



SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Tuesday 1 August 2017

Newsletter No. 23

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SCHOOL COUNCIL

Last night the School Council met and discussed the following:

- The Resilience Project – kicks into gear this week, thanks to everyone for their support.
- Well done and thank you to the staff and parents who went on 3 /4 camp, well done also to the children.
- Whole school excursion to IMAX and Melbourne Museum on 30 August.
- Whole school production 'Get Back Up Again' 11 September at Planetshakers.
- Literacy and Numeracy continue to be our major focus of learning.
- Well done to the Parents Group on a busy and active semester coming up.
- School Council approved a curriculum / pupil free day on Monday 9 October to enable staff to engage in and plan the RPS action plan for the new Victorian Government Framework for Improving Student Outcomes (FISO).

School Council minutes will be available at the school office and on our website later in the week.



Martin, our consultant to introduce the children to The Resilience Project, has been at school this week for the introduction to our students to the project, welcome Martin.

Please remember to register to attend and then come along to our RPS Resilience Project presentation to **parents and the local community** this **Thursday August 3rd** starting at 7pm (please arrive by **6.45pm**) The evening is not for children, so no children please. Feel free to invite friends and family to attend this presentation, we would love Hugh to present to a full house, and spaces are filling up so please contact the office to confirm your attendance by **4pm Wednesday 2 August**. research.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au <https://theresilienceproject.com.au/>

SHINGLES

We have had a case of Shingles reported in the middle school. The Department of Health information sheet for schools on Infectious Diseases states, as with chickenpox:

"Exclusion of the case: Exclude the child from school until all blisters have dried. This is usually at least 5 days after the rash appears in unimmunised children, but may be less in previously immunised children.

Exclusions of Contacts: Any child with an immune deficiency (for example, leukaemia) or receiving chemotherapy should be excluded from school for their own protection. Otherwise not excluded."

If you have a medical condition or have any questions please discuss your concerns with your GP.

PARENTS OPINION SURVEY 2017

The Parent Opinion Survey is completed annually by the Department of Education and Training and is conducted amongst a sample of randomly selected parents at every school in Victoria. This year the survey will be conducted online. All responses to the survey are anonymous.

The survey helps our school gain an understanding of how you view our school climate, student engagement, and relationships. Our school will use the results to inform school planning and improvement strategies. The survey will be conducted online by ORIMA Research Pty Ltd and only takes 15 minutes to complete. For families chosen, it will be open from Monday 7th August to Sunday 27th August.

ASSESSMENT AND REPORTING

As we come to the end of our mid-year assessment and reporting with the Prep reports and 3Ways concluding, I would like to thank everyone for your support. The staff put an enormous amount of time and energy into Student Reports and the companion Student Learning Journals with the combination of the two, along with the very informative three way conferences, giving a very in-depth picture of how your child is progressing in their learning at school.

Well done to the children who compiled their Learning Journals with great pride and then spoke very well about their learning and their goals at the three way conference. Thank you to our very supportive parents who encourage their children to do their best at school, support them at their interviews and take a great interest in their child's Learning Journal and how they are progressing at school.

COMPASS – PARENT ACCESS AT THE OFFICE

We have had a great uptake with our families using COMPASS to advise us of absent students, paying for the term planners, giving permission and contacting teachers. If you have an issue with connecting online with COMPASS we now have a laptop available at the school office for parent use.

Geoff Whyte, Principal

STUDENT ALLERGIES

Sometime children develop allergies as opposed to being born with an allergy, whether it's to food, plants or medication. If your child becomes allergic to anything over time please remember to advise the school office.

Jackie, Carol & Jenny

MELBOURNE MUSEUM & IMAX – WHOLE SCHOOL EXCURSION

This year we are going to The Melbourne Museum and IMAX on **Wednesday 30 August**. The cost is on Term 3 term planner. As this is a whole school excursion there will be no teachers at RPS as they will be attending the excursion. More information to follow shortly.

Chris Koroneos



VALUES AWARDS

Congratulations to our Values Awards winners, our new awards which reflect our RPS Values of **R**espect, **E**xcellence, **S**ense of Fun, **E**quality, **A**chievement, **R**esilience, **C**o-operation and **H**onesty.

