

# ROSE BAY PUBLIC SCHOOL

### **Diary Dates**

### MARCH

Thursday, 21 Year 5 Excursion to The Rocks Friday 22 PSSA Ends Saturday 23 Election Day sausage sizzle & cake stall Monday 25 - Thursday 28 Year 6 Camp at Point Wolstoncroft Monday 25 - Thursday 28 Parent Teacher Interviews for 1Z Tuesday 26 Kindergarten Grandparents Day Tuesday 26 Stage 1 Excursion to Lyne Park

### APRIL

Monday 1 - Thursday 4 Parent Teacher Interview Week Tuesday 2 - Wednesday 3 PSSA Winter Sport Trials Wednesday 3 Event for Hebrew Students Thursday 9 Band Concert – Hot Cross Buns Friday 12 Last day Term 1 Tuesday 30 Students return for Term 2

### MAY

Thursday 2 3-6 Cross Country Carnival Monday 13 – Friday 17 NAPLAN testing for Yr 3 and 5 Tuesday 21 PSSA Cross Country Carnival Thursday 23 Cyber Safety Day

#### JUNE

Saturday 1 Comedy Night Parent Fundraiser

### School Newsletter - 20th MARCH 2019 Term 1 Week 8

#### From the Principal

One of the highlights of my week is students visiting my office and sharing their work with me. It is particularly wonderful to witness the growth of our kindergarten students each year. Even after many, many, years working in education, watching the growth in kindergarten students, their enthusiasm for learning, and the speed with which they learn, continues to inspire me.



As always, the school has been a place of thriving activity over the last week with a myriad of learning activities happening both within the classroom and beyond.

Last week we had a group of students in Years 3-6 represent Rose Bay Public School at zone swimming carnival. Our students represented themselves, the school and our community with great pride. Well done to all those involved.

Sydney Coastal Primary School Sports Association (SCPSSA) conducts trials for district teams each year to represent our network in a variety of sports. Last week we had a number of students try out for teams including tennis, rugby, cricket and basketball. These teams provide opportunities for gifted sportspeople to excel. We wish all those successful in gaining selection into these teams the best of luck in upcoming competitions.



As a reminder, this year is our Biennial Art Show. This is an incredibly special event and one for which the school is renowned. Every student and every class displays an artwork in our school hall or what many affectionately refer to for the duration, as the Rose Bay Art Gallery. Please keep an eye out for updates in the school newsletter as we will soon be asking for expressions of interest from our parent artists, designers and those with a creative flair to assist. I know that this will be a much loved 2019 highlight for many of us.

### Kindergarten Enrolments 2020

Children who turn 5 years before 1<sup>st</sup> August 2020 are eligible to enrol. If you know of any families with children living in the school's catchment area, please let them know that they can access the Application to Enrol in a NSW Government School from the school website under 'Our School' - 'Enrolments'

Applications should be submitted to the school office with all supporting documents.





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### Stewart House - Collection Bags

Thank you to everyone who has returned Stewart House clothing bags to school. If you would like to donate, there are still a couple of days left to bring good, clean wearable clothes, you no longer require. Please drop bags to the school hall for collection by *Friday 22nd March*.

Your support is greatly appreciated.

### Expectations of Positive Behaviour - You Can Do It

Classrooms are for learning and playgrounds are for enjoying each other's company through play and conversation. We are focussing on respectful conversations between students so that we see more cooperative, collaborative and creative play. All students are to keep their hands and feet to themselves at all times. Conflict between students arises from time to time. All students are given a voice and invited to provide their narrative. We encourage students to speak to their teacher, the playground duty teacher, the Assistant/Deputy Principals and myself. Our 5 keys to success are Resilience Persistence Organisation Getting Along and Confidence.

### NAPLAN 2019 online test - Years 3 and 5

NAPLAN tests the sorts of skills that are essential for every child to progress through school and life, such as reading, writing, spelling, grammar and numeracy. It is important to remember that NAPLAN is not about passing or failing, but about assessing learning progress. At the classroom level it is one of a number of important tools used by teachers to measure student progress. As in 2018, our school will once again participate in NAPLAN online. The 2019 NAPLAN Online test window is 14 - 24 May. To get an idea of what the tests look like, visit the public demonstration site and read more about NAPLAN Online. http://www.nap.edu.au/online-assessment/public-demonstration-site

### Parent Teacher Interviews

Parent Teacher Interviews are in Week 10 of this term. Please log into your SENTRAL Parent Portal to book your interview time. Contact the office should you require any assistance or support.

