



Diary Dates

MARCH

Saturday 21

Cancelled - P&C Comedy for a Cause Night

Monday 23 - Thursday 26

Cancelled - Parent Teacher Interviews

Tuesday 31

Cancelled - PSSA Winter Trials

APRIL

Wednesday 1

Cancelled - PSSA Winter Trials

Thursday 2

Cancelled - Y5 Rocks Excursion
Cancelled Grandparents' Morning

Friday 3

Cancelled - PSSA & School Sport conclude

Thursday 9

Last Day of Term 1

School Newsletter – 18th March 2020 Term 1 Week 8

Updated information for parents and carers about COVID-19

COVID-19 raises many questions amongst our families, staff and the wider community. Information about COVID-19 changes daily and we continue to take expert advice from NSW DoE and NSW Health to ensure there is a consistent approach and that we follow all processes and procedures as they unfold.

The School Executive Team is currently working on strategies to support continuity of learning in the event of disruption to normal routines.

CURRENT CANCELLATIONS UPDATE

Cancellation of all non-essential teaching activities involving large gatherings or close contact until further notice. As of the 17 March, this includes the following and will be updated regularly.

- 9:20 morning lines
- School Photos
- Hebrew morning classes
- All assemblies including Wednesday Morning Assemblies
- Junior and Senior Band (Monday and Tuesday)
- Instrumental Tutorials
- Chess Club
- Before school French Classes
- All PSSA and school sports
- PSSA trials
- PSSA training
- RedEd lunchtime dance
- All excursions for term 1
- Year 6 camp
- Grandparents Day
- Parent / Teacher Interviews - will be rescheduled, date to be advised
- P&C Comedy for a Cause Fundraiser
- Speech and Occupational Therapy
- Violin group lessons Starting
- Leave school grounds immediately after 3:20

I ♥ RBPS


Students now go directly to their classrooms at 9:10am. Class teachers will be in rooms to supervise until lessons begin at 9:20 am. We ask that parents and carers leave the site and not gather in the playground.

Morning tea and lunch breaks are also staggered as part of our requirements under the distancing measures implemented by the Department of Education.



Consistent with current guidelines, students who are unwell with respiratory illness should remain at home until symptoms resolve. In accordance with the NSW Department of Education's current practice, if any student becomes unwell, the school will implement infection control guidelines and follow the advice provided by the NSW Ministry of Health as appropriate.

Maintaining good hygiene standards is an important way to reduce the risk of acquiring and spreading respiratory infections. Parents and caregivers are asked to promote good hygiene, including handwashing with soap as handwashing is the single most effective way to reduce the spread of germs that cause respiratory disease. The school will be proactively reinforcing messages and practices related to good hygiene on a daily basis.

 <p>Happy birthday to you Your hands are a zoo If you hum this while you wash them They'll be cleaner times two</p> <p>BE A GERM BUSTER WASH YOUR HANDS</p>	<p>Handwashing & Hygiene At Rose Bay Public School, we regularly remind children of the importance of handwashing and good hygiene. Here is one of the posters that we currently use to encourage good handwashing practice.</p> <p>You may wish to use this with children at home and reinforce this practice regularly.</p>
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Information about the department's response to the COVID-19 and links to advice from NSW Health is available from the NSW Department of Education School Safety page. Daily updates will be posted. There is also a link to this page from the homepage of the school website located at <https://rosebay-p.schools.nsw.gov.au/>

UPDATED INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL RESTRICTIONS

On 15 March, the Government put in place new measures for people arriving in Australia. Individuals **must** self-isolate for a period of 14 days on arrival to Australia, including returning Australian citizens and residents. You are also required to self-isolate if you have been diagnosed with the COVID-19 or if you have had close contact with a confirmed case of COVID-19 infection. The Australian Government now advises all Australians to reconsider their needs for overseas travel at this time. Regardless of the destination, your age or health, if overseas travel is not essential, you should consider carefully whether now is the right time to travel.

THANK YOU!

I want to assure you that we continue to work closely with NSW Health and related Australian Government agencies to make sure appropriate measures are in place to support your child, yourselves and those working in our schools and workplaces across the state.

This is an extraordinary event and we appreciate your assistance and many kind words during this very difficult time. Thank you also for your patience when speaking with teaching and office staff,

Whilst there are many changes that impact the way we do things, it is more important than ever that we continue to build school community and support the hard work of everyone at Rose Bay PS.

ONLINE AUCTION

There may not be a comedy night however you can still assist with fundraising for our school remotely. Take a look at the fantastic P&C auction and make a bid for one of the prizes. I have!!





P&C News

Whilst we have had to cancel the upcoming parent only Comedy for a Cause fundraising event, you can continue to support your school, your local community and the school's P&C by participating in the Comedy for a Cause online auction.

Thanks to the generosity of the Rose Bay School community and our local community, we have close to 100 prizes and items that we collected for our online auction, raffles and mystery envelopes.

The raffle and mystery envelopes have now been added to the online auction site so please support our school by placing bids.

Bidding closes at 10pm on Sunday 29 March. Jump online and take a look at some of the wonderful items up for grabs.



Remember not only are you supporting our school but the many generous businesses in our local community.

