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Week 4, Term 1

Calendar Dates	
Week 4	
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
Week 5	
Monday 26 th February	Big Battery Rescue Incursion (free show promoting battery recycling)
Wednesday 28 th February	Induction Assembly
Week 6 – Partners in Learning Meetings this week	
Tuesday 5 th March	School Photos – Day 1
Thursday 7 th March	School Photos – Day 2
Week 7 – NAPLAN – Wednesday 13th – Monday 25th March	
Monday 11 th March	Ridges PSSA Zone Swimming Carnival
Wednesday 13 th March	NAPLAN (Years 3 and 5) commences
Thursday 7 th March	School Photos – Day 2
Friday 15 th March	Year 6 Leader Excursion – Brewongle Environmental Education Centre

From the Principal and Deputy Principals

Thank You

Thank you to our wonderful P&C Committee for organising a welcome sign for our new Kindergarten students. Pictured with the sign are some of our 2024 Kindergarten teachers, who are enjoying helping our newest students settle into big school. Please see some information at the end of today's newsletter for those who may be thinking of joining our P&C.



Partners in Learning Parent/Carer - Teacher - Student Meetings

Thank you to those of you who attended our Meet the Teacher evenings either yesterday or today. Teachers are looking forward to meeting with students and parents/carers at our Partners in Learning Meetings during Week 6. Information and booking instructions will be sent out on the school's Enews app tomorrow.

School Uniform

Please support us to maintain strong school uniform standards by sending your children in their school uniform each day. A particular reminder that black socks are not part of our uniform. It has been great to see so many students wearing our sun-safe bucket hats, however, we are noticing many children wearing

non-school uniform caps. Please support our efforts to keep our children safe from the harmful effects of the sun by sending them to school in a sun-safe bucket hat.

Staff Car Park

A reminder that the staff car park is for staff vehicles, deliveries and assisted transport vehicles only. Please do not drive into or walk through the staff car park. We have cars moving in and out of the car park at various times of the day and it is not safe for children to be walking through that area.



Swimming Carnival

Well done to the small but enthusiastic group of children who attended our swimming carnival on Monday. Thank you to Mr Jackson, Miss Thayre, Mrs Fitzgerald, Ms Ganesh, Mr Watkins, Mrs Alam and Mr Roberts for organising the event. A big thank you also to the following parent volunteers for helping out on the day, helping us to run a successful carnival: Mrs Henderson, Mrs Matthews, Mr and Mrs Vickers and Mr Harvey. Mr Jackson will let the children who qualified for the Ridges PSSA Zone Swimming Carnival, to be held on Monday 11th March, know which events they qualified in soon.

NAPLAN 2024

The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) is a point in time assessment of literacy and numeracy skills. Each year students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 participate in tests for writing, reading, conventions of language (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and numeracy. All schools in NSW undertake NAPLAN online. However, Year 3 students do the writing test on paper. Teachers will ensure students are familiar with the format of the tests before the NAPLAN test window.

NAPLAN will take place from **Wednesday 13 to Monday 25 March**. NAPLAN assesses the literacy and numeracy skills your child is already learning at school. It is important to remember that NAPLAN is not about passing or failing, but about assessing learning progress. The best approach for preparing your child for NAPLAN is to encourage your child to do the best they can on the day. Excessive preparation or the use of coaching providers is not recommended.

Students and parents can access the public demonstration site (<https://www.nap.edu.au/online-assessment/public-demonstration-site>) to familiarise themselves with the types of questions, tools and functions available for the NAPLAN tests.

If you have any questions about NAPLAN, please contact your child's teacher.

2023 Presentation Assembly Awards

If your child was selected to receive an award at one of our Presentation Assemblies at the end of last year and was away, the award will be presented at a grade/stage assembly. A message will be posted on the school's Enews app to let parents and carers know when this will take place for your child's grade or stage so that you have an opportunity to attend.

Mobile Communication Device Procedures

Please see below our Mobile Communication Device Procedures outlining how we are implementing the NSW Department of Education's 'Student Use of Mobile Phones in Schools' policy.

Rob Jarvis, Jess Pintado and Kim Cook



Mobile Communication Device Procedures

Developed February 2024

Purpose

The NSW Department of Education's '**Student Use of Mobile Phones in Schools**' policy provides '*Direction and guidance on the safe and responsible use of mobile phones for students in NSW public schools*' and applies to all students in NSW public schools. We are committed to making our school a mobile phone-free environment to further improve learning and engagement.

