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Week 4 Term 4 Friday 08 November 2019

The Coming Week

- 11/11 School Spectacular Rehearsal
- School Leaders to Remembrance Day Ceremony

This Term

- 20/11 School Spectacular Rehearsal
- 21/11 School Spectacular Rehearsal
- 22/11 School Spectacular Performance
- Years 4-6
- Excursion to School Spectacular
- 25/11 *Amazing Me* For Yrs 5 and 6 6pm-7:15pm
- 28/11 Circus Berserkus
- 29/11 SSC Balmain Transition Day
- 3/12 High School Orientation Day
- 4/12—5/12 Rozelle University
- 9/12 Year 1 Road Safety Day
- 10/12 K-2 Sing-a-long
- 11/12 Year 6 Farewell
- 13/12 Presentation Day Assembly
- 17/12 School Picnic
- 18/12 Year 6 Leavers Assembly
- Last day for students
- 19/12 Last day for staff

2019 REMEMBRANCE DAY COMMEMORATIONS AT ROZELLE



Our school leaders, with the guidance of Ms Courtney Hansen, presented a beautiful and moving Remembrance Day assembly today. We were fortunate to have special guests Balmain/Rozelle RSL sub branch President John Minehan, Vice President Mr Paul Doughty and Captain Will Martin (retired), Royal Australian Navy. Captain Martin gave a very moving and engaging speech about the significance of Remembrance Day for him. I think there might be many students who share some of his story around the dinner table at home. The School Leaders did an outstanding job in providing information about Remembrance Day, sharing their insights and reciting traditional poems. Ruby Mills very expressively shared the book *The ANZAC Billy* by Claire Saxby. The School Leaders were assisted by students from Year 3 Gundangara who sang beautifully and by trumpeters Lachlan Jackson and Aiden Elcham who performed the Last Post and Reveille with great poise and accuracy. Thank you to all those students who performed and presented during the assembly, to Ms Hansen and to all students for their respectful and attentive behaviour.

Four of our School Leaders and Ms Day attended the Remembrance Day Ceremony at Loyalty Square on Monday 11 November and laid a wreath on behalf of the school.

INFORMATION SESSION ON NAPLAN

7:00PM THURSDAY 28 NOVEMBER IN THE STAFFROOM

BEFORE THE P & C MEETING AT 7:30PM

I will be briefly speaking about the purpose of NAPLAN and its format and organisation, and then share an overview of our school's performance over the past five years.

STAGE TWO DANCE GROUP PERFORMS AT LEICHHARDT'S ITALIAN FESTA



The Stage 2 Dance Group represented the school at the Leichhardt Italian Festa on Sunday 27 October. They performed two dances at the festivities in Pioneer Park. Congratulations to the students and teacher Dan Hoadley for their enthusiasm and dancing prowess and thank you to parents for their support. We look forward to seeing them perform at two upcoming assemblies.

YEAR ONE EXCURSION TO VAUCLUSE HOUSE

Last week the Year One classes visited Vacluse House as part of their learning in History on *Then and Now—Connections to the Past*. It provided them with some very valuable insights. Here's what Year One Romani had to say:

Yesterday we went to Vacluse House to see what life was like 160 years ago. We discovered that life would have been very different as they didn't have electricity or running water! We tried out a few jobs that the servants would do (but that doesn't mean we'll do our chores at home)! Some of us also got to try on clothes that the Wentworth children would have worn, they were quite fancy and heavy. The best part of the day was trying some of the games and toys that they would have played with like cup and ball, skittles and tug of war!

Thank you to those parents who accompanied the teachers and students to provide extra support and to the teachers for their thorough organisation. Everyone had a great day.



CONGRATULATIONS TO A NUMBER OF OUR TALENTED STUDENTS

Best of Luck to our Public Speaking Grand Finalist

On Wednesday 13 November Year 6 student Miranda Johnston will represent Rozelle Public School in the Grand Final of the Department of Education Sydney Metropolitan Operational Directorate Primary Schools Public Speaking Competition at St Peters Public School. Miranda was the Stage 3 Division winner for the Iron Cove Principal Network with the prepared speech *Australia's Gordian Knot*, and will consequently be representing our network at the Grand Final stage of the competition. We wish her all the very best.

