



Dates for Your Diary

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School Term Dates

Last Day of
Term 4

Wednesday 17th
December

School
Returns
2015

Wednesday 28th January

Farewell Mr Milts

This year we farewell from Rose Bay PS, a well respected and valued member of the Rose Bay Public School Leadership team and Year 6 teacher.

Mr Milts started at Rose Bay in 2005 as a classroom teacher and later in 2009 became the Assistant Principal supervising Stage 3. His students have benefited from his commitment to quality teaching and the way he always supports each of his students to reach their potential.

He has been the driving force behind all the whole School and Primary Musicals sharing his creative talents and background in Film and Television. He has also been the coordinator of many of the Art Shows and Year 6 events held at our school. His organisational skills and attention to detail always shine through.

The staff, students and parents wish him the best for his future plans. We will miss you!

Farewell message from Mr Ed Milts

I would like to take this opportunity to say goodbye to the families of Rose Bay Public School. I have been teaching at this school since 2005, which was a much smaller school then with only 13 classes and 320 students. In the last ten years the class numbers have doubled and the school has developed dramatically into the outstanding learning environment we see today. I will never forget the many memorable events that I have been a part of that were shared with students and parents, such as our stunning art shows and our amazing musicals. Having every student's creative artwork displayed in the hall for "Art by the Bay" or our primary classes dancing and singing so incredibly in our musicals are great moments I will take away and look back on with pride. Thank you to the many parents who have supported these events over the years through costume making, photographing, art show mentoring, Fun Day helping, Year 6 Farewell preparation and much more. I hope you will look back on these memorable experiences as fondly as I will. Thank you and goodbye Rose Bay.

Salvation Army Giving Tree



Our Salvation Army Giving Tree is now up in reception. We are asking for donations of new gifts for the Salvation Army's Christmas Appeal.

This year there will be a focus on presents for teenage girls, e.g. music vouchers, toiletries, costume jewellery, etc. However, all gifts for all ages will be greatly appreciated.

Please wrap the presents in clear wrapping and attach a note labelling what age and gender the present is suitable for. Bring presents to the office and place under the tree. Thank you for giving to those in need

SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB

The parent co-ordinators of Scholastic Book Club would like to thank the parents, children and teachers for their participation and support of Scholastic Book Club.

Every order placed earns scholastic credits to purchase items for classrooms and for the school library. This year \$5,794.00, in scholastic credits has been earned for the school through purchases by Rose Bay parents. Many of the teachers have used their class credits to purchase valuable resources for their classrooms and the library has received 158 new books with a Scholastic value of \$1,231.00. This is an amazing result!

Leora Phillips
Simi & Michael Hyde
(Parent Co-ordinators)

School Planning

All NSW DEC Schools are in the process of collecting data to inform their school evaluation and strategic plans for 2015—2017. As part of those processes we will shortly be sending home a survey that asks you to describe 'what you would like your child to have in their school bag when they leave Rose Bay Public School.'

Click here for the survey link.

We look forward to your thoughts`.



Needed Urgently: PSSA Shirts / Singlets

Thank you to all the students who have returned PSSA Shirts / Singlets. If you have not already done so, please be reminded that all PSSA sports shirts and singlets (other than singlets used for Oz-tag this term) are to be returned to the office or Mr Everett as they are needed for other students. Please ensure that the shirts and singlets are returned clean and in a plastic bag labelled clearly with your child's name.

Thank you



The last day for canteen will be this Friday. There will be no canteen next week. The canteen staff wish you a safe and happy holidays and all the best for the new year.

Rose Bay P&C Association Annual General Meeting 2014 President's Report



This time last year I listened to Ayse Bourke deliver the President's Report and I was in awe of how much had been achieved. The efforts by the parent community in 2013 not only left the P&C with a very healthy bank balance but also put some structures in place to make our job this year much easier. On behalf of all of us I thank them and acknowledge their success.

We started this year with a new Executive team and lots of enthusiasm and ideas. In the first few months we went through a process of getting to know each other and the way the school itself works. I'd like to thank Gai O'Neill, Lynne Young, the teachers, administrative and support staff for all of the support and advice they have provided throughout the year. The partnership between the P&C and the school is professional, strong and supportive and everyone should be congratulated for that.

Communication with the parent community is a key objective for the P&C. We have been visible at school events and available to answer questions, maintained regular columns in the school newsletter, used the class parent email system and the P&C email database to provide information about events, meetings and activities.

We have successfully run a welcome morning tea, Mother's Day and Father's Day breakfast, the Sportathon, a parent social event and the Picnic Under the Stars. I'd like to acknowledge Michelle Havas, Tali Fisher, Mandy Supprey, Vicki Caldwell, Sharine Ruppert, Karen Collins, Cindi Shaw, Lisette McDonald, Emma Daniel, Elana Shatari and Karen Finnuane for their excellent event coordination. I would also like to acknowledge our community partners Hart Real Estate and 1st Street for their generous support directly to the school and for their ongoing support throughout the year for our events.

The whole school community steps up to volunteer to support the organisation of these events and to attend the events, making them successful fundraisers and building a sense of community and belonging in the school.

There are so many ways that parents support the school. People give their time as class parents, running the scholastic book club, the second hand clothing pool, the traffic coordination, sitting on school council, supporting reading programs, covering books, going on excursions, attending sporting events, helping with the working bees in the garden, managing rboosh, coordinating events, finding donations and attending P&C meetings - exhausting, necessary and much appreciated by all.

Our fundraising was directed this year towards the schools IT program to purchase iPads that help teachers to deliver rich learning experiences for our children. We have also supported the band with new music stands.

