

Rozelle Public School

News Bulletin

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Dear Parents/Carers,

This is the fortnightly shorter News Bulletin to just keep you updated with important information. There will be a full Newsletter next week.

WELCOME TO NEW FAMILIES AND ANNUAL WELCOME PICNIC

We have settled all our new preschoolers, new Kindergarten students and students new to the school into their classes. We welcome all those families who are new to Rozelle this year. We are renowned for our friendly, inclusive school community so I know those families will receive a warm welcome. Our P & C Welcome picnic is going to be held on Friday 10 February on the school ovals, starting at 5:00pm. This is a wonderful opportunity for families and staff to get to know each other better. More information has been provided by the P & C on the following pages. Please note that it is an alcohol-free event this year.

CLASSES FOR 2016

All of our class groups in 2017 are named after rainforests. This will provide us with some rich learning as we find out about these precious natural habitats in different parts of the world. It also ties in with the United Nations International Year of Sustainable Tourism for Development. A full list of classes and staff is attached. We greatly appreciate parents' support for their child in settling them in to their new class. For those families who have students in the Year 4 learning group and the 5/6 class I will be providing some further information to you early next week to help answer some of your questions and allay any concerns you may have. The class teachers will be providing more detailed information the following week at the Parent Information Evenings.

PARENT INFORMATION EVENINGS

Class information evenings will be held on Tuesday 14 February and Thursday 16 February. Your child's teacher/s will be going through important information regarding curriculum and class routines and it will be a great opportunity for you to meet other parents within the class. We are conscious that many families have more than one child at the school and may have to split their time on the night. We have tried to balance this with not making too many demands on parents' time as well. If you aren't able to see your child's teacher on this night they will be sending information home to those who didn't attend and, of course, you can always make a separate time to meet with them if you feel it is necessary.

We are going to start both evenings by having all parents meet in the hall for about 15 minutes and then move off to the classrooms.

Stage 2 (Years 3 and 4) and Stage 3 (Years 5 and 6) Tuesday February 14 6:00pm—6:45pm

Kindergarten and Stage 1 (Years 1 and 2) Thursday 16 February 6:00pm—6:45pm

NEW SCHOOL LEADER FOR 2017

Congratulations to Maddy Cozens who has been named as one of our House of Representatives school leaders, filling the position of a student who has moved to another school. We look forward to our 18 School Leaders developing their leadership capabilities throughout the year.

ASSEMBLIES

We will begin our Friday morning whole school assemblies next week on Friday 10 February at 9:10am. Next week each class will show some information about the Rainforest linked to their class name. The assembly will be conducted by our 2017 School Leaders.

STAFF NEWS

Welcome to Ms Amelia Roberts who has been appointed to our staff this year. Ms Jo Haire and Ms Jacinta Mahoney are both teaching a Year 1 and a Year 2 class until a staffing merit selection process is completed next week. Welcome back to Mrs Carlie Punch and Mrs Christine McDonald who will be job-sharing on Kindergarten. Congratulations to Merryn Hatsatouris (formerly Hedditch) on her marriage during the holidays. Ms Susie Newman will be on leave for 2017. Ms Clare Rolland is doing the Relief from Face to Face teaching program while we conduct an Expression of Interest process for a French teacher.

SWIMMING CARNIVAL

The annual Swimming Carnival will be held at the Drummoyne Swimming Centre on Thursday 9 February. Only those students in Year 2 who can confidently swim 50 metres will be attending. All children in Yrs 3–6 will attend. A permission note has been sent out this week. Please return it promptly, indicating your child's level of swimming ability, and payment of \$7 for the pool hire and entry. No child will be able to attend without the written permission note. Students will walk to and from Drummoyne Swimming Centre accompanied by class teachers, specialist teachers and support staff.

Students attending the carnival must be at school by 8:45am.

