



Dates for Your Diary

November

- 25 Presentation Day
- 30 Last Day of Scripture

December

- 1 Volunteers Morning Tea
- 3 Year 6 Fun Day 1pm – 2:20pm
- 4 PSSA Concludes
- 9 Chess Championship
- 8 P&C Annual General Meeting
- 14 K-2 Movie Day
- 14 Year 6 Farewell
- 15 3-6 Movie Day
- 16 Year 6 March Out 3pm

Thank You!

The Teachers of Rose Bay Public School invite you to say,
Thank you for helping out in many a way!

As 2015 draws to an end,
Our appreciation for all you've done we would like to extend.

Whether you have helped out **big** or **small**-
Please join us for morning tea outside our hall.

Join us at 10:45am – 11:30 on December 1st,
For a cup of tea, as a toast for all that you've done!

Scripture Teachers	Art Show Helpers	Kindergarten Orientation
Mother's Day Stall	Ethics Teachers	Working Bees
Excursion Helpers	Scholastic Book Club	Sportathon
Picnic Under the Stars	Traffic Patrol	Uniform Shop
P and C Event Coordinators	Classroom Helpers	Year 6 Parents leaving.

And so much more!

Last Day of Term 4

Wednesday 16th December



Reminder

Parents are reminded that the settlement of school invoice, fees and outstanding payments **MUST** be settled **NOW**. The school's financial year ends on the 30th of November and therefore outstanding payments are now overdue. We appreciate your prompt attention to this matter.

Please contact the office on 9371 4884 should you wish to discuss the above.

Thank you, Helen

MY STEPPING STONES JOINS ROSE BAY AS COMMUNITY PARTNER



Rose Bay Public School has the pleasure in announcing My Stepping Stones, a pre-school on the corner of Newcastle Street & Richmond Road in Rose Bay, has come on board as a Community Partner.

My Stepping Stones' contribution of \$5,500 will go towards a playground upgrade.

Director, Roman Tobias, is excited to support his local public school.

"My Stepping Stones is always looking to build strong partnerships within our local and educational community," Roman said.

"Many of the families attending our centre will go on to attend Rose Bay Public and we are delighted to have this opportunity to support the school in improving its facilities.

"We are very pleased for our contribution to go towards outdoor play resources as it is such a vital part of children's development and wellbeing and we are very proud to join Rose Bay Public's Community Partner program."

Principal Gai O'Neill is delighted to have My Stepping Stones support, which continues the school's local ethos.

"Rose Bay Public School enjoys developing a strong sense of community and it is great to have a local business support the school," Ms O'Neill said.

"Our school takes pride in providing the best for the students and the playground upgrade, including a focus of new trees and plants to beautify our grounds, will further enhance this. The P&C fundraisers and contributions our Community Partners benefit every student and we are very grateful."

If you are interested in supporting the school through a Community Partnership, please contact the office on 9371.4884.



Chess Competition

Who: Experienced chess players from Years 1 to 6

When: Wednesday 9th December 2015

Where: In the school hall

The tournament will be conducted using the Swiss System, therefore participants will largely compete against players of an equal number of points and therefore of an equal strength level. Students will compete in a series of matches and there will be several categories of prizes.

Library End of Year Stock Take

This is the last week for students to borrow books.

All books will need to be returned by this **Friday, 27th November**.



Please check your book shelves at home for any library books. You can put them in the returns box in the library before or after school.

FROM THE OFFICE

Lately, the school office has been inundated with calls at the end of the day from parents/carers wishing to communicate pick up arrangements to their child. Whilst it is important that your child receives this message, it also has the flow on effect of disrupting class learning time each time a message is passed on from the office to the class teacher.

To minimise disruptions to class learning time, it would be helpful if you could communicate your pick up arrangements directly with your child each morning, and/or send a note with your child to give to their class teacher. Where there are unexpected changes to the pick-up routine, a phone call rather than an email is needed.

This should be made to the school office before 2:30p.m. because the office is busy after 2:30p.m. and this will allow for sufficient time for the message to be passed to your child. The office is currently fielding so many calls at the end of the day, that it is a major concern that we will not be able to pass on messages to your child in time.

Thank you for your cooperation.

