



Rouse Hill Public School Newsletter

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Thursday 8th February 2024

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Week 2, Term 1

Calendar Dates	
Week 2	
Friday 9 th February	Kindergarten students commence
Week 3	
Thursday 15 th February	P&C Meeting, 6:30 pm
Week 4	
Monday 19 th February	School Swimming Carnival
Wednesday 21 st February	Early Stage 1 Meet the Teacher evening, 5:30 pm – 6:00 pm, school hall Stage 1 Meet the Teacher evening, 6:30 pm – 7:00 pm, school hall
Thursday 22 nd February	Support Unit Meet the Teacher evening, 5:30 pm – 6:00 pm, Support Unit Stage 2 Meet the Teacher evening, 5:30 pm – 6:00 pm, school hall Stage 3 Meet the Teacher evening, 6:30 pm – 7:00 pm, school hall

From the Principal and Deputy Principals

Welcome Back

Welcome back to all of our new and returning Rouse Hill Public School families. I hope you had the opportunity to spend some time enjoying the company of family and friends during the holiday period. Our teachers and support staff are looking forward to a productive and enjoyable year of learning.

I would like to offer a warm welcome to our new permanent staff members, some of whom have been temporary teachers at RHPS for some time, and others who are joining us this year: Ms Dana Hunt-Spurrier, Mrs Janine Hayes, Mrs Kristen Nicholson, Mrs Pam Johnson, Mrs Jess Mamo, Mrs Hannah Howse, Mrs Nicolette Vecchio, Mrs Colleen Lawrence, Mrs Linda Stellino, Mrs Nilya D'Souza, Ms Pragaa Ganesh, Mr Mark Roberts, Mrs Alicia Hartfield, Mrs Amy Murphy, Ms Erin Bronson, Miss Charmaine Wan, Mrs Victoria Kuswara, Mrs Deb Hebb, Mrs Krishna Chester, Mrs Kim Burgmann and Ms Kayla Robinson.

Also joining us for the first time, or returning in a temporary teaching capacity, are: Mrs Emma Hughes, Miss Amelia Lawrence, Mrs Emma Comito, Ms Charlotte Nonnenmacher, Miss Jade Smith, Miss Lana Nelson-Shine, Mrs Madi Campbell-Ware, Mrs Shani Kennedy, Ms Priti Brahmhatt and Mrs Alexandra Shirt.

The following staff members will not be returning this year and I thank them for their contribution to our school and wish them all the best for the future: Ms Rebecca Wallace, Miss Meg Chapman, Mrs Robyn Mangold, Mrs Charlotte Giorelando and Mr Brenton Taylor.

We formed our new 2024 classes for Years 1-6 yesterday and the children were excited to find out who their teachers were. We have formed 49 mainstream classes, plus our 4 Support Unit classes. We are funding three additional mainstream classes above our entitlement in an effort to cater for continued anticipated enrolment growth across the year.

Our Kindergarten students have a half-day taster session today. 2024 Kindergarten classes will be formed tomorrow, Friday 9th February.

If you have a concern regarding your child, the first point of contact should be your child's teacher. In most cases, issues can be resolved at this level. Please allow your child's teacher at least 24 hours to respond, as teachers are busy preparing, programming and teaching your children. If you have an urgent matter, please phone the office on 8824 7330.

2024 Assistant Principals

Assistant Principal – Support Unit: Mrs Louise Booth

Relieving Assistant Principals – Early Stage 1 (Kindergarten): Miss Marija Mlinac and Miss Emily Phegan

Relieving Assistant Principal – Year 1: Mrs Rebecca Brown

Assistant Principal – Year 2: Mrs Alix Campbell

Relieving Assistant Principal – Years 3: Mr Neil Jackson

Assistant Principal – Year 4: Mr Mark Roberts

Assistant Principals – Year 5: Mrs Amy Murphy, Thurs-Fri and Mr Rob Neorcsik (Rel), Mon-Wed

