

SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Tuesday 30 May 2017

Newsletter No. 16

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Hi everyone,

Welcome to Week 7!

As most of you are aware Geoff is on Long Service Leave for the remainder of this term, so I thought I'd start off by introducing myself to those who don't know me very well...

My name is Julie, I am 51 years old and I am from Humevale...it sounds a bit like I'm on 'The Voice' blind auditions when you say it like that ☺

However.....

I am married to my gorgeous hubby Mark who is the most wonderful cook, plays a lot of golf and has had a tinsy bit of a mid-life crisis since I last wrote a newsletter, and brought himself a motorbike...and NO I am not getting on the back!!

I have two beautiful boys who sadly are growing up way too fast...Ben has moved out of home and now lives in Northcote and is loving life as a novelist and working part-time at JB Hi-Fi, and Jacob has recently completed VCE, just got his licence last week and started a Bachelor of Music this year majoring in recording and producing music. I have two dogs who I spoil a lot named River and BooBoo and they really love life in the bush where we live. I also love good books, movie nights, volunteering for the Brighter Days Foundation, spending time with my family and my 13 nieces and nephews and, of course, working at Research!

Such a lot to share about 'What Went Well' around our school in the last week, but I'll try to give you a snapshot:

OPEN AFTERNOON – we had a fantastic turn out of family, friends and visitors to Open Afternoon last Thursday to celebrate Education Week at RPS. The kids were so proud to show all of our visitors their classrooms and the work they've been doing. Congratulations to all our students.

We also had a wonderful display of talented musicians and singers performing the keyboard and the guitar and of course the choir performance was fantastic. I love how kids from all levels of the school can join the choir and experience the thrill of performing to an audience, and our fantastic Choir teacher Michelle Young really knows how to bring out the best in all of the kids. Carmel Scott and Dom had also prepared our keyboard and guitar students so well, and our Gr 6 Music Captain, Cameron, organised all the performers to deliver their performances in 4 different locations beautifully.

Our Grade 6 leadership team did a terrific job of leading the tours around the school for prospective parents and I was really proud of them and the obvious pride they had in the school and they all took the responsibility of the role very seriously. Well done to you all.

To our wonderful staff who worked tirelessly to showcase our school for the kids- well done and thankyou. Thankyou also to the RPS Parents Group – where would we be without you! Yet again you provided not only a delicious afternoon tea for our families, friends and visitors, but a smiling, friendly face to our newcomers. Such a welcoming feeling for all involved, so thankyou very much.

Finally thanks so much to the team that ran the 'mini amusements' with the Fete leftovers on Thursday afternoon after school. There were lots of happy customers.



THE SECRET GARDEN - Well our Secret Garden has been revealed to all and we just love it! If you haven't been in to see it for yourself yet, make sure you pop in to see the breezeway transformation. I've included a few pics to give you an idea. Although not quite finished yet the students have managed to transform the space completely. A special thankyou to Sophia and Maia from Gr 6 for sharing their artistic abilities with us all by painting the trunk and branches of the tree and all the 5/6 students (and Jackie & Carol) for their contribution of the sky and grass and the circles on the tree. A BIG SHOUT-OUT to Sasha and Lucy's dad Dean for his assistance in painting the roof for us too – my neck and arms say thankyou!!

The Grade 3/4 students have been busily painting large wooden flowers which are soon to be attached to the walls and there is another tree to come with contributions from the younger students....

I am also hoping to furnish it with some upcycled kids tables and chairs if anyone has any they no longer need at home...please let the office know..



COMPASS UPDATE - We went LIVE with COMPASS last week, without too many glitches thanks to an amazing amount of work behind the scenes by Jackie & Carol to ensure as smooth a transition as possible. If you do have any questions or queries don't hesitate to give us a call and we'll be happy to follow up. Please note you only need to complete the medical section of a permission form if there is a reason, please do not enter 'nil' or 'none'.

COMPASS REPORTING - We will be reporting to parents at the end of Semester 1 via COMPASS which means you will no longer receive a paper copy of your child's report. The staff have spent time in their teams over the past two days familiarising themselves with the new reporting system. Details on how to view the reports in COMPASS will be shared with you closer to the end of term.

