Tuesday 21 March 2017

### 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.

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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 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 Respect, Excellence, Sense of Fun, Equality, Achievement, Resilience, Co-operation and Honesty.

PE  Sophie L – Gr 2  Henry K – 34 H
Oscar H – 2S  Lucy F – 2S  Nathan R – 56K
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.
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

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**PARENTS GROUP**

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**RESEARCH PRIMARY SCHOOL FETE 6th 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.

*Carniv 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 Nicolle - 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

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**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!

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**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

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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
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<td>Flag craft &amp; running races</td>
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**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.
INTRODUCTORY NETBALL PROGRAM
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to learn the basic skills of the game.
Diamond Creek Netball Club
MONDAY 4.00-5.00
FRIDAY 4.30-5.30

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Where: Diamond Creek Netball Complex
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* will incur an online booking fee
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Accredited coaches.

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