Dear families,

The class placement process is now complete and class lists will be posted home in the next couple of days. We repeat from earlier newsletters that our school is quite full, so many classes will be starting the year with few if any vacancies. Shifting classes therefore has become almost impossible, so unless there is some drastic error, we ask that families accept our best judgment for the 2015 school year. During week 9 we will have a short time where students can go to their new class and a couple of teachers may actually swap their class spaces in preparation for the new year before the end of term.

Junior Primary Play area
In 2015, the reception classes will be in rooms 15, 16, 17 and 18, along the eastern side of the Potts building. We are conscious that our junior primary play area is looking a bit tired, and is often untidy due to leaves and bark chips. The school has now contracted a landscaper to re-design a large section of this play area, bringing in some new flat play spaces, with new textures and some new colours. The sandpit will also get a makeover. The work will be finished by the start of the new school year and will create an opportunity for a more play based start to schooling for our younger students.

Since the installation of the artificial turf 15 months ago, this second major alteration to our play area represents both a significant investment and a significant shift in the way we can best use our very limited space. I am sure you will be impressed both by its appearance and the use our students obtain from this space.

School picnic
The annual school picnic is next Tuesday evening, 2 December, from 5.00 pm onwards. All parents and students are invited to bring along their picnic settings and join us for a relaxing celebration of another year of school. This year, we will hold our
picnic on the southern end artificial turf area, with the music concert being held outdoors on the northern end. Two reasons for this – one is there are too many parents to fit on the traditional grass area, and secondly, there are too many parents and students to fit into our hall for the musical performances. We are sure the new turf area will be really comfortable and give families a little more room to spread out. Please keep your eye out for the marquee where the Parents and Friends will do wine tastings and sales by the bottle or glass. Please also extend an invitation to any families new to the school to ensure they can experience what is a great Rose Park tradition.

Brett Darcy
Principal

IBPYP

Plans for our 2015 Canberra trip are now well underway with deposits paid for Qantas flights and accommodation at the AIS. Next year we have 42 students representing Rose Park Primary on what is now the school annual Civics and Citizenship trip to our national capital.

Over the last 4 weeks I have been working with all the Year 6 students in preparation for their step up to be the leaders of the school next year.

These students are now writing their leadership applications for SRC and sports captains. To date I have been impressed with the quality of the applications and the leadership concepts the students have embraced through our discussions, self-reflections and consideration of the examples demonstrated through some short video clips.

By the end of this term the 2015 SRC will be announced. Good luck to all our Year 6 students in the writing and presenting of their applications. We are fortunate at Rose Park to have a depth of potential leaders amongst our student cohort.

Diane Winterling
Deputy Principal
IBPYP Coordinator

Music News

Whole school Picnic Tuesday December 2nd

Please find below the list of performing groups for the performance to be held on Tuesday December 2 in conjunction with the ‘Whole School Picnic’. The times indicated on your notes are an estimate but we will try to run as close as possible.

Please assemble in the music rooms to tune up and warm up at least 15 minutes before you perform.

5.45 - Rock Band
5.50 – Wind ensemble
5.55 - Year 2 – Leah, Angela, Sally
6.00 - Year 3/4 – Rachael Penny, Zara
6.10 - Super Singers
6.15 - Senior Vocal
6.20 - Guitar Ensemble
6.30 - Rose Park Strings
6.45 - Senior Choir
7.00 - Concert Band

Instrumental tuition

THERE ARE NO MORE VACANCIES FOR NEW STUDENTS IN GUITAR AS OF 26 NOVEMBER.
If you are a continuing guitar student you will need to return a form to indicate that you wish to continue or you will be deleted from the list,

All new strings and IMS brass and woodwind applications are closed. There are more applicants than places in Strings so please do not assume your child is accepted until you are notified.

Please contact me if you have any questions. Christine.Narroway761@schools.sa.edu.au

All instruments should be return to the library if students are leaving the school or not continuing tuition. If you want to practice over the holidays please go to the library and rebook your instrument for a holiday loan.

Band Breakfast

Concert Band is invited to a shared breakfast on the last Wednesday of school 12 December in the music room at 7.30 am. This year students are requested to bring suitable breakfast food to share. Coffee will be available for any adults who would like to join us.

Chris Narroway
iCentre News

Borrowing
As of the week ending 21 November, the iCentre will be closed to commence our annual stocktake. This means that there is no more borrowing for the remainder of the year and all books must be returned to the iCentre as soon as possible.

Premier’s Reading Challenge
All awards have now been distributed to students. If your child has not received their award, please feel free to see Tracey or Jennifer in the iCentre.

Canteen News

Another year is almost done and the team in your canteen wish you all the best for the festive season. 2015 will bring new things in the canteen, and we hope the children enjoy trying some new foods throughout the year. Also in 2015 we need to tighten up on some financial issues, so from the start of term 1 in 2015 we will no longer offer credit. Parents, please ensure yourself or your child has the funds necessary to pay at the time of purchase. We would also ask all parents to please clear any outstanding debts before the end of the school year; thanks in advance. We hope you and your family enjoy some time off over the summer, and look forward to working as an active part of the Rose Park Primary community again in the new year. Cheers!