DRAMA TOOLBOX - Our Prep/One/Two students had their second session of Drama Toolbox on Friday, working with puppets and drama to understand messages about friendship and resilience.

EXCURSIONS - The Prep/One classes headed off to Collingwood Children's Farm and had a fantastic time. Thanks so much to Avril and Andrea for organising and to all the wonderful parent helpers who went along.

Grade 2S and Steph headed off to Edendale Farm yesterday to investigate more about their unit 'A Bug's Life' and had a wonderful day in beautiful surroundings. Thanks to our parent helpers for their assistance, a great day out by all accounts.



STAFFING - We have received notification from Larissa Salter that she will not be returning to work at Research PS this year. Larissa's partner Brad has a long journey of recovery still ahead of him, and we wish Brad and Larissa all the very best.

TRANSITION - Our 2018 Prep storytelling and PBL sessions start this week and we welcome all our prospective parents to come along and experience what RPS has to offer.

UNDERSTANDING THE ROLE OF VISUAL ATTENTION IN READING -

We are continuing our involvement with La Trobe University to participate in a study to investigate the role visual attention plays in learning to read. A research team from La Trobe is on site at the moment running a program designed to assess aspects of literacy in children from **Grades 3 and 4** whose parents have provided consent. The outcome of these assessments will also be made available to the school if parents agree. The children's vision will also be assessed and later in the year the team will be offering experimental computer training for improving literacy. This collaboration between parents, our school and the university is a great opportunity for the middle years students.

THE RESILIENCE PROJECT -

Looking forward I am proud to announce we have the dates for The Resilience Project locked away for Term 3. As part of our Student Wellbeing program we have engaged the services of The Resilience Project to come to RPS to conduct sessions with students, staff, parents and the broader community.

What is the Resilience Project?

“Through emotionally engaging programs using evidence based approaches we provide, schools with practical strategies to build resilience and develop positive mental health.

Our programs are based on the following strategies:

Mindfulness - Being present in the moment, not becoming distracted by unhelpful or negative thoughts.

Empathy - Thinking of the needs of others/kindness.

Gratitude - Appreciating what you have, not begrudging what you don't.

Our parent session focuses on Teaching Resilience at Home looking at developing resilience and positive relationships and connections within the family unit.

Parents are introduced to the concepts of Mindfulness, Empathy and Gratitude and are given practical strategies to implement them within the home.

Our programs help you develop positive mental health, improved confidence and positive relationships. All of our presentations engage storytelling to highlight these concepts and to captivate the audience.

The Schools Program aims to teach young people to be mentally healthy. Why is this important? These are some research based facts that are startling:

1 in 4 adolescents have a mental illness	65% of adolescents do not seek help for mental illness	1 in 7 primary school kids have a mental illness	1 in 3 girls suffer from an anxiety disorder, and 1 in 5 boys.
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We want our students to have a toolkit of strategies to build resilience in order to develop strong mental health. Staff are participating in structured professional development sessions early next term and your child will participate in a RESILIENCE PROJECT workshop facilitated by the project team. Importantly, The Resilience Project Team and I invite you to attend a PARENT INFORMATION SESSION on Thursday 3rd Aug, 7.00pm—8.30pm in the BER building. I encourage you attend if you are able as the more knowledge we have around mental health, the more we can unite collectively in supporting our students to grow up being the best possible versions of themselves.

SAVE THE DATE: Thursday 3rd August Parent/Community Night (90 mins) 7pm – Hugh Van Cuylenburg. Hugh's presentations are usually booked out very quickly so please contact the school office via email to reserve your place (places are limited). Further information is available at <https://theresilienceproject.com.au>

POSITIVE EDUCATION -

Finally I'd like to share some thoughts on Positive Education – At RPS we strive to develop resilient learners who develop 'Confidence For Life' and are well prepared for Secondary School. An important part of developing this confidence involves being able to have a Growth Mindset and understanding 'I can't do it – yet'. The staff are continually working with the students to keep on trying and persevering to improve their learning. A focus at home could be "What Went Well?". This question each night around the dinner table or when you pick the kids up in the car, enables students to reflect positively on their day and focuses the conversation towards a more positive mindset rather than getting bogged down in the negative or the unresponsive.