RBOOSH



RBOOSH NEWS

Summer Vacation Care will be available at RBOOSH from Monday 4th until Wednesday 27th January 2016. Summer Vacation Care Forms are now available at the centre and on our website www.rboosh.com.au

Monday 23rd November 2015- Vacation Care enrolments open for Rose Bay Public School children

Monday 30th November 2015- Vacation Care enrolments open for all other children

Friday 11th December 2015- All payments due (Before, After and Vacation Care)

Kind Regards, Raphael



CANTEEN CORNER

Here are some facts about the canteen, you may find interesting...

Did You Know?

- ❖ Our bread may not look too different, but it is actually very dense & full of fiber (we've even weighed it!). The good news is that the more fiber, the lower the GI, which means students will be full for longer.
- ❖ Every Friday through summer, we still offer our grab and go soup. Made from wholesome, natural ingredients, why not give yourself a break at the end of the week and serve the family some delicious homemade soup. 
- ❖ Our meat patties in our happy hamburgers are made of lean beef mince, that we marinate with herbs and spices before rolling into patties every week. Served with avocado, soy mayonnaise, cheddar cheese & lettuce on an organic wholemeal bun, make Fridays a very happy day! 
- ❖ The frozen Strawberry & Cocoa Crush are proving very popular as the weather warms up. Sugar and Lactose free, they are now available in a three pack to take home! Now the children can enjoy a sugar-free treat at the weekends too! Order online to get yours this week. 



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P&C News

Picnic Under the Stars

Thank you to everyone who made it out on such a hot day last week for Picnic Under the Stars. Great to see everyone having so much fun.

A huge thank you to Karen Finucane P&C Secretary who coordinated the event. Karen worked so hard for several weeks to put the event together. Karen, your work is so much appreciated.

A big thanks also to all the parents who helped on the night and in the lead up collecting raffle prizes and doing numerous tasks. Verena and Angelica in the canteen were absolutely wonderful to work with and we thank you for the amazing array of food available on the night.

Thank you to the school Principal who lent a hand all night and helped make the event such a success. We could not hold these events were it not for Yanni. He works above and beyond and the school community is eternally grateful.

We also send big thanks that to the following donors of raffle prizes:

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P&C AGM

The AGM and final P&C meeting for the year is on Tuesday 8 December 2015 at 7pm. Please come along as we need your ideas for 2016.

Also next Tuesday Woollahra Council will be discussing the traffic arrangements in Spencer Lane between Wilberforce Ave and Dover Road. Anyone who would like to attend the Council meeting please see the Wollahra Council Website.

All the best to all for the final weeks of school and hope to see you at the meeting next Tuesday night.

Lisa Cahill
P&C President



respectful relationships breakfast

On Wednesday 26th of November the Year 6 Leaders and Mrs Young will attend the Respectful Relationship Breakfast at Woollahra Council. The event will highlight local schools' commitment to stop violence against women. The Respectful Relationships Breakfast, is now in its third year, is a CoSiES and Woollahra Council initiative, in support of White Ribbon's 'Breaking the Silence' schools program. The event includes school musical performances and guest speakers including the ambassador for White Ribbon Rob Hunt. All funds raised will go towards White Ribbon and the Breaking the Silence Schools Program. Everyone attending the event will show support by wearing white.

Year 5 Students Lila-Mae, Alicia, Alexia, Ashna, Jessie, Deagan, Peony and Zoe worked with Mrs Edelmuth, Miss Shein, Miss Dawson, Miss Hancock and Miss Trevor to design and paint an artwork about positive relationships for the event (picture below).



Ethics classes at Rose Bay Public School

Dear parents and carers,

Could you be an Ethics Coordinator for Rose Bay Public School?

Our current ethics coordinator is moving on at the end of this year and we are seeking a volunteer so that classes can continue in 2016. Ethics classes commenced at Rose Bay Public School in 2011 and are currently available for children from kindergarten to year 6 in stages Early Stage 1 to Stage 3.

The ethics coordinator organises the training and background checks for the teachers, communicates with school staff for classroom arrangements, and liaises with Primary Ethics, the not-for-profit organisation approved to design curriculum and training for the program.

This role provides a great opportunity for a working parent who might be unable to volunteer during school hours. The time is flexible, requiring approximately 1-2 hours per week, predominantly online.

In ethics classes, children learn how to think logically, disagree respectfully and support their arguments with evidence, rather than act according to blind habit or peer pressure.