1. Policy statement

1.1 Students are not allowed to use mobile phones and/or smart watches at school, in the classroom, during recess or lunch time.

1.2 Principals will manage individual requests from parents and/or carers, and students, for any exemptions to the policy.

1.3 Principals may allow students to use mobile phones and/or smart watches in specific circumstances, such as for an educational purpose, to achieve student health and wellbeing outcomes, or as part of reasonable adjustment to enable students with specific needs to participate in education on the same basis as other students.

2. Context

2.1 Learning environments should support students to develop technological, social and emotional competencies. This support should maximise the benefits and minimise the risks of digital environments and prepare students for life beyond school.

Definition

These procedures apply to any device that can receive or make phone calls, store, process, record, take photographs, share digital information, play games and connect to applications (apps), websites and other online services (mobile phones and/or smart watches).

Management Option

The mobile phones and/or smart watches management option adopted by Rouse Hill Public School is 'Mobile phones and/or smart watches collected and stored in classroom'. All mobile phones and/or smart watches are to put on silent and handed to the class teacher at the commencement of each day. They will be locked in classroom storerooms and returned to students at the end of each day. Students will not be permitted to use their mobile phones and/or smart watches during recess or lunch. This is an approved NSW Department of Education option and will limit unnecessary distractions and complement our ongoing approach to ensure every student maximises their learning and social growth in a safe and supportive environment.

Rationale and Objectives

Rouse Hill Public School supports the restrictions of mobile phones and/or smart watches in accordance with the 'Student Use of Mobile Phones in Schools' policy (see policy statement above). Mobile phone and/or smart watch use in schools can impact student learning and wellbeing. Restricting mobile phone and/or smart watch use at school aims to increase focus in classrooms, remove distractions and promote positive social interaction, while reducing the potential for online bullying. Rouse Hill Public School has

strong teaching and learning practices to support students in the classroom using various forms of appropriate technology, which maximises the benefits and minimises the risks of digital environments and prepare students for life beyond school. We foster a safe learning environment which supports and enhances each child's social and emotional health through our wellbeing and learning support teams.

Mobile phone and/or smart watch are considered valuable items and are brought to school at the owner's (student or parent/carer's) risk. Students are encouraged not to bring a mobile phone and/or smart watch to school unless there is a compelling reason to do so. Please note that Rouse Hill Public School does not have insurance for accidental property damage or theft. Students and their parents/carers are encouraged to obtain appropriate insurance for valuable items.

Health and Wellbeing-related Exceptions

Parents/carers of a student with a health condition may make an application for exemption through the school's Learning Support Team. Documentation required includes a medical practitioner's report stating that a mobile phone or smart watch is needed to monitor for symptoms.

Contacting students

Rouse Hill Public School understands there will always be emergencies when parents need to get in contact with students or vice versa during the school day. We try to keep this to a minimum, with the exception of emergencies, to avoid disturbing the students' learning. Parents and carers can contact the school through the school office (02 8824 7330) and students will also be able to contact parents or carers through the school office if required.

Students will be able to carry and use their mobile phones and/or smart watches whilst travelling to and from school.

Frequently Asked Questions

1. What if a student refuses to hand in their mobile phone and/or smart watch?

Students will be made aware of the policy and these procedures and will be required to comply with them. As with all school rules, student refusal will result in appropriate action being taken in accordance with the Department's behaviour code/policy.

2. What will be the expectation of a staff member to enforce the DoE policy and school procedures?

The Student use of Mobile Phones in Schools Policy is a DoE policy. All staff members will work collaboratively to ensure the smooth and consistent implementation of the policy and school procedures.

3. What happens with mobile phones and/or smart watches on excursions?

Mobile phones and/or smart watches are not to be used on excursions. Exemptions may be made for certain children who have medical or additional needs (arranged with the principal).

4. How do parents arrange permission for children to use their mobile phone and/or smart watch for medical reasons?

Parents will be able to make a request for an exemption which will be considered by the school's Learning Support Team. If appropriate, an individualised plan for usage will be developed, taking medical needs and setting the terms and conditions for mobile phone and/or smart watch use that incorporate school guidelines.

Bus Safety Week

Our school bus operator Busways is reminding all road users, parents, and students to 'be bus aware' as part of Transport for NSW's Bus Safety Week campaign, running Feb 19 - 25.

Part of the 'Be Bus Aware' campaign, Bus Safety Week sees Governments, bus operators, and emergency services raise awareness about the importance of being safe in and around buses and spread the message to 'Be Bus Aware'.