Visit www.airauctioneer.com/comedy-cause-2020 and place a bid **NOW!**

Wishing you and your families all the best.

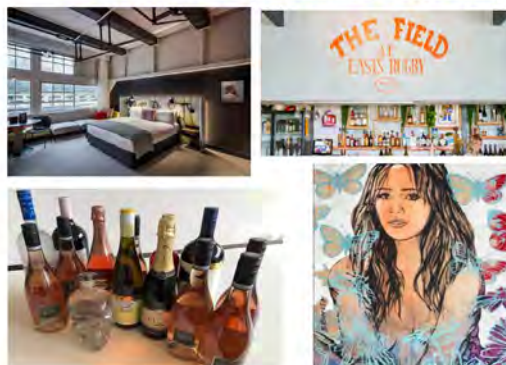
P&C Comedy for a Cause committee



Unfortunately, we've had to make the very difficult decision to postpone our comedy evening to later in the year. The good news is that our ONLINE AUCTION is still LIVE and UPGRADED with more fantastic items for you to bid on.



Visit our auction site to start bidding!
www.airauctioneer.com/comedy-cause-2020





Year 6 State Parliament Excursion

Year 6 students visited The Parliament of NSW. They learnt about the development of democracy in NSW, how laws are made, the different roles of Members of Parliament and participated in various role plays related to Government.



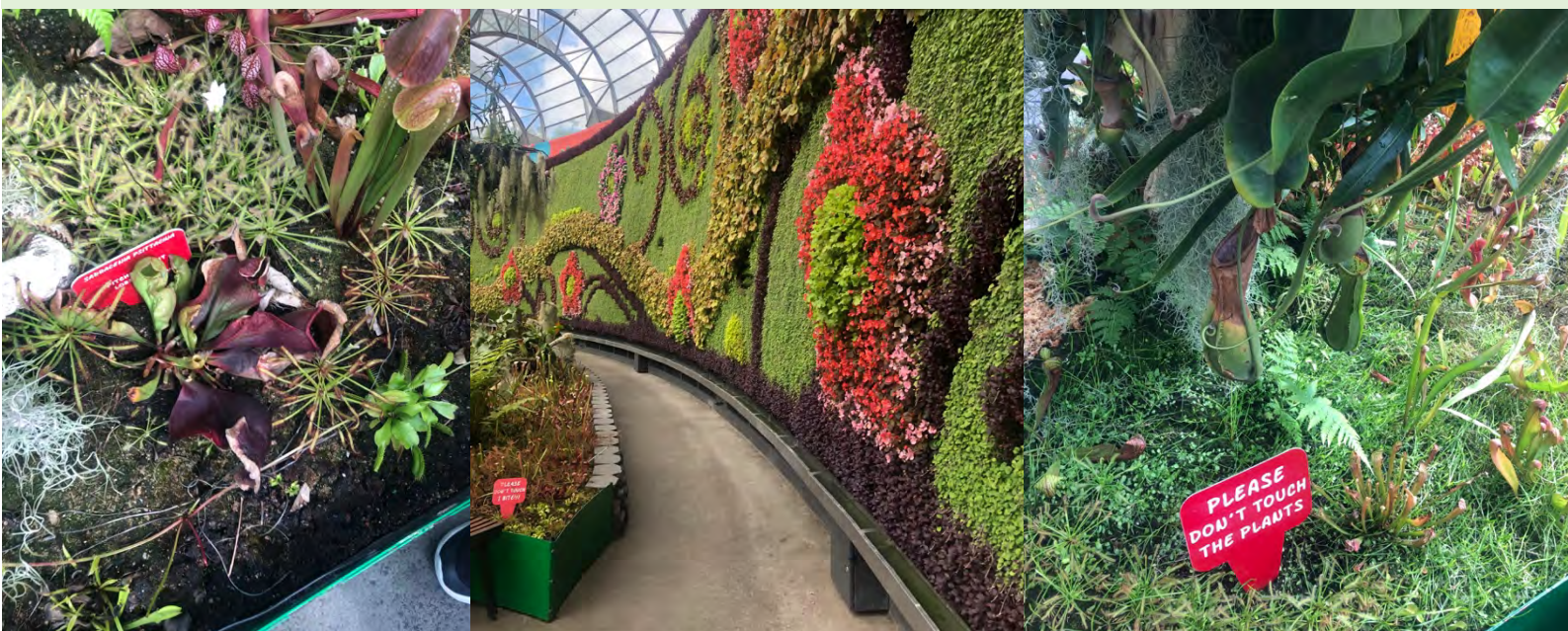
Some students were given the opportunity to meet and talk to The Honorable Gabrielle Upton who is our State Member of Vaucluse.





Plants with Bite!

At lunchtime students visited The Calyx in The Royal Botanic Gardens. Students explored the captivating and bi zarre world of carnivorous plants.





Featuring 25 000 of the world's hungriest and creepiest plants, the exhibit tells the story of how the iconic Venus flytrap, lobster pots, bladders and more, lure, trap, kill and digest insects.



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- *Bliss balls & healthy eating*
- *Jewellery making and other creative activities*
- *Giving back – card making for a cause*

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