Diary Dates

- 28 July – R-2 Footsteps
- 29 July – ICAS English
- 30 & 31 July – Year 6 & 7 Lab on Legs
- 04 August – R-2 Footsteps
- 05 August – Aust. Maths Comp
- 06 August – Room 13 Zoo Snooze
- 06-08 August – Room 3 & 4 Camp Narnu
- 11 August - R-2 Footsteps
- 12 August – School Photo Day
- 13 August – ICAS Maths
- 15 August – VIP Day
- 18 August – R-2 Footsteps
- 18 August – Cybersmart Parent Workshop
- 18-22 August – National Science Week & Bookweek
- 20 August – Principal’s Tour
- 21 August – Lab on Legs Room 5, 6, & 17
- 25 August – Year 1 & 2 Footsteps
- 25 August – 04 September – Swimming R-5
- 30 August – Quiz Night
- 05 September – School Closure Day
- 09 September – Year 7 Exhibition
- 09 -19 September Public Schools Music Fest
- 19 September – Sports Day
- 27 September – Festival Choir performing @ 7.30pm

Traffic Monitors

**Week 2, 28 July, 2014**

**AM:** Aditya Sharma, Rachelle Fuko, Kate Feckner

**PM:** Millie Scott, Rachel Chin, Rhys Godfrey

**Week 3, 4 August, 2014**

**AM:** Simon Do, Anthony Ioanou Mena, Caitlin Nemic

**PM:** Kaleb Cock, Emma Bertozzi, Annaliese Gibbs

From the Principal

Dear Families,

Opening the term with 2 student free days was a great opportunity for staff to go deeply into some new learning regarding the inquiry programme we offer. While parents often have mixed views regarding student free days, as we know they can be an inconvenience, my view is that the learning our staff can undertake during this time, especially when it is of the quality it has been this week, does have long term benefits for our students. One particular spin off is the teachers talking and sharing with each other so that the consistency of what we teach is further enhanced.

Please note: This is the last year of the 4 student free days per year. Next year we revert to the previously allocated 2 days, plus the show day holiday.

This week we have Patti Christenson with us. Patti is Principal as Windsor Park Elementary School in Edmonton, Alberta, Canada. She is staying at my house and work shadowing in our school and others for 2 weeks. This is the reciprocal part of the exchange in which I engaged last October. It is great to have her here, and her feedback from the last two days of IB training has been overwhelmingly positive – she can’t wait to get home to start her school on the inquiry journey.

Next week we have 13 Korean pre-service teachers from Seoul University with us, for a 3 week stay. Our sincerest gratitude to the Braithwaite, Anderson, Guillim, Daniel and Coggins families for their generous offer of homestays for these teachers. We are sure they will all have positive experiences of this venture.

Also next week are 2 Korean students from the Cheongwon study tour – a group of 103 students coming for 4 weeks to experience our schools. Our thanks to the Toyer-Higgins and Daniluc families for taking these children.
Interestingly I spoke with a parent from another IB school this week and mentioned how busy we were with always having international guests, but how good it was for the culture of our school. Her school has no such programme — it was just cause for her to confirm her decision that Rose Park was the place to bring her children. An intriguing conversation that reminded just how fortunate we are at Rose Park.

Brett Darcy
Principal

IBPYP

The IB Concepts

As an IB student the asking of questions is encouraged. Questions and concepts are used to deepen understanding of content. The expectations change as the children grow: for example: In the early years, the focus is to understand the meaning of a question: to find out information. As well as to learn the difference between asking a question and telling, with the purpose of informing.

As the children progress their ability to ask questions develops, they are encouraged to strive for higher-level types of questions, questions that go beyond form and function and into interrelationships, change and responsibility.

The IB concept question provides a lens for each unit of inquiry. For example, a global event can be compared to events in other times and places in terms of cause and effect, or in terms of point of view or in terms of what we have learnt or any combination of the above.

IBPYP CONCEPTS and QUESTIONS

FORM: What is it like?
FUNCTION: How does it work?
CAUSATION: Why is it like it is?
CONNECTION: How is it related to other things?
CHANGE: How is it changing?
PERSPECTIVE: What are the points of view?
REFLECTION: How do we know?

