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**PARENT HELPERS MORNING TEA**

*Thank You Morning Tea - Tuesday 29 November, 11am*

The staff would like to say Thank You to all our wonderful parent helpers who support us in so many ways here at RPS

Please RSVP Jackie in the School Office by November 26th

**PLANNING FOR 2017**

Planning and classes for 2017 are firming up here at RPS, however because our school is regarded as a small / medium enrolment we usually wait until we get final student numbers as well as final teacher transfers so classes are known by about week 10. We are currently advertising for two teachers to replace our two staff leaving and once the interview process is finalised and we have our new teachers, we can allocate teachers to classes. The structure we are working on, and this may be tweaked slightly with the interest we have from possible new enrolments arriving at grades 1-6 is a school of about 180 students in seven grades: a Prep, a grade 1, a grade 2, 2 grade 3/4s and two grade 5/6s. We have a couple of ‘bumps’ in our grade level numbers to consider, and wherever possible we do try to mix up the teachers children have through their schooling, although this can be tricky in a smaller school at times, and we also consider any small groups of girls or boys at a particular grade level.

Government schools are staffed at a ratio of 1 teacher for 26 students, but this is across Prep-6, so with State schools instructed to keep P-2 class sizes in the low 20s, for several years now this has meant that RPS has had class sizes of 30 or so in the school and in 2017 it will be the grade 3/4 classes that will be around the 30 mark, maybe 31. Several primary schools in the area also run larger middle/upper grades to account for the necessary ‘evening out’ across the school, guided by the Education Department class-size ratios.

Julie Minarelli will be moving into Visual Arts next year, and will take up the Student Wellbeing Coordinator role, as well as the Curriculum Leadership role due to the major Education Department focus on the new Victorian Curriculum F-10 being compulsorily introduced into all Victorian government schools in 2017. Along with the major new focus for all Government schools of FISO, Focus on Student Outcomes, a broad range of learning targets all government schools will need to aim towards. Maria Babic will move into the Literacy and Numeracy support role, in particular in the grade 3/4 area, but also with other classes as the need is identified.

**SCHOOL COUNCIL**

School Council met last night for the final time this year and discussed the following items of business:

- Well done to the staff, parents and friends volunteers for supporting the many and varied exciting learning activities happening for the students at the moment, and indeed throughout an active year of learning.
- Review of budgets and finances.
- Well done, congratulations and thank you to the fabulous Parents Group here at RPS for all their marvellous work, both financially and socially.

A copy of the minutes is available from the school office later in the week.
VOLUNTARY LEVIES, NEW SCHOOL BOOKS AND SCHOOL UNIFORMS

2017 Voluntary Contributions letters will be sent home shortly. Many families prefer to pay this year and we certainly appreciate the early payment. Included with this year’s letter are the new Department of Education ‘parent payments’ guidelines.

We would like parents to pick up their children’s individual bags of stationery on Tuesday 31 January 2017, from the office between 9am – 2pm. School uniform orders will also be ready for pick up that day.

Geoff Whyte, Principal

ACCOUNTS NOW DUE

With the end of the year approaching and term planner payments due, we are owed over $10,000 for programs and activities the students have participated in and completed since the beginning of the year or will be participating in this term or very early in Term 1 2017. Statements were sent home last week.

Also if you have a grade 6 student due to leave at the end of this year we would appreciate it if you could clear all outstanding accounts.

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 myself in the office.

Jackie

RPS bank account details
ANZ Eltham
BSB: 013 308
Account Number: 254090034
Account Name: Research Primary School Council Official Account

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

VALUES AWARDS

Congratulations to our Values Awards winners which reflect our RPS Values of Respect, Excellence, Sense of Fun, Equality, Achievement, Responsibility, Co-operation and Honesty.

Japanese: Tynan 34W Brodie 34W
Art: Jake PB Kelsea 56M
Hannah 45S Nathan 45S McKenzie 56M Kaan 56M Georgia 23C
Matthew 23C Bridie 34W Will 34W Sjourke 23K Annika 23K
Jake PB Tahlia PB Oscar 1S Lilly 1S

SPORT & PHYSICAL EDUCATION NEWS

T20 BLAST CRICKET
Our Grade 5 6 T20 Blast Cricket team are off to play in the Regional Semi Final at Epping on Monday, 28 November. Permission notes have gone home to the players this evening. Good Luck team.

