FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Welcome to Week 10 and the final newsletter for Term 1.

Term 1 ends Friday 11 April and students return for Term 2 Tuesday 29 April 2014.

The end of Term 1 is fast approaching, and even though we still have almost two weeks left, on behalf of the staff, I would like to wish you all a happy Easter. Enjoy the time with your family and friends and we look forward to all of our wonderful students returning safely in Term 2.

I ask that everyone keep a safe eye on our school over the two week break. If you observe any unusual or inappropriate activity occurring on school grounds please report it to the Camden Police on 4632 4499 and School Security on 1300 880 021.

Easter Hat Parade
On Friday 11 April, Rossmore Public School will be holding our annual Easter Hat Parade. All students are encouraged to make a hat for the parade. The P&C will be holding an Easter Raffle which will be drawn on the day. Families are warmly welcomed to join us for the parade and stay for lunch with your children.

1/2 Class Name
The K-3 classes have now settled into their new groupings. The Year 1/2 class have decided on the name Avatars for their class.

Anzac Ceremony
The school will hold its annual Anzac Day Ceremony on Wednesday 30 April (Week 1 Term 2). The ceremony will be held at 10.45am and all parents are welcome.

Student Assistance Scheme
At times throughout the year, families may experience financial difficulties which can place limitations on a child’s ability to participate in some school activities or to purchase uniforms. The student assistance scheme is available to support families with the cost of uniforms, excursions and camps, incursions and sporting events. If you are experiencing financial difficulties and would like to access the student assistance funds to support your child’s ability to participate in school events, please make an appointment to meet with me. You will be asked to complete a form outlining your reasons and what support you are requesting. Often 25 – 50% of the total cost is considered a reasonable request, however, this can be discussed. Each application for student assistance will require a new form to be completed. Please be aware that the school receives limited funds and all claims may not be able to be processed. In this case, a payment plan may be negotiated.

Harmony Day
I would like to personally congratulate the SRC and Finance Leaders for their hard work and enthusiasm in organising and running the Harmony Day events. I am very proud of what they achieved. See the Leaders’ Report for the amount raised and some photos from the event.

Term 2 Newsletter
Just a reminder that all families will receive their copy of the school newsletter via email from...
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Term 2. The newsletter is also available on the school’s website.
Thank you to those who have already provided or updated their email address. Your support is appreciated. If you are yet to do so, please contact the office.

Have an enjoyable week and a lovely Easter break.
Sandy Juleff

FROM THE P & C

The Easter Guessing Competition and Easter Raffle ticket sale starts on Monday 7th April. Please leave your Easter Egg donations at the front office.

Jo Mossman
P&C President

FROM THE STUDENTS

K Elves have settled into their new classroom environment beautifully and are doing some great writing. The images are examples of some of the students writing. The children were listening for sounds they could hear in words and then matching the sounds with the correct letter. The Elves were writing about someone special in their lives. Great work Elves.

FROM THE LIBRARY

Premier’s Reading Challenge

This year Rossmore Public School will again be taking part in the Premier’s Reading Challenge which takes place from now until 29th August. Students in K-2 classes will complete the challenge by reading or having 30 books read to them in class and during library lessons and their reading logs will be completed by myself.
Students in years three to six will need to independently read 20 books and record them on their individual reading log online. During term two, primary students will be given the opportunity to access the Premier’s Reading Challenge website during library lessons with a full explanation as to how to use the site.

This site can also be accessed from home through the student portal at https://student.det.nsw.edu.au students will need to use their school username and password to access this site. Once logged into the portal students need to click on the Learning tab and then click on the Premier’s Reading Challenge link.

When completing their 20 books students must read at least 15 books that are nominated Premier’s Reading Challenge books. A full list of Premier’s Reading Challenge books that our school library holds is available through our online school library catalogue which can also be accessed via the student portal. Again students must click on the Learning tab and then the My Library tab. Once on the My Library page students can click on the Reading Lists tab to access the lists of books available at our school.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me on Tuesdays or Wednesdays and Happy Reading!

Nicole Comerford
Teacher Librarian

Help Required!

Are there any parents, grandparents or friends of the school who would like to help by covering new library books? We have lots of new books that need to be covered before students may borrow them. We will provide the contact for covering for you, if you are able to help please see Mrs Comerford on Tuesday or Wednesday. Thank you.

LEADERS’ UPDATE

Last Thursday the 21 March, the SRC and the Finance Leaders organised and ran Harmony Day. In the morning, we filled up our Harmony Heart with the students’ gold coin donations. At lunch and recess we had a delicious cake stall and raised a lot of money for charity. Thanks to the Year 6, SRC and Year 5 leaders who donated cakes. Together everyone donated $287.60 for our charity, Hands Across the Water.

Thank you everyone for your generosity and for dressing up in orange, the universal colour of harmony. We hope you enjoy the following photos taken by our Photography Leaders:

SPORT LEADERS’ UPDATE

Gala Day was postponed because of wet weather until early next term. We will still practice for the event. Good luck to everyone that is participating when the event occurs.

Last week the sport leaders helped Mr Narres sort out the equipment in the sport’s storeroom and it was a big job! From all that hard work we now know what we need to buy, replace or throw away so we can continue to be active and healthy.

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SPECIAL AWARDS

Term 1 Week 10
Congratulations and a fantastic effort to the following students who received honour awards:

Yellow
Chloe, Stephanie, Amy, Bianca, Zander, Samantha

Silver
Rhys, Rabia

Gold
Angus

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William Arthur Ward