WELCOME
Welcome everyone to the new school year for 2017. A warm welcome is extended to our new families who are joining us for the first time. Please make yourself known to our new families and welcome them to the Research Primary School community.

Welcome to our new teachers: Mark O’Halloran, Larissa Salter and Christopher Kent, welcome back to the staff and students and thank you to the staff for all their time and energy in setting up the school year so well.

Our Preps all seemed enthusiastic this morning, as they begin their educational journey. Thank you to our terrific Parent’s Group for their morning tea. 2017 is looking like another vibrant year of learning for the children of Research Primary School, so welcome aboard for our exciting journey.

CLASSES AND STAFF FOR 2017
Principal – Geoff Whyte
Prep B – Avril Baker
1S – Andrea Sutterby
2S – Larissa Salter
34K – Chris Koroneos
34H – Mark O’Halloran
56W – Jocelyn Watts
56K – Krista Kepitis
Art / Literacy/Maths Support & Leading Teacher – Julie Minarelli
PE, PMP – Christopher Kent
Languages (Japanese) – Hiroko Mori
Education & Teacher Support – Jenny Briggs
Library – Karen Cochrane
School Business Manager – Jackie Smith
Office Assistant – Carol Warren

SCHOOL ASSEMBLY
With Mori Sensei (Japanese) and Mr Kent (PE) working on a Monday we have changed our whole school assembly day to Friday, still at 3pm.

GRADE INFORMATION EVENING
LAUNCH INTO LEARNING
Our Meet the Teacher, grade information evening ‘Launch into Learning’ will take place on Thursday 16 February.

Students are also invited along to the evening and will introduce you to their new teacher, chat about their class routines and the class teacher will outline the year ahead (Prep children can attend, but do not present).

The times are staggered trying to allow families to attend meetings for all their children.

6pm – 56K, 56W, 2S
6.30pm – PrepB, 1S
7pm – 34H, 34K

Also during the evening we will be running a complimentary sausage sizzle and soft drink stand, so drop by for a snag and a chat. The BBQ will run from 6.15pm – 7.45pm.
Our initial Parent Teacher Interviews will take place on Monday 20 February from 1pm and at other times during that week. Times available will be via the online registration which will be ‘live’ from 7pm on Friday 10 February; closing Friday 17 February at 4pm. Details of how to register and the school password will be sent home with children on Tuesday 7 February.

These initial interviews are designed for the parents to inform the teacher about their child, so children are not required to be at the interview.

TIMETABLE
Our daily timetable is the same as last year, and is outlined below. Please ensure children are at school by 8.55am, ready to start the day.

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HATS
A reminder that all children should have a school hat for use during recess and lunchtime. Hats are available from the school office, Sun Hats at $16 or Bucket Hats at $12.

STUDENT MEDICATION
A reminder to parents that if children are required to have medication which is to be kept at school, please ensure that the medication is within date range, is clearly labelled with the students name, grade, directions and dosage as required. The school only stocks basic first aid items. Children who have asthma should carry their inhalers with them at all times.

STUDENT EMERGENCY INFORMATION 2017
All students will receive a copy of their own ‘Student Emergency Contact Form’ today. This form is compiled from the information that you have given to the school, so please check the details carefully, make any necessary changes and return the form to the school by Monday 13 February. Please, if there are no changes to be made, still initial the form and return it to school. If your child has asthma, an Asthma Management Plan must be completed and forms are available at the office. Those children we are already aware of will receive a new Asthma Management Plan proforma. Asthma Management Plans are required, by the Department of Education, to be updated annually. Children with severe medical problems must also have a detailed, current doctor’s letter and a medical action plan for their illness. Please also make the Principal aware of any custody orders.

PERSONAL GOODS
The Department of Education and Training has requested that I remind families DET does not hold insurance for personal property brought to school and generally will not pay for any loss or damage to such property. This includes items such as mobile phones, calculators, toys, sporting equipment and includes parents or visitors cars parked on school premises.

Geoff Whyte, Principal

LIBRARY NEWS

BOOK CLUB
The first book club catalogue of the year has been sent home today. Please remember to order online using the Book Club’s LOOP ordering system. You simply go to the website www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP register then enter your orders against your child’s grade and pay with credit card. All instructions are in the catalogue. Orders need to be completed by Friday 10 February.

LIBRARY OPEN
With Joy Pagon on leave we welcome back Karen Cochrane to the library. Karen will open the library Wednesday & Thursday from 1pm – 4pm.
**Canteen Roster & News**

**Canteen Help**
A canteen roster request for this term will be coming home shortly. If you are able to help out with any shifts in the canteen please contact Jacqui Robinson as soon as possible.

Have you considered working with a friend? Or maybe a grandparent would like to help out, children love seeing family members at school. Thank you. **Jacqui Robinson 0414 362 275**

**School Banking News**

**Welcome Back to School Banking For 2017**
Our School Banking day is Friday and School banking will resume this year on Friday 10 February 2017.

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](https://www.commbank.com.au/personal/accounts/savings-accounts/youthsaver/apply-online.html)

Please ensure all yellow wallets are placed into your child’s classroom bank bag first thing in the morning to ensure their deposit is processed. All money should be securely enclosed in the Velcro pocket and deposit slips must be completed. Save from as little as 5c per week.

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 deposit made through the School Banking program.

Research Primary School takes part in the School Banking Reward Program, when a deposit is made your child receives a token and once 10 tokens are collected they can be exchanged for a reward. **Rebecca 0433 439 962**

**OshClub Before and After School Care at RPS**

All families must be enrolled to attend the program and remember enrolment is free!! Please create an account online at [www.oshclub.com.au](http://www.oshclub.com.au), all bookings and cancellations can also be managed via your online account.

For on the day bookings please contact the Coordinator direct at the program.

**Oshc Program Phone:** 0427 793 936  **Oshc Coordinator:** Serren

**Oshc Head Office:** 03 8564 9000  **Oshc Assistant:** Emily

**Keyboard News**

**Keyboard/Piano/Guitar Lessons at School During School Hours!**
Welcome back and Happy New Year everyone! We are so excited to begin lessons again as we have some new repertoire, and a busy year ahead.

If your child was enrolled in 2016 there is no need to re-enrol, your child will keep their place. Keyboard Piano will be held on Tuesdays and Wednesdays, and this year Guitar lessons will be on Thursday mornings.

For new students wishing to begin lessons, please complete the enrolment form at the back of this newsletter and email it urgently so your child can gain a place and begin together on the first week of lessons.

Please feel welcome to email or call if you have any questions. **Carmel & Domenic, 9437 0048 carmelskeyboard@gmail.com**