Special thanks to the executive team who have been wonderful to work with this year. Their enthusiasm and hard work knows no bounds. Mandy Supprey and Michele Havas as Vice Presidents, Ana Schire as Treasurer and Anne Salem as Secretary. Special thanks to Tali Fisher who has supported the team throughout the year.

Look forward to welcoming Michele Havas to her new role as Treasurer and Kendall Hayes as our new Vice President for another great year in 2015.

[Lisa Cahill P&C President](#)

Library News

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. A box has been positioned outside the entrance to the library at the top of the stairs for easy return :)



We look forward to the return of school resources.

Look for the bright orange sticker.

2015 has been another big year for the library. Irish storyteller, Niall de Burca entertained our students with traditional folktales and showed the art of bringing stories 'alive'. Students raised money for **Indigenous Literacy Foundation** as a Book Week activity for the **Great Book Swap**. They also participated in the *Mystery Reading Challenge*.

Close to **2444 books were accessioned**. These included fiction and nonfiction titles for the library and teacher reference resources. **Over 17,954 items were borrowed** during the school year. We also now have **38 parents who are members of our school library** and we look forward to welcoming more in the new school year.

Congratulations to those students who successfully completed the **Premiers Reading Challenge** this year. Certificates have been handed out. Remember, that books read over the summer holidays can be recorded for the **2015 Challenge!**

Other certificates have been given for those students who became 'members' of the **100+ book club**. Three students – Emma Gagic, Nathan Bognar and Alix Cane joined the elite **200+ book club!** Congratulations to all our students who show such a culture of reading throughout our school.

Thank you to parents who covered school readers and library books throughout the year. Your help is very much appreciated. Also, 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. The library was open at lunch times throughout the year. On average 60+ students used the library for their recreational use every day. They participated in not only enjoying reading a good book, but also computers, drawing, Lego, origami and knitting.

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. 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 ☺

DIRECTIONS IN **music**

Inspire, Create, Perform.

Festive greetings to all Rose Bay PS band members and parents!

I would like to extend my congratulations to all band members for the spectacular year we have had together in band this year!

JUNIOR BAND members have now mastered all the foundation techniques and musical knowledge on their instruments. Congratulations on this wonderful achievement and welcome to the senior band for 2015!

SENIOR BAND members have continued to develop their skills and knowledge throughout the year with many outstanding performances that showcased their musical talents. With a number of excellent performances in 2014, highlights have included the performance at the school open day and the Band Spring Soiree. Well done Senior Band on a great year.

BAND in 2015 is going to be great fun, with plenty of new challenges and opportunities. Some of the highlights planned for next year include end of term concerts, and the NSW Band Festival. I am looking forward to learning some great music together and performing at many school and public events. All tutorials and rehearsals will commence on **Tuesday, 10th February (Week 3)**. Senior Band rehearsals will be held on **Tuesday, 7.50am to 8.45am** in the school hall. Thank you for accommodating the new changes with the tutorials moving to after school in 2015.

During the **SUMMER HOLIDAYS**, you might like to think about getting ready for band next year. Make sure that you have some reeds, valve oil, a neck strap, a music diary, a display folder, some pencils and your cleaning equipment – whatever accessories you need in your instrument case, check to see they are ready for when we go back to school. Also, spend some time playing your instrument, so that you don't forget all the wonderful things that you learnt in band this year! Junior band members are encouraged to play through all the exercises in the band book to revise everything that has been covered in the junior band programme. Why not play some of those **CHRISTMAS CAROLS** for your friends and family? You could even get together with some friends and put on your own Christmas show at home!

Wishing everyone a safe and happy holiday and I look forward to seeing you all in the New Year!

Mr Richard Sandham RBPS Program Manager

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END OF YEAR MESSAGE

Dear School Community

Firstly, Thank you to the students, who everyday demonstrate our motto “Ever Forward” and strive to achieve their personal best. Remember, everyone has something worthwhile to contribute. Well done everyone on your achievements as individuals, as members of a class and as a school community.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our hardworking staff at Rose Bay Public School for their commitment and contribution to the provision of quality education for all students.

Thank you for the dedication, professionalism and commitment, each teacher gives to their students and school community. Your continued effort to promote and support progressive teaching and learning is the basis for the excellence achieved by our school. Each day you demonstrate your passion and commitment to public education.

Our achievements each year would not be possible without the support of the school leadership team and I wish to thank and acknowledge the leadership of Mrs Young, Mr Milts, Ms Pettifer, Mr Dynan, Mrs Cadlarevic, and Mrs Dooner

I also extend my sincere thanks to our wonderful office and support staff, for the enormous effort they all put in as a team, and their tireless work in ensuring a smooth and calm school operation.

I would like to take this opportunity to publicly thank all the members of the parent community for their fundraising, support and contribution in making Rose Bay Public School ready to face the challenges of the future. Thank you also to our broader parent/carer community for your support throughout the year.

The staff wish every family a very happy and safe summer holiday and look forward to seeing you in 2015.

Chess Championship



On Wednesday 19th November, over 48 children from Year 1 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 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: Ethan 4L

Second Place: Adam 3G

Third Place: Nathan 5E and Zane 4M

Best Girl: Rachel 4M

Best Junior: Jake 3G





Mr Feldman, our Chess Teacher



All our chess players concentrating on their games!



Checkmate!!



Chilling out between chess games!



Great minds think alike!

THESE YEAR 6 STUDENTS WERE SELECTED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE "BATTLE OF THE MINDS" COMPETITION AGAINST 7 OTHER SCHOOLS LAST THURSDAY AT BONDI BEACH PUBLIC SCHOOL.



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR GIRL'S TEAM THAT WON THE GROUP ROUND.

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