



**School Newsletter – 23rd June 2020 Term 2 Week 9**

**Diary Dates**

**Term 2**

**JULY**

Friday 3 Last Day of Term 2

**Term 3**

**JULY**

Monday 20 Staff Return

Tuesday 21 Students Return

I think we can agree that the last few days have been a challenge. This is part of living with COVID-19. There will be further outbreaks. There will be new cases. What matters most is that we have built protections into our daily lives, such as social distancing and good hygiene, to deal with such an outbreak.

Once the NSW Department of Health receives a positive confirmation of a COVID-19 infection, the entire process from that point forward is managed by NSW Health, with Dr Kerry Chant (CMO) and her team overseeing the entire operation in conjunction with the NSW Department of Education.

The NSW Department of Education and NSW Department of Health have now completed the contact tracing process and have contacted all staff and students as needed. This includes self-isolating for 14 days from their last contact with the staff member who has tested positive.

Deep Cleaning of the school commenced immediately on Friday 12 June and was incredibly thorough, covering all indoor and outdoor spaces.

Admin and executive staff worked until well after midnight on consecutive evenings providing facts and details to NSW Health. A special thank you to Lynn Young, Leonie Smith, Vicki and Alex for the long hours required over the weekend to complete details to undertake contact tracing. That is certainly an interesting and very detailed process.

The Rose Bay out of School Hours service will resume on Thursday 25 June.

Once again, our wonderful community has been incredibly supportive and have done whatever is needed to stop this infection in its tracks while supporting the school.



It is a credit to you all, that we come together not just in the good times, but also in the difficult periods too – we are all in this together. I would love to say that we are back to normal, but we are still some way off our true normal just yet. In the meantime, I know we will continue to work together to prevent that second wave.

**Sick - Stay at Home Please!**

As per current health guidelines, please keep students who are sick, at home until symptoms clear. Last week some students arrived with coughs and colds and feeling generally unwell. Keeping unwell children at home until symptoms have cleared keeps us all healthy and ready to learn and work.

**Drop Off/Pick up Procedures - Changing soon**

One of the positives to COVID-19 and the return to school is how well the children have reclaimed and developed their independence, by leaving parents at the gate and entering the school on their own. This has had the added benefit of allowing a very quick start to the day and settled learning time. Drop off will remain as it is at the various gates. Adult interaction is considered to be high risk. For everyone's safety, our parent/carer pickup & drop off must be maintained. In the next week however, we shall aim to remove the staggered time. We will give you plenty of notice of this change.



### 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,  
<https://rosebay-p.schools.nsw.gov.au/kindergarten-enrolment-2021.html>.

If you have a child/neighbour/friend turning 5 years of age before 31st July 2021, they may be eligible for enrolment for Kindergarten 2021. 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.

Due to the current COVID-19 situation, we anticipate creating a virtual tour and aim to implement transition sessions in Term 4 or possibly late Term 3 if the situation improves. We look forward to welcoming local enrolments and siblings to our school.

### Term 2 Student Reports

Student reports will be available online in the Sentral Parent Portal from Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> July, which is the last week of term. Please understand that this is a one-off abbreviated report being provided in line with advice from the Department of Education and ACARA. Assessment and comments are based on the teachers' observations of working from school and home, as well as more recent assessments carried out in class.

### Message to staff on behalf of P&C Executive Committee

On behalf of the P&C Executive Committee, I would like to show our immense appreciation of you, the amazing teachers, admin team, executive team and staff for communicating to our school community and keeping us up to date during the last few months of uncertainty with Covid-19.

You are all so busy under normal circumstances, but have gone above and beyond over the last few months.

I know I speak on behalf of many parents in saying that we acknowledge how hard the teachers have been working in preparing the new framework of teaching during Covid-19. They have all remained so positive and nurturing during this unusual time, and it really shows how much they care about our children.

It's people like your executive team and your incredible teaching and admin team that give RBPS a good name. Please also thank your wonderful cleaning team as we know they've been working extra hard over the last few months.

Well done to you and the RBPS team.

Jackie Bando  
President Rose Bay P&C

### School uniform

Thank you to the students who wear their Rose Bay Public School uniform to school each day with pride. I encourage students to wear their school hat, school fleece and black shoes with their winter uniform. Please ensure all your child's belongings are labelled so they can be readily returned.



