


SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Tuesday 07 March 2017

Newsletter No.6

Mon – Fri 6-10 March Tuesday 7 March	Grades 3 and 4 swimming 7pm Parents Group AGM, School Staffroom 730pm Fete Meeting	
Wednesday 8 March Monday 13 March Tuesday 14 March Monday 20 March Monday 27 March Wed 29 - Fri 31 March Friday 31 March Tuesday 18 April Saturday 6 May	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 tonight, Tuesday 7th March at 7pm.

SCHOOL COUNCIL 2017

Thank you to the Parent Representatives who nominated for School Council 2017. Congratulations and welcome (back) to Michelle Walker-Fox, Elizabeth Shewan, Karen Roberts and Carolyn Sternberg and we have four Parent Reps still vacant. Parents Group meets tonight to select their 'Community' member rep on School Council so a big thank you everyone. We thank and wish all the best and thank all councillors for their marvellous contribution to School Council, and thank retiring School Councillor John Melocco.

The School Council AGM, reporting on the 2016 school year will be held 7pm Monday 20 March, followed by the first School Council meeting of the new council at 7.30 pm

CHILDREN'S SNACKS

With our two hour first session at school, 9am – 11am, some parents are packing a substantial snack for morning tea, which is a great idea. Some children can eat breakfast quite early, so an extra sandwich or fruit at recess is a good idea.

BUILDING FUND RECEIPTS

The receipts many families received recently were for your donation to the Research Primary School Building Fund, which is able to be claimed as a tax deduction if you choose.

Geoff Whyte, Principal

FETE MEETING

Tonight, Tuesday 7th March at 730pm.

SPORT & PHYSICAL EDUCATION NEWS

Research Primary School Cross Country

Hello everyone, my name is Chris Kent and I am the new PE teacher at Research Primary School this year. Its been great beginning to work with all of your children and I look forward to seeing them all improve their skills during the year. Thanks to all of our volunteers who have helped to get the PMP program of to a great start and its fantastic to see the Preps making a positive start to PE.

The Research Primary School Cross Country is coming up in Week 9, on **Tuesday 28th March**, more details will follow but it would be good to see children out going for a regular run, maybe going for a run on the weekends to get ready for the Cross Country. **Regards, Chris.**

CAMP, SPORTS