Busways Managing Director Byron Rowe said motorists need to be aware that buses are large and heavy vehicles that cannot stop quickly.

"When a bus is forced to brake heavily it can cause passengers to be thrown around inside the bus," he said. "During Bus Safety Week we are educating the community to give buses room and not pull out in front of them. We all have a part to play in bus safety, whether you're a pedestrian, motorist or bus passenger."

Bus Safety Week provides a timely reminder to parents to have a talk with their children about bus safety; to motorists when giving way to buses; to pedestrians to make sure they are alert of their surroundings; and to cyclists to ensure they can see where buses are.

The 'Be Bus Aware' campaign has been developed with input from Bus NSW, NSW Police and Transport for NSW.

For more information on bus safety or to learn about Transport for NSW's 'Be Bus Aware' campaign, visit <https://roadsafety.transport.nsw.gov.au/campaigns/-be-bus-aware>.

BE BUS AWARE

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Time: 9:00am – 3:00pm

When: 125 Annangrove Road, Annangrove 2156

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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

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Yr 3 - 6	Engineering & Robotics	3:40 to 5:10pm	\$225	16/02 - 12/04	www.trybooking.com/CNRFR



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TRY HOCKEY

FREE SESSIONS FOR JUNIORS

New and returning players born 2014 to 2019 (U6 to U10) are welcome to attend any or all sessions.

Thu 22nd Feb 2024

6:00pm - 7:00pm
Ted Horwood Reserve (tennis courts),
Baulkham Hills

Thu 29th Feb 2024

6:00pm - 7:00pm
Ted Horwood Reserve (tennis courts),
Baulkham Hills

Thu 7th Mar 2024

6:00pm - 7:00pm
Ted Horwood Reserve (tennis courts),
Baulkham Hills

Sun 25th Feb 2024

5:00pm - 6:30pm
Pennant Hills Park, Pennant Hills

Sun 3rd Mar 2024

4:00pm - 5:30pm
Pennant Hills Park, Pennant Hills

Sun 10th Mar 2024

5:00pm - 6:30pm
Pennant Hills Park, Pennant Hills

Please register at:



baulkhamhillshockey.org.au/come-and-try-hockey

WHAT TO BRING

Don't forget your hockey stick (we'll lend you one if you don't have one), mouthguard, shinpads, sunscreen and water bottle!

ABOUT THE BAULKHAM HILLS HOCKEY CLUB

We're a family-focussed club that has been serving the Hills District of Sydney for more than 50 years. We train at Pennant Hills Park and field teams in junior, men's and women's divisions. For more information, go to the link above and choose FAQ from the menu.

If you're an adult interested in playing winter hockey, please email communications.bhbc@gmail.com.

Thinking of joining the Rouse Hill Public School P&C?

What is a P&C?

Parents and Citizens (P&C) Associations are vital not-for-profit organisations supporting public schools in New South Wales.

They are a group consisting of parents and citizens in a school community, whose purpose is to assist the school and promote the interests of the entire school community.

Becoming a part of the P&C is a great way to get involved in your child's education and get to know the school staff and other parents. We aim to provide a fun, inclusive and welcoming community of volunteers.

There are lots of ways to join in, without making a major commitment, and at times that suit you. You might like to:

- turn a sausage at a BBQ
- volunteer in the canteen or uniform shop
- get behind the scenes at a fundraising event
- come along and have your say at a meeting

Become a Member of the P&C

Becoming a member of the P&C is easy and means that you'll receive all the minutes of our meetings and will be able to have your say on what we do and how we do it.

Only financial members of the P&C are able to raise and vote on motions at meetings. This is how all our big decisions are made, such as how to spend the money we raise.

The membership fee is only \$2



Rouse Hill Public School
P&C Association

Nominate for a role with the P&C

The P&C office bearers are elected at the Annual General Meeting in March each year. Each year all positions are vacated and any current P&C member is welcome to nominate for a position. Join now if this sounds like something you're interested in doing. We would love new people to put their hands up, and bring fresh ideas to the table.

Executive Roles of the P&C:

President

Vice President

Secretary

Treasurer

We invite you to join us in our mission to support and enrich the Rouse Hill Public School experience. Whether you are a parent, teacher, school staff or community member, your involvement and contributions are valued and essential. Together, we can make a lasting impact on the future of our children and our community.

If you're interested in becoming a part of our dynamic P&C team or want to learn more about our upcoming events and initiatives, please don't hesitate to get in touch. We are always eager to welcome new members and partners who share our passion for education and community building.

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