

Rockdale Review **2009**

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Term 4 : Week 2

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Welcome back!

Term 4 has commenced well. Our students and teachers are looking forward to the many interesting activities that the final term brings. Year 6 will be participating in the Peer Support Program, Year 5 will be buddies to our youngest students during the Kindergarten Transition Program, our Summer PSSA Sport teams will be working hard to gain a place in the Finals. Our Public Speaking representatives and Chess Team will be representing Rockdale Public School in various regional competitions.

Swimming Scheme

Learning to swim in Australia is a MUST. All of us enjoy the many leisure activities involving water that our way of life offers. Last year we had almost 200 students from Year 2 to Year 6 participate in the program and improve their swimming skills. Information re this year's Swimming Scheme has been sent home. We are hoping that this year just as many students will take up this wonderful opportunity.

2009 School Public Speaking Final

Our school Public Speaking Final for 2009 was held last Wednesday. The standard of the competition was very high. All our finalists spoke with confidence and presented excellent, well organised and interesting speeches.

The Stage Finalists were:

Early Stage 1 –

Angela Xue (W)

Nathan Carmody (HC)

Taya Tanasuwatgul (HC)

Stage 1 –

Emily Spyrou (W)

Mitchell Angelkoski (HC)

William Feng (HC)

Stage 2 –

Jonny Gao (W)

Conor O'Neill (HC)

Yelena Cao (HC)

Stage 3 –

Lydia Sleiman (W)

Kiara Di Carlo (HC)

Well done everyone! The winner who will represent Rockdale Public School at the Georges River Network Competition on Wednesday 4 November are:

Early Stage 1 – *Angela Xue*

Stage 1 – *Emily Spyrou*

Stage 2 – *Jonny Gao*

Stage 3 – *Lydia Sleiman*

We wish you the very best!



Year 5 (2009) Application for Year 7 (2011) Entry into Selective High School

Information regarding applications for Selective High Schools has been sent home to all Year 5 students. Please return the request for Selective High School Application package if you would like

your child to sit for the Selective High School Test.
Completed Application Forms need to be returned to school by 13 November 2009

Overviews of Learning Programs and Term 4 Calendar

With this Newsletter you will receive an Overview of each Stage Learning Program and a calendar of Term 4 events.

School Uniform

The majority of our students wear full school uniform and look fabulous. Please encourage your child to wear their school uniform including black shoes and a school hat.

Evaluation and Planning

It is that time of year when we ask students, teachers and parents to spend some time thinking about the learning and well-being programs our school offers. It is a time to celebrate what we do well and think about what we can do better/differently.

We value the input from all our parents, students and staff. If you receive a survey or are asked to contribute, please take some time to complete and return the survey to school.

Children Arriving at School Early/Late

The safety of our children is paramount. Thank you to the majority of parents who are punctual. There are still a few parents who drop off their children before 8:30. Please remember supervision commences at 8:30.

All children are expected to be at school before 8:55am.

Kindergarten Enrolments for 2010

Preparation for our Transition Program is well on the way. If you know of a child who will be enrolling in Kindergarten for 2010, please remind them to do so NOW.

A Reminder to Parents to Notify the School about your child's health

We welcome information from parents about your child's health, even if you are not requesting specific support from our school. Our school asks for medical information when you enrol your child. It is also important that you let us know if your child's health care needs change or if a new condition develops.

Information about allergies, medical conditions such as asthma and diabetes and other health care related issues (including prior conditions such as medical procedures in the last 12 months) should be provided to the school by parents. Please provide this information in writing to the Principal. This will greatly assist our school in planning to support your child's health and wellbeing.

Please also remember to notify staff in the school office of any changes to your contact details or to the contact details of other people nominated as emergency contacts.

We appreciate your assistance in this regard and assure you that any information you provide the school will be stored securely and will only be used or disclosed in order to support your son or daughter's health needs or as otherwise required by law.

Opportunities for Year 6 Students to Enrol in Year 7 2010 Saturday School Community Languages

The Saturday School of Community Languages provides opportunities for high school students to study their background language to School Certificate and Higher School Certificate levels when that language is not available at their day school.

For information contact Maria Lomis on 9886 7505.

1 – 2 – 3 Magic Parenting Courses

The course aims to help parents and carers of children 2 – 12 to manage children's behaviour (control, unacceptable behaviour and encourage good behaviour as well as develop healthy relationships with other children).

Cost: \$10

For bookings call 8558 4000

The course is conducted at St George Community Services.

Website for Parents

A new website is available to help you better understand the reports about your child's and their school's performance in the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) tests. Students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 sat these tests in May. We urge you to read your child's report and access the website and if you would like to know more about how your child is performing, make an appointment to meet with your child's teacher.

For more information go to:

www.naplanforparentsnsw.gov.au

Help With 'That' Talk

Inevitably your child will want to know where they came from – and more. For a lot of parents this can be an uncomfortable conversation, but help is at hand. There are great books, websites and even telephone help lines to help you have this chat. Read all about it in the latest issue of the School Parents ezine at:

www.schools.nsw.nsw.edu.au/ezine

School Zone and Road Safety

A reminder to parents that from 1 July 2009 the government has increased fines and loss of demerit points for all driving offences occurring in school zones. We are committed to providing a safe environment for all our students and visitors, so please observe the 40km/h speed limit during school hours and stop in designated drop off areas only.