Looking forward to a great week,

Julie Minarelli, Acting Principal

PARKING AT SCHOOL

The school has a few options for parking when children travel to or from school by car:

- ❖ KANANDAH COURT - Please drive carefully into Kanandah Court and proceed around the top of the court and park on the western side of the roadway. Children can then cross Kanandah Court and enter the school via the back gate. Please do not 'stop and drop / pick up' at or across the rear driveway and please do not block private driveways in the street.
- ❖ MAIN ROAD BUS BAY - The bus bay is available for parents to use as a pick-up and drop-off point.
- ❖ GYM CAR PARK - If dropping off children in the gym car park please travel slowly. Please use the 'overflow' car park if spaces are limited. Reverse parking is encouraged in these car parks.
- ❖ PARENT CAR PARK - Please observe parking signs, entry and exit signs and the angle parking in the front parent car park. Please do not use the Staff car park for pick up or drop off, however, we understand that sometimes due to injury you need to park closer but please ask first.

If the car parks are full, and folk must park 'above' the overflow car park, please park back towards the houses and not near to the basketball courts. And please, do not drive on or park on the basketball courts when dropping off or picking up.

Please try to use the school parking areas for pick up and drop off, or the local streets. Please do not park in Little Scooters, as it is a private car park and does not cater for school parents use.

Please only use our two disabled parking bays if you need to. One bay is in the staff car park, closest to the OSHC building, and the other is directly behind the canteen.

Entry and exit to the car parks should be from the 'correct' driveways. Please do not exit from the 'in' gate and vice versa.

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 – Eli PB	Art – Will PB	Sophia 56K	Maia 56K		
Ben PB	Anna PB	Aster PB	Sienna 1S	Maddie 1S	Caleb 56W
Stephen 2S	Jessica 2S	Mia 34K	Riley 34H	Lyla 34H	

SPORT & PHYSICAL EDUCATION NEWS

INTERSCHOOL SPORT

This Friday we play a home game against Our Lady's Help of Christians Primary School. Football will be played at Research Park & Soccer will be at Eltham Nth Synthetic. Games start close to 1pm and parents are encouraged to come along and watch.

Christopher Kent, PE



NEW FOOTY JESERYS

Last Friday our Footy team played in their brand new footy jerseys. Don't they look great 😊

PARENTS GROUP

PARENT'S GROUP AFTERNOON TEA AND MEETING

Research Primary Parent's Group works towards fundraising for the school and the promotion of social events to bring the school community together. We are always on the lookout for new members so would love for you to come along to our next meeting, join us for a cuppa and a biscuit and see exactly what goes on.

There's no expectation for you to do anything, just come along and watch a meeting take place, but if you have ideas during the meeting, they are welcome!

Our next meeting will be on **Friday June 16 at 2pm** (assembly starts at 3pm) in the **staff room**, which will start with afternoon tea so you can meet some of the current members. Then the meeting will run as normal so you can observe what we do.

Some members can't attend our meetings so we keep in touch with them via email. Meetings are held about once a month.

We look forward to welcoming new parents.

Michelle Walker-Fox

ENTERTAINMENT BOOK

Parents Group is offering the Entertainment Book at the very good value of \$70 each. The Entertainment Book is full of discount vouchers for local restaurants, as well as venues and activities around Melbourne and Victoria and valid until June 2018. The books are now in stock. Payments **are processed online** and can be ordered via this link www.entbook.com.au/188r741

Aristea

SCHOOL BANKING NEWS



School Banking is held on a Friday.

Rebecca 0433 439 962

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.

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>

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? On the other hand, maybe a grandparent would like to help out, children love seeing family members at school. Thank you.