School Notices

UNIFORM SHOP
Opening times
The Uniform shop is open on:
Tuesday Mornings 8.30–10am
Friday Afternoons 3.00–4.30 pm
Order forms available from the Front Office.
Uniform Opening Hours in January:
Tuesday 20 – 8.30-10 am
Friday 23 – 8-11am
Tuesday 27 – 8.30-10 am
Wednesday 28 – 8.30-10 am
Thursday 30 – 3-4.30 pm
Uniform Shop will be closed on Friday 12 December as it is the last day of term.

Sports News

WANTED: 2015 Auskick Coordinator

The Auskick program needs one or more coordinators for 2015.

The role only requires approx 2.5 hrs effort per week. We have one parent interested in the role but they would like some help. Ideally the coordinators role could be split by 2 or 3 parents.

The AFL make it quite easy to be a coordinator, they supply coaching material, coaches training and tools for communicating with participants.

I am also able to help to support and transition the new coordinators. It is very important that the school continues to have a strong Auskick community as it promotes participation in school sports programs in the following years.

Please consider what you can do to help, give me a call to discuss.

Regards Darren
0417 688 244

Reminder
With the end of the year fast approaching we would appreciate you finalising any outstanding accounts. Reminders were sent out a few weeks ago for some late fees, music invoices etc. Please contact the Finance Office if you have any queries.
Yr 3 Kanga Cricket boys try out the Adelaide Oval turf!

On Sunday 9th November 2014, Rose Park Primary School was lucky enough to make the cut (one of 5 schools in the North East region (East Torrens, Prospect, Tea Tree Gully, Kensington zones) for a rare opportunity to play on the Adelaide Oval turf.

Representing the school were boys from the Yr 3 Kanga Cricket Blue team; Luke K, Jude W, Bryce D, Jordan P, Max T, Sam K, and William O. They were joined by some of the boys from the Yr 3 Kanga White team; Oliver G, Wyl G, and Isaac S.

The boys managed to soak in the atmosphere out on the middle for a good 30 minutes, and provided an exciting lunch time entertainment for the Sheffield Shield (SA vs NSW) crowd.

PE Week Teachers vs. Kids Netball

On a recent Friday lunchtime we celebrated PE Week. Teachers Ella, Chris, Krystal, Nicki, Rachel, Emma, Belinda and Mr Darcy played against some of the Year 6 and 7 students. It was a great hard fought battle with a close score line, in the end the students dominated. Everyone was sweating! It was a great game.

Konnor Pehlivanides and Kate Haythorpe
Holiday Activities for 7-12 & 13-16 year olds!!!

Join in great fun & make new friends at Active Ed’s ‘Summer Water Adventure’ holiday camp to be held 21st-23rd of January (Adelaide Hills).

Active Education offers campers a fun filled summer experience including a wide variety of age appropriate activities. Camp activities are designed around a Summer Water Adventure theme. Organized indoor and outdoor play, Non-competitive sports activities, Recreational kayaking and water play, Arts and crafts, Challenge course, Night laser Tag, Dress-up night with costume parade and much more!
Your child will meet new friends; have fun AND GO HOME WITH A SUMMER CAMP TSHIRT!

20% off a full camp booking if you book by 30/9/14 and mention that you saw this in the school newsletter.

For more information, application forms & discount offers check out www.activeed.com.au or phone 8370 1500
**Being involved in the Picasso Cow Competition**

Rosie Pablo Picasso, our treasured school cow, has recently been judged by the Dairy Australia organisers (Adelaide Region). Rosie was highly commended and received numerous compliments from other competitors.

She stood proudly amongst 7 other finalists. Unfortunately she was narrowly defeated by Clovelly Park’s “Blue Flag” cow. Much fun was had at the Final Assessment and we thank Brett Darcy, Nerida Basted and Donna Groth for transporting us.

Students had time to reflect on the program;

- Was a fantastic opportunity for all the class to work together as a team
  Caitlin

- Fun, it helps children to learn about the importance of dairy in a balanced diet to build strong bones and teeth.
  Rhys

- Getting time to work on your art skills. Even if you’re not the best artist it doesn’t matter because your school gets to keep the cow and you can have fun with it.
  Masha

- Improves your knowledge of cow related things. I didn’t know cows came on the First Fleet, 1788.
  Linkan

- Is definitely a unique experience
  Seb

- A fun and extremely amusing experience. (You can’t help but smile when there’s a fiber cast cow in the library/font office/common area of your school)
  Aiko

Room 9 Year 6/7 Students
Birth of Jesus:

25th December, Christmas Day, we celebrate the day on which Jesus was born. Through his teaching of peace, joy, forgiveness and goodwill to all, he would change the world. The birth of Jesus who one day would become a bright star.

The Christmas Story

Prizes to be won!

Join our Fun Sleep Trail this Christmas

Invites you to

The Christmas of stars

The Anglican Parish of Glen Innes

Bundalee Shopping Centre

Sheep Trail Map (not to scale)