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2021**

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# HOLIDAYS



# National Reconciliation Week

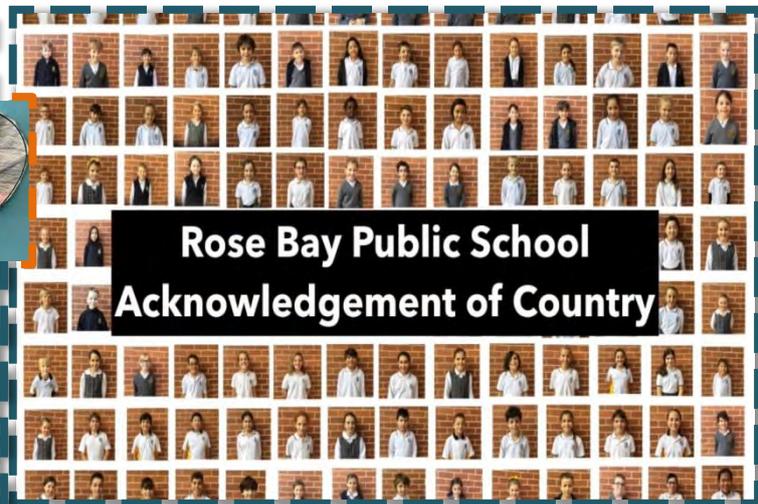
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During National Reconciliation Week students listened to stories written and illustrated by Aboriginal Authors and Illustrators.

This is an important time for all Australians to learn about our shared histories and cultures. It is important that we also consider how we can contribute to achieving reconciliation in Australia.



The Year 6 Leadership team have created an Acknowledgement of Country video for Reconciliation Week.



Rose Bay Public School  
Acknowledgement of Country

5T created wrinkled hearts and learnt about how words can hurt people and how these words can affect people for a long time.



**Togetherness**

**Respect**

**Understanding**

## Rose Bay Public School Acknowledgement of Country

Developed by Yr 6 Leadership team, in consultation with Michelle Senior and Olivia Patten.



Rose Bay Public School would like to acknowledge the traditional custodians of the land, the Gadigal and Bidjigal peoples of the Eora Nation. We would like to pay respect to Elders past, present and future, and extend this to other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people who may be present with us today.

We would like to encourage you to recognise and celebrate the varied

Indigenous Peoples of Australia.

Together we can move Ever Forward.

Scan the QR Code to watch this incredibly special video of Rose Bay Public School's Acknowledgement of Country.

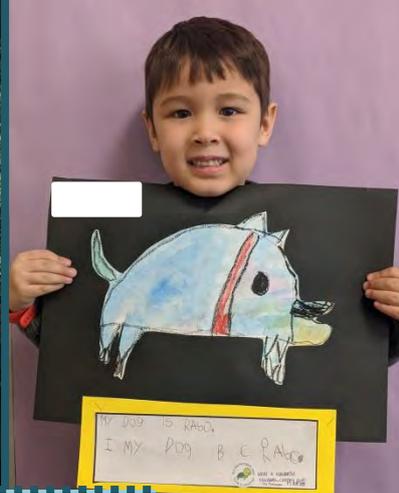
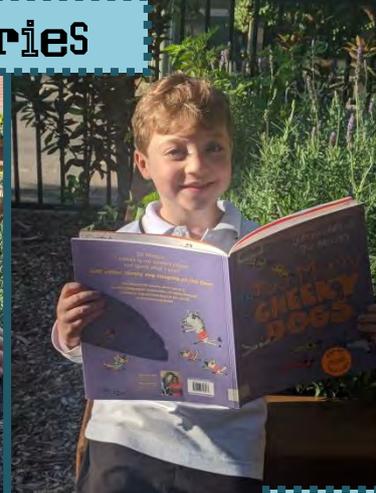


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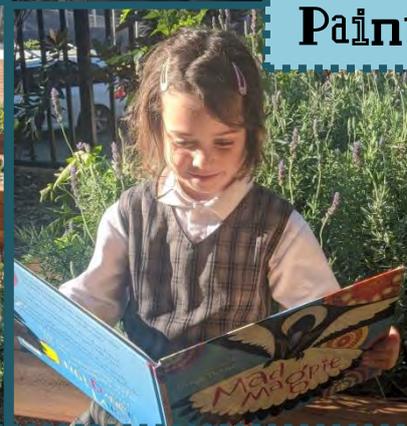
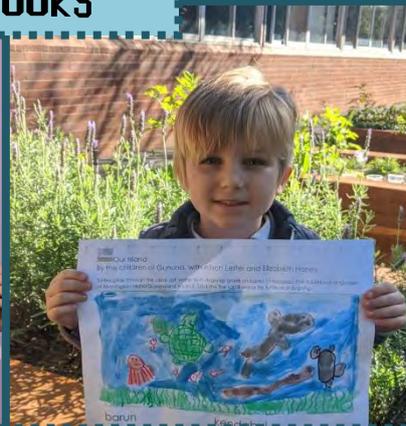
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# Stories

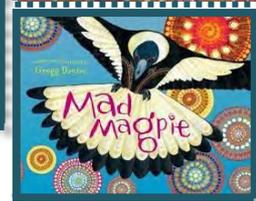
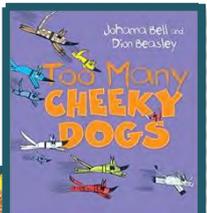
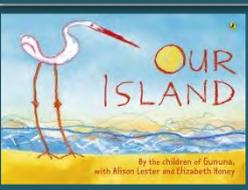


# Books



# Painting

Look what Kindergarten did during National Reconciliation Week!



# Drawing



# Art

# Songs



# Story Telling Stones



# Reading



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