**NEWSLETTER 9th May 2013**

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**Principal’s News**

**Staff Development Day**

Last Monday and Tuesday the staff completed emergency care training. In addition to this, we looked at the National Curriculum that will be released gradually over the next few years. Staff will continue over the year to familiarise themselves with the new content and structure. We will be implementing the English Syllabus at the start of 2013. Although not mandatory, we may also look at introducing the Mathematics syllabus. Additional information and updates will be included in newsletter throughout the year. Below is an indication of the expected timeline of introducing the new curriculum.

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**BANNERS**


Spelling Competition - $12.00 - entries close 17/5/13
English Competition - $9.00 - entries close 26/6/13
Mathematics Competition - $9.00 - entries close 26/6/13

If you would like further information on any of the competitions you may contact myself at school, or go to www.eoe.unsw.edu.au.

Mrs Knotek 1K - Competition Coordinator.

**Term 1 Attendance Extravaganza**

The Term 1 Attendance Extravaganza took place on Friday 12th April with a visit from the Faddle Pop Lion and a free Faddle Pop to all students who have had less than 4 days off in Term 1. There will be another Attendance Extravaganza at the end of Term 2, so make sure that you come to school everyday to ensure that you can take part.

**LIBRARY NEWS**

Library is back to normal so all classes will be coming to the Library for lessons. Please encourage your child to borrow.

Book Club is due Friday 17th May. Please place order and money in a sealed envelope or ziplock bag.

Karyn Jensen - Teacher/Librarian

**SCHOOL AMBASSADOR 2013**

The School Ambassador is a student, who exemplifies community values and leadership and serves as a positive role model for other students. Congratulations to Yasha Jadav, who has been selected as Rosemeadow Public School’s School Ambassador for 2013.

Yashawi has been an active member of the school community during her time at Rosemeadow Public School. She is a Visual Arts Monitor and has represented the school in Public Speaking and PS/SA sports. Yashawi will attend leadership days, meet Ambassadors from other schools and learn new skills. There will also be a ceremony where she will be presented with a certificate and badge by the Regional Director. Congratulations Yashawi!

**University Competitions**

The University of NSW is holding its annual competitions again this year. Students may choose to enter the Spelling, English and/or Mathematics Competitions. In the past only students from primary (Year 3 to Year 6) have been allowed to enter. For the first time the University is allowing students from Year 2 to compete in English and Mathematics.

Entry forms are available at the Office or from me. Entries close approximately 4 weeks before the actual date of the competition. Students will be given a reminder slip of the competition details when they receive their receipt.

**ANZAC Day**

On ANZAC morning the school leaders braved the cold and attended the Dawn Service at Mawson Park. The students found the service to be a stark reminder of the hardship and bravery that our service men and women have shown and continue to show in times of conflict.

A very big thank you to the parents who accompanied the students.

**Congratulations to:**

Jessica L, Bella N and Payton W for making the Zone Netball Team

Congratulations to Mason D, Bryce S and Jordan T for making the Zone Rugby Union Training.

Congratulations to Mason D who has made it into South West Sydney Rugby League team.

Congratulations to Stacey E-H who has made it into South West Sydney Girls Hockey team.

**Extravaganza Update**

It is important that notes are returned indicating if your child will be participating in the Extravaganza which will held on October 23rd. We have also decided to add an additional performance time at 2.00pm. Information about purchasing tickets will be forwarded home soon. Please do not send any money at this stage.

**Support Unit Swimming**

Entries close 26/6/13

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**NAPLAN**

“The National Assessment Program - Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) is an annual assessment for students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9.

On Tuesday 14th, Wednesday 15th and Thursday 16th May, students will take the 2013 NAPLAN tests.

NAPLAN assesses literacy in Language and Numeracy that are developed over time, through the school curriculum. NAPLAN is not a pass or fail type test, but rather shows how students are progressing in numeracy and literacy skills against national standards for all Australian students. It also provides valuable information that allows schools and governments to better understand student progress.

The applications will be processed by the school in exactly the same manner as the application process. Parents are to submit only ONE application for each student.

**P & C NEWS**

Our Mothers’ Day stall will be on again this Friday so any student who missed out purchasing a gift can do so. Also our Committee has the position of Secretary vacant and we encourage any member to come forward and nominate themselves at or before the next meeting on Wednesday 15th May at 9.15am in the Community Room. Look forward to seeing your there.

**QC Class 2014**

**Intention to apply: Year 5 entry to an opportunity class in 2014**

Government schools use a range of strategies to meet the educational needs of gifted and talented students. One strategy is opportunity class placement which provides intellectual stimulation and an educationally enriched environment for gifted and talented students.

Offers for opportunity class placement will be made on the basis of the Opportunity Class Placement Test results and school assessment. The Opportunity Class Placement Test will be held on Wednesday 24 July 2013.

If you would like your child to apply for opportunity class placement in Year 5 in 2014, you need to do so soon.

1. Apply on the internet and submit your application online. You will need to have an email address (not the student’s email address), access to the internet and a printer.

Detailed instructions on how to apply online will be available from 29 April 2013 at: www.schools.nsw.edu.au/opclasse

2. If you do not have internet access, complete a commercially printed application form and return it to this school by 17th May 2013.

The applications will be processed by the school in exactly the same way whether you apply online or submit a commercially printed form. Parents are to submit only ONE application for each student.

**Woolworths Earn and Learn Program**

Don’t forget to ask the checkout operator to give you your stickers and send them back to school.

At the end of the program, we can redeem our collection of points against a choice of more than 7,000 educational resources. The list is extensive and includes library books, classroom equipment, art & craft materials and much more.

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**Ladies**


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**Uniforms- New Jacket**

Our new jackets have arrived and are ready to purchase.

The jackets are $35.00 each and will eventually replace our old maroon jacket being phased out over the next couple of years, but we have stock left which we are selling at the reduced price of $20.00 each. Once stock is exhausted we will no longer be carrying them.