



THE RANDWICK BUZZ

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Term 4 - Week 8, 2019

Principal's Message

As we move to the end of another year and our final newsletter, it is a time for both reflection and planning.



First the reflection, 2019 has had its challenges both

personally and logistically. The drawn out completion of our building project and the time it takes to accomplish some of the added enhancements still planned have made the physical environment a test, but students, staff and parents have come through with flying colours resulting in an outstanding learning environment and excellent learning. Full marks go to all the people who have supported this over the past two years and the five years in planning. We are ready for a flying start in 2020:

And onto the planning:

Tuesday 28th January - Staff Return

Uniform Shop open 9.30am to 11.00am

Wednesday 29th January - Returning students from Kinder - Year 5

Uniform Shop opens 8.30am to 9.30am

2019 Kinder, Year 1 and Year 2 assemble with bags in existing class lines at 9am or if wet under the hall COLA.

2019 Years 3 and 4 assemble with bags in class lines on the blue soccer court or basketball court if wet.

2019 Year 5 assemble with bags under the Beehive.

Pick up will be at the same locations until new classes are formed.

During this time students and teachers share holiday tales and engage in whole school programs associated with Positive Behaviour for Learning, Health and Cyber Safety to

set them up for a successful year.

Thursday 30th January - New students to Years 1-6 enrol as per appointed time.

Uniform Shop opens 8.30am to 9.30am

Friday 31st January - New classes are formed and parents informed of teacher, class location and new drop off/collection points at the conclusion of the day.

Uniform Shop opens 8.30am to 9.30am

Wednesday 29th January - Friday 31st January

Kindergarten Best Start: Enter directly from the office to teachers as advised on appointment letter.

In preparation for the new year it's good to spend time reviewing how 2019 went, how challenges were met and growth made, how new friendships were forged and old ones maintained. In this way we teach our children that life is a learning process where each year we grow a little more towards independence. For some, this is an easy road, for others who may be a little more anxious each new year brings some uncertainty. It is our job as parents and teachers to reassure children that we are there to support them and have confidence in their ability to manage or seek help from these adults. It is in no one's best interests, especially your child if you encourage them to be fearful and dependent. The only certainty in life is that we all have to adapt and change.

In making classes please be aware that teachers have spent many hours trying to achieve a balance in each class. The teachers know your child as a student, their work habits, their ability and their areas for growth, all of which have been taken into consideration. The school also understands the needs of the school as a whole body of people, we know where there have been unavoidable disruptions and we know the limitations of acting for the good of all through our proscribed policies and procedures, Every student known, valued and cared for. Please respect

the teachers for their professionalism in this task and unless there is something urgent you think we may have missed, trust us to do the job for which we have been educated.

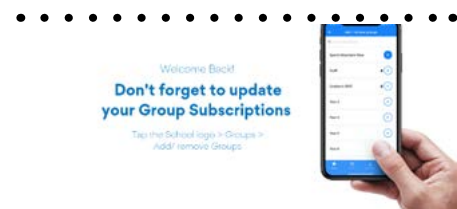
In thinking of some great holiday activities or Christmas presents don't go past books. If you consistently encourage reading from the early years (full marks to RPS for this) and through the middle years (we can all do better) many a summer afternoon can be whiled away reading as a family. See below for some tips and tricks:

<http://tiny.cc/x307gz>

Enjoy the festivities through the remainder of the year and have a safe and happy holiday.

Make sure you are signed up for Skoolbag to receive prompts for textbook purchase and reminders.

Skoolbag



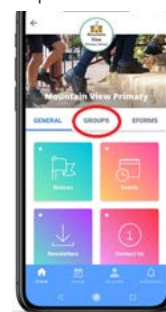
The following support article will help you get started using the new SkoolBag app.

Here's what's covered:

1. How to create an Account with the SkoolBag App.
2. How to add a School to your SkoolBag App
3. How to view your school's content
4. How to subscribe to a Group

<http://tiny.cc/b017gz>

With in the school's content click on the "Groups" tab Click on > Add/Remove Groups.



What's on?