Japanese – Nathan 56W

Owen 2S

Oscar 2S

Ava 56K

Ryan C 56W

Montie 1S

Florence 1S

Harry PB

Will PB

Apologies for being missed off the list in last week's newsletter: Michaela 2S Alejandro 2S

ACCOUNT STATEMENTS

We would **really** appreciate payment of outstanding monies, as the Term Planners for Term 3 have now been added to COMPASS and we are currently owed over **\$28,000** for programs and activities the students have participated in or are about to take part in. Should you have any questions or issues with regard to payments or would like to enter into a payment plan, please do not hesitate to speak to either Geoff Whyte or the office, or if you have a grade 6 student leaving this year we would appreciate you settling outstanding debts. Thank you.

Jackie

RPS bank account details

ANZ Eltham Account Name: Research Primary School Council Official Account

BSB: 013 308 Account Number: 254090034

Please ensure you use a detailed description as a reference, so we can identify your deposit.

WHOLE SCHOOL PRODUCTION – Monday 11 September

Our Whole School Production this year is called 'Get Back Up Again' As last year the production will have two performances on **Monday 11th September**, a **matinee at 12noon** and an **evening performance at 7pm**. Both will be held at Planetshakers (360 Centre), 360 Main Rd, Lower Plenty. There will be priority booking for Grade 6 families and a letter will be sent home shortly. This year you may book up to 4 tickets per session and if there are spare seats, they will be released after bookings close. If you require more than four tickets for the matinee please contact the school office.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION NEWS

RPS ATHLETICS DAY – GRADES 3 - 6

Yesterday we had our annual House Athletics Sports at Willinda Athletics Track. We were very fortunate to have some fantastic spring weather and the day was a big success. Thankyou to all of the parents who assisted on the day, with tasks such as setting up in the morning, measuring jumps and throws, timing and acting as place judges. Without your help the day couldn't have been the success it was. The students were fantastic and tried hard in all their events earning valuable House Points. Congratulations to the students who performed well and qualified for the Eltham District Primary School Athletics to be held on Wednesday August 16 at Doncaster. Notices for the selected students will be sent home soon. The winning house will be announced at assembly on Friday.

INTERSCHOOL SPORT

This week we play an away game against Our Lady's. Softball and Rounders will be played at CLC Oval, all other games will be played at Our Lady's. Games start about 1pm and parents are welcome to come along and support.

Christopher Kent

GRADE 3/4 PHILLIP ISLAND ADVENTURE RESORT

The Grade 3/4's spent 3 amazing days at the Phillip Island Adventure Resort. The students enjoyed participating in a night walk, practising their archery skills, gliding through the air on the Flying Fox, having fun on the Giant Swing, completing the low ropes / initiative course and visiting Amaze 'n' Things where they enjoyed the Big Slide, mini golf, the illusion room and Magical Manor. We are all very proud of the student's behaviour and their willingness to try new experiences. A very big thank you to the parents who assisted us on the camp, Eve Britton, Claire Welburn, Adam Humphreys and Shannon Kleehammer. Their help was tremendous.



We were off and heading towards Phillip Island Adventure Resort. Firstly, when we got there we had to unpack and find our cabins.

The next morning, we started our activity rotations. I was on the Giant Swing first up. This is how the Giant Swing works. There is an enormous rope that you have to pull. The more you pull the higher up you go. I went right up to the top. The view was amazing I could see the ocean. Suddenly, I pulled a small cord and off I went. Oh my goshness. It was so high. I felt like I was superman. It was like I was about to touch the clouds.

Puff! In a flash we were heading towards archery. My partner was Josh. N. I was so close to a bullseye but sadly I missed the target. **Logan S**

Swish, went the trees as we all hopped onto the bus and headed to Phillip Island Adventure Resort. Abbey and I sat together on the bus. We had a great time playing UNO . Finally after more than an hour we had arrived at the camp. I wanted to find out my cabin. I was like a road runner at first but then my bag slowed me down big time! I found my cabin quickly and got inside as quick as a wink. It was time to start our activities. **Zak D**

Please collect your child's camp medication from the office, if you haven't already done so.

LIBRARY NEWS

BOOK CLUB

Catalogues for Book Club Issue 5 orders need to be placed on the LOOP (preferred) or at the school office by this Friday, 4 August.