Jacqui Robinson 0414 362 275

CANTEEN ROSTER

Monday 29 May	Wednesday 31 May	Friday 2 June
12.30 – 1.30pm *****	12.30 – 1.30pm *****	9 – 11.30 Carolyn S 11.30-1pm Jess H 11.30-1pm Carmie I
Monday 5 June	Wednesday 7 June	Friday 9 June
12.30 – 1.30pm *****	12.30 – 1.30pm *****	9 – 11.30 Penny L 11.30-1pm Jacqui R 11.30-1pm Sara J
Monday 12 June	Wednesday 14 June	Friday 16 June
SCHOOL CLOSED QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY	12.30 – 1.30pm *****	9 – 11.30 Pauline M 11.30-1pm Kate G 11.30-1pm Natalie M

SPECIAL BBQ LUNCH – WEDNESDAY 31 MAY

Our special lunch order day with the students enjoying a great BBQ is tomorrow. We would love a little more help, so if you are available it's a great way to be involved with other parents and kids love seeing you at school. If you can help please contact **Michaela Fullerton on 0414456605**.

OSHClub

The children had such a fantastic week here at OSHClub participating in activities for food week! The children made honey joys, chocolate balls, breakfast smoothies and pancakes. They all did such a great job preparing and making the recipes. Some of our favourite art and craft activities were food dye painting, food craft and creating their own word finds. The children enjoyed playing outside and our favourite games were ball tigggy, tricky tigggy and kicking the football. It's great to see the children showing great sportsmanship during our games and it makes it so enjoyable for everyone.

Next week is 'under the sea' theme. We are so excited to decorate the room with lots of sea creatures and involve the children in lots of different activities.

Come down and see us at the program, we would be more than happy to show you around and answer any questions you have about the program. ☺ **Serren & Emily**



***Families can apply for Child Care Benefit and the 50% Child Care Rebate. The CCR is not means tested which means just about all working or studying parents are eligible to receive it. Call 13 61 50 to register. Enrol and book sessions through our website www.oshclub.com.au**

The program is as follows:

BSC \$6.28 to \$10.15 (\$20.30 if parents don't apply or are not eligible for the 50% CCR)

ASC \$7.91 to \$13.13 (\$26.25 if parents don't apply or are not eligible for the 50% CCR)

This week's program theme: <i>St Pat's Day & Green week</i>	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Before School Activities	Sea creature craft & Animal Charades	Under the sea word search & Silent ball	Paper plate creations & Tricky tiggy	Painting sea creatures & Tennis ball races	Jellyfish sun catchers & Hide and Seek
After School Activities	Rainbow fish & Ball tiggy	Paper bag jellyfish & Octopus tag	Glitter slime & AFL Football	Origami & Numbers basketball	Playdough & Soccer game
OSHC program phone: 0427 793 936 Coordinator: Serren Assistant: Emily OSHClub Head Office: 03 8564 9000 Enrol and book sessions through our website www.oshclub.com.au					

HOOPTIME NEWS Grades 3 and 4

Grade 3/4 Hooptime day is Wednesday 21st June. 49 of our 3/4 students have expressed interest in taking part in the Hooptime basketball program this year. Training will begin next tomorrow, Wednesday 31st May at recess on the top courts.

Students need shorts with no pockets and runners on the day, playing singlets will be provided. We also need parents to assist with transport to and from the venue and to score throughout the day. Each team must provide a scorer at every match and this is shared amongst the parents attending on the day.

(Don't worry, it's not rocket science !) The players are placed in teams with others of a similar standard and play against other schools in a round robin tournament. There are teams for complete beginners, kids that have played a bit and those that have played a lot.

Permission notices will come home in a couple of weeks. It is a fantastic fun day and I'm looking forward once again to meeting all our future basketball stars. See you on the top courts tomorrow.

Jacki Todd

INTERSCHOOL SPORTS REPORTS – RPS VS ELTHAM NORTH PRIMARY

KORFBALL

Last Friday we played Korfball against Eltham North Primary. The scores for the A team were 10 to 14 their way. Everybody did an awesome job and we managed to close the gap to a four goal difference. The sports award went to Matilda for really running her heart out and always getting open when the time came. The B team played an excellent game with the scores ending up being 13 to 20 Eltham North's way, Everyone pushed themselves to the limit and put all their best efforts into the game despite the height difference, the sports award went to Veronica for scoring more goals then we all could count and always sticking to her player like glue. Thanks Miss Wilkins for coaching.

Lily & Sienna

SOCCER

On Friday we played our best game yet with the scores being 5-3 Eltham North's way. The sports award went to Caleb for his great defence and attacking the ball. Thank you Mr Richardson for coaching.

