



SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Tuesday 6 June 2017

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Wednesday 7 June Friday 9 June Monday 12 June Wednesday 14 June Wednesday 14 June Thursday 15 June Thursday 15 June Friday 16 June Friday 16 June Wednesday 21 June Tuesday 27 June Wednesday 28 June Friday 30 June Friday 30 June Thursday 3 August	Grades 3 & 4 Marvellous Melbourne Excursion Interschool Sport Bye Queen's Birthday Holiday 2pm – 3.30pm Prep 2018 PBL Open Session 7pm Grade 34 Camp Parent Information Evening 9.15am-10.15am Prep 2018 Storytime & Art Session Grades 5 & 6 City Excursion Interschool Sports RPS vs St Thomas Away 2pm Parents Group Meeting with refreshments. All welcome. Grades 3 & 4 Hooptime Prep B, 1S & 2S – Theatre Visit 'We're going on a Bear Hunt' 3-Way Conferences Grades 1 – 6 Crazy Hair and PJs Day, Gold Coin Donation Term 2 ends 2.30pm 7pm The Resilience Project Parents Information Session	
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Hi everyone,

Welcome to Week 8 and the start of Winter. Now is the time to drag out the winter woollies for your kids and gumboots are always welcome! We realise some kids don't appear to feel the cold and I know some boys just love to wear shorts all year round, however if you could try to encourage an extra layer or two to ward off the cold, that would be great.

This time of year the office always run out of 'spares' so if you have any uniform at home that's been grown out of and would like to donate please feel free to send along to the office. Much appreciated.

We have had another very busy week at RPS. There are lots of activities happening around the school to engage and excite the students and I'd like to share 'What went well' with you:

THE SECRET GARDEN: The Secret Garden continues to blossom, with the inclusion of the flowers painted so beautifully by the students of 3/4K and 3/4H. ☺

Still 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: The rollout of COMPASS is continuing with the newsletter no longer being sent home as a paper copy. We have calculated that in 2 weeks we have not only saved approximately 2 reams of paper (1000 sheets), but also colour toner and printer charges we usually incur! All the permissions for excursions are now to be approved on COMPASS also. We have found out, however, that the COMPASS APP doesn't show the notifications for approval unless you click on the link to 'open in browser', so if you are wondering why you can't see the event in your App, that is why.

VCOP: Several classes have been working on their Big Write using VCOP strategies. It was a very exciting time in 2S last Thursday as they did their first ever Big Write. This Big Write included 'talk homework' where they had the opportunity to discuss the topic at home with their family first and come to school bursting with enthusiasm to begin their writing task. Their classroom was decorated especially for the writing session including special paper, fancy pencils, tee light candles (battery operated) and fairy lights!! What a great way to set students up for success!

SPECIAL LUNCH: Thanks so much to Michaela and her helpers for providing our yummy BBQ lunch last week.

NUMERACY: Real life problem solving was happening in the Maths classes this week at RPS. Two of the classes were tasked with the challenge to calculate how many chairs can we fit in the Gym for our guest speaker next term?. There were certain variables that had to be taken into consideration and they are still finalising their answers but lots of great mathematical conversations about how to work this out!



HOOPTIME: The grade 3/4 Hooptime students are busy refining their skills at recess on Tuesdays with Jacki Todd and their grade 6 coaches. We'd like to thank Jacki for her enthusiasm in delivering this program for all the students who wish to participate. Thanks Jacki.

CHESS TOURNAMENT: Thanks Aristeia for organizing our students to attend the next CHESS tournament at Kangaroo Ground. Please see the information further on in this newsletter.

PRINCIPAL SELECTION PROCESS: Staff and School Council met last night to work through the procedure of Principal Selection Process following Geoff's retirement at the end of Term 3. Thanks everyone for their attendance.

STUDENT WELLBEING

DRAMA TOOLBOX: Our Prep/One/Two grades continue their sessions with the Drama Toolbox, investigating friendships and resilience through play and role models using puppets.



TRANSITION: We welcomed the Research Kinder students to the BER this morning for a visit. They had a wonderful time visiting our space and experiencing 'school' at RPS.



THE RESILIENCE PROJECT: I am so pleased to see so many people registering to attend the Resilience Project presentation to parents on Thursday August 3rd at 7pm. If you haven't already registered please contact the office.

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.