BOOK FAIR - starts Wednesday 16 August:

It would very helpful to the success of the Bookfair to have some volunteers to assist with setup, sales and packup. If you would like to be involved please contact Karen in the library on Wed or Thurs afternoons or email me at library.karenc@gmail.com, or drop a message via the office.

The theme for the fair will be "Rainforest"; if anyone wants to help decorate the library your creative ideas and assistance are most welcome.

Karen Cochrane

PARENTS GROUP

PARENT'S GROUP ROUND-UP

Woolworths Earn and Learn was launched last week so please start collecting the stickers and ask family and friends for theirs as well. There is a box for collection outside the school office, a collection box in the BER and an RPS box at Woolworths Eltham.

The Safelace fundraiser finished last Friday. Thank you to all of the families that supported this amazing fundraiser. The Safelaces will be delivered this week.

Our school children's disco is Friday 18th August so mark it in your calendars and more information will be available next week. And don't forget to check the Parents Group notice boards for what is happening.

Michelle Walker-Fox



Woolworths Earn and Learn Program (July 26 to September 19) has started – yay - and RPS is participating. Through this program we will be able to get new educational resources for the school and all we need you to do is shop at Woolworths and collect the stickers.

You will be given one sticker for every \$10 spent. So remember to collect your stickers, fill your Earn and Learn sticker sheets with your stickers and place in the collection boxes at school (located near the office and in the BER) or at

Woolworths Eltham. Sticker sheets are available from Woolworths and the school office. This is a great program for the school to be involved in so please ask relatives and friends to collect as well.

Nadene Humphreys & Michaela Fullerton

CANTEEN ROSTER & NEWS

CANTEEN HELP

The canteen will be **closed** this Friday **unless** we are able to get some volunteers! Please contact the office urgently if you are able to **help**.

If you are able to help out with any shifts in the canteen please contact Jacqui Robinson or the school office as soon as possible. Vacant shifts are marked with asterisks. Have you considered working with a friend or would a grandparent / family member like to help out, we are happy for two people to work together on a Monday or Wednesday if it means the canteen opening up for countersales. All and every offer of help is greatly received & much appreciated and of course, the children love seeing their family members at school.

This week we have included the remaining roster until the end of term, please consider helping us out. Thank you.

Jacqui Robinson 0414 362 275

CANTEEN ROSTER

	Wednesday 2 August	Friday 4 August
	12.30 – 1.30pm *****	9 – 11.30 ***** 11.30-1pm ***** 11.30-1pm *****
Monday 7 August	Wednesday 9 August	Friday 11 August
12.30 – 1.30pm *****	12.30 – 1.30pm *****	9 – 11.30 Penny L 11.30-1pm Pauline M 11.30-1pm Jacqui R
Monday 14 August	Wednesday 16 August	Friday 18 August
12.30 – 1.30pm *****	12.30 – 1.30pm *****	9 – 11.30 ***** 11.30-1pm ***** 11.30-1pm *****
Monday 21 August	Wednesday 23 August	Friday 25 August
12.30 – 1.30pm *****	12.30 – 1.30pm *****	9 – 11.30 Penny L 11.30-1pm Olivia G 11.30-1pm Jess H
Monday 28 August	Wednesday 30 August	Friday 1 September
12.30 – 1.30pm *****	Whole School Excursion Canteen Closed	9 – 11.30 ***** 11.30-1pm ***** 11.30-1pm *****
Monday 4 September	Wednesday 6 September	Friday 8 September
12.30 – 1.30pm *****	12.30 – 1.30pm *****	9 – 11.30 Pauline M 11.30-1pm Clara S 11.30-1pm Carmie I
Monday 11 September	Wednesday 13 September	Friday 15 September
Whole School Production Canteen Closed	12.30 – 1.30pm *****	9 – 11.30 ***** 11.30-1pm ***** 11.30-1pm *****
Monday 18 September	Wednesday 20 September	Friday 22 September
12.30 – 1.30pm *****	Special 'Footy' Lunch Day *****	Canteen Closed Last day of term



POKEMON IS HERE

Are you into Pokémon? Then why not try our new Lasagne or Mac & Cheese on Friday. For a short time only, small Pokémon figures will be given away with each order.

ATTENTION VEGETARIANS

We are trying out a new item at the canteen for vegetarians – vegetarian lasagne. This will be available from Friday and on some special lunch days. Costing \$3 each.