Becky & Nathan

FOOTY

Last Friday the footy team played a speechless game against Eltham North. Although everyone put in 110% effort, we lost 25 – 19. The sports award went to Felix for playing the game as if it was his last and having a kick at goal to win. Thanks to Ms. Watts for coaching.

Felix

BAT TENNIS

Last Friday the bat tennis team played an amazing game against Eltham North but unfortunately the scores were 40 -22 their way. The sports award went to Bridie for playing an awesome game. Thanks Ms. Minarelli for coaching.
Harvey & William

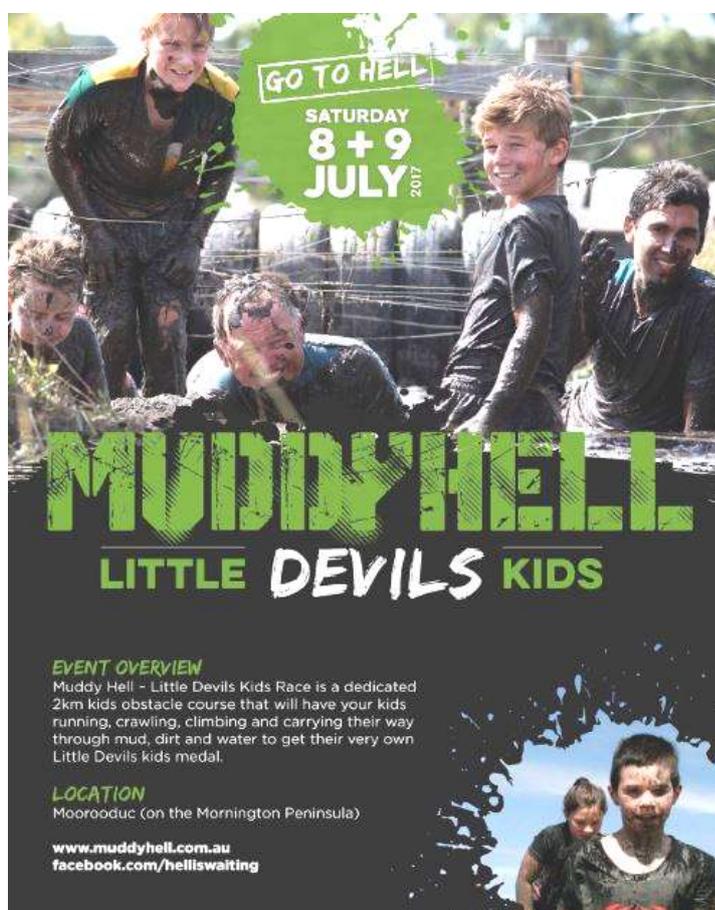
NETBALL

Last Friday the netball team played an outstanding game against Eltham North. Unfortunately both A and B teams lost with the scores for the A team being 4 to 14 Eltham North's way and the B team scores ending up being 7 to 15 their way as well. The sports award for the A team went to Grace for always trying her hardest on the court and at trainings. The sports award for the B team went to Alyssa for her amazing intercepts throughout the game. Thanks Miss Mercer for coaching.

COMMUNITY NEWS

MUDDER CHALLENGE FOR KIDS

A few mums at school have asked about obstacle races for kids. I'm involved with the obstacle racing community and have managed to get a 10% discount code for an upcoming race. If you are interested please go to www.muddyhell.com.au for further information. The race organiser is Kris Donald and the 10% discount is **TURBOMUD**
Amanda Steidle



HAVE YOUR SAY ON THE NILLUMBIK LIFETIME PLAY STRATEGY

The Lifetime Play Strategy provides a framework for the long term re-imagining of public play spaces across the Shire. This strategy focuses on providing a diverse range of accessible, attractive and challenging play spaces, which will offer experiences for all ages and abilities, within a natural setting in the urban public.

The strategy was developed after a successful community engagement process and is informed by current best practices.

To view the strategy and to submit your feedback visit:

www.nillumbik.vic.gov.au/LifetimePlayStrategy Feedback closes on 12 June at 5pm.



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