**Diary Dates**
- 13 December – Early Dismissal @ 2.30pm
  End of Year
- 22 January – Uniform Shop open 10-11.20am
- 23 January – Uniform Shop open 10-11.20am
- 28 January – Term 1 2014 @ 9 am
- 28 January – Uniform Shop open 8.15 – 10am

**Traffic Monitors**
**Week 1, 28 January, 2014**
AM: Bethany La Barbera, Abby Morgan, Kate Haythorpe
PM: Jesse Newman, Seb Bowyer, Seb Andrew

**Week 2, 3 February, 2014**
AM: Hugo Bowyer, Chris Cayzer, William Warrick
PM: Lachlan Miller, Andrew Wain, Aiko Nelson

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**From the Principal**

Dear Families

Thank you one and all for another outstanding year. One of the highlights has been the new playing surfaces, and this continues to draw acclaim from our local community. A wonderful investment by our Governing Council.

Speaking of which, the AGM will be held on Monday 17 February, 2014. Because of the closeness to the commencement of the school year, nominations are now invited for positions on the Governing Council. Both one and two year terms will be available.

The GC has agreed once again that if the number of nominations exceeds the available vacancies, then a postal ballot will occur.

The dates of note therefore are:
- Nominations due to the school by Thursday 6 February at 4.00 pm
- If a ballot is required, postal ballots will be mailed home and need to be returned to school by Monday 17 February at midday.

Votes can then be counted and results announced at the AGM that evening.

**End of year farewells**

For the first time in a long time, the school is not farewelling any of our current staff. We are still waiting for contract positions to become available, so some of our teachers have no guarantee of returning. We thank all our staff for their efforts in 2013 and for those still waiting for news for next year, we wish you all the best.

**Class placements**

Thank you for your patience and understanding with the class placements. Many of you know just how tricky it is to get it right, and we really appreciate that you take our best advice and work with it. The fallout from the process has been very minimal – the least ever – and we are truly indebted to our community for accepting our judgements. As we say and our evidence proves, once the New Year starts it will all work itself out and the students will be happy in the new classes with their new friends – and mums and dads will make new friends too!

**Student Representative Council**

Through the leadership work with Diane Winterling, all our year 6 students worked on applications for a role in the SRC for 2014. This meant the quality of applications was high, and our students are to be congratulated for their efforts. After much consideration, the current SRC executive could not split some students, so they extended next year’s team to 6. The SRC executive for 2014 is Liam Nichol (male pres.), Vi Khanh Cao (female pres.), Jai Paris, Hugo Bowyer, Nick Borrello and Fara Gurdev.

Well done to this group, and well done to this year’s SRC on a leading a good year of activity.
And finally, having been reappointed this year for another tenure, with the stability in our staff and great school community we have, 2014 is shaping up as another great year and something to very much look forward to – after a good long break!!!!

Enjoy your festive season – be it safe and happy, and see you in 2014

Merry Christmas

Brett Darcy
Principal

IBPYP

Thank you everyone for another wonderful year of teaching and learning at Rose Park.

As an IB World School we promote international mindedness and our EALD students have worked with Seona to reflect on Christmas in their country.

Christmas in Russia

In Russia we celebrate Christmas on January 7th because we use the old calendar. We fast from the 28th November to 7th January. We don’t eat after 10 o’clock at night until the next morning. We can’t eat meat and sweets during the fasting period. We eat mostly seafood and plain foods.

Alexander and Lydia Papadopoulos, Year 4, Room 4

Christmas in Saudi Arabia

Saudi Arabia is a Muslim country and Christmas is not celebrated. Ramadan is where Muslims fast for 30 days from sunrise to sunset.

After sunset people eat 3 dates and any food can be eaten until the Eid “Festival of breaking the fast”. 30 days after Ramadan, when the new crescent moon is sighted people celebrate for 4 days. We can eat sheep and other foods during these days. We also eat dates, rice, nuts, hommus and plenty of other delicious foods.

Another festival in the following year is also called Eid and it is where we only eat sweets. I love that festival.

Sattam Aldawsari Year 2, room 11 and Malik Aldawsari Year 5, Room 3

Christmas in Japan

In Japan we get gifts from Santa. It sometimes snows as well because it is winter.

I remember going to see a really tall Christmas tree. It had some colourful lights and beautiful decorations. I cannot wait for Christmas this year

Noa Dennis Year 4, Room 2

Spain

In Spain they do Christmas the same but we do New Year another way. We eat 12 grapes as the clock strikes 12 o’clock midnight before the next year. New Year has no meaning unless they spend it with family.

Older people at home make a special round ring shaped cake and cut it at exactly 12 o’clock midnight. This shape means ‘good luck’. The cook puts small good luck charms into the cake for the family to discover while eating.

Nicolas Garcia-Bellido, Year 2, Room 13

All the best to all our families for the festive season and I look forward to welcoming you back to the new school year in January.

Diane Winterling
Deputy Principal and
IBPYP Coordinator

Reports

i-centre News

Premier’s Reading Challenge Reception

Rose Park Primary School was one of approximately 50 schools that were invited to a reception at the Adelaide Zoo for outstanding achievement in the 2013 Premier’s Reading Challenge (PRC).

We were allowed to take two student representatives to the event. Fara Gurdev and Lauren Parker were chosen after reading the highest number of books throughout the year (each reading close to 100!!!).

South Australian Premier, Jay Weatherill, and the Minister for Education and Child Development, Jennifer Rankine, presented RPPS with a certificate and a number of books to be donated to the iCentre.
Once the formalities were over, students were invited to speak to the PRC ambassadors, collect autograph and have their photos taken. Fara and Lauren were fantastic representatives for the school and our thanks to all of the students who worked hard to complete the PRC in 2013.

