



Rouse Hill Public School Newsletter

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Week 10, Term 1

Calendar Dates	
Week 10	
Friday 5 April	Winter PSSA Trials P&C Disco
Week 11	
Monday 8 April	Stage 3 Community Event
Tuesday 9 April	School Cross Country Carnival
Wednesday 10 April	Stage 3 Planetarium Incursion
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Friday 12 April	Anzac Service Last day of Term 1
Week 1, Term 2	
Monday 29 April	School Development Day
Tuesday 6 May	Children return for Term 2 Be Skilled Be Fit sessions commence for K-2
Friday 3 May	Winter PSSA Round 1
Week 2, Term 2	
Thursday 9 May	P&C Mother's Day Stall P&C Meeting, 6:30 pm
Friday 10 May	Mother's Day Afternoon Classroom Visits Winter PSSA Round 2
Week 3, Term 2	
Friday 17 May	Winter PSSA Round 3
Week 4, Term 2	
Friday 24 May	Ridges PSSA Zone Cross Country Carnival

From the Principal and Deputy Principals

P&C Committee

A big thank you to our outgoing P&C executive team: President Rachel Mielekamp, Vice President Ryan Cox, Treasurer Jodi Terzo and Secretary Sarah Vocisano. A particular thank you to Mrs Mielekamp and Mrs Terzo for their years of voluntary service, always maintaining a strong focus on our students and collaboration with the school.

Congratulations and welcome to our new P&C executive: President Sarah Vocisano, Vice President Angela Howe, Treasurer Jade Laxale and Secretary Heidi Wright. We look forward to collaborating with you throughout the year.

NSW Police Legacy Child Safety Handbook

The 'NSW Police Legacy Child Safety Handbook' is a comprehensive and free resource to assist parents, carers as well as teachers on a range of topics essential to child safety. The digital edition includes important content from: NSW Rural Fire, NSW Ministry of Health, NSW Police Force, Fire and Rescue NSW, Transport NSW, State Emergency Services, NSW Department of Family & Community Services, eSafety Commissioner and NSW Office of the Children's Guardian.

NSW Police Legacy Child Safety Handbook: <https://www.policelegacynsw.org.au/resources/>

Well Done

Well done to our Junior Boys Relay Team, made up of Oliver, Connor, Zayden and Blake for their effort at the Sydney West PSSA Regional Swimming Carnival last Thursday. The boys smashed their Zone time and finished in 8th place overall – great effort!



Easter Hat Parade and Rouse Hill IGA

Thank you to Johan from Rouse Hill IGA for the generous donation of \$471.98 through their IGA Community Chest program, which was presented to us at our Easter Hat Parade last Thursday. Every day across the country IGA Community Chest raises funds to support local communities, charities, and worthwhile causes.

In addition to this, Rouse Hill IGA also donated Easter eggs for all of our K-2 students, and we are very appreciative of their support.



Thank you to everyone who supported our Year 6 fundraising Easter Raffle – there were many tasty hampers to present to those lucky enough to have their names drawn. Congratulations to Liam from 2M and Sarah from 3A who won the Easter Egg Guessing Competition. It was great to have so many family members join us for our Easter Hat Parade, and we even had a visit from the Easter Bunny and Rexie!



Athletics Carnival

Well done to all of the children who competed in events at our Athletics Carnival yesterday. Thank you to Mr Jackson, Mrs Fitzgerald, Miss Thayre, Mrs Cao and Mr Roberts for organising the event. Also, our sincere thanks to the parent volunteers who tirelessly assisted on the day - we would not have been able to run the carnival without your help. Our Cross Country Carnival is coming up next week, so a busy term with all three sporting carnivals taking place.

Mobile Communication Device Procedures

A reminder for children who bring mobile phones or smart watches to school to hand their device to their class teacher each morning and collect each afternoon, as per our Mobile Communication Device Procedures based on the NSW Department of Education's 'Student Use of Mobile Phones in Schools' policy.

Respect at School

You may notice a new poster at the front office that aims to help support a safe and respectful culture at our school.