### Winter PSSA Trials 2019

Trials for PSSA winter sports (for Terms 2 and 3) will be held on <u>Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April</u> and <u>Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> April</u> (week 10) of this term.

Winter PSSA sport teams include:

- Netball Junior and Senior
- Boys Soccer Junior and Senior
- Girls Soccer Junior and Senior
- AFL Junior and Senior
- Rugby League/Rugby Union 8/9 years, 10 years and opens.











The P&C invites you to an evening of laughs on <u>Saturday 1 June</u>. We will have a bar selling beer, wine and soft drinks and a light supper will be served from 6:45pm. This is an 18+ event so book your babysitters and join in the fun. Tickets are now on sale at <u>www.comedyforacause.net/ROSE</u> More details below but for any questions, email <u>rosebaypc@gmail.com</u>.



The P&C are putting on a SAUSAGE SIZZLE and CAKE STALL at RBPS on Election Day - THIS Saturday 23rd March.

We are calling all *parents*, *carers and grandparents* - we'd love to see our school community volunteering their time.

Please let us know if you can help out with any of the below shifts on Saturday 23rd March:

7.30 - 9.00am x 8 people

9.00 - 11.00am x 8 people

11.00am - 1.00pm x 8 people

1.00 - 3.00pm x 8 people

Please email <u>rosebaypc@gmail.com</u> ASAP if you can help out.

Note down the shift you can do and your phone number. It would be even better if you can do more than 1 shift!

The P&C will be buying the items for the sausage sizzle so if you have a contact who can supply bread, sausages, onions, tomato & BBQ sauces and serviettes at a reduced rate or even free, please let us know.

We're also asking everyone to donate items for our CAKE STALL - eg. Cake/slices/pastries etc. They do not need to be homemade.

Please only bring them on the Election Day, not before, and in disposable containers only as we will not be able to return containers.

Warm regards

The Rose Bay Public School P&C rosebaypc@gmail.com







Last Friday our school sport rugby team had the privilege of showing their skills and learning new techniques from two members of the NSW Waratahs. A huge thank you to the players Jake Gordon and Lachlan Swinton for joining and for such an enjoyable morning!





# National Young Leaders Conference 11<sup>th</sup> March, 2019 International Convention Centre



On the 11<sup>th</sup> March, 2019, the new school leadership team attended the National Young Leaders Day Conference at the International Convention Centre in Darling Harbour. We listened to some amazing speakers – from inspiring charity organisers, to authors, to sportspeople – all heroes to the many young leaders in the audience.

We look forward to leading the school in 2019 and sharing our message of empowerment with students and staff of Rose Bay Public School.











## A few words from the canteen...

Did you know that the canteen is run by Angelika, a nutritionist, who is passionate about offering your children healthy variety and helping them to create good eating habits for their future.

## **SUSHI**

Our sushi is a firm favourite and is made from brown rice, to ensure the children feel full for longer. We now have six options for our hand rolls...

Chicken & Cucumber\Salmon & Avocado\Californian Crab\Tuna & Cucumber\Avocado \Cucumber

Sushi is one of the few foods we do not make ourselves on site, therefore it is ideal to order online the day before, to avoid disappointment.

### **IN THE FREEZER**

All of our frozen items are made from fruit, with no added sugar, giving you comfort of mind your children will be making a healthy choice.

We offer frozen juice cups, juicies (frozen juice tubes) frozen pineapple rings and frozen grapes in a cup.

## FLEXISCHOOLS (online ordering)

You may have come across ordering issues via the Flexischools APP on Friday mornings. We have been informed that if you use their webpage, there will not be an issue while they work out their technical issues during very busy times (Friday mornings).









# NAPLAN Online – information for parents and carers



## 2019

### Why do students do NAPLAN?

The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) assesses literacy and numeracy skills that are essential for every child to progress through school and life. Students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 participate in the annual NAPLAN tests in reading, writing, conventions of language (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and numeracy.

The assessment provides parents and schools with an understanding of how individual students are performing at the time of the tests. NAPLAN is just one aspect of a school's assessment and reporting process - it does not replace ongoing assessments made by teachers about student performance.

NAPLAN also provides schools, education authorities and governments with information about how education programs are working and whether young Australians are meeting important educational outcomes in literacy and numeracy.

### What is assessed?

NAPLAN assesses literacy and numeracy skills that students are learning through their regular school curriculum. All government and non-government education authorities have contributed to the development of NAPLAN materials.

In 2019 most students across Australia will sit NAPLAN online.

Feedback in the first year of NAPLAN Online showed that students engaged well with online assessments. One of the main benefits of NAPLAN Online is tailored (or adaptive) testing, where the test automatically adapts to a student's test performance. The test presents questions of higher or lower complexity, depending on a student's performance.

