GATEWays returns to RPS
Grades 3 and 4 swimming

7pm Parents Group AGM, School Staffroom
Grades 3-6 Team Building program
Labour Day
Preps start full time at school

7pm School Council AGM, 7.30pm New School Council first meeting
National Young Leaders Day Grade 6

Grade 5/6 Camp Waratah Bay
Term 1 Ends 2.30pm

School Term 2 starts
School Fete 10am-4pm

PARENTS GROUP AGM
The Parents Group AGM will be held in the staffroom on Tuesday 7th March at 7pm.
Please mark this in your diary, all welcome.

Parents Group meets about once a month in a friendly casual atmosphere and if you have younger children they are more than welcome to come along. If you would like to become a part of Parents Group but are unable to attend meetings, that’s not a problem, please feel free to contact me to discuss options, such as going onto our email list. Parents Group greatly values your support.

If you can see yourself contributing to Parents Group but find it difficult to attend daytime meetings, please text / phone Rachel your ideal day and time or if would like more information please contact Rachel.

Rachel Brown, Parents Group President, 0400 836 699

SUPPORT FOR STUDENTS AND FAMILIES
Currently we are having visits from the School Nurse, Janene Ferrarin, part of a state government initiative to enable the screening of all Prep children and referred older children. Janene will contact parents if follow ups are needed.

Ilonka Barnard, an Education Department psychologist, visits RPS weekly on a Monday morning and is currently working with our families and students.

We also welcome our new Speech Therapist Kerry. Kerry also works for the Education Department across several schools and visits RPS fortnightly on a Tuesday morning. Kerry is currently touching base with previous students / families from the program, following up students and is also conducting assessments and reviews with children new to the program.

RPS also employs Kirsty Kelly, an independent Speech Therapist, to help assess several children re speech and language issues. Kirsty mainly works with selected Prep children and also follows up with some of her previous contacts as well as new children referred to her.

JUNIOR SCHOOL COUNCILLORS - PREP B
Congratulations to Prep B Junior School Councillors, Ben and Lyla.

PAYMENTS
Please ensure Term Planner payments are up to date, especially if there is an up coming event scheduled to happen soon. Students may not be able to participate in an event or activity if the payment has not been made prior to the event.

Thank you to those families who make payments online, this is a fast and easy way to settle your school account so please ensure you return the payment slip to the office outlining what your payment covers, so we are able to credit the correct information to the right family. If you have any questions please contact Jackie & Carol in the office.

Geoff Whyte, Principal
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 payment.

HOME LEARNING and ART SMOCKS

Home Learning begins this week for Grades 2 – 6. The learning tasks will be given out on Friday, and will be due the following Thursday. Please see your child’s teacher if you have any queries about home learning.

Art smocks are a great way to protect clothes in our Art sessions, please send along a smock or an old shirt for all classes as we will be painting this term. The art room is also seeking donations of clean containers please.

SPORT & PHYSICAL EDUCATION NEWS

EDPSSA SWIM SPORTS
Last Wednesday, the RPS team headed over to WaterMarc for the Eltham District Swim Sports and came 6th overall. The students did the school proud and gave their all. Congratulations to everyone and thanks to the parents who came to support and to cheer us on.

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  Miranda S Prep B  ART  Jimi S 1S  Sienna McG 1S  Sienna G 1S  LOTE  Bridie F 34K
56K  Kobe C  34H  Alice W  Prep B  Jude and Lexi
1S  Jake, Jimi and Sienna Mc  2S  Brendan and Zeke  34K  Annika S

GOOD LEARNER DAY

Last Friday was Good Learner Day at RPS. Children dressed up as who they would like to be when they grow up. Their choices varied between musician, scientist, teacher, plumber, dancer, lawyer etc, and they were able to link their choice back to characteristics of good learning, which included resilience, cooperation, resourcefulness, working things out on your own, problem solving, reflectiveness, courage, perseverance, determination, dedication and passion. The students also participated in activities to help them learn about being a Good Learner.

RESEARCH PRIMARY SCHOOL FETE  6th MAY 2017

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

White Elephant Drop Offs
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.

White Elephant Drop Offs will now be every Friday morning from 9-9:30am until the fete on Saturday 6 May.

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

Research Primary School Fete 2017
@researchprimaryschoolfete
RPS CHOIR

The choir has returned for 2017 and again I am very excited to also be offering private lessons and group singing tuition at the school. The classes are modern, contemporary in style and we aim to involve regular local performances to put it all into practice!

If you would like some more information please contact me on 0404 057 647 or email myo69411@bigpond.net.au Thank you.  
Michelle Young

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: 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.

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

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OSHClub BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL CARE AT RPS

What a fantastic week we had last week at the program! It was art & craft week at OSHClub and the children certainly expressed their creativity. Throughout the week we had a variety of activities that involved children using a range of art and craft supplies. The children explored their creativity through painting, glitter & construction materials. It was fantastic to see all children having a go at the art activities. This week is food week! We have lots of great activities based around food.