Provided by the NSW Department of Education, the poster is part of an initiative to remind everybody to treat our hard-working school staff with kindness and respect. Every school community around the state is very different. While most schools are respectful and harmonious, violence and unsafe behaviour in any form is not acceptable in schools. School staff and students have the right to learn and work in safe and respectful learning environments.

With that in mind, I encourage you to join everyone at our school in getting behind this important work to make a positive change.

We value our partnerships with you to support our students to learn, grow and belong. It is up to us – the school and the parent/carer community - to be good respectful role models to our students. Together, we can create a safe and harmonious environment for our students and staff.

I hope you will support this initiative. What do you need to do? It is easy: Please treat our students and staff with kindness and respect at all times. We are here to help you.



Opportunity Class Placement for 2025

Applications for entry into Year 5 opportunity classes (OC) in 2025 open on Thursday 4 April and close Monday 20 May 2024. The Opportunity Class Placement Test will be held on Thursday 1 August.

What are opportunity classes?

[Opportunity classes](#) are one of the ways the NSW Department of Education supports high potential and gifted students. The classes help students learn by:

- grouping them with other gifted students
- using specialised teaching methods so students can learn concepts in more detail and more quickly
- supporting their wellbeing needs.

Most students in opportunity classes enjoy learning more when their classmates have similar abilities and interests.

Where are they located?

There are 86 primary schools with Year 5 opportunity classes in NSW each year.

- 54 schools are located in metropolitan Sydney
- 31 schools are located in rural or regional centres
- a virtual class, Aurora College, for rural and remote students is available in over 600 authorised host schools.

Students successfully placed attend the opportunity class full time in Years 5 and 6 at the relevant public school. In most cases, students who have accepted a place in an opportunity class will leave their current school to attend the school with the opportunity class.

Should you apply?

If your child learns with greater ease and speed than their classmates, they may benefit from placement in an opportunity class. High potential and gifted children need to be challenged so they remain engaged with their education. Discuss the opportunity with your child and look through the information together on [Opportunity classes \(Year 5 – 6\)](#).

If you would like to discuss whether you think you should apply, please contact your child's teacher.

To register for an account to apply, visit [Register for and account](#). For information on the application process and a link to start the application, visit [Application process](#).

Rouse Hill Community Centre Car Park

Our school and Hills Council regularly receive complaints about parking behaviour at school pickup and drop off times in the Rouse Hill Community Centre car park. The Council understands that parents from the school use the car park at these times. However, the Community Centre car park is provided for use by the hirers of the Community Centre and Aberdoon House, and they need to make sure it is safe and accessible for these users, many of whom include parents of children with disabilities who access programs at Aberdoon House.

Council have requested that parents only park in the designated parking spaces in the carpark and should not be queuing around the car park at any time to pick up or drop off children. This is unsafe for children, is an offence and infringements will be issued. The school's designated Kiss and Drop area is on Clower Avenue. *The Council car park is not a Kiss and Drop.*

If there are no parking spaces available in the Rouse Hill Community Centre car park before or after school, parents should not queue around the car park, blocking vehicle movements into and out of or around the car park.

Please be aware that council Compliance Officers undertake regular enforcement of the car park.

Happy Holidays

On behalf of the Rouse Hill Public School staff, we hope you have a safe and enjoyable holiday. A chance for our students to rest and recharge, ready to return with plenty of energy and enthusiasm for all the learning and activities ahead in Term 2. We hope you enjoy some family time together over the break.

Rob Jarvis, Jess Pintado and Kim Cook

Harmony Day

What a wonderful sight it was to see so many of our students dressed in cultural clothing or orange last Wednesday (well done parents and carers for your efforts) to celebrate Harmony Day, with all classes contributing to the sign below. Harmony Day celebrates Australia's cultural diversity. In schools we celebrate inclusiveness, respect and a sense of belonging for all Australians, from the traditional custodians of the land to those who have come from many countries around the world. By participating in Harmony Day activities, we can learn and understand how all Australians belong equally to this nation and enrich it.



