

Diary Dates

December

Tuesday 18

3-6 Movie Day

Wednesday 19

Last day for students

2019

January

Wednesday 30

2019 School Year Commences
Years 1-6 only

Wednesday 30

PSSA Sport Trials

Thursday 31

PSSA Sport Trials

February

Monday 4

First Day of Kindergarten

Friday 8

Primary Sport Commences

Tuesday 12

P&C Meeting

School Newsletter – 18th DECEMBER 2018 Term 4 Week 10

'Dear Ms O'Neill,

Just a quick thank-you to everyone involved for such a heart-warming End of Year Presentation morning.....WOW - what a special occasion to acknowledge the learners and say farewell to the Year 6's.

.....after seeing first hand, your approach and academic focus [throughout the year] and then yesterday morning's event - it leaves me with no doubt that we are very lucky to be part of such an amazing teaching environment and community, and can't wait to see through all the primary years at Rose Bay PS.'

We received many such emails after our presentation day morning. Thank you to all those who took the time to write or pass on their messages of support. Rose Bay Public School truly is a very special place for which we are all grateful.

There are many who contribute to the success of our school. Thank you to the P&C representatives and subcommittee reps for their time and energy throughout 2019. A special thank you to the P&C president, Jackie Bando, for her tireless efforts. To all our parent and grandparent volunteers thank you also.

Our teaching staff do an amazing job and I know many of you will thank them personally in the coming days. I also wish to publicly acknowledge all of our teachers for their tireless commitment and dedication to student learning.

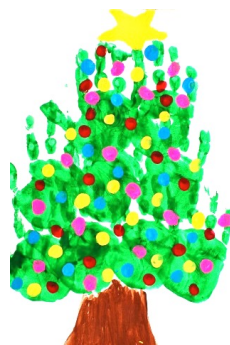
Thank you to the incredible and supportive admin team, whose administrative and organisational skills enable teachers to focus on student learning.

I would be lost without the leadership team and the manner in which they continue to cultivate a positive learning environment for both staff and students. Thank you!

Finally thank you to all of you and your enthusiastic and dedicated children. I hope you all have a wonderful safe holiday break and take some well-deserved time to enjoy being a family. I look forward to welcoming all of our returning and new families in 2019.

Farewell Year 6

I, along with all the staff, would like to congratulate the Year 6 Class of 2018. We wish you well as you continue your learning journey into Year 7 and we know you will make us proud.



**Merry
Christmas**
AND HAPPY HOLIDAYS



Rose Bay Public School Initiatives 2018

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At Rose Bay Public School we are always working behind the scenes to implement projects that go to improving both the physical space and environmental sustainability of the school. Ultimately this helps to improve the wellbeing of children. At this time of year, it is important to look back and acknowledge our achievements.

Bathroom Upgrade

Our toilet upgrade looks fantastic! New bright and colourful tiling, new stalls, new sinks and new flooring means the children's toilets are modern and welcoming – and the kids thoroughly agree!! This was a significant project in terms of cost (over \$100,000) and was made possible with contributions from the P&C and Rose Bay PS OOSH.

Seating

Have you seen the new seating outside kindergarten rooms? These seats provide a shaded space for eating, a quiet space for children to connect with others during break times, and the flexibility to be used as an outdoor learning area.



Covered seating utilised for a variety of purposes



Colourful tiling has improved bathroom presentation



New stalls and new floors have made a big impact

Wet Area

The improved wet area is a multipurpose space that has been heavily utilised since its construction. Children in adjacent rooms have quick and easy access for a variety of creative learning activities and ready access to water for hand washing. Even a small initiative can have a significant impact on learning and wellbeing of children and teachers.

Air Conditioning

We are waiting to hear the outcome of our recent grant submission for the State Government Funded Air Cooling Program. We will keep you posted should we be successful. In the interim we continue to work to provide cooler spaces throughout the school. This year we have installed air conditioning in a further 5 classrooms, ensuring children have the best possible opportunities to learn whilst at our school.

Our Solar Panels

Our school hall now hosts solar panels. A successful grant application made this project possible. Not only do these panels assist in reducing the school's environmental impact and our overall electricity bill, but they are also a valuable teaching resource. The system will help us power our learning facilities with renewable energy; cut 20% off our annual energy bill; produce clean green energy equal to powering 209 school computers each year; and avoid 37 tonnes of greenhouse gas emissions - like taking 13 cars off the road each year. Take a look next time you are passing the hall.