ICAS Maths Competition

Well done to all students who participated in the ICAS Maths Competition.

We had excellent results.

Participation

Winola Su	Matthew Kusnad
Tamara Tasevski	Kelly Su
Angelo Avramovski	Harry Clarke
Julia Belikova	Jemma Fenwick
Roohan Ghanchi	Jason Lu
Gina Gavagnin	Victoria Shaw
Pratik Mishra	Dikshya Thapa
Sara Mitrovic	Abid Uz-Zaman
Dion Paraskevopoulos	Tim Zhang
Aadarsh Saren	Joshua Tasevski
Amy Shipgood	Mohammad Abdallah
Amy Gavagnin	Sophia Ding
Ashleigh Mosarevski	Deni Paskoski
Antonio Neskovski	
Justin Zhu	
<u>Distinction</u>	<u>High Distinction</u>
Linda Su	Yelena Cao
Donovan Le	Conor O'Neill
Rui Zhang	Harry Zhao
Jackson Beatson	
Jonny Gao	
Ta-Seen Islam	
Jason Liu	
Alexandar Ristevski	
Teodora Bojanic	
Johnson Chen	
Annie Jin	
Jacky Zhang	
Roger Hu	

Peer Support 'Becoming a Leader'

This term our Year 6 students participated in a Peer Support Leadership Program. They will now lead small groups of students from K – Year 5 in fostering/developing skills and understanding in dealing with various issues important to Primary School age children e.g. bullying, friendships.

Maths Challenge 2009

Congratulations to the following students who are the Overall Grade Champions for the Maths Challenge:

Kindergarten – Bianca Xiao
Year 1 – Emily Lu
Year 2 – Ronny Gao
Year 3 – Rui Zhang
Year 4 – Jonny Gao
Year 5 – Boxian Yang
Year 6 – Roger Hu

VALUES in Action

Last Friday we held our ‘Celebratory’ Assembly for K-6. The purpose of the assembly was for our school to acknowledge and celebrate the achievements of our students during the previous term.

It also gives students an opportunity to nominate a ‘Citizen of the Term’ from their class. This is a very prestigious award as it is nominated by peers for a person in their class who they believe is the most deserving. Often the Citizenship Award recipient is chosen because they display one or more of the Values of our School Community.

The Term 3 Citizens are:

KA - Alex Vrckovski
KL - Clinton Ho
KF - Luke Oberg
KS - Britteney Kamnaroski
IS - Andre Graorovski
IH - Winnie Tan
IOH - Oscar Yao
2S - Anastasia Tsigros
2M - Leonie Liu
2T - Remy Morris
3-4S - Maggie Su
3-4T - Tiger Jacques
3-4P - Harry Clarke
3-4G - Tanya Marjanovic
4-5M - Julia Belikova
5-6L - Samantha Janakiev
5-6P - Hoomayara Tulki
5-6C - Mathew Gomez

Term 4 Calendar

With this Newsletter you will receive a Term 4 Calendar. Please read carefully as there is some variations to past years due to Term 4 being a shorter term.

Value of the Week

RESPONSIBILITY

Being accountable for your attitude and actions and thinking about the consequences for yourself, others and the environment.

Upcoming Excursions/Performances

October 28 – Year 2 Excursion to Georges River Education Centre.

November 4 - Year 1 Excursion to Georges River Education Centre.

November 30 – December 11 – School Swim Program.

Assembly Awards

KA – Tina Tanasuwatgul, Joanna Allkoud

KF – Daniella Salis, Amani Sawmaa

IOH – Nathan Krcanoski, Teresa Smith

IS – Andre Graorovski, Martin Jovanoski, Christopher Stojkovski

2S – Afrida Haque

3-4G – Vladimir Bojanic, Kyla Burgess, Diba Shukurzad

3-4S – Mohammed Merhi, Dikshya Thapa, Vourneen Canning, Una Altarac (2), Maggie Su (2), Saikat Alam

3-4P – Anthony Stojanoski, Meliame Havea, Sabrina Bosevska

3-4T – Alea Young, Marcos Copelo (2), Tiger Jacques, Jackson Beatson, Alice Clarke, Kristina Nedanoski

4-5M – Prince Gauchan, Connie Su, Anastasijia Ristovska, Chloe Heath (2), Gabriela Stavrevska, Gina Gavagnin, Angelo Avramovski,

5-6C – Sahar Haidar, Freya Norved (3), Ashleigh Mosarevski

5-6L – Mariah Sandy

5-6P – Amy Shipgood, Alex Najdoski, Fatima Muslemani, Monique Munro, Eva Spirkoska (2), Denis Paskoski (2), Aaron Su (2)

Emailing of Newsletter

If you are one of the families who elected to receive the Newsletter by email – this Newsletter will be the last printed version you will receive.

Botany Bay PSSA Results

Term 3 Week 10

Junior Softball vs Bexley

Rockdale won

Senior Softball vs Bexley

Rockdale won

Junior Cricket vs Blakehurst

Rockdale lost

Senior Cricket vs Blakehurst

Rockdale lost

Term 4 Week 1

Junior Softball vs Sans Souci

Rockdale drew

Senior Softball vs Sans Souci

Rockdale won

Junior Cricket vs Athelstane

Rockdale lost

Senior Cricket vs Athelstane

Rockdale won

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