Other Dates for the implementation of the Resilience Project:

Thursday 20th July – Staff Professional Development from 3.45pm

Monday 24th July – Year 3/4 Workshops

Thursday 25th July Prep/1/2 and Year 5/6 Workshops

POSITIVE EDUCATION: Our 'What Went Well' conversations with our students are continuing to refocus their thinking towards a 'cup half full' mindset and I have had lots of visitors to the office to show me their wonderful work. Congratulations to all.

What went well today??



RESEARCH REDEEMS: The Grade 6 leadership group have introduced a positive behaviour program to our school yard this week and it's already being embraced by our students. Students will receive a 'Redeem' card for displaying our school values in the yard. These cards can be redeemed for prizes every second Fri recess at the canteen. If you build up a full set of Values cards you get to wear free dress and have lunch with the principal!! What a great prize 😊

ADOPT-A-SPOT: As this Friday is a bye for inter-school sport we have decided to spend the afternoon on a whole school wellbeing project called 'Adopt-A-Spot'. Each class has chosen an area of the school to work on and plans are well underway for some rejuvenation of different areas around the school. The students have been very enthusiastic about this project and their pride in their school has been very evident in the conversations we are having with them about their ideas and plans. All parents are welcome to come along and join in the fun from 1.30-3.00pm.

LOOKING FORWARD

EXCURSIONS: MARVELLOUS MELBOURNE

As part of their investigation into Australian Geography our Grade 3/4 students are off to Melbourne on their city excursion tomorrow. They will be looking at Marvellous Melbourne, discovering many of Melbourne's iconic sights and geographical features, investigating the settlement patterns, land use and transport network systems. They will also be visiting Eureka Skydeck and cruising down the Yarra! Sounds like fun! We wish them all the best and hope they have a great time.

Looking forward to a great week,

Julie Minarelli, Acting 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 – Christopher 34K

Caleb 56W
Zeke 2S

Lockie PB
Tim 56W

Leo PB
Chris 34K

Sam 1S
Jess 34K

Harvey 1S
Harriet 34H

Amelia 2S
Molly 56K

SPORT & PHYSICAL EDUCATION NEWS

INTERSCHOOL SPORT

There is no Interschool Sport this Friday as we have a bye.

Christopher Kent, PE

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.

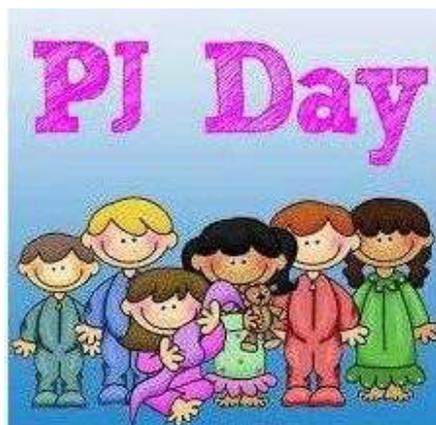
Some members can't attend our meetings so we keep in touch with them via email. Meetings are held about once a month.

We look forward to welcoming new parents.

Michelle Walker-Fox

CRAZY HAIR PJ DAY

Gold coin donation on Friday 30 June, to come dressed in your PJs with crazy hair – **WATCH THIS SPACE**



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

	Wednesday 7 June	Friday 9 June
	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 Penny L Lucy K	9 – 11.30 Pauline M 11.30-1pm Kate G 11.30-1pm Natalie M
Monday 19 June	Wednesday 21 June	Friday 23 June
12.30 – 1.30pm *****	12.30 – 1.30pm *****	9 – 11.30 Carolyn S 11.30-1pm Jacqui R 11.30-1pm Jess H

LOL DRINKS RUNNING OUT

Unfortunately LOL drinks have been discontinued Australia wide and stock can no longer be ordered. This means that once our canteen stock has run out it's gone!

INTERSCHOOL SPORT LUNCH

We can prepare early lunches for all grades 4, 5 & 6's on a Friday during Interschool Sport. Their lunches will be ready by 12noon, however it would make life easier for our canteen volunteers if **Grade 4 parents could write a large 4 in a circle on the bag.**

SPECIAL BBQ LUNCH

Thankyou to everyone who helped out with our special lunch last week, these events only happen with your support and help and the children always have a great time. **Michaela Fullerton**

OSHClub

Last week we had lots of fun exploring under the sea activities. At the program we enjoyed creating turtles, octopuses, fish and jellyfish. The children displayed their creative abilities when exploring these activities. Another very popular activity this week was the blubber we made. All children loved making this; it was great to see everyone working together!

