



ROZELLE PUBLIC SCHOOL

NEWS BULLETIN

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KINDERGARTEN ORIENTATION

Our incoming 2018 Kindergarten cohort will be attending school this week for their first of three transition sessions. Registration commences at 9:15am on Wednesday 18 October outside the school hall facing the asphalt area. Parents/carers and students are invited to assemble in the school hall at 9:30am when the information session and activities will commence.

EXTRA CURRICULAR SCHOOL PHOTOS

The School Photographer will be taking some special photographs of groups **on Tuesday 24 October**. This year we are also taking our **whole school photo** on that day as it was too wet earlier in the year. These photographs will be displayed at the school office shortly thereafter. Copies of these groups may be ordered by completing an envelope available from the school office. More information will follow after photo day. The additional photos are:

- Debating Team
- Stage 2 Choir & Stage 3 Choir groups
- Ukulele group
- The Daceyville Big Band
- Chess Team
- Zone Athletics
- Zone Swimming
- Zone Cross Country
- PSSA sports teams: Soccer A, Soccer B, Netball A, Netball B, Touch Football
- Sport House Captains

All students must wear full school uniform. If they are part of a sport team, they also need to bring their school sport uniform.

GRANDPARENTS DAY

NSW Grandparents Day celebrates the role grandparents and older people play in our society – both the things they have done, and the things they keep doing. It's a day to spend time with an older loved one and connect across the generations. The students and staff at Rozelle Public School would like to invite our grandparents to celebrate this special day by attending a special assembly hosted by Monteverde on Friday 27 October commencing at 9:15am. After the immensely successful event last year where the hall was overflowing with proud grandparents, the hall will be reconfigured and every effort will be made to ensure that everyone in attendance will be comfortably seated. Following the assembly grandparents are invited to visit their grandchild's class to share morning tea and visit the Grandparents Book Fair in the school library.

Details regarding the Grandparents' Day Book Fair can be found at the end of this bulletin.

SELECTIVE HIGH SCHOOL APPLICATION

Applications to sit the Selective High School Test in 2018 for students currently in Year 5 are now open. Parents/carers will need to complete the online application before 13 November 2017. All of the relevant information can be accessed by going to the following link: <https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-7>

BAND NEWS

Students currently in Year 2 will be eligible to join the Band Program in 2018. It is a wonderful program that explores a love of learning and playing music. Instruments offered include: trumpet, trombone, baritone saxophone, clarinet, flute, percussion. Students will soon receive a yellow "audition" form. If your child is interested in joining the Band Program next year, please complete the form and return to Liz Fourment (Instrumental Music Program Coordinator) or Ms Angela Svinos at the office by Friday 20 October. We hope to welcome some new faces to our Training Band!!

BAND CAKE STALL @ ROZELLE MARKETS ON SATURDAY 21 OCTOBER

The school band program will be running a cake stall to raise funds for new saxophones! We'd love any support from the school community!! Donations of baked goods would be very welcome and if anyone has time to spare, we'd greatly appreciate any assistance on the day!! The school band will also be performing!! We hope to see everyone there!!!

Please direct any enquiries regarding the Band Program or the upcoming Band Cake Stall to Elizabeth.fourment@det.nsw.edu.au

VIRAL GASTROENTERITIS

We have received an alert from NSW Health regarding an increase in the number of cases of viral gastroenteritis across the state, including in early childhood education settings and schools. It is important that we work together as a community to protect the health of all of our students, their families and our staff.

About viral gastroenteritis

Viral gastroenteritis is a common intestinal infection caused by a number of different viruses, usually resulting in vomiting and/or diarrhoea. Norovirus infections are the most common cause during the cooler months. Rotavirus is the most common cause of severe gastroenteritis in early childhood globally. Immunisation to prevent rotavirus infection or reduce the severity of infection is recommended and is free for children under six months of age. Viral gastroenteritis is highly infectious and may spread rapidly in child care centres. It is spread by the vomit or faeces of an infected person either: from close contact with infected persons; contact with surfaces contaminated by vomit or faeces; or consuming food or drink contaminated with vomit or faeces. Viruses are often spread from person-to-person on unwashed hands.

Staff will be taking the following actions to prevent the spread of this infection:

- remaining vigilant for symptoms of gastroenteritis in children
- continuing to implement our current hygiene measures, such as regular hand washing
- Excluding sick children and staff from attending school for at least 48 hours after their symptoms settle, and encouraging them to visit their local GP
- Promptly notifying our local public health unit on 1300 066 055 if an outbreak is suspected.

An outbreak is defined as two or more people in a facility with vomiting and diarrhoea within 24 hours of each other, and reporting is required under the Public Health Act.

Further Information is available at

<http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/Infectious/gastroenteritis/Pages/default.aspx>

News from the P&C

The next P&C Meeting is on **Wednesday 18th October at 7.30 PM** in the School Staff Room.

You are most welcome to come along to discuss any issues in relation to the school or just listen and enjoy a glass of wine. During this meeting there will be a 30 minute presentation on the Parent Focus Groups Survey undertaken by the school last term.

P&C Fundraising Survey

Please see below the link to a parent survey about how the RPS P&C fundraise and what the money is used for.

A survey on this topic has not been completed in the last 5 years. This is your opportunity to share your ideas about how you think the P&C could fundraise, what's working now, how you think the way the P&C fundraise could be improved and how you think the money raised should be used. The P&C will use the results of the survey to guide the next few years' P&C fundraising events and projects. The survey will close on Friday 27 October. We appreciate your input on this important role of the P&C and it will take no longer than 10 minutes of your time.

<http://www.surveymoz.com/s3/3857675/RPS-Fundraising>

WEST CONNEX

You only have until **Monday 16th Oct** to have your say on the Iron Cove Link and the Rozelle Interchange.

Let the Department of Planning know that you're concerned about your children's health at the school with 4-5 years of construction as close to the school as Wellington Street and ask for:

- Air quality monitoring at the school before, during and after construction
- The ventilation shaft at Terry Street to be filtered for PM2.5, or moved to a safer distance away from the school
- Truck management plans to ensure children's safety near the school
- Protection against excessive noise, dust, vibration and pollution during construction

Grandparents Day Book Fair

You're invited to the Grandparents Day Book Fair

Friday 27th October 2017

10am – 12 noon

Wingara Library and Information Centre Gallery Space



Grandparents will have the opportunity to purchase books for their grandchild
or
on behalf of their grandchild to donate to the Library.

Grandparents who do not live in Sydney or who can't make it to the school on the day can still join in!

This is how:

1. Take a look at our Wish List on Book Depository:
<http://www.bookdepository.com/wishlists/WFU3KT>
2. Choose a book to donate.
3. Book Depository can send it free, directly to Rozelle Public School at 663 Darling St Rozelle NSW 2039, Australia
4. Send an email to us at rpscomms@gmail.com with the name of the person making a donation (you!), the child's name or children's name, and the name of the book you have chosen.

We will provide a book plate recognising your donation. Your grandchild will be the first to borrow the book from the library!

Thank you so much for your kind donation to our library. Lovely new books keep kids visiting and reading all year long.