Jocelyn Watts

GRADUATION 2016 NEWS

GRADUATION PHOTO BOARD
If you still need to send in a photo(s) of your grade 6 student for the graduation photo board, please do so as soon as possible. We would like a baby photo, prep photo and a grade 6 photo.

Sheridan Beattie
GRADE 6 PHOTO BOOK
Jacqui and Emel are gathering photos for the Grade 6 photobook. If you would like to add to the school collection of photos, particularly group photos, you can do this by adding to the USB sticks from Jackie in the office. There are 3 USB sticks available, however you can put the photos on your own labelled USB which will be returned to you once downloaded. If your child hasn't attended RPS from Prep, you can add individual photos of your child for the years they were not present at RPS.

If you would like to contribute to the book, it would be appreciated if this could be done ASAP.

Emel Hassan 0459 242 098 & Jacqui Kratofil 0402 522 860

RESEARCH PRIMARY SCHOOL FETE – 6th MAY 2017

WHITE ELEPHANT STALL
There will be a collection morning for the Fete White Elephant Stall on Friday 9 December between 9am – 10am. Donations of unwanted goods can be brought to the gates under the Grade 5/6 classroom. We will accept homewares, cookware, ceramic & glass items, soft furnishings, cushions, bikes, scooters, prams, toys, games & puzzles (labelled as complete in bags), small furniture, artwork, jewellery, unused toiletries, clean children’s clothing and footwear (no holes or stains), hats & bags.

We cannot accept electrical goods, adult clothing or any damaged, incomplete or soiled items.

Jacqui Kratofil

BOOK STALL FETE 2017
I have started collecting books for the book stall at next year’s Fete. If you have books you no longer need please leave them in the reading area of the Prep / 1 Building (left of the entrance door). We DO NOT need magazines, encyclopedias, school text books or Reader Digest condensed books. Thank you.

Joy Pagon

LIBRARY NEWS

LIBRARY EBAY HELP
The library has two items that are no longer needed in the collection which need to be sold. If there is any school community member who has expertise with Ebay and would like to help can they please contact me in the library or research.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au

Joy Pagon

PARENTS GROUP

PARENTS GROUP MEETING
We are busy organising our Christmas raffle so please start thinking about possible donations, and also the end of year Special Lunch, order forms will be sent home this week. The Gigliola evening is this Thursday, 24th November if you are available and haven't booked please do so as this was a great evening last time and is a fantastic fundraiser for our school. The Images by Mel photo session is on Sunday, 27th November and thank you to those families who have supported Mel Fidanza in this fundraising event. We are still waiting to hear about the delivery of mangoes and will let everyone know ASAP and once again thank you for supporting this great fundraiser.

Future fundraising activities:
24 Nov Gigliola fashion night        27 Nov Images by Mel Photo Session
28 Nov Christmas Raffle tickets out 13 Dec Parents Group special lunch
20 Dec Christmas Raffle drawn

Rachel Brown and Michelle Walker-Fox, Co-Presidents Parents Group

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE
In our Christmas Raffle this year you'll again have the chance to win some fabulous prizes, watch this space! We would like to make up some of our famous hampers to be part of our raffle prizes so we are asking, next time you're in your local supermarket or store, please pick up an item or two to contribute, such as: food, alcohol, books, cards, toys, giftware or stationery. Hamper items need to be brought in to the office by Friday 9th December. Raffle tickets will be sent home next week and we would love the completed stubs, with money to be returned by Thursday 15th December (to help the office out with finalising their end of year!). The raffle will be drawn at the assembly on the last day of school, Tuesday 20th December. Once again thank you for your support.
**5c FRENZY**
On Wednesday, 9 November, RPS held its second 5c Frenzy Collection Day for 2016. Each class had its own bucket to fill in an attempt to be the 5c Frenzy Champs.

At assembly yesterday, 2/3K were declared the 5c Frenzy Champs. They collected 2,496 x 5c coins = $124.80. Thank you to all families who donated their coins—every single cent helps. We collected 10,996 five cent coins—totalling $549.80 - a fabulous result!

The 5c Frenzy has raised $1,066 for 2016. This will be spent on upgrading our sports equipment and wet day timetable activities.

Thank you for joining in the FRENZY!

*Sharon Northey, Parents Group*

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**FASHION EVENING AT GIGLIO LA**
The Parents Group fundraiser for all the mums, sisters, nans, aunts, female family and friends of RPS is this Thursday, 24 November, from 7.30-9.30pm at Gigliola in Diamond Creek. A wide variety of fashion clothing, bags and accessories will be available starting from just $19.

