

ROSE BAY PUBLIC SCHOOL EVER FORWARD

School Newsletter – 3rd June 2020 Term 2 Week 6

Reconciliation Week at Rose Bay PS

National Reconciliation Week (27 May-3 June) is a time for all Australians to learn about our shared histories and cultures. We also consider how we can contribute to achieving reconciliation in Australia, particularly important at this time.

The Year 6 Leadership team have been working on an Acknowledgement of Country video for Reconciliation Week. This video highlights our personalised Acknowledgement of Country, something of which we should all be proud. It has been shared with classes as part of Reconciliation Week and is incredibly special indeed. Well done to all involved.

Physical Distancing and Drop Off/Pick Up Procedures



I am pleased to say that our new drop off and pick up procedures are working, and we continue to tweak them to ensure that they get even better. Very unusual for Rose Bay, but we have had no rain for afternoon pickup this week. Have I spoken too soon?

Thank you for your support as we persevere with these changes. Your rapid adjustment to our new procedures is truly appreciated. In line with health guidelines, it is extremely important that we minimise the number of adults on site and that physical distancing is maintained for adults.

Winter Uniform

A reminder that it is time to wear winter uniform, including appropriate school hat, shoes and jumper. We have noticed some creative, but inappropriate additions to our school uniform at present. This includes mouse ears, coloured hair braids and hoodies. Please make the effort and wear your uniform with pride. Don't forget, you can place your uniform order via the Pickles website at https://www.picklesschoolwear.com/school/rose-bay-public-school for delivery to your child's classroom or collection at the school office.

Enrol now for Kindergarten 2021

We are currently taking enrolments for our Kindergarten students commencing in 2021.

You can download an enrolment form from our school website, <u>https://rosebay-p.schools.nsw.gov.au/kindergarten-enrolment-2021.html</u>.



Whilst things may be done a little differently at the moment, we look forward to having you join us, and ask that you stay tuned for further information about orientation and school tours.

Attendance

On Monday 25 May, students returned to NSW schools full time. All students are expected at school full time unless they are unwell or have a medical certificate to support their absence. Any students not attending without sick leave or an acceptable medical certificate will be followed up in the normal way for unexplained absences.

The school has resumed a normal learning timetable and there is no online learning. Please contact the school and provide a medical certificate for your child if they are unable to return.



To Keep Students Safe

- Enhanced cleaning procedures remain, including a cleaner to wipe down surfaces and bathrooms during the day.
- The school has received additional cleaning and sanitising products from the department.
- Good hygiene will be continued with students, including covering coughs or sneezes and regular hand washing and sanitising of hands.
- Parents will be called if a child presents as unwell.
- Physical distancing of children is not required by the guidelines; however, we will continue to minimise clustering of students, entering or inside school buildings.
- There are no assemblies or large gatherings.
- Movement between classes is minimised.

Staff Update

All our teachers, other than those in the high-risk vulnerable groups, as designated by the Health Department, are back at school with their class. Miss Hodson is back virtually with Miss Weiss co-teaching. Congratulations to Mrs Glen, who welcomed a healthy baby boy last week. Mrs Sandler is now on maternity leave and we wish her well. Miss Cheroux, who has been part of the Rose Bay staff for the last two years, is now on 4S.

Year 5 entry to an opportunity class in 2021

The Opportunity Class Placement Test has been rescheduled to Wednesday 16 September 2020. Due to the postponed test, changes have been made to the placement process for this year only, to ensure students are placed in Year 5 opportunity classes as early in 2021 as possible. Refer to the <u>fact sheet</u> for information about these changes.



Applications will open on Tuesday 9 June 2020 and close on Friday 26 June 2020. Parents will be able to apply from this web page at that time.

Parents are advised to ensure an application is submitted by the closing date for their child to be eligible to sit the placement test. Late applications cannot be accepted.

Thank You

Thank you to every one of our families for the wonderful job you have done with home learning over the last two months. We know it was challenging but in true Rose Bay style, we all rose to the challenge and some great results were achieved. We are also so grateful to our teachers for the enormous effort they put into transforming their learning programs to the home context and supporting all of their children through the process, with a commitment and sense of care that went far beyond the call of duty.



I have been overwhelmed by the sense of community and collaboration created whilst we were in isolation and working remotely. Amazing! You have done it again Rose Bay!!

Photos

We have just lived through an historic period that I am sure will stay with us for quite some time. The photos you have sent in of your time working from home, have been collated and stored in the Rose Bay archives. The photos continue to impress and provide a unique record of this time. Thank you for your contributions. Take a look at what we did as we share this next batch of photos.

Principal's Awards and Morning Tea

The Principal's morning tea which I love, and is so special to me, will not be held this term. However, I am working on some highly creative solutions for the near future. No one will miss out. I still have all the Principal's awards from last term in a very safe place. An update to follow shortly.









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