Children discuss topics such as:

- imagining how others feel
- how do we treat living things?
- what is laziness?
- how do we disagree in a respectful way?
- fairness

If you are looking for an opportunity to make a valuable contribution to our school, please visit www.primaryethics.com.au or contact our current Ethics Coordinator – Danelle Denny on 0419 253 788 or at danelle@efel.net.au.



One of our SRC goals is to keep our school a clean and happy place. To achieve this, we decided to all pitch in and collect rubbish around the school. The most rubbish we found was plastic.

Let's keep our school clean by continuing to participate in Waste-Free Wednesdays!



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Dance Off
Coin Drop
Trick or Treat
Ice-cream
Dragon Tail
Kick for kandy
Face Painting
Can or Kick
Spin to Win
Karaoke

YEAR 6 FUN DAY
THURSDAY
3RD DECEMBER
1 PM - 2:30PM

PIZZA PRE-ORDERED ONLY

STALLS WILL COST BETWEEN 20 CENTS TO \$2.00

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Compulsory school attendance

Information for parents



Did you know that if a student misses as little as eight days in a school term, by the end of primary school they will have missed over a year of education?

The compulsory years of schooling

In New South Wales, all children from six years of age are legally required to attend school or be registered for home schooling. After they complete Year 10 and until they turn 17 years of age, students then have the following options. They may also be in:

- full-time further education and training (e.g. TAFE, traineeship, apprenticeship);
- full-time, paid employment of an average of 25 hours per week; or
- a combination of both of the above.

Children are expected to attend all school activities, on time. Regular attendance helps your child:

- develop the skills needed to access the world of work and other opportunities
- to learn the importance of punctuality and routine
- make and keep friendships.

What if my child has to be away from school?

If your child has to be absent from school, you must tell the school and provide a reason for your child's absence. To explain an absence parents and carers may be required to:

- send a note to the school, or contact the school via electronic means such as SMS text message, fax or email, or
- telephone the school, or
- visit the school.

A small number of absences may be accepted by the principal. For example, if your child:

- has to go to a special religious ceremony
- is required to attend a serious or urgent family situation (e.g. a funeral)
- is too sick to go to school or has an infectious illness.

What are school Principals responsible for?

Principals help to ensure the safety, welfare and wellbeing of your child. Principals have to keep accurate records of student attendance and the reasons for any absences. Principals are responsible for accepting or not accepting a parent's explanations for their child's absences. Principals may request further information from parents for long or frequent absences, even where they are explained by parents as being due to illness.

When absences are unexplained by parents, or the explanations are not accepted by the principal, the school will work with parents to help address the issue. The main aim is to sort out what is preventing the child from getting to school and putting strategies in place to help. Sometimes, the school will ask support staff and other agencies to assist.

What might happen if my child continues to have unacceptable absences?

It is important to understand that the Department may take further action where children of compulsory school age have recurring numbers of unexplained or unacceptable absences from school. Some of the following actions may be undertaken.

- Attendance meetings and compulsory attendance conferences

Parents (and sometimes their child) can be asked to go to a meeting with school personnel and other regional officers. The aim of the meeting is to help identify strategies to support the child and family. Other agencies may also be invited along to help, if parents agree.

If the school and other regional officers have tried to help improve a child's attendance, without success, parents (and sometimes their child) can be asked to go to a compulsory attendance conference. The conference will be run by a trained conference convenor. The aim of the conference is for the school, parents (and sometimes their child) and other identified agencies ("the parties") to further identify the issues which are impacting on a child's attendance.

The outcome of a compulsory attendance conference is for the parties to agree to undertake certain actions to improve the child's attendance. These actions are written in the form of undertakings.

- Applications to the Children's Court – A Compulsory Schooling Order

Legal compliance can be sought through an application to the Children's Court for a Compulsory Schooling Order. The aim is to assist a family and/or child to address the issues which are preventing satisfactory school attendance but has the added enforcement of a Court's powers.

- Prosecution in the Local Court

If all attempts by schools and regional support staff fail to improve a student's attendance, action can be taken in the Local Court and the result can be fines up to a maximum of \$11,000.

Further information regarding school attendance can be obtained from the following websites

Policy, information and brochures:

<http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/gotoschool/a-z/attendance.php>

The school leaving age:

<http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/leavingschool/index.php>

Do you need an interpreter?