Newly installed wet area and storage



Solar cells in action and providing a real time learning solution



Air conditioning helping to cool classrooms

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Grants

Did you know that we have successfully applied for two grants – the Solar in Schools Grant that made our solar installation possible and a \$20,000 Community Building Partnership grant that will be used to construct additional playground seating, further improving our playground space. We have also recently applied for a NSW DEC Capital Works Grant which would allow us to undertake a playground improvement program. We eagerly await the outcome. In the meantime we are currently examining options to engage a landscape architect who would work with the school, the children and the community to develop a landscape master plan for our school. Our garden is important to us and we aim to get it right!

Smart Boards

Our new smart boards have been installed. Rose Bay Public School has an excellent reputation for its technology programs that enhance learning outcomes for all students. The purchase and installation of these whiteboards was made possible with support from the P&C. Whiteboards promote creativity through design and experimentation, collaboration, communication, critical thinking and engagement.



A 'harmonious' playground



Whiteboards promote creativity



Our much loved bike racks clearly getting a workout

Bike Racks

Our new bike racks are heavily utilised and assist to encourage and promote healthy activity, not just for students, but for the entire family.

2019 Teaching Staff

Each New Year brings some changes in our teaching staff. Our staff will remain very stable in 2019 with a few changes taking place. On behalf of all of us I would like to wish Miss Williams and Miss Mullens good luck as they both head off to new adventures in 2019. Travel safe and see you when you return. Thank you Miss Clapson and Miss Lee, for all your hard work this year. We wish you well. Our thoughts are with Mrs Edelmuth for the upcoming birth and maternity leave, and of course adieu to Madame Ovadia.

Another school year ends...

2019 will be an exciting year for Rose Bay Public School as we embrace our goals in teaching and learning and build upon the strong values of care, respect and lifelong learning. I have been delighted to lead the school this year and am very appreciative of the immense amount of support I have received from students, staff and parents. It is with a sense of optimism and pride that I ask you to celebrate our successes and look forward to a great 2019. I wish all our families a safe and happy holiday break.

Should Randwick Boys High School become co-educational?

The Department of Education is exploring requests to transition Randwick Boys High School into a co-educational high school, and wants to know what you think.

If the decision is made to change Randwick Boys High School into a co-educational comprehensive high school, female students will be enrolled into the school in stages across a number of years.

Find out more and complete the survey at education.nsw.gov.au/randwick-boys-high-school before Friday 15 February 2019.

You can also send comments to randwick@det.nsw.edu.au or ask specific questions and share your comments at information booths at local shopping centres, and further information will be on display at local libraries during the school holidays.



PSSA Trials Term 1 2019

Primary sport is held each Friday. In Terms 1 and 4 sport is held during the morning session - while in Terms 2 and 3 primary sport is held in the afternoon session.

This session has two components - Representative Sport (PSSA) and School based skill-development sessions.

The Summer season (Terms 1 & 4) in 2019 will comprise cricket, basketball and touch football for both boys and girls.

Trials for the Summer PSSA sport representative teams will be held on Wednesday 30th and Thursday 31st January which are the first 2 days back at school.

Notes for these sports will be given out at the end of the first week back at school. As sport starts on Friday the 8th February, we ask that all permission notes be returned promptly.

P&C News



The P & C are busy organising the functions for 2019. If you would like to get involved, or help out with any of the events, or if you have any ideas for fundraising, please email rosebaypc@gmail.com

If any parents have a business that the P & C can support and use for our functions, please let us know.

We wish everyone a happy and safe holiday season, and we look forward to a great 2019 together at RBPS!

P.S. the next P & C meeting is on Tuesday 12th February at 7.00pm.



creative thinking

teamwork



We made floating rafts using straws and masking tape.



rafts

STEM

IN



YEAR

ONE



collaboration



co-operation



buildings

We created a city using boxes. We coded our robots and Miss Carlson to move around our city.

balloons

problem solving

We created balloon towers using masking tape and balloons.



design



Dash



coding



iPad

We coded Dash with an iPad and our friends.



The Brilliant Bands of R.B.P.S.

Performances

The Junior Band and the Senior Band have been very busy this year. They ended 2018 on a high note.



Collaboration

The Senior Band played at the Whole School Assembly.



Harmony

End of Year Band Concert

The Junior Band

Musical notes



Concerts

Songs

The Senior Band



Persistence

Teamwork



2018
Thank you Morning Tea



Thank you for all your
help and support this
year!



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awarded the Simone
Moore Award for
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2019 Upcoming Tournaments

Term 1: Fun Social Matches: U6's-U8's
Feb-June: League Tournaments: U8's-U11's
Feb-Mar: Advanced pre-season: U12's-U14's

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