



## SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Tuesday 21 March 2017

Newsletter No.8

Wednesday 22 March Monday 27 March Tuesday 28 March Tuesday 28 March Tuesday 28 March Tuesday 28 March Wed 29 - Fri 31 March Friday 31 March <b>Tuesday 18 April</b> <b>Tuesday 25 April</b> Wednesday 3 May Saturday 6 May	Parents Group Special Easter Lunch National Young Leaders Day Grade 6 Chess @ KGPS RPS Cross Country Easter Raffle drawn Fete meeting 7pm, Staffroom Grade 5/6 Camp Waratah Bay Term 1 Ends 2.30pm No Assembly School Term 2 starts ANZAC Day EDPSSA Cross Country School Fete 10am-4pm
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### SCHOOL COUNCIL

School Council conducted their AGM last night, followed by the first meeting of the new School Council. Welcome and thank you to our continuing and new school councillors.

The *School Year 2016 Annual Report to the School Community* was presented to the meeting. The Annual Report includes the School Council President's report on the year, the Treasurer's report, the Principal's report in "What Our School is Doing", the compilation of Government Schools data and where RPS sits in areas such as Student Learning, Opinion Surveys, Teacher Assessments and Student Engagement and Well Being. The School's 'Financial Performance and Position' is also included.

The Annual Report will be available later in the year on the school website, but in the meantime there are hard copies available for parents via the office in the information box on the counter. The report is currently a 'draft', prior to official Education Department endorsement in May / June.

Congratulations and thank you to our new School Council:

President	Liz Shewan	Vice President	Michelle Walker-Fox
Treasurer	Carolyn Sternberg	Executive Officer	Geoff Whyte
Education	Julie Minarelli	Minutes Secretary	Jackie Smith

Parent Members: Adam Humphreys, John Melocco, Karen Roberts, Claire Welburn

Staff Members: Andrea Sutterby, Jocelyn Watts, Avril Baker

Parents Group Rep: Michelle Walker-Fox

Topics discussed included:

- A successful year of learning in 2016
- Well done to the many staff and parents involved in the children's education
- Review of finances for the year
- Endorsement of the very fine work of the Parents Group both financially and socially
- Committees were formed and all Councillors joined at least one committee

Copies of the School Council minutes are available from the office later in the week of the meetings and copies can be emailed or picked up as a hard copy at the office

### WORKING BEES

Working Bees have been scheduled for the year. **Saturday 29 April 9am – 12noon** is the first working bee for the year, for families with the eldest child in **Prep B, Grade 1S and 2S**. Each family is invited to assist at one working bee, according to the grade level of their eldest child, either on their scheduled day or on another working bee day that better suits. Some families who cannot attend working bees contribute a cash donation to the school to enable a handyman or tradesman to be employed to undertake the work around the school.

Please pop your date in your diary, and if you can't make it on that date, please choose a date that better suits.

Working Bee Date	Eldest Child in Grade
Sat 29 April	Prep B, 1S, 2S
Sat 22 July	34K, 34H
Sat 14 Oct	5/6W, 5/6K

## JACKIE IN THE OFFICE

Best wishes to Jackie and we hope her recovery is going along nicely. Jackie is currently on sick leave and will not be returning to School until Term 2 so we wish her well.

## YEAR 7 VISITORS

It has been great to have some year 7 ex-RPS students from various local secondary schools talk to the Grade 5s and 6s about the transition to secondary school. Grade 6 families will shortly be receiving the information pack for selection of schools for next year. We strongly encourage our current grade 5 parents and children to take advantage of the many tour opportunities being offered in the local schools at the moment.

## GRAFFITI

RPS has once again been hit with a graffiti attack, most likely last Friday night. Many of the same tags appeared, RPAG, TONIC, RICH etc, however this time there was filthy language, obscene drawings, references to current staff and students by name, all in all an absolute disgrace. I wonder where their parents thought they were, as there were hundreds of hits on walls, doors, windows, pipes, the playground equipment ... it must have taken a very long time as every building was hit and the vandals climbed up on structures to graffiti high on the walls, with some graffiti even being scratched into windows.

I was in at school Sunday afternoon preparing for the School Council AGM and saw the graffiti, fortunately, so I spent a couple of hours cleaning it off. We were also fortunate the cleaners arrived to do their regular weekend clean and assisted with the clean-up, with not all of it completed yet as we are discovering more each day. With the now repeat attacks on the school, several of the newly painted panels on the grade 3 /4 (red corridor) building are being stripped back to the previous color in some patches, such is the strength of the cleaning agents needed to remove the graffiti

The Eltham Police have been notified, as has the Northern Regional Office of the Education Department.