Friday 6/12/19

PSSA summer ends
End of Year BBQ and Art Event

Mon 9/12/19 - Wed 11/12/19

Yr 6 Camp

Wednesday 11/12/19

Yr 2 STEM Expo

Thursday 12/12/19

Presentation Day 9am - 11am
Early Stage 1 & Stage 1

Friday 13/12/19

Sports Presentation Assembly
9.15am - 11.00am
Kindy Assembly 2pm - 3pm

Monday 16/12/19

Yr 2 - Yr 6 Picnic Day
Kindy-Yr 1 Christmas Picnic

Tuesday 17/12/19

Yr 6 Farewell 6.30pm - 8.30pm

Wednesday 18/12/19

Randwick's Got Talent Yr 2 - Yr 6
Students last day of school

Tuesday 28/1/2020

Staff Development Day-No students

Wednesday 29/1/2020

Yr 1 - Yr 6 returning students - First day
of school
Kindy Best Start

Thursday 30/1/2020

Yr 1 - Yr 6 new students - First day of
school
Kindy Best Start

Friday 31/1/2020

Kindy Best Start

Monday 3/2/2020

Kindy - First day of school

Thursday 6/2/2020

Welcome Parent Evening 3pm-7pm

Mon 10/2/2020 - Tues 11/2/2020

Yr 2 swimming lessons

Wednesday 12/2/2020

Induction Assembly 9.15am-10.15am

Thur 13/2/2020 - Fri 14/2/2020

Yr 2 swimming lessons

Friday 14/2/2020

Summer PSSA begins

Mon 17/2/2020 - Tues 18/2/2020

Yr 2 swimming lessons

Wednesday 19/2/2020

Swimming Carnival 9am-3pm

iParent

Be smart and secure when choosing tech gifts for children and young people. See this guide from the Office of the eSafety Commissioner:

<https://www.esafety.gov.au/parents/gift-guide>

Sentral - Parent Portal

It's that time again - we know you are looking forward to receiving your child's Semester 2 report. They will be published shortly, on your child's Sentral Parent Portal available via our school website homepage or directly here <https://rps.sentral.com.au/portal/login>. If you have forgotten your password, please use the link under the 'Sign in' button.

If you are new to Randwick, you will have received or will receive a letter containing a code for your registration to the Sentral Parent Portal. Please use your allocated access key provided in the letter to register for access.

If have lost your letter, or have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the school for assistance.



Schools Spectacular or Spectacular Schools?

Thank you to our teachers and especially Miss Laurendet for her leadership of the huge dance program that has engaged our boys and girls this year in wholesome good fun and exercise. All agreed it was a wonderful celebration with more than 250 students and teacher stars!



Uniform Shop

Uniform shop's last day for 2019 is Thursday 12th December 8:30-9:30.

This is also the last day for Flexischool orders.

2020 Week 1 hours

Uniform shop hours first week back in 2020:

Tuesday 28/01/20 - 9:30am-11:00am

Wednesday 29/01/20 - 8:30am-09:30am

Thursday 30/01/20 - 8:30am-09:30am

Friday 31/01/20 - 8:30am-09:30am

And every Thursday afterwards from 8.30 to 9.30am.

Please be aware there will be long lines and waiting times in Week 1.

If you know what you need order now.

You can still order through Flexischool during school holidays and Flexischool orders will be delivered on Thursday 06/02/20, after new classes have been allocated.

Sale now on!! All items must go!

Boys microfibre pants (original price \$25) now \$15

Girls Yoga pants \$10

Girls old style skort (original \$25) now \$15

The RPS Uniform Shop needs you!!

We are seeking 3 new volunteers for 2020.

We ask for a commitment of only 3 to 4 Thursdays a term (8.30-9.30am), which means only 3 to 4 hours per term.

This is such a great way to help and connect with the school community. Parents with pre-schoolers are very welcome.

Please email the P&C Secretary Isabel if you are interested or have any questions. Thank you!

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December 2019



Vacation Care

The December/ January vacation care program is now out and open for enrolment. We have a great variety of activities and experiences planned for what is sure to be a memorable summer.

There are many exciting new experiences such as a Glow Crazy Party Centre excursion, Drum Corp incursion, Hurstville Aquatic Centre excursion, as well as some old favourites that are back by popular demand including the movies, Laser Siege and Timezone! We will also be creating cards and gifts on our end of year party day which will be delivered to Summit Care Residential Home by Educators and children.

Please get your enrolment forms in as soon as possible, as there are limited places left. Programs, enrolment forms and all other necessary information is available at the centre or via email. If you wish to join our email mailing list please contact the centre.

Closure Dates

As usual ROOSH will be closing for 2 weeks over the Christmas and New Year period. The two week closure period will be from Saturday 21st December 2019 – Sunday 05th January 2020. Vacation care will be running on: 19th, 20th December 2019 and reopening on Monday 06th January – Tuesday 28th January 2020

Farewell Monika

It is with a heavy heart that we inform you that our wonderful Educator Monika is moving on from Randwick OOSH.

Monika migrated from Slovakia 11 years ago and has lived in multiple cities and worked at ROOSH for 5 years. She is leaving to continue her exploration of our great county and will be settling in South Australia for her next adventure.

Monika has been a valuable member of our community and contributed immensely to children's learning, development and fun at OOSH!

We wish Monika all the very best of wishes for the next chapter in her wonderful journey!

A note that management received from Monika

"I wish you could move there with all your service and all children. I love working here. But I would like to explore another part of Australia. I would like to thank you for the opportunity to work with you. I have learnt so much in this environment. Not only about the job, but also about children, about the OOSH and the school system in Australia. About work ethic, about team work at OOSH and I have learnt a lot from each staff member and from you in the office. You are great role models and I highly value your quality work and quality service. On top of that, you were here many times for me"