Tailored (or adaptive) testing is designed to assess a wider range of student abilities and to measure student achievement more precisely. Your child should not be concerned if they find questions more challenging than usual; they may be taking a more complex test pathway. A student's overall NAPLAN score is based on the number and complexity of questions they answer correctly. NAPLAN Online is not a test of keyboard skills. There are variations in how fast and well a student can type – just as there are variations in how fast and well a student can write by hand. Year 3 students will complete the writing test on paper.

To get an idea of what the online assessment looks like, visit the public demonstration site at **nap.edu.au** 

### How can I help my child prepare?

Help your child prepare by reassuring them that NAPLAN is just one part of their school program, and by reminding them on the day to simply try their best. Teachers will ensure students are familiar with the types of questions in the tests and will provide appropriate support and guidance. Ensuring students are familiar with using devices, typing on them and navigating through programs are a part of student learning and a requirement of the Australian Curriculum from the first year at school.

ACARA does not recommend excessive preparation for NAPLAN or the use of coaching providers. NAPLAN is about assessing learning progress in literacy and numeracy.

# Will my child sit NAPLAN on paper or online?

In 2019, your child will sit the NAPLAN online tests. However, children in some other schools across Australia will sit the NAPLAN paper tests this year. Federal, state and territory education ministers have agreed that all schools will move online by 2020. State and territory education authorities will determine when their schools move online.

As students are assessed on the same literacy and numeracy curriculum content, regardless of whether they complete the test online or on paper, results for both formats can be reported on the same NAPLAN assessment scale. To find out more about NAPLAN Online, visit **nap.edu.au** 





### **Participation in NAPLAN**

All students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 are expected to participate in the annual NAPLAN assessment.

Students with disability may qualify for adjustments that reflect the support normally provided for classroom assessments. You should first discuss the use of any disability adjustments for your child with your child's teacher.

A formal exemption may be granted for a student with disability that severely limits their capacity to participate in the assessment, or for a student who has recently arrived in Australia and has a non-English speaking background.

Your school principal and your local test administration authority can give you more information on NAPLAN Online disability adjustments or the process required to gain a formal exemption.

### NAPLAN Online 2019 timetable

The assessment window for NAPLAN Online is extended from three days provided for the paper test to nine days. This is to give schools more flexibility in scheduling and accommodate schools that may have fewer devices. The NAPLAN Online assessment window starts on Tuesday 14 May and finishes on Friday 24 May 2019.

The online tests must be taken in the following order:

Test	Duration	Order	Details
Writing	Year 3: 40 min. Year 5: 40 min. Year 7: 40 min. Year 9: 40 min.	To be completed in the first two days	Year 3 students do a paper-based writing test on day one only
Reading	Year 3: 45 min. Year 5: 50 min. Year 7: 65 min. Year 9: 65 min.	To be completed after the writing test	Students read a range of informative, imaginative and persuasive texts
Conventions of language	Year 3: 45 min. Year 5: 45 min. Year 7: 45 min. Year 9: 45 min.	To be completed after the reading test	This test includes spelling, grammar and punctuation
Numeracy	Year 3: 45 min. Year 5: 50 min. Year 7: 65 min Year 9: 65 min.	To be competed after the conventions of language test	This test includes number and algebra; measurement and geometry; and statistics and probability

# What if my child is absent from school on assessment days?

Where possible, schools may arrange for individual students who are absent at the time of testing to complete missed tests at another time during the school's test schedule. Individual students are not permitted to sit NAPLAN online tests after Friday 24 May 2019.

# How is my child's performance measured?

Individual student performance is shown on a national achievement scale for each assessment. A result at the national minimum standard indicates that the student has demonstrated the basic literacy and numeracy skills needed to participate fully in that year level.

A NAPLAN individual student report will be issued by your child's school later in the year. If you do not receive a report, you should contact your child's school.

### How are NAPLAN results used?

- Students and parents may use individual results to discuss progress with teachers.
- Teachers use results to better identify students who would benefit from greater challenges or extra support.
- Schools use results to identify strengths and areas to improve in teaching programs, and to set goals in literacy and numeracy.
- School systems use results to review programs and support offered to schools.
- The community can see average school NAPLAN results at **myschool.edu.au**

### Where can I get more information?

For more information about NAPLAN:

- contact your child's school
- contact your local test administration authority at nap.edu.au/TAA
- visit nap.edu.au

For information about how personal information for NAPLAN is handled by ACARA, visit **nap.edu.au/naplanprivacy** 





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