Assistant Principal – Year 6: Mr Steve Watkins

Staff List – Term 1, 2024

Principal Mr Rob Jarvis

Deputy Principals Mrs Jessica Pintado, Mrs Kimberley Cook (Rel)

Assistant Principals, Curriculum & Instruction Mrs Belinda Reedman, Mrs Heidi Bennett

KA Miss Kiara Andrew

KD Ms Dana Hunt-Spurrier

KE Mrs Emma Hughes

KH Mrs Janine Hayes / Mrs Rachael Olson

KL Mrs Louise Pye

KM Miss Marija Mlinac / Mrs Rachael Olson

KP Miss Emily Phegan / Mrs Rachael Olson

KR Miss Amelia Lawrence

KS Mr Luke Hyland

KW Mrs Belinda Weisback

K/1BN Mrs Louise Booth / Mrs Kristen Nicholson

1A Mr Scott Adams

1B Mrs Rebecca Brown / Mrs Delusha Anderson

1C Mrs Belinda Caprarelli

1G Mr Nick Garnock

1N Mrs Brooke Norris

1R Miss Roza Ghadiri

1T Miss Tina Tran

1V Mrs Therese Virveste

2C Mrs Alix Campbell / Mrs Cassie Casey

2CN Mrs Emma Comito / Ms Charlotte Nonnenmacher

2G Miss Indianna Gay

2J Mrs Pam Johnson / Mrs Jess Mamo

2M Mrs Lyndal McGree

2O Miss Socheata Ou

2SR Mrs Sacha Spragg / Mrs Hannah Howse

2MV Mrs Jess Mamo / Mrs Nicolette Vecchio

3A Mrs Natasha Alam

3J Mr Neil Jackson / Mrs Garima Trivedi

3K Mrs Mel Knipler / Mrs Alexia Khoury

3L Mrs Colleen Lawrence

3S Mrs Linda Stellino

3W Ms Wendy Wilson

4C Miss Hannah Carr

4D Mrs Nilya D'Souza

4F Mrs Amie Foscholo

4G Ms Pragaa Ganesh

4R Mr Mark Roberts / Miss Jade Smith

4T Miss Belle Thatcher

5F Mrs Tabitha Fitzgerald

5H Mr Justin Hooper

5HM Mrs Alicia Hartfield / Mrs Amy Murphy

5N Mr Rob Neorcsik

5T Miss Hayley Thayre

6B Ms Erin Bronson

6C Mrs Evin Cao

6K Mr Harry Kumar

6N Miss Lana Nelson-Shine

6W Mr Steve Watkins / Mrs Madi Campbell-Ware

K-3S Mrs Tish Sood

3-6K Mrs Indie Kaur

4-6S Mrs Shani Kennedy

5-6D Mr Kamal Deo

Teacher Librarians Mrs Nicole Egan, Mrs Kylie Rachmaninoff, Ms Priti Brahmhatt

EAL/D Teachers Mrs Lucky Singh, Miss Charmain Wan, Mrs Anne Machan, Mrs Brenda Hibberd

Mandarin Teachers Miss Elva Lee, Miss Selina Lee, Miss Grace Tsai, Mrs Shan Watters, Ms Amy Miao

Learning & Support Coordinator	Mrs Kimberley Cook
Learning & Support Teacher	Mrs Alexandra Shirt
RFF & QTSS Teachers	Mrs Victoria Kuswara, Mrs Linda Proglgio, Mrs Delusha Anderson, Mrs Alexia Khoury, Mrs Shruti Mittal, Mrs Madi Campbell-Ware, Mrs Hannah Howse, Mrs Garima Trivedi, Mrs Scarlett Xu
School Psychologist	Ms Kayla Robinson, Miss Amara De Leon
School Learning Support Officers	Mrs Sharon Borg, Mrs Wendy Mansfield, Mrs Gulnaz Mitha, Mrs Adele Harris, Mrs Deb Hebb, Mrs Krishna Chester, Ms Michelle Eamer, Mrs Annie Syeda, Mrs Leili Ghaderi, Mrs Amanda Newman, Mrs Kim Small, Mrs Natasha Aizaz, Mrs Charry Malik, Mrs Teong Low, Miss Brianna Smith, Mrs Sarah Kelly, Mr Sam Squire, Mr Parneet Sarkaria, Mrs Alex Sawtell
School Administrative Manager	Mrs Karren Newbert
School Administrative Officers	Mrs Lissa Osborn, Mrs Kathy Ortiz, Mrs Kim Burgmann, Mrs Lucinda Speechley, Mrs Debra Johns, Mrs Mary-Kate Pracny-Strass, Mrs Tara Burns, Ms Charlene Spencer
General Assistant	Mr Luke McGrath