BE SKILLED BE FIT SPORTS PROGRAM

During Term 1 students from Kindergarten to Year 4 are participating in the Be Skilled Be Fit program. The program is commencing next week. This is a nine week program focusing on developing students motor skills of locomotion, throwing, tracking, catching, hitting and striking. The specialised program also includes sportsmanship, cooperative learning, balance, fitness, coordination and core stability development. The cost for the nine week program is \$42. Please ensure you promptly return the permission note and payment to your child's teacher. Stage 2 parents to assist you to spread out the payments towards this activity and Stage 2 Camp (which is coming up at the end of the Term), we just need you to ensure that you have paid for the program by the end of the term.

STAGE THREE CAMP

Students in Years 5 and 6, accompanied by their teachers and other school staff, will be attending their three day camp at Stanwell Tops. We have moved this camp to earlier in the year as it has a strong focus on teamwork, resilience and persistence. We appreciate that this is short notice for such a large payment so please contact me if you wish to discuss having further time to pay or assistance with payment.

SLAM-DANCE2BFIT PROGRAM

Stage 3 students will be participating in an exciting dance program in Term 1 to build fitness and learn some great dance routines. To assist parents to spread out payments we have asked for in a short space of time we are just asking that the permission note be returned by 7 February and then payment made by the time the program is completed at the end of term.

PRESCHOOL ASSESSMENT AND RATINGS PROCESS

As part of the National Quality Framework for early childhood education our preschool will be undergoing a rating process some time in the next three weeks. Our preschool will be assessed against 7 quality areas I would like to acknowledge the hard work of Sandy Dorn-Steger, assisted by Kassey Crowther and Sepfora Amanatiadis and Jacinta Murphy previously, in preparing for this process.

CANTEEN

The School Canteen is now serving lunch and recess Monday to Friday. All orders need to be made online. There are no over the counter sales. Visit www.theschoolcanteen.com.au for more information on their Food Philosophy.

How to order

Orders must be placed online using the service provider Flexischools and you will need to register for an account. Orders can be placed up until 8.30am on the day of the order or you can place orders in advance for the week or even the entire school term.

Go to <http://www.flexischools.com.au> to register and start ordering. There is also a link to Flexischools from the Rozelle Public School website, following the Canteen tab on the home page.

For any queries regarding The School Canteen please contact info@theschoolcanteen.com.au or phone 0416 786 603 (Kirsty).



P&C Welcome Picnic

Friday, 10 February, 5:30 – 7:30 pm

On the 'tiger turf' (or the hall if the weather is wet)

You can enter the school via the front gates or the school car park.

BYO picnic and blanket. PureGelato will be selling gelato.

The picnic this year is a 'no alcohol' event.

This is a no-rubbish event so bring a bag to take your leftovers, recycling and rubbish with you.

P&C meeting: Wednesday 22 February

7:30pm

Wednesday, 22 February 2017

Year 4 classrooms, upstairs – follow the signs.

Welcome to all the new and returning parents from the P&C. It's a great time of year to come to a P&C meeting to find out what we have planned for the year and how you can contribute.

P&C meetings are usually held at the school on the 3rd and 7th Wednesdays of each term. The dates are on the Skoolbag app so you can get them all in your diary.

Everyone is welcome and a broad range of views and ideas enriches the P&C, so please come along. You can attend without joining, but only members can vote. Joining fee is one dollar a year.

The special topic for this meeting is:

What's going on in Year 4?

You may have heard about the exciting journey the Year 4 classes have just begun. This year a team of three experienced teachers will lead a single collaborative learning community in the fantastic flexible learning space fitted out for this purpose.

These teachers will share their approach with the broader school community at this P&C meeting after their earlier information session with year 4 parents.

Uniform Shop News

After a very busy start to the year we have sold out of polo shirts and backpacks! The polos will be back in stock by the start of week three (14 Feb), and the backpacks in two-three weeks. If you have ordered an item online that is out of stock you will be sent an email or text message when the item has been delivered.

The new fair-trade 100% cotton t-shirts are due in March. Look out for the notice in the newsletter for the arrival date. These shirts will look identical to the existing short sleeve polo shirts.

The uniform shop is open every Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 8.45-9.15 and we now accept payments using Visa, MasterCard, AMEX or Apple Pay. A \$1 surcharge is applicable to card payments.

Online orders can be made through Flexischools.com.au. Please be aware that the orders from Flexischools only come through to our **volunteers** at 5.30pm so if you place an order for the following day it may not be ready straight away and definitely not first thing in the morning.