Ticket sales have now closed, but there are still a few spots available. If you would still like to come along please contact Caroline directly. Don't worry if you don't hear back from her until Wednesday 23rd as she is away but will organise your place upon her return.

Your $15 ticket will get you a glass of bubbly, light refreshments, a mini fashion parade and a $10 voucher to use on the night (on any item valued $29 or over). A door raffle will be held on the night so please ensure your name is ticked off when you get there.

*Caroline Melocco 0408 000 078*

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**CANTEEN ROSTER & NEWS**

**CANTEEN HELP**
If anyone is available to do the vacant shifts (marked with an asterisk on the roster) please contact Jacqui Robinson (0414 362 275) or call the office.

*Jacqui Robinson 0414 362 275*

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**CANTEEN STOCK**
Unfortunately the canteen has run out of stock on Margarita Pizza and Lasagne, these will not be replenished until next year.

*Penny*

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**SCHOOL BANKING NEWS**

**STUDENT SCHOOL BANKING**

Our school banking day is Friday. Please place your child’s banking book and money in their classroom grey banking bag first thing in the morning and ensure that any money is securely placed in the velcro pocket of their banking book. Thank you.

*Rebecca 0433 439 962*

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)
OSHClub BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL CARE AT RPS

Hello everyone

We all hope you had as much fun as we did last week. Last week some children from all years expressed their identity through drawing; it was great to see their ideas and creativity expressed through pictures. We certainly have some awesome talent here at Research! The children were also keen to create their own Hama beads, paper craft and painting. Throughout the week there was some great activity developed by the kids. These activities included children developing their own dancing competitions and role play games. It was awesome to see them express their inner actors and performers.

We were fortunate enough to spend some time in the lovely sunshine last week too! The top courts and gym were definitely the favourite outdoor spaces for the week. Children love to engage in basketball, down ball, tennis and tiggy.

Just a friendly reminder that children cannot bring their hats from school to the program; this has been a request from the school. If you could please provide a hat for your child to wear during program hours that would be much appreciated. Unfortunately if they don't have a hat of their own they won't be able participate in outside play, as we follow the government guidelines of “No hat, No play” during terms 1 and 4.

Have a fantastic week and we hope to see you at the program soon Serren and Emily

This week’s program

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

Before School Care: Fee $6.34 to $9.85 (Full fee $19.70) 7.00am to 8.50am
After School Care: Fee $6.98 to $12.73 (Full fee $25.45) 3:30pm to 6:30pm

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

OSHC program phone: 0427 793 936  OSHC Coordinator: Serren
OSHC Club Head Office: 03 8564 9000  OSHC Assistant: Emily

KEYBOARD/PIANO/GUITAR NEWS

CONCERT

Our annual concert for Keyboard/Piano/Guitar will be held on Wednesday 30 November in The Multi-Purpose Room (OSHCClub building). Details regarding class concert times have been sent home. Domenic and Carmel are hoping all the students are practicing regularly at home each night and improving their skills ready to perform well.

Carmel Scott, Keyboards
CHESS NEWS

2016 NSC PRIMARY SCHOOL CHESS CHAMPIONSHIPS

Date:  Thursday, 1st December  Venue: Kangaroo Ground Primary School
Time:  9:30am - 2:30pm  Cost:  $20 per player (paid to RPS)

Format and Prizes:
- Individual based, but the top 4 individual scores from each school contribute to the team total
- Every student plays 7 games against players of similar skill, regardless of how many games they win or lose (Swiss pairing method)
- A "Star of the tournament" trophy for top scorer of the day
- Trophies for top school and runner-up

Please register your interest with the office to receive relevant paperwork. Payment and paperwork needs to be completed and return by 25 November.  

Aristea 0434 003 125

COMMUNITY NEWS

2ND ANNUAL WARRANDYTE BUSINESS CHRISTMAS PARTY

Bringing together local businesses for a well-earned festive celebration on Saturday 10 December from 7pm. Grand Hotel Warrandyte, 110 Yarra Rd, Warrandyte. Come along to get to know your neighbouring business, meet, greet and be merry. $30 per person with finger food provided. To register please visit https://register.eventarc.com/35058/warrandyte-business-christmas or for all enquiries please contact Deb Graham at Blue Pear Pantry 0415 170 753

Deb Graham Blue Pear Pantry