Interpreting services are provided, where possible, for parents/carers who do not speak or understand English well and for Deaf parents/carers who use sign language. The Telephone Interpreter Service is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week at the telephone number: 131 450. You will not be charged for this service.

See the website address:

http://www.immi.gov.au/living-in-australia/help-with-english/help_with_translating/

Whooping cough affects people of all ages. It can be especially serious for babies. Vaccination reduces the risk of infection.

Whooping Cough (Pertussis)

Last updated: 30 October 2015

What is whooping cough?

Whooping cough can be a life threatening infection in babies. Whooping cough in babies can lead to apnoea (pauses in normal breathing), pneumonia, feeding problems and weight loss, seizures, brain damage and, in some cases, death. Older children and adults can get whooping cough too and pass it on to babies.

What are the symptoms?

- Whooping cough usually begins like a cold with a blocked or runny nose, tiredness, mild fever and a cough.
- The cough gets worse and severe bouts of uncontrollable coughing can develop. Coughing bouts can be followed by vomiting, choking or taking a big gasping breath which causes a "whooping" sound. The cough can last for many weeks and can be worse at night.
- Some newborns may not cough at all but they can stop breathing and turn blue. Some babies have difficulties feeding and can choke or gag.
- Older children and adults may just have a cough that lasts for many weeks. They may not have the whoop.

How is it spread?

- Whooping cough is spread when an infectious person coughs bacteria into the air which can be inhaled by people nearby. If they are not treated early, people with whooping cough are infectious in the first three weeks of their illness.
- Whooping cough spreads easily through families, childcare centres and at school.

Who is at risk?

- Anyone can get whooping cough. People living in the same household as someone with whooping cough are especially at risk.
- Immunisation reduces the risk of infection but immunity fades over time. You can still get whooping cough even if you've been immunised.

How is it prevented?

Whooping cough vaccines provide good protection from infection but immunity fades which means that boosters are needed.

Immunisation for babies

- Babies need to be immunised at 2 months, 4 months and 6 months. The first dose can be given as early as 6 weeks of age.
- Getting your baby vaccinated on time gives them some protection when they are most at risk of severe illness.
- If your baby's vaccines are overdue, see your GP now to catch up.

Immunisation for older children

- A whooping cough booster is needed at 4 years of age.
- Check if your child has been vaccinated. Look at their Blue Book, speak to your GP or ring the Australian Childhood Immunisation Register on 1800 653 809.
- A second whooping cough booster is given in high school through the NSW School –based Vaccination Program.

Immunisation for adults

A booster for adults is recommended for:

- Women who are in the third trimester of pregnancy, preferably at 28 weeks. Free vaccine is provided in NSW through Gps and hospital antenatal clinics.
- Other adult household members, grandparents and carers of infants under 12 months of age.
- Adults working with young children, especially health care and child care workers.

If you are a close contact of someone with whooping cough:

- If you have been exposed to someone with whooping cough early in their illness while they are infectious, watch out for symptoms and see your doctor if you get a new cough.
- Some babies and some pregnant women need antibiotics to prevent whooping cough infection if they have had significant contact with an infectious person.

How is it diagnosed?

Your doctor may ask about your symptoms and whether there you've had any contact with whooping cough. If your doctor thinks you have whooping cough, a swab from the back of the nose or throat can confirm the diagnosis.

How is it treated?

- Some babies may need treatment in hospital or in intensive care.
- Antibiotics are used to treat whooping cough in the early stages and can help prevent spreading whooping cough to others. People who are not treated early with the right antibiotics can spread the infection in the first 3 weeks of their illness. After 5 days of antibiotics, you are normally no longer infectious.
- The cough often continues for many weeks, despite antibiotics.

What is the public health response?

Doctors and laboratories must confidentially notify cases of pertussis to the local Public Health Unit. Public Health Unit staff can advise on the best way to stop further spread.

Infectious children are restricted from going to pre-school and school. Unimmunised contacts may be excluded from child care unless they take the special antibiotics.

Identify - Protect – Prevent

NSW Health whooping cough campaign <http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/PublicHealth/Infectious/whoopingcough/index.asp>

For further information please call your local Public Health Unit on 1300 066 055 or visit the New South Wales Health website www.health.nsw.gov.au