Geoff Whyte, Principal

## 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.

PE Sophie L – Gr 2	Henry K – 34 H			
Oscar H – 2S	Lucy F – 2S	Nathan R – 56K		
Ryan F – 56K	Ashton – 34K	Bridie – 34 K	Marnie C - 56W	Sienna F – 56W
Bailey T – 1S	Isla C – Prep B	Theo S – Prep B		
Art Harry D	Jai Pratap Singh	Japanese	Alysia D	Jade S

## SPORT & PHYSICAL EDUCATION NEWS

### Research Primary School Cross Country

The Research Primary School Cross Country is coming up next week, on **Tuesday 28th March**. This event will be used to select children to represent the school at the upcoming **EDPSSA Cross Country** in second term on **Wednesday May 3**. Time - 11.40-12.35. Parents are welcome and encouraged to attend.

*Regards, Christopher Kent, PE*

## CHESS CLUB

### Chess Victoria Tournament – Primary School Zonal Qualifier

**Venue:** KGPS **Date:** Tues 28th March **Time:** 9:30 am - 2:30pm **Cost:** \$20

Please collect an expression of interest form from the School Office.

## PARENTS GROUP

Easter raffle tickets were sent home last week and the raffle will be drawn next **Tuesday 28 March** before our grade 5/6's leave on camp. We need chocolate to help make the raffle prizes amazing so next time you are shopping please buy some eggs or chocolate or something Easter themed to donate for our prizes. Please leave at the school office. Any help wrapping prizes would be appreciated after **10am Thursday 23 March** in the school canteen. Wednesday is our special lunch day for this term. Help is needed to help in preparation and delivery of the lunches. **If you can help please call Michaela on 0414456605**. Any help will be appreciated.

*Thank you, Rachel Brown and Michelle Walker-Fox*

## RESEARCH PRIMARY SCHOOL FETE 6<sup>th</sup> MAY 2017

A sponsorship form is included at the end of this Newsletter if families are interested, thank you.

### Books

Second hand books are most welcome, please drop in the BER building.

### White Elephant Drop-Offs

White Elephant Drop-Offs will now be at the below times weekly until the fete on Saturday 6 May.

Wednesday 9 – 9:30am Jessica Hayes

Thursday 3:30 – 4pm Jacqui Robinson

Friday 9 – 9:30am Jacqui Robinson



We kindly ask those donating to please bring donation items in a box or plastic bag, to prevent them from gathering dust whilst being stored under the school until the fete in May.

**Carolyn Sternberg 0412 817 305 & Michelle Walker-Fox 0488 660 607**

### Craft Stall

For those of you interested in creating or contributing you will be most welcome. Any questions or ideas call **Nicollee - 0419117161 or Michelle Walker-Fox – 0488660607**

### Mystery Jars

Filled jars will be on display in the cabinet in the office foyer to give you some ideas. **Mel Jensen**

## INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY A REFLECTION

### What does International Women's Day mean to me? By James N 5/6 K

International Women's Day to me means a day that we should be celebrating women. Also on this day we should be campaigning hard to get equal rights for women. We shouldn't be thinking that some year in the future is the year that women will get equal pay and rights to men, we should try and bring that forward. In some countries women aren't allowed to vote or aren't allowed to do certain jobs or even aren't allowed to leave their houses without a man. In some countries girls that are 11 are forced to get married. I find that bad and they might not even want to get married. International Women's Day should be all about women. To me it is a day to thank, recognise and appreciate everything that women do because they don't get enough recognition and thanks. We shouldn't need an International Women's Day we should just appreciate and give women the rights and pay that they deserve!

## SCHOOL BANKING NEWS



Our School Banking day is Friday.

It was great to see a few new bankers last week. Keep up the great work. 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. This term the rewards will include a handball and color change markers.

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

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.