Details of the available uniform can be found on the [Rozelle Public School Website](#).

Second Hand

Rozelle Public School has a second hand uniform selection in the shop. All items are priced between \$2 and \$10. We welcome any donations of uniform purchased from the Rozelle Uniform Shop in **GOOD, CLEAN** condition. Please no torn, dirty or non-uniform items.



ROZELLE PUBLIC SCHOOL STAFF 2017

SCHOOL EXECUTIVE

Ms Stephanie Searle	Principal
Mrs Angela Svinos	Deputy Principal
Mrs Julie Hunt	Assistant Principal
Ms Julie Day	Assistant Principal
Mrs Heather Strachan	Assistant Principal
Miss Tara Bryant	Relieving Assistant Principal

CLASSES

Mrs Sandra Dorn-Steger	Preschool Mon-Wed Preschool Thurs, Fri	Minamurra Big Hill
Miss Nicole Cattana	Kindergarten	Amazon
Mrs Kathryn Bevz	Kindergarten	Daintree
Mrs Desiree Ronsen	Kindergarten	Emerald Edge
Mrs Merryn Hatsatouris	Kindergarten	Borneo
Ms Signe Agersnap (Mon-Tues)	Kindergarten	Manu
Ms Sandra Flegg (Wed-Fri)		
Mrs Carlie Punch (Mon-Wed)	Kindergarten	Valdivian
Mrs Christine McDonald (Thurs, Fri)		
Ms Emma Milne	Year One	Dorrigo
Ms Emma Dunn	Year One	Springbrook
Ms Rhiannon Goode	Year One	Fraser
Ms Jo Haire	Year One	Monteverade
Ms Tara Bryant	Year Two	Sapo
Mr Alden Kwok	Year Two	Montecristo
Mrs Alex Nicholls	Year Two	Kinabalu
Ms Elizabeth McLaughlin	Year Two	Great Bear
Ms Jacinta Mahoney	Year Two	Gondwana
Ms Amelia Roberts	Year Three	Madagascar
Ms Elaine Smith	Year Three	Congo
Ms Alison Taylor	Year Three	Cloud Forest
Mrs Prue Pemberton	Year Four	Salonga
Miss Christina Devitt		
Mrs Julie Hunt		
Miss Melanie Horton	Year Five	Emas
Mr Israel Rogers	Year Five	Rio Platano
Mr Daniel O'Donnell	Year Five and Year Six	Glenveagh
Mrs Heather Strachan	Year Six	Iguazu
Mr Michael Kotevski	Year Six	Hawaii

SPECIALIST TEACHING STAFF

Ms Julie Day	Extension program, Library, Executive Release
Mrs Carol Sheppard	Library
Ms Rebecca Campisi	Learning Support (We – Fri)
Mrs Amy Horton	English as a Second Language (Thurs, Fri)
Ms Alison Cole	Visual Arts RFF* (Tues, Wed, Thurs)
Ms Jennifer Christie	Reading Recovery and RFF
Mrs Lynden White	Early Intervention Literacy and Numeracy support
Mr Robert Caggegi	RFF and Beginning Teacher Release
Mrs Carolyn Edwardes	School Counsellor (Thurs, Fri and every fourth Tuesday)
TBA	French RFF (Ms Newman is on leave for 2017)

RFF = Release from Face to Face which is the program which provides all teachers with planning time. Each teacher is entitled to two hours of RFF per week (or equivalent proportion if part-time).

SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE AND SUPPORT STAFF

Mrs Poppy Krilis	School Admin Manager
Mrs Amanda McKenzie	School Admin Officer
Mrs Sakiko Johnson	School Admin Officer
Mrs Liz Fourment	School Admin Officer (Music Program – 1 day per week)
Mrs Lisa Townley	Relieving School Admin Officer (Tues)
Mr Greg Poynter	General Assistant
Mrs Kassey Crowther	School Learning Support Officer Preschool
Mr Callum Moulds-McGowan	School Learning Support Officer
Mr Louis Bader	School Learning Support Officer
Mr Paddy Brown	School Learning Support Officer