Rozelle student competes in NSW Schools State Athletics Championships

Year 6 student Rhys Olson-Keating represented the school at the State Athletics Championships on Wednesday 6 November in both the 12 years' 1500m and 800m events, having successfully competed at school, zone and regional level. Rhys achieved a very creditable 13th in the 1500m in a field of 38.

Year 4 student to perform at Inner West Edge St Anmore Festival

On 16 November Florence Chapman of Year 4 Dalmatian will be performing five songs at the inaugural, free St.Anmoré (Stanmore) Festival of Music. The Festival will honour the late Richard Gill, an Australian conductor of choral, orchestral and operatic works who was known for his advocacy for music education of children. The Festival forms part of the Inner West Council's Edge Creative Arts initiative being held in a number of different locations. For more information on Flo's performance go to

<https://stanmoremusicfestival.com/florence-and-nana/>

And <https://stanmoremusicfestival.com/>

For more information on the Edge <https://www.innerwest.nsw.gov.au/live/living-arts/edge>

MATHS OLYMPIAD AND MATHS GAMES

The Maths Olympiad (Years 5/6) and Games (Years 3/4) provide opportunities for mathematically talented students to exercise their creative problem-solving abilities through five separate competitions held throughout Terms Two and Three.

Congratulations to Rhys Olson-Keating and Takumi Thapa who scored in the top 20% and 30% respectively in the Maths Olympiad competition, and James Carmichael who scored in the top 20% of the Maths Games Competition.

Most impressive was the performance by Year 4 student Liam Tai who achieved the highest score in both the Maths Olympiad (top 10%) and Maths Games (top 2%).

LOST PROPERTY

Now that the office refurbishment is complete, bar some data and electrical work and re-hanging the art works, the lost property baskets for school uniform items are back in their usual spot near the sick bay for students or parents to look for lost items. The office staff will also go through those at least once a week and return labelled items to the appropriate classes. Please work with teachers and admin staff to help your child keep track of their items.

STAFFING ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE TERM

Julie Hunt will return part-time, on Thursdays and Fridays, from next week. She will share the Assistant Principal role with Danny O'Donnell. Should you need to contact an executive member of staff regarding an issue, their responsibilities for the rest of the year are as follows:

Preschool	Stephanie Searle
Kindergarten	Louise Howlett
Year One	Julie Day
Year Two	Angela Svinos
Stage Two (Yrs 3 and 4)	Danny O'Donnell / Julie Hunt
Stage Three (Yrs 5 and 6)	Tara Bryant

Class teachers are always the first point of contact but should you need to discuss an issue further, the executive can be contacted via the school office by phone or email.

I am very pleased to say that our General Assistant, Greg Poynter, is back at work following an injury. It was difficult to find a replacement for him so we are looking forward to getting things back in order. Poppy Krilis has returned from leave also. Thank you to Amanda McKenzie for relieving as School Admin Manager in her absence, ably supported by the rest of the office team.

IMPROVEMENTS TO INTERNAL AND EXTERNAL SPACES

As you are aware, there has been a tremendous amount of work done over the past few months. Angela and the rest of the staff have worked hard to minimise disruption to teaching and learning and to our school community. Under Department of Education funding for programmed maintenance, every room in A block has been painted and the big, old 1960s cupboards and red plastic sinks have been replaced in each room. Pop your head in and have a look in one of the classrooms. They are really lovely and bright and airy and you get a much better sense of what they were originally like. We have also had a number of corridors and foyers painted or about to be painted. During the Christmas holidays there will be new vinyl laid in a number of areas and carpet replaced where the big cupboards were. There is also quite a bit of asphaltting to be done—between the walkway and the big tree and between the hall and the library. While all this work was being completed it was just not possible to work on other areas but we are now able to proceed with those.

We are currently working in partnership with the Inner West Council and Department of Education to move ahead with our plan to have as much solar power as possible. An Independent feasibility study is being completed to ascertain the location of the panels, how many panels we will need and the cost. We have also received quotes for air conditioning for those rooms not already fitted with it and will proceed with that work as quickly as possible.

We are awaiting a quote for the upgrade of the hall audio visual system and an accessible stage and also for a number of landscaping areas.