**Rebecca 0433 439 962**

**CANTEEN ROSTER & NEWS**

**CANTEEN 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 maybe a grandparent would like to help out, children love seeing family members at school. Thank you. **Jacqui Robinson 0414 362 275**

**CANTEEN ROSTER**

	<b>Tuesday 21 March</b>	<b>Thursday 23 March</b>	<b>Friday 24 March</b>
	Afterschool Sales 3.30 – 4pm <b>Emily Power</b> <b>Letica Sapienza</b>	Afterschool Sales 3.30 -4pm *****	9-11.30: Carolyn Sternberg 11.30-1.50: <b>Jessica Hayes</b> 11.30-1.50: Carmie Isaacs
<b>Monday 27 March</b>	<b>Tuesday 28 March</b>	<b>Thursday 30 March</b>	<b>Friday 31 March</b>
12:30-1:30pm Aristea Porfiri	Afterschool Sales 3.30 – 4pm *****	Afterschool Sales 3.30 -4pm *****	<b>CLOSED – LAST DAY OF TERM</b>

**OSHCLUB**

What a great week we had down at OSHClub last week. We had lots of fantastic activities running throughout the week; which allowed children to be involved in both passive and active experiences. All activities that are chosen weekly are developed from child interest, staff suggestions and parent contributions. We love receiving parent feedback, this helps to strengthen our program to its fullest potential. We have recently purchased some new resources for the room, the children are loving everything which is awesome!

This week at the program we have created a theme around Harmony Day. This theme was developed to teach children in depth about the diversity of our county. We have many activities that engage children in deepening their understanding around inclusion, diversity and equity. If you have any inquiries about the program and how its run, please feel free to come down and see us. We loving meeting new families and welcoming them to our program!



Warm regards, **Serren and Emily**

**OSHCLUB 0427 793 936**

This week's OSHC program	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Before School Activities	People paper chains & silent ball	Peace lanterns & bean bag toss	Peace day activities & wink murder	Peace plate & Basketball courts	Penne pasta necklaces & hide and seek
After School Activities	Aboriginal stone painting & bob down tiggly	Earth collage & Playground fun	Flag craft & running races	Rain sticks & giants treasure	Aboriginal paintings

## COMMUNITY NEWS



### NAB AFL Auskick @ Research 2017

Registrations for NAB AFL Auskick @ Research are now open. Our season will kick off on the 22nd April 2017 and will run on a Saturday morning from 9.30 to 11.00am for a total of 15 sessions.

The NAB AFL Auskick program is a great way to learn the skills of Australian Rules Football while having a terrific time with family and friends. The cost of the program in 2016 will be \$91.

Please contact Josie Molenberg on 0438 372 748 or email [jmolenberg@bigpond.com](mailto:jmolenberg@bigpond.com).

**RESEARCH TENNIS CLUB**  
**TENNIS COACHING**  
 Main Road, Research

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**HEAD** **topline tennis COACHING**

Thursday 30th March 4 - 8pm  
 Eltham Town Square

**Eltham  
 Twilight  
 Easter  
 Market**

Free kids activities  
 Easter Egg hunt around the shops!  
 Visit from the Easter Bunny  
 Handmade Stalls  
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## INTRODUCTORY NETBALL PROGRAM

for 5-10 year olds  
to learn the basic skills of the game.  
Diamond Creek Netball Club

SUNCORP



MONDAY 4.00-5.00

FRIDAY 4.30-5.30

NETBALL  
VICTORIA



Starts: Monday 24<sup>th</sup> April and Friday 28<sup>th</sup> April

Where: Diamond Creek Netball Complex  
Diamond St, Diamond Creek

Cost: **\$95\*** terms 2&3 Ends 22nd September

\* will incur an online booking fee

Includes Netball Victoria registration, ball & T-shirt

Accredited coaches.

Register online or at your first session

or come along and give it a try.

<http://finder.netsetgo.asn.au/common/pages/noauth/olregstart.aspx?mode=0&entityid=40676&id=32226>

For further details: Call Kaye, 0428 898 393

email: [dcnetball@gmail.com](mailto:dcnetball@gmail.com) web: [diamondcreeknetball.com.au](http://diamondcreeknetball.com.au)



ELTHAM LEISURE  
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# School Holiday Program

Autumn 2017

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### Fun activities include:

- Excursions to Kids Soap, Skaterz & CERES
- Cosplay
- Soap Art
- Minecraft Manga day

**BOOKINGS OPEN MONDAY 6 MARCH 2017**

Eltham Leisure Centre  
Ages 5 - 12 years

Come in: 40 Brougham Street, Eltham 3095  
Call: 9439 2266  
Visit: [www.eltham.ymca.org.au](http://www.eltham.ymca.org.au)

5-12 YRS

# Team Holiday Program

## DIAMOND VALLEY SPORT & FITNESS CENTRE

### HOLIDAY PROGRAM

3RD APR - 13TH APR 2017

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