This week coming up is cartoon week. Throughout the week we have planned experiences that are all about cartoons. Each day we have a passive and active activity planned, we are also very open to spontaneous choices that children want to participate in.

Our email address has now changed, if you wish to contact us via email it is now research@oshclub.com.au. New parent hand books and key information sheets are being developed with the new information and will be delivered soon.

Have a great week, Looking forward to seeing you at the program soon. Warm regards, **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	Minion drawing & line tiggly	Create your own cartoon & silent ball	Sponge bob drawings & octopus tag	Bugs bunny cartoon drawings & bean bag toss	Design your own Pokémon ball & Footy
After School Activities	Paw patrol drawings & playground challenges	Looney Tunes cartoons & chain tiggly	Cartoon animals & basketball tricks	Cartoon drawings & scarecrow tiggly	Cartoon books & ball tiggly
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					

INTERSCHOOL SPORTS REPORTS – RPS VS ELTHAM NORTH PRIMARY

KORFBALL

Last Friday we played korfball against Our Lady's.

The scores for the A team were 24 to 6 our way and everybody did a fantastic job. Everybody defended amazingly and nobody gave up so we were so we were rewarded with these high scores. The sports award went to Chloe for being an 'all round' amazing player.

The B team played an excellent game too with the scores ending up being 14 to 15 our way, the whole team was putting all their energy into the game and making sure we had a win. The sports award went to Matilda R for taking all her chances for getting the ball and jumping higher than the moon. Special mention to the whole team for bouncing back when in the first half they were losing by 10.

Thanks Miss Wilkins for coaching.

Lily & Sienna

SOCCER

We played a flabbergasting game against Our Lady's but unfortunately, we lost 5-1 their way. The sports award went to Alex for his great saves and diving on the ball head first as goalie. Special mention to Nathan L for bouncing back when he got hurt. Thank you Mr Marshall for umpiring.

Caleb & Tim

NETBALL

Last Friday the netball team played an outstanding game against Our Lady's the scores for the A team were 11 to 9 our way and the scores for B team were 16 to 3 our way as well. The sports award for the A team went to Allie for always getting the ball and trying her hardest. The sports award for the B team went to Angelina for pushing herself to the limit and never giving up. Thanks Miss Mercer for umpiring.

CHESS NEWS

COMING UP - CHESS TOURNAMENT AT KGPS

All skill levels welcome - it is a really fun day! Chess Victoria - Primary Open Chess Tournament at Kangaroo Ground Primary School, Tuesday 20th June.

Cost: \$20 per player. Top 30% overall and top 30% of girls qualify for the State Finals. This is an Individual based tournament; children experience proper tournament rules; every child plays 7 games against players of similar skill (Swiss pairing method); Gold/Silver/Bronze medals & "Star of the tournament" trophy. RPS Parents Helpers **will** be required on the day for transport to and from the tournament. Please RSVP for the tournament by 9th June via email to aristea@peacefulbirth.com.au Child's full name, grade, parents name and parent's contact number. Further information is available at www.NorthernStarChess.com/Tourney_CV.html

Aristea

HOOPTIME NEWS Grades 3 & 4

Grade 3/4 Hooptime will be held on Wednesday 21st June. Notes have been sent home today with interested grade 3 & 4 children, and need to be returned to the school office with payment as soon as possible, as I need to arrange transport.

Students will 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.

Jacki Todd

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



A colorful advertisement for 'Tennis Lessons' by Research Tennis Club. It features three children holding tennis rackets at the top. The main text says 'ENROL NOW FOR TERM 2 LESSONS' and 'TERM 2 SUPER SPECIAL ENROL NOW & RECEIVE 30% OFF YOUR FEES & ALSO RECEIVE A HEAD TENNIS RACQUET PACK FOR FREE'. It also mentions 'WE SPECIALISE IN LESSONS FOR BEGINNERS' and includes a photo of a tennis lesson. At the bottom, there is contact information: 'FOR MORE INFORMATION TEL: 9432-3706 WEB: WWW.TOPLINETENNIS.COM EMAIL: INFO@TOPLINETENNIS.COM' and logos for 'TOPLINE TENNIS' and 'KICK & HIT SHOTS'.