Meet the Teacher Evenings

Our Meet the Teacher Evenings will be held in the school hall as follows. Please note the time change from the information posted on our school Enews app last week for the second evening sessions from a 6:15 pm start to a 6:30 pm start to allow more time for presenting.

Early Stage 1 (Kindergarten): Wednesday 21st February, 5:30 pm – 6:00 pm

Stage 1 (Years 1 and 2): Wednesday 21st February, 6:30 pm – 7:00 pm

Stage 2 (Years 3 and 4): Thursday 22nd February, 5:30 pm – 6:00 pm

Stage 3 (Years 5 and 6): Thursday 22nd February, 6:30 pm – 7:00 pm

The Support Unit: Thursday 22nd February from 5:30 pm – 6:00 pm in the Support Unit.

Detailed information was posted on the school's Enews app last Thursday.

Partners in Learning Parent/Carer - Teacher - Student Meetings

Please note that we will be holding parent teacher meetings in Week 6. This year, in a change to our previous Learning Goal Meetings, we are inviting students to attend, providing an opportunity for parents/carers, teachers and students to get to know one another and foster a positive home-school relationship in preparation for the year ahead. More information will be sent home soon via the school's Enews app.

2024 School Development Days

Term 1: Tuesday 30th and Wednesday 31st January

Term 2: Monday 29th April

Term 3: Monday 22nd July

Term 4: Thursday 19th and Friday 20th December

2024 Term Dates

Term 1

Tuesday 30th January – Friday 12th April

Years 1-6 students return Thursday 1st February, Kindergarten commence Friday 9th February

Term 2

Monday 29th April – Friday 5th July

Students return Tuesday 30th April

Term 3

Monday 22nd July – Friday 27th September

Students return Tuesday 23rd July

Term 4

Monday 14th October – Wednesday 18th December

School Parking Information

As our school continues to grow in size, the congestion around the school increases and finding parking in close proximity becomes more difficult to find at pickup and drop off times. We are seeking your continued assistance to help keep the streets around our school safe for all users, particularly our students.

With increased numbers at our school, parents/carers may need to park further from the school and walk in or meet their children, rather than queue illegally to use the Kiss and Drop Zones, blocking roads around the school.

Please note that Hills Council have informed us that they will be working to provide parking enforcement where it is required around schools to ensure parents are parking legally. Double parking, stopping in No Stopping Zones and Bus Zones and queuing for longer than 2 minutes in No Parking Zones are all offences with fines and demerit points in School Zones.

Please refer to the flyers at the end of this fortnight's newsletter outlining the parking signs around the school and the fines and demerit points associated with not parking or driving legally around schools.

Please be mindful of local residents. We get frequent complaints from local residents about our parents/carers parking illegally, blocking driveways, parking on lawns and nature strips and engaging in unsafe driver and passenger behaviour.

Allergies and Anaphylaxis

A number of our students have allergies and/or anaphylaxis, a severe, sudden and potentially life-threatening allergic reaction which occurs following exposure to an allergen. Common allergens for anaphylaxis include, but are not limited to:

- Food, e.g. peanuts, eggs, milk, tree nuts (such as hazelnuts or cashews), soy, wheat, fish, shellfish and sesame
- Insect bites, e.g. bees, wasps, jumper ants
- Medications e.g. pain killers and antibiotics
- Latex, e.g. rubber gloves, balloons, swimming caps

Ways that you can assist our anaphylactic students include:

- Discourage your child from sharing food with others. Please keep in mind that some children may not be diagnosed and may be unaware that they have a food allergy.
- Avoid packing foods containing nuts in lunchboxes, e.g. peanut butter, Nutella.
- Encourage your child to wash or sanitise their hands after eating.

