



Rouse Hill Public School Newsletter

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Wednesday 6th March 2024

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Week 6, Term 1

Calendar Dates	
Week 6 – Partners in Learning Meetings this week	
Thursday 7 th March	School Photos – Day 2
Week 7 – NAPLAN – Wednesday 13 – Monday 25 March	
Monday 11 March	Ridges PSSA Zone Swimming Carnival
Wednesday 13 March	NAPLAN (Years 3 and 5) commences
Friday 15 March	Year 6 Leader Excursion – Brewongle Environmental Education Centre
Week 8 – NAPLAN – Wednesday 13 – Monday 25 March	
Thursday 21 March	P&C Meeting and AGM, 6:30 pm
Friday 22 March	Winter PSSA Trials
Week 9	
Tuesday 26 March	School Photos catch-up day
Wednesday 27 March	Harmony Day
Thursday 28 March	K-2 Easter Hat Parade Sydney West PSSA Regional Swimming Carnival
Friday 29 March	Good Friday – Public Holiday
Week 10	
Monday 1 April	Easter Monday – Public Holiday
Wednesday 3 April	RHPS Athletics Carnival, Blacktown International Sports Park
Thursday 4 April	Support Unit Community Event – Activity Afternoon
Friday 5 April	Winter PSSA Trials P&C Disco

From the Principal and Deputy Principals

Contacting the School

If you have an urgent message, please phone the school (8824 7330), rather than send an email, e.g. to communicate a change to afternoon pick-up arrangements for your child. Whilst we regularly monitor the school email account, urgent messages may not be seen and are best made via a phone call.

Late Arrivals

With our 9:25 am morning bell, we are one of the latest starting schools in the area. Despite our relatively late start, we have a lot of students who are arriving to school after 9:25 am. The morning routine in classrooms is very important to set your child up for a successful day. Please ensure that, wherever possible and barring extenuating circumstances, your child arrives at school ready to enter class at 9:25 am and begin their day of learning. Children who arrive late need to visit the school office for a late note prior to heading off to class.

Parking in Local Streets

Please be mindful of local residents and do not park across their driveways. I have received a number of complaints recently about parents parking across driveways and blocking access into and out of homes.

Induction Assembly

Congratulations to our student leaders who were inducted into their respective School Captain, Vice Captain, Prefect, House Captain, House Vice Captain and Student Representative Council positions at last week's Induction Assembly. Thank you to Mr Watkins for organising the assembly and to all of the proud family members who were able to join us.



Morning Drop Off

Thank you to our K-2 parents and carers who are dropping their children off at our drop-off zones each morning. Now that we are well into the school year, there is no need to walk your child to their classroom. Instead, please say your goodbyes at the gate or at the drop-off zone. The playground is supervised from 9:00 am. Please also be aware that 9:25 am is not an ideal time to try to catch your child's teacher, as they are about to begin the day of learning with their class. Teachers are only too happy to talk to you about your child. Please phone or email the school to request a suitable time if you would like to request a phone call or meeting with your child's teacher.

Kiss and Drop

Thank you to the majority of our parents and carers who use our Kiss and Drop properly, happily rolling forward when space becomes available in front of them. Driving as far forward as you can in the Kiss and Drop before collecting your child, then merging into Clower Ave down towards the end, allows cars to pull in at the start of the Kiss and Drop and helps with traffic flow.

NAPLAN

Each year the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) is undertaken by students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9. Students will participate in tests for writing, reading, conventions of language (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and numeracy.

NAPLAN 2024 will take place from Wednesday 13 March to Monday 25 March.

NAPLAN is just one part of our school learning assessment program. The tests assess literacy and numeracy skills your child is already learning at school.

In preparation for NAPLAN, our school will undertake activities to help students become familiar with the format and functionality of the online tests. These activities are not an assessment of student ability and will not be marked. Excessive preparation for NAPLAN is not required nor recommended.

The public demonstration site (<https://www.nap.edu.au/online-assessment/public-demonstration-site>) is available to see the types of questions, tools and functions used in the NAPLAN tests.

Further information about NAPLAN is available on the NESA website: (<https://educationstandards.nsw.edu.au/wps/portal/nesa/k-10/understanding-the-curriculum/naplan/parent-information>).