Mrs Singh and Miss Wan – Harmony Day Organisers

Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL)

Each week we focus on different aspects of PBL with our students. Our focus area for Weeks 10 and 11 are:

Week 10

PBL focus: Wear my uniform correctly

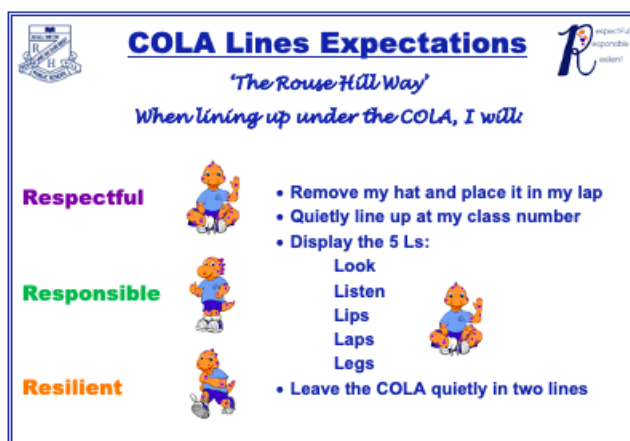
PBL award for the week: Teacher's choice

Week 11

PBL focus: COLA Lines

PBL award for the week: Always using polite manners

Using polite manners means saying please and thank you. It can include saying excuse me when needing someone to move or when asking a question. When we are speaking respectfully and kindly to those around us, including our friends, teachers, when visiting the office and using the canteen, we are using polite manners.



RHPS Wellbeing Committee

Class News

Every few days we're sharing some class news with you via our Facebook page, as well as in our fortnightly newsletter. This fortnight it's KL, 3-6K and 6W's turn.

KL

It has been an exciting few weeks of learning for Kindergarten students at RHPS. KL celebrated Harmony Day and the theme 'Everyone Belongs' in beautiful traditional costumes and in orange. We learnt about the Luna New Year and made Chinese Dragons for the Year of the Dragon. KL worked on their Easter Hats at home and proudly presented them at the Easter Hat Parade. We had a special visitor leave paw prints outside the Kindergarten classrooms and chocolate eggs in our Indigenous Easter baskets. Thank you, Easter Bunny!



Mrs Pye

3-6K

It has been very busy Term 1 and the students in 3-6K returned to school with great enthusiasm! The students have been learning lots of new things. During maths, we have been doing lots of interactive games during small group activities. The students have enjoyed learning in a fun way and then later independently showed their understanding while working at their desk. During science lessons, students explored the basics of coding, which they have really enjoyed. It's sure going to be a great year!

Mrs Kaur

PBL Awards – Respectful Responsible Resilient

Year 2 Award Winners



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Stage 2 Award Winners



RHPS P&C PRESENTS THE

RHPS DISCO

FRIDAY 5TH APRIL
SCHOOL HALL

Kindy - Year 1: 4:15pm - 5:30pm

Years 2 and 3: 5:45pm - 7:00pm

Years 4, 5 and 6: 7:15pm - 8:30pm

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Commit to saving up to \$50 a month for 10 months and ANZ will double it.



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K to Yr 6
Yr 7 & Yr 8



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SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM | 9AM TO 3PM

Eligibility	Venue	Date	Booking Link	Fees
K - Yr 8	Hills Grammar School	15th & 16th April	www.trybooking.com/CPWOJ	\$210
K - Yr 8	The Ponds High School	22nd & 23rd April	www.trybooking.com/CPWNY	\$210
K - Yr 6	Rouse Hill Public School	24th April	www.trybooking.com/CPWPG	\$110



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- Willing to work outdoors in all weather conditions.
- Able to communicate with different groups and give clear instructions.
- Community-minded.
- Friendly and positive manner.

Days and hours

- Shifts will fall between 8:00 am - 9:30 am and 2:30 pm - 4:00 pm, Monday to Friday during school terms with a minimum of one hour shift as required

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