Rob Jarvis, Jess Pintado and Kim Cook

PSSA Interschool Sport Update

Due the busy nature of Term 1, which leaves only a few weeks available, Ridges PSSA interschool sporting competition will start in Term 2. Winter PSSA competition will take place from Term 2, Week 1 and continue to Term 3, Week 3. Summer PSSA will commence in Term 3, Week 6 and continue to Week 6, Term 4.

Trials for PSSA winter teams will take place in Weeks 8 and 9 of Term 1. More information will be sent out via the school's Enews app closer to the date.

Mr Jackson and Miss Thayre - PSSA Coordinators

Maths Olympiad

Between March and September last year, students in Year 3 and 4 participate in four competition tests set by the Australasian Problem Solving Mathematical Olympiads. Well done to all students for their effort! We trust that it was a rewarding and beneficial experience for everyone.



Maths Quest

Students in Years 1 and 2 participated in the inaugural Maths Quest program in 2023. During Term 2 students explored patterns and during Term 3 they were introduced to problem solving concepts. Comprising activities that were both interactive and fun, the program encouraged students to work together and learn from each other. We trust students had fun problem solving with their peers and it was a rewarding and beneficial experience for everyone.



Ms Lawrence and Mrs Cao - Coordinators

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Time: 9:00am – 3:00pm

When: 125 Annangrove Road, Annangrove 2156

Join us at Annangrove Preschool Kindergarten for our Open Day. Tour our service and view all our wonderful environments and facilities. Family fun to entertain all including sausage sizzle, dance classes for the little ones, face painting and more.

How to register your interest/attendance:

- Follow link to our website and complete our Open Day Registration Form
<https://www.annangrovepreschoolkindergarten.com.au/open-day-registration>
- Scan QR Code



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2ND MARCH, 2024
9 AM - 3 PM

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Enrolling Now for Term 1 2024

Sundays : 9.15 - 11.30am



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Term 1 2024 - Every Friday

Eligibility	Program Name	Time	Fee	Dates	Book online at
Yr 1 - 2	Build Up	3:40 to 5:10pm	\$225	16/02 - 12/04	www.trybooking.com/CNRFR
Yr 3 - 6	Engineering & Robotics	3:40 to 5:10pm	\$225	16/02 - 12/04	www.trybooking.com/CNRFR



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ROAD RULES FOR SCHOOL ZONES

The Hills Shire Council receives a high volume of concerns regarding illegal parking in school zones. It's important to understand the NSW Road Rules and signage in school zone areas.

Council's Compliance Officers enforce parking around schools carrying out on foot patrols and using Licence Plate Recognition Vehicles to detect parking offences. Parking illegally and disregarding posted signage can lead to safety hazards, traffic congestion, hefty fines and demerit point loss for drivers.

COMMON ROAD RULES IN SCHOOL ZONES

- A 'No Stopping' sign means that the driver of a vehicle must not stop at any time on a length of road or in an area to which the 'No Stopping' sign applies - not for a minute, not for a second, not at all.
- A 'Yellow kerb line' painted near the edge of the road means 'no stopping'. A driver must not stop at the side of a road marked with a continuous yellow edge line.
- A 'No Parking' sign means that you can only stop on a length of road or in an area to which the 'No Parking' sign applies to drop off or pick up passengers. Around schools these are commonly called 'kiss and drop zones'. You can't stay in the zone longer than two minutes and the driver has to be within three metres of the vehicle at all times.



- A 'bus zone' sign means that you must not stop or park in a bus zone for any reason (including queuing or waiting for a space) unless you are driving a bus.



