and welcomed in both places.

Encourage your child to talk to someone they trust - adjusting to changes in a family's relationship structure and new living arrangements is not easy and takes time. It's not good for your child to bottle up what they are going through. Talking to someone they can trust will help them to cope with the new situation. A friend or relative not involved in the situation, could be good people to talk to about what's happening.

Seek counselling if required - this may be family counselling or individual counselling for yourself, or your child/young person. Counselling could be either face to face or through services such as Kids Helpline (for children/young people) or a parent counselling service (for you and/or your ex-partner).

Listen

Support



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Bondi Beach Public School
community, past and present,
are invited to an
Open Day featuring
a School Tour &
Special Assembly to mark
our 90th Anniversary.

Monday 22nd July 2013

9:30 am ~ 1:00 pm

Bondi Beach Public School
Hall Bondi Beach
Enter via Campbell Parade
Light refreshments
will be served.

The students are planning
something extra special
for the Assembly to honour
the school's history.
We'd love you to join us.

Please help us to contact all the Bondi Beach Public School community.
If you have friends, family, neighbours, teachers or anyone else you can
think of who went to the school, please forward them event details.

If you have any questions, memorabilia
or photos that you'd like to display, please contact:
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. Georgie Howard, 0402 473 434, georgieh@bigpond.net.au