Krystal Lawrie
Teacher-Librarian

Music News

The end of year Christmas picnic event was well attended and congratulations to all the performers. There were some touching and some exciting presentations across the school.

Congratulations to Jai Paris and Rhys Godfrey who are both new members of Primary Schools Wind Ensemble and the Public Schools Music Festival Orchestra.

Fara Gurdev and Ryan Chan have also both successfully auditioned for the Primary Schools String Orchestra. There will be further auditions for Public Primary Schools Orchestra in the new year, if there are vacancies.

Instrumental tuition 2014

Applications have closed for the year and I have sorted through the many applications.

After this process

- All IMS DECD places are full.
- There are NO Further Vacancies in guitar at all for 2014
- There are limited places in percussion only with Anthony Rinna

Welcome in 2014 to Sharon Gray to replace Steve Eads who is still trying to retire. Sharon will be teaching private clarinet and saxophone! We will miss Steve but Sharon comes well recommended. We also welcome Baoshan Wu (Sanny) in private flute tuition to replace Cristy Wilkins who is on accouchement leave until term 3.

It is a sad farewell to the many fantastic music students in Year 7 and those in Year 6 heading off to other schools. I wish them all a wonderful future playing and enjoying music.

Have a wonderful holiday break. If you need to contact me I am available over the holidays by email. Christine.narroway761@schools.sa.edu.au

Chris Narroway

Fundraising News

Another fantastic result from the Cake Stall on Friday 29 November. An amazing $615.00 raised in 45 minutes!!

Thank you to Rooms 4, 19 and 20.

Student Action Team News

$3,399 approx. was raised on Charities Day for the NSW Bushfire appeal. A wonderful effort by all!
School Notices

Nominations for Governing Council

Name ...........................................

I wish to nominate for a position on the Governing council
(One and 2 year positions will be negotiated with the returning officer once all nominations are made)

Signed ...........................................

Return by fax 83320052
Email to Brett.Darcy234@schools.sa.edu.au
By no later than 6 February at 4.00 pm, 2014

UNIFORM SHOP

Opening times

The Uniform shop is open on:
Tuesday Mornings 8.15 – 10am
Friday Afternoons 2.00 – 3.45 pm

Opening times for the week before school starts are:
22 January 10-11.30 am  
23 January 10-11.30am

Sports News

Well done to the “Speedy Cheetahs” at the November 29th Beach Volleyball at Glenelg! Sandali, Claudia, Amelia and Sheree came away with Silver medals at the end of an exciting Championship attended by 80 young Rose Park Beach Volleyballers.

Community Notices

Adelaide Strikers MILO T20 Blast Holiday Clinics

Looking for something to do these holidays? Get along to an Adelaide Strikers MILO T20 Blast Holiday Clinic! You will meet players, practice your T20 skills, and get a great Strikers pack (Strikers shirt, cap, cooler bag, drink bottle, drawstring bag and stickers)!

These clinics are for 7-12 year old boys and girls of all abilities, with a focus on participation while increasing skill levels. They are run over two days, and cost $99 per child. Centres will be held at Adelaide Oval, Golden Grove, Salisbury, Marion, Findon, Port Elliot, Brighton, Nuriootpa, Walkerville, Stirling, Goodwood, Reynella, Kensington and Mt Barker.

You can register online at T20BLAST.com.au by entering your postcode to find your nearest centre. For more information, please don’t hesitate to contact us at programsofficer@saca.com.au, or on 8300 3803.

See you there!

CSIRO Education

Out for a Duck! Thurs 9 Jan 2014 & Mon 13 Jan 2014
Use the latest Lego NXT robots to corral the escaped ducks.
Suitable: Ages 8–10

A Circuit without Solder! Thurs 17 Jan 2014
We supply all you need to make a multiple choice quiz board
Suitable: Ages 8–10

Be a Scientist - Senior! Mon 20 Jan 2014
Question, hypothesise, plan, experiment, record, conclude. We’ll help you do all these.
Suitable: Ages 8–10

Be a Scientist - Junior! Mon 22 Jan 2014
Question, hypothesise, plan, experiment, record, conclude. We’ll help you do all these.
Suitable: Ages 5–7

Further details: www.csiro.au/HolidayProgramsSA

Tennis SA Millswood Holiday Tennis Clinics

Clinic Week 1 16th to 20th December
Clinic Week 2 6th to 9th January
Clinic Week 3 14th to 17th January
Clinic Week 4 20th to 24th January

All Holiday clinics times are from 9am to 11.30am
5 days $ 100 paid in advance
4 days $ 80 paid in advance
Daily $30 per day.

Clinics are ideal for 5 to 14 year olds and offer an accelerated learning opportunity for those looking to improve their tennis skills. Players need to bring a hat, water bottle and a small recess. Bookings can be made at the Pro Shop or by phoning 82974448.

Come join the fun!!!!!!
End of Year

Camp Australia would like to thank the families of the Rose Park Primary School Community for their warm welcome over the past few weeks. We have thoroughly enjoyed being a part of the community and getting to know each and every family that attends OSHC.

We would also like to thank the families who have taken the time to provide feedback and suggestions to Camp Australia to ensure we can produce the most effective care and fun environment for your children. We are looking forward to the future of Camp Australia OSHC here at Rose Park Primary School.

I, Brooke Roy, am enjoying the process of becoming part of the OSHC team at Rose Park. The students have been great to work with. I would like to thank everyone who has made this transition welcoming for me.

As we continue to transition it is important to ensure all students are registered with Camp Australia via www.campaustralia.com.au

With School Holiday’s approaching please go online to view Camp Australia’s Summer Holiday Club Program.

Thank you,

Brooke Roy