TIPS FOR DRIVERS

- Plan your school commute, give yourself extra time in school zones
- It is always recommended you park your vehicle legally in a school zone and walk
- Do not arrive early to the school and sit in your car in the kiss and drop area, if you are in the kiss and drop area for over 2 minutes, it's an offence and attracts a hefty fine and 2 demerit points.
- If motorists use the 'No Parking' zones correctly, it will improve traffic flow, relieving congestion and create a safer environment.

Park legally to ensure our school zones are safe for everyone.

FURTHER INFORMATION

CUSTOMER SERVICE CENTRE

3 Columbia Court, Norwest NSW 2153

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HOURS 8:30am – 4:30pm, Monday – Friday

WEBSITE www.thehills.nsw.gov.au



SCHOOL ZONE PARKING RULES AND PENALTIES

COUNCIL'S COMPLIANCE OFFICERS ENFORCE PARKING SIGNS AT YOUR SCHOOL.

When it comes to the safety of vulnerable road users like school children, drivers found breaking the law will be met with zero tolerance. When an offence is detected, you will be fined.



NO STOPPING

You must not STOP at any time.

Stopping includes when the vehicle is not moving but the engine is still running.

SCHOOL ZONE

Penalty from \$352 and 2 demerit points



BUS ZONES

You must not stop your vehicle in a Bus Zone unless you are driving a public bus. Stopping includes when the vehicle is not moving but the engine is still running.

SCHOOL ZONE

Penalty from \$352 and 2 demerit points



NO PARKING

You can stop only to drop off or pick up passengers or goods and you must not stop for more than 2 minutes and The driver must stay within 3 metres of your vehicle. Stopping includes when the vehicle is not moving but the engine is still running.

SCHOOL ZONE

Penalty from \$196 and 2 demerit points



DRIVEWAYS

You must not park your car over or block access to a driveway. You can stop in a driveway to drop off or pick up passengers BUT only for less than 2 minutes AND the driver must stay with the car.

SCHOOL ZONE

Penalty from \$352 and 2 demerit points

THERE ARE NOW INCREASED PENALTIES AND DEMERIT POINTS ASSOCIATED WITH ALL OFFENCES IN SCHOOL ZONES.



NO PARKING

You have no more than 2 minutes for drop-offs or pick-ups and must stay within 3 metres of your vehicle.

**Penalty from
\$196 and 2
demerit points**



NO STOPPING

Under no circumstances are you permitted to stop on a length of road to which a No Stopping Sign applies.

**Penalty from
\$352 and 2
demerit points**



BUS ZONE

You must not stop your vehicle in the indicated zone unless you are driving a public bus.

**Penalty from
\$352 and 2
demerit points**

Double parking	\$352 & 2 demerit points
Stop on path or nature strip	\$352 & 2 demerit points
Stop on / near marked pedestrian/children's crossing	\$469 & 2 demerit points
Approach children's crossing too quickly to stop safely	\$587 & 4 demerit points
Illegal U turns	\$469 & 4 demerit points
Stop across driveway	\$352 & 2 demerit points
Drive using a hand held mobile phone	\$469 & 5 demerit points
Parallel park close to (within 3 metres) double centre line	\$352 & 2 demerit points

FINES CURRENT AS OF DECEMBER 2021

For a complete list of school zones offences visit www.rms.nsw.gov.au

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KISS & DROP RULES

1. Move forward to the start of the bay, do not stop halfway
2. Maximum 2 minutes stay and you must remain within 3 metres of your vehicle
3. Remain in your vehicle unless your child cannot open the car door
4. Have schoolbags in the car with your child so you do not need to open the boot
5. Children must exit the vehicle on the kerbside NOT the roadside
6. Do not double park next to vehicles in the bay please wait for the cars in front to move forward before entering the bay
7. Do not queue into or let children out of your vehicle in 'No Stopping' or 'Bus Zones' as this is illegal

Please be considerate and help make our drop off bay work efficiently and safely for everyone



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