A FURTHER WORD ON THE CANCELLATION OF THE FAMILY BREAKFAST

Our decision to hold a Family Breakfast instead of our traditional Mothers' Day and Fathers' Day stalls didn't work out quite as planned. It was a good idea for a number of reasons, particularly in trying to be more sustainable and reduce the amount of packaging and possibly unwanted items we create, but quite understandably the small group of very hard working Year 6 parents doing the fundraising for the Year 6 Farewell felt it was a lot of work for them when it wasn't really needed. It was then a little late for the staff to step in and coordinate it. There was certainly no intention to cancel recognition of mothers and fathers! In 2020 we will definitely celebrate these occasions in some way as a school community, though we will still commit to holding events which are environmentally sustainable.

GREAT THINGS HAPPENING IN OUR PRESCHOOL

The work of our pre-schoolers and their teacher Sepfora Amanatiadis has appeared in a National Science Week publication entitled *Inspiring Ideas for National Science Week—Early Childhood Activities*, reproduced here.

Our two preschool teachers, Sandy Dorn-Steger and Sepfora Amanatiadis, are highly regarded beyond our school for their Early Childhood expertise. Last week they hosted the whole Rozelle staff in the preschool for a professional learning session on the importance of developmental play and of students developing their gross and fine motor skills to promote a range of skills but particularly literacy improvement, not just at the preschool level.

We have recently been provided with a grant of \$40000 from the Department of Education to further develop our preschool outdoor area, supplemented with some school funds. We will soon be getting a new sandpit and shade shelter, bike track and dry creek bed with bridge and the mulch topped up.

The \$1250 raised by the preschool cake stall at the Rozelle Collectors' Market will be used to buy a new cam kitchen. Thank you to the parents who supported that fundraising initiative.

The interior of the preschool will also get a bit of a make over within the next year with painting works and an upgraded kitchen.

THE IMPORTANCE OF PLANTS

Children aged from 4 to 5 at Rozelle Public School Preschool grew succulents from small cuttings to learn how plants grow.

The students brought in empty jars and lids from home to put the plants in. They chose from a range of succulents, such as the jade plant. They put one cutting into a jar with soil, and another into a jar with water so they could see the roots grow. They watered their plant each time they came to preschool and observed the changes in growth. More than 40 parents and grandparents came in to help with putting the plants into the jars, making it a big community event.

'The children really liked that they had a project to do that was their own, and that it was ongoing. They also got to take their plant home at the end of the year,' said Sepfora Amanatiadis, a teacher at the school.

'They also participated in other nature-focused activities. There was an etymological dig in the garden where children could find, observe and identify centipedes, slaters and other creatures... kids love bugs,' said Sepfora. 'We also had an archaeological dig where the children had to uncover buried dinosaur bones in the sand pit – they then had to identify them from the various books and charts about dinosaurs. They learned to do the investigating themselves!' 'The succulent activity was the most exciting for them because the parents got their hands dirty,' Sepfora reflected.

Making copies

Growing a new plant from a cutting of a piece of stem is a form of ancient cloning – the new plant that grows will be a genetic replica. Some plants can even be grown from a cutting of a leaf.



CLASS ARRANGMENTS FOR 2020

When teachers are making decisions about class formations they work together as a grade and take into careful consideration a wide range of academic, social and emotional factors. Parents are welcome to discuss their child's needs with the class teacher and the Executive member responsible for that grade. This information will be taken into consideration when decisions are being made about class placement. Please be aware that it is not possible to request particular classes or teachers.

Stephanie Searle
Principal

Community News

Matt Estela



Matt Estela has worked in animation and VFX for 19 years in Sydney and London. For nearly 10 years he's worked for Animal Logic at Fox Studios, on projects like The Lego Movie(s), Avengers, Peter Rabbit. For the last 2 years he's been teaching a Masters in Animation and VFX at UTS.

He currently focuses on FX using SideFx Houdini, where being just ok at art, and just ok at maths, means you can be really great at blowing things up! Before FX Matt worked in most areas of animation VFX, having done 3d tracking, modelling, character animation, rigging, lighting, compositing, supervision, and a hundred other things which he'll explain if you ask.

TICKETS [HTTPS://WWW.TRYBOOKING.COM/BGKSE](https://www.trybooking.com/BGKSE)

SEAVIEW GALLERY
Seaview Street, Dulwich Hill

ART TALKS

Connecting professional artists & designers with the community and DHSVAD students.

**THURSDAY
5TH DECEMBER
2019**

6.00 – 8.00pm

\$20 adults // \$10 students

DHSVAD students free

Talk approx. 45 minutes,

followed by questions and refreshments (wine & cheese available by donation).



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P&C ASSOCIATION

A fundraiser event for
Art & Design at our school