RESPONSIBILITY: What is our responsibility?

This week staff participated in a two day IB workshop around Concept learning. It was a wonderful opportunity to review our Units of Inquiry and Program of Inquiry to ensure we are approaching the teacher and learning through a conceptual lens. We are now preparing for our 5 year Evaluation which will take place in Term 4 next year.

Staff also used the opportunity to share morning tea on Monday and raise money for the Leukaemia Foundation.

Internet safety awareness presentation
Cybersmart Outreach
18th August 5.30 – 7pm

The Cybersmart program is an Australian Government initiative and our registration for a session at Rose Park Primary School has been successful.

Internet safety awareness presentations offer parents, students and teachers cybersafety information which is presented in an easy to understand, thorough, non-technical and informative manner.

Each presentation is approximately 60 minutes excluding question time. These presentations cover a range of issues including:

- the ways children use the internet and emerging technologies
- potential risks faced by students online such as cyberbullying, identity theft, unwanted contact and exposure to offensive content
- tips and strategies to help students stay safe online.

The presentations are delivered by a team of Outreach trainers, each of whom is an education specialist.

On Monday 18th August Year 4-7 students will be involved in a presentation from 2-3pm. A separate presentation will be made to staff after school prior to the family event commencing
at 5pm.

A note to confirm the number of attendees will be distributed shortly. These presentations have been very favourably received by other school communities.

Diane Winterling
Deputy Principal and IBYP Coordinator

Music News

Winter Concert
Thank you to everyone who in anyway contributed to the Winter Concert – staff, students and the school community and thank you for the wonderful feedback we have received.

If you have further feedback about any aspect we would appreciate it, as we are always looking to find better ways of improving our practices.

If you have a favourite photo of the event I would appreciate them for the year book and for our displays.

Public Schools Music Festival
The choir will be singing at the Festival Theatre performance on Tuesday 16th September. Information about rehearsals and ticket pre-order will be sent home in the next week.

Foyer Concert
Rose Park Concert Band and String Ensemble will also be playing at a foyer concert during the 2 weeks of the public Schools Music Festival. These foyer concerts start early – about 6.30pm and finish as the concert starts at 7.30pm. I will send home information as soon as it becomes available.

Move It!
On Friday 8th August there will be a planning meeting for costumes and props at 2.30pm in the staff room. The planning team will sending out information to parents about arrangements as soon as they are finalised. If you can help in any way please contact me. No sewing required this year! Christine.Narroway761@schools.sa.edu.au

Look out for mini concert information for all instrumental students this term.

Chris Narroway

BOOK FAIR GARDEN

This term we celebrate Book Week, and this year’s theme is 'Connect to Reading'. As part of our Book Week celebrations, we will be holding the Scholastic Book Fair throughout week 3 (Tuesday 5th August - Friday 8th August). The book fair is an opportunity to browse and purchase a range of classic and contemporary literature to add to your child’s collection. The school directly benefits from your involvement and support of the book fair by adding resources to the school and classroom libraries. The book fair will be open each morning from (8:40 - 9:15) and each afternoon (3:00 - 4:00). We will have a special late night trading option on Wednesday 6th August, where you will be able to come in and browse the book selection and make purchases until 6pm. Hope to see you there!

Fundraising News

Another amazing effort from Rooms 8, 5, 6, & 17 at the Cake Stall on Friday 27 June. They raised $713.90. Great effort!
Student Action Team News

The Student Action Team held “Crazy Hair Day” on Friday 27 June and raised $419.00. The money raised will purchase a three binned recycle centre and a donation to the Leukaemia Foundation.

Sports News

Congratulations Jordan L!

Jordan competed in an aerobics duo with his best friend Bradley on Sunday June 29th. They competed for their dance school (Gawler Academy of Dance) in the primary pairs section of the Schoolaerobics state finals competition, competing against both primary schools and dance schools. They received a silver medal and were invited to represent South Australia to compete against other states in the national competition on the Gold Coast, Qld in August.

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

Community News