



Rosebank Public School

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Newsletter
Term 1 Week 6



In the Dingoes (Wadjahbin), Alex
for learning his letters and
phonemes



In the Dolphins (Gawandi),
Ederyn, for extraordinary
problem solving skills



In the Wombats (Juluhgran),
Lana for kindness

Dear Parents

Well done yet again to our fabulous PP5 Swimming Relay Team who competed Wednesday at the **Regional Swimming Championships**. Bridie, Sai, Lana and Ashley did us proud as always.

This week, we are sending home **very important paperwork** for every family to complete. Please fill out the form carefully so that the government understands the unique characteristics of our school community. This is important because school funding is now influenced by parents' education history and current occupation.

When filling out the form, please pay special attention to the **"Family Details"** pages. It is extremely important that the information you provide is a true representation of your current occupation status. If you are currently unemployed or studying (ie: a student), please write that as your occupation rather than your future/intended/usual occupation. If you have not been in paid work for the last 12 months (due to study, retirement, parenting responsibilities, unemployment etc) **please write the number 8 in the Occupations Group box**. The "Parent Occupation Groups" page gives you information that will help you fill out the form correctly.

Greg Jones has very kindly offered to cook for the Teaching Principals' Meeting on March 19th. Please let us know if you are able to donate ingredients or a cake/slice for morning tea to maximise profit and lighten Greg's load.

What's ahead....

CANTEEN is ON TOMORROW

Set-Up: Anita Service: Will & Ben

TOMORROW

School Assembly 1.45pm

NEXT WEEK

WEEKS 9 (23rd March) & 10 (30th March)

Saturday 28th March

STATE ELECTION: P&C CAKE STALL

Mondays 23rd and 30th March

Interrelate at Bexhill PS

Years 5/6 only

MONEY AND FORMS DUE IN NOW

Book Club
Due back March 18th
THANK YOU!!
Book Pack \$\$ Coming
In Thick and Fast!

Don't forget: **Small Schools Cross Country**: Put it in your diary for Thursday 30th April.

Families with more than one child must complete a separate “Student Details” page for each child, but only one “Family Details” page. Parents of kindergarten students will not be asked to complete a form as their information was collected at the beginning of the year. If you are a Kindy parent and the information you provided at the end of last year or this year has changed, please call into the office and we will give you new forms. **All information provided to the school is strictly confidential.** If you need any help completing the forms, please pop in and see Kim or me.

Each year, our Kinder students complete a **Best Start assessment** to help us understand their individual learning capabilities and needs. Nicky completed these assessments a few weeks ago and has since been wrangling with our computer system to enter information. All gremlins have now been tamed, so reports are now available for parents and will be sent out early next week.

Thank you so much for your generous support of our **Welcome to Country and Badge presentation**. Our P&C has decided that we would love this to become a Rosebank tradition and has also expressed support for Robert to return to school for some Indigenous cultural storytelling.

Corndale P. S. meets to discuss viability of their proposed After School Care Program tomorrow. If you wish to express interest in using ASC at Corndale, pop your form into the office tomorrow morning. We’ll call Corndale and they can count you in their numbers of interested families.

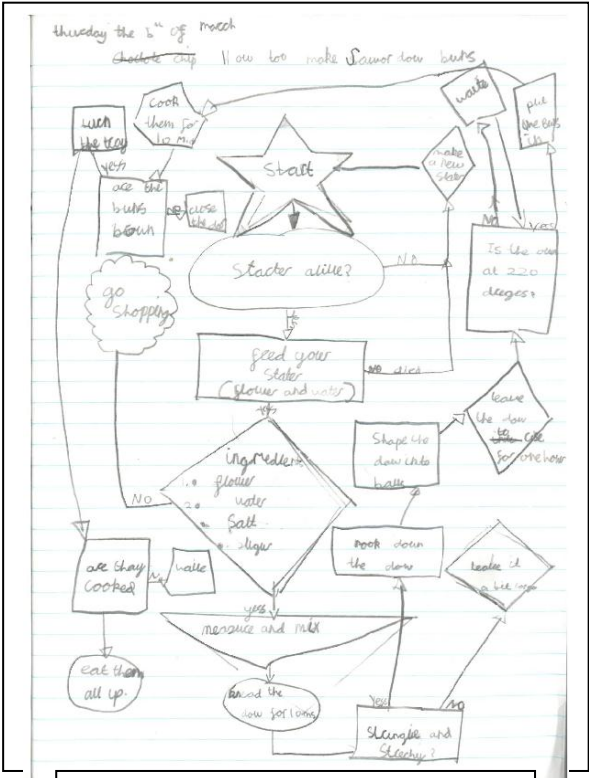
In past years, all students in Years 5 and 6 completed the University of New South Wales tests in English, Maths and Science. The cost of participating in these three tests is approximately \$25/child and the P&C paid for all students in these year levels to do the tests. At this week’s P&C, we discussed the ongoing value of testing all students in this way and the P&C has supported a decision not to continue having all students do the UNSW tests. Instead, any parents of Years 4/5/6 students who would like their child to do the test should inform the school using the form attached. Should you wish your child to do the test, you will be billed for their participation.

Reasons for this decision: This year, the school has purchased a diagnostic assessment tool, designed by the Australian Council of Educational Research. For about the same amount of \$ as the P&C spent on the UNSW tests, all teachers K-6 can assess students’ skills in Maths as well as Grammar & Punctuation at several points during the year. Reports are generated as soon as the tests are done so teachers don’t have to wait for marking to use information to inform teaching.

Abigail Sawyer
Principal Rosebank PS



| Class Awards | |
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| K/1 | Cameron: Focussed approach to reading writing River: Excellent construction skills in Science and Technology |
| 2/3 | Olivia: Exceptional effort in spelling Eden: Persistence in narrative writing Griffin: Marvellous maths |
| 4/5/6 | Lucy: High Expectations |



Flow Chart by Lucy for making Sourdough

We respectfully acknowledge the Elders past and present of the Wijabal Wiyabal people and other peoples of the Bundjalung Nation. They, the “Clever People”, are the first peoples of this land, which has long been a place of learning for Aboriginal people.