It is imperative that each child sitting NAPLAN has access to **headphones** or **earphones** that work. Please ensure that your child has their own set of headphones or earphones, that work, in preparation for the online assessments that involve your child listening to spoken instructions.

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

Rob Jarvis, Jess Pintado and Kim Cook

Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) & Restorative Practice

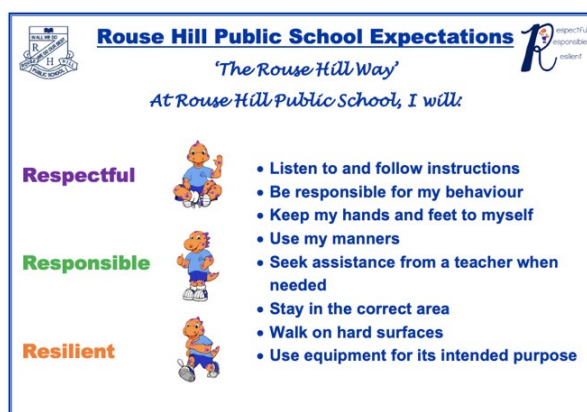
Each week we focus on different aspects of PBL with our students. Our focus area for Week 7 is:


Week 7

PBL focus: All Settings; Treat others the way I want to be treated




PBL award for the week: Displaying responsible behaviour

Displaying responsible behaviour means making the right choices and treating others how you want to be treated. At school we need to be responsible in the classroom and on the playground. In the classroom, this could be following the class rules or expectations, or completing your work to the best of your ability. On the playground, this could mean looking after school equipment and following the rules of the games that you are playing.



Rouse Hill Public School Expectations 

'The Rouse Hill Way'
At Rouse Hill Public School, I will:

Respectful		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Listen to and follow instructions• Be responsible for my behaviour• Keep my hands and feet to myself• Use my manners
Responsible		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Seek assistance from a teacher when needed• Stay in the correct area• Walk on hard surfaces• Use equipment for its intended purpose
Resilient		

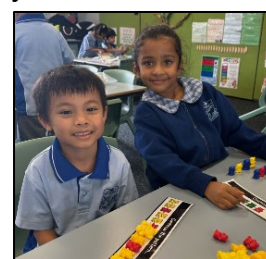
RHPS Wellbeing Committee

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 KA, 1B, 2C and 5F's turn.

KA

Kindergarten students have kicked off Term 1 with great enthusiasm and we're impressed by how seamlessly our young learners have adapted to school life and classroom routines. KA students have delved into the exploration of letters and sounds, focusing particularly on the 'm' and 's'. Throughout these phonics sessions, KA have been introduced to characters such as 'Maggie Mouse' and 'Sammy Seal', engaging in activities like sorting pictures based on their initial sounds. In mathematics, KA students have immersed themselves in learning about numbers, patterns and sorting objects based on different attributes. They practised the correct formation of numbers and worked on recognising dice dot patterns. KA particularly enjoyed copying and continuing repeating patterns using both objects and pictures. Visual arts lessons in KA involved creating an artwork inspired by the story of 'The Kissing Hand' by Audrey Penn. Students crafted the protagonist, Chester the Raccoon, by using cut-and-paste techniques. It's been a fantastic few weeks of learning in KA, with our excitement growing each day!



Miss Andrew

1B

1B have made a great start to the year, connecting with old friends and building bonds with their new classmates. Students worked together to create a story about what they love most about our school. Their accompanying illustrations look wonderful on the classroom windows. In mathematics, students have been learning to count large collections of objects by grouping in tens and have been identifying patterns while skip counting. During visual arts lessons, they have explored different artists and are enjoying making a range of artworks. It's sure to be a great year ahead!



Mrs Brown and Mrs Anderson

2C

As part of our English studies in 2C, students have begun practicing their reading fluency during small group activities. Fluency pairs involves students reading a passage to each other and providing feedback to each other about their reading. The goal is to be able to read in the same way that we talk, and 2C is well on their way to achieving that goal!