SCHOOL BANKING NEWS



School Student Banking is held at school on Friday mornings. **Rebecca 0433 439 962**

School Banking is also a great fundraiser for our school. The school receives \$5 when children make their first deposit at school and a commission on every 'cent' deposit made through the School Banking program. We also take part in the 'banking rewards' program so the children get to choose a reward once they have gained 10 tokens.

If your child would like to join the program and open their very own bank account please go online to:

<https://www.commbank.com.au/personal/accounts/savings-accounts/youthsaver/apply-online.html>

OSHClub

Hello everyone!

We all hope that you had a fantastic week last week, we certainly did down at OSHClub! Last week our theme was AFL, and it is safe to say that the children loved the activities that ran throughout the week. We had a range of indoor craft activities that involved children making things for their favourite footy teams, and also expressing their identity through their abilities to create their own team names and colours. Outside there were lots of different AFL games such as markers-up, skills and drills and kick to kick. It was fabulous to see the older children become involved in helping the younger children learn new skills.

This week is everything art and craft related! We have a range of indoor experiences planned for children to be able to express their creativity and identity through a range of resources. We also have outdoor experiences planned which were designed from the children's suggestions. If you have any inquiries please feel free to come down to the room and we would be more than happy to help you. If we don't see you, we hope you enjoy the week ahead! **Serren and Barbara**

***Families can apply for Child Care Benefit and the 50% Child Care Rebate. The CCR is not means tested which means just about all working or studying parents are eligible to receive it. Call 13 61 50 to register. Enrol and book sessions through our website www.oshclub.com.au**

The program is as follows:

BSC \$6.28 to \$10.15 (\$20.30 if parents don't apply or are not eligible for the 50% CCR)

ASC \$7.91 to \$13.13 (\$26.25 if parents don't apply or are not eligible for the 50% CCR)

OSHC program phone: 0427 793 936

Coordinator: Serren

Assistant: Barbara

OSHClub Head Office: 03 8564 9000

Enrol and book sessions through our website www.oshclub.com.au

COMMUNITY NEWS

KEY FOUND

Today a car key on a green clip has been handed into the school office. The car key was found in the school car park this morning.

FATHER'S DAY POETRY COMPETITION

Lower Plenty Traders present the 2017 Father's Day Poetry Competition. All entries must be handwritten and submitted to Thompsons Pharmacy, Lower Plenty no later than Friday 18 August. Entries must be named and have contact details clearly written on the back. Best entries selected must read their entry on Saturday 26 August at 12pm at the front of IGA. Please collect a flyer from the school office for more details, call Linda or visit our facebook page Lower Plenty Traders. **Linda Carroll 0417 383 410**

CATHOLIC SECONDARY SCHOOL APPLICATIONS FOR YEAR 7 2019

Current Year 5 parents are reminded that you **MUST** have your Enrolment Application Form lodged with the Catholic Secondary School of your choice by the closing date of Friday 25th August. If you have any questions regarding tours, dates etc, please contact the secondary school directly so you have the most accurate answers to your questions. Sent on behalf of Catholic Secondary Schools.

Natasha Alexandra, Whitefriars Catholic College for Boys



CFA LUNCHBOXES FOR SALE

Research CFA is selling firetruck lunchboxes for \$20 each. All funds raised go towards assisting your local volunteers protect the community. They are insulated and feature a large rear compartment for food and a front compartment for drinks. To secure yours before they run out, you can pick them up from the fire station on Sunday mornings or message the brigade via their Facebook page

<https://www.facebook.com/researchfirebrigade>

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DIAMOND CREEK JUNIOR BLUE LIGHT PARTY

Diamond Creek Junior Blue Light Party will be held this Friday 4 August at the Community Bank Stadium, Diamond Creek between 7.00pm ~ 10.00pm. Admission ~ \$8.00 with No Pass-Outs – ages: 8 to 13. Soft shoes only, no heels please. For further information please contact **Senior Sergeant Wayne Spence 9438 8300**

FAMILY CHESS FEST DAY

Northern Star are holding a free Family Chess Fest Day at East Doncaster Secondary College on Sunday 6th August starting at 1pm. Family team tournament, chess demos by coaches, prizes & giveaways, friendly games area. Family team tournament details and registration available at www.northernstarchess.com/fcd.html Registrations close at 1.15pm on 6th August. Register online to receive a free gift. www.northernstarchess.com

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