Please feel free to pop down in either of the sessions if you have any questions or inquiries about the program. Just a reminder that hats and sun cream are to be worn at all times when children play outside. If you could please provide a spare hat for your child so that they have to option to go outside. We provide sun cream, but you’re more than welcome to pack some with their hat in their bag. We are looking forward to seeing you all this week, and if we don’t get a chance to see you; have a fantastic week! 😊
Warm regards, Serren and Emily

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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.

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

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

COMMUNITY NEWS

DOGGY TALES
Has your child started bringing their first Reader home? How about taking it to one of the Doggy Tales sessions in your local Library.

What is Doggy Tales?
Doggy Tales is a unique and exciting reading program being run at your local library, which provides reading support for students. Doggy Tales improves children’s reading and communication skills by employing a powerful method - reading to a dog. But not just any dog - Doggy Tales’ dogs are accredited companion animals who volunteer with their owner/handler as a team, visiting the libraries.

Dogs in your local Library.
Ollie – Diamond Valley Library – Wed 3.30pm – 4.30pm
Tezza – Watsonia Library – Tues 3.30pm – 4.30pm
Lola – Eltham Library – Wed 4.00pm – 5.00pm
Please contact Marlies on 9434 3809.

DISNEY’S BEAUTY AND THE BEAST JUNIOR AUDITIONS @ ELT
The bright and beautiful Belle yearns to escape her provincial life and her brute of a suitor, Gaston. However, Belle gets more adventures than she wanted when she becomes a captive in the Beast’s enchanted castle! Dancing flatware, menacing wolves and singing furniture fill the stage with thrills in this beloved fairy tale about very different people finding strength in one another and learning how to love.

Audition Dates
Fri 17 March: 7 pm – 10 pm
Sat 18th March: 10 am – 12 noon and 2 pm – 4 pm
Sunday 19th March: 10 am – 1 pm
Age Range: 10 – 18 years
Audition Venue Eltham Little Theatre 1603 Main Rd Research VIC 3095
Please refer to the Eltham Little Theatre website for character descriptions and to make an audition booking. https://www.elthamlittletheatre.org.au/

ELTHAM EAGLES SOCCER CLUB
Thinking about getting involved in a local soccer club? EESC is a highly inclusive soccer club embracing players of a wide variety of skills. Placing a priority on family involvement and community participation, EESC runs programs and participation for: Juniors 5-8YO (Goal Kick Basic Skills Program, Saturday mornings); Juniors 8YO+ (Competition Based Games, Saturday mornings, Home and Away), as well as M/F Open Age. For more information contact Steve: 0419 328 862.
Good Learner Day
@ Research Primary School

I am a super learner!
When I grow up I want to be a palaeontologist.
So I can dig for dinosaur bones to take them to the museum.

I am a super learner!
When I grow up I want to be a teacher.
So that I can teach children.
Eltham Fun Run Walk 2017
Fundraising event for people with disabilities
SUNDAY 26 MARCH 2017
RUN 5KM OR 10KM/WALK 5KM

Warrandyte Run
Sunday 5th March 2017
New for 2017 - Make a team and raise money for SOPCK
Events 2017
15km
10km
5km
2.2km
U8 Kids Run
Gift - 100m
Register at: WarrandyteSports.com.au

Girls on the Water
Come and be inspired & support women in sport
Sunday 5 March
10am - 2pm
Westerfolds Park, Templestowe
FREE event!
Get out on the water with Olympians and hear their stories.
This is a free event with coaches from all
areas of canoeing here to share their skills and stories on what they have achieved.

Thinking about Secondary School?
Open Day
Saturday 18 March, 9.30am-2.00pm
Register online at elthamcollege.vic.edu.au/openday
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TELEPHONE

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Choose between our 2 day or 5 day camps.

Where: Greensborough Hockey Club, Plenty Rd, Memorial Drive, Plenty
When: Monday 7th – Friday 11th April (9:30-3:30pm each day)
Cost: $150 (for 2 day camp Mon/Tues) $275 (for 5 day camp)
Inclusions: Lunch, Dinner, Prad, Morning & Afternoon Tea, Activities & Games, Juice & Snacks, Prizes and More
Contact: To register email David at: docsocceracademy.com or call 0402550888

SUNDAY 26TH MARCH 2017

LOWER PLENTY PRIMARY

FETE &
CARBOOT SALE

9:00 AM – 2:00 PM

Join us for an amazing family day out.
Come and see our new FUN & FOOD ZONES and
enjoy free drinks at the CAR BOOT SALE

Trash n Treasure – Bouncy Tramp – Chair Swing – Jumping Castle – Mystery Bottles – Haunted House – Face Painting – Cake Stall and more OR try your luck at the Silent Auction while enjoying some Devonshire Tea

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