Mrs Campbell and Mrs Casey

The Big Battery Rescue

On Monday 26 February, The Big Battery Rescue show entertained Rouse Hill Public School students with an informative presentation to launch the National Battery Recycling Challenge for 2024. The initiative provides schools and communities with free battery recycling kits that help save the environment by diverting batteries from landfill.

Each classroom will receive a small battery recycling bucket to deposit batteries that have been collected from home and at school. These battery recycling buckets will be emptied into a large battery recycling wheelie bin, located in the front office, for collection by an accredited battery recycler as needed throughout the year.

Our school will be rewarded with \$100 for each semester that 100kg of batteries are recycled. At the end of the year, the top 3 schools that recycle the most batteries (based on average weight per student) will receive the following rewards: \$2000 for 1st \$1300 for 2nd and \$800 for 3rd.

Last year, our school collected a massive 218kg of batteries in total, or 206.4g per student, finishing 20th in the state.

You are encouraged to either send in any batteries from home that you would like to recycle with your child to place in their classroom collection bucket or bring them to the front office to be placed in the battery recycling wheelie bin.

Please help us save the environment by diverting as many batteries from landfill as possible!



Mrs Louise Pye – Big Battery Rescue Coordinator

The Premier's Reading Challenge

The Premier's Reading Challenge aims to encourage a love of reading for leisure and pleasure in students, and to enable them to experience quality literature. It is not a competition but a challenge to each student to read, to read more and to read more widely. The Premier's Reading Challenge (PRC) is open to all NSW students in Kindergarten to Year 10.

Challenge opens: Monday 26 February 2024

Challenge closes for student entries: Friday 23 August 2024

What you need to know

K-2 students complete the challenge at school. There is no need for parents or students to do anything.

Students in Years 3-6 complete the challenge independently. They are required to read 20 books by the closing date. Fifteen must be from the PRC booklist and five are free choice. For more information visit <https://online.det.nsw.edu.au/prc/home.html>

All students will be shown how to complete the challenge during their Library lesson.

Ms Priti Brahmhatt – Teacher Librarian

PBL Awards – Respectful Responsible Resilient

Year 2 Award Winners



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Stage 2 Award Winners



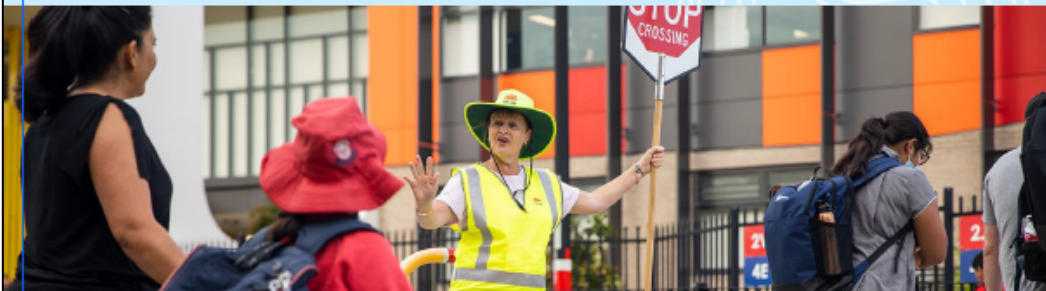
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Stage 3 Award Winners



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- Willing to work outdoors in all weather conditions.
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- Friendly and positive manner.

Days and hours

- 20 hours each fortnight.
- Shifts are between 8.30 am – 9.30 am and 2.45 pm – 3.45 pm.
- Work Monday to Friday during school terms.

Apply today

Applications close Sunday 17th March 2024

Visit jobs.transport.nsw.gov.au and search for **Reference Number: 92426** or search 'School Crossing Supervisors' for a full list of vacancies or scan the QR code to apply.

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NETBALL CLUB

**REGISTRATIONS FOR 2024 SEASON
NOW OPEN**



NETSETGO TEAMS (U7-U9) TRAIN & PLAY MATCHES ON FRIDAY
NIGHTS

U10'S AND OVER TRAIN ON WED OR THURS*, WITH MATCHES ON
SATURDAY AT KELLYVILLE COURTS

Active Kids Vouchers accepted

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*can change based on court and coach availability

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 interest 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 impace on the future of our children and out 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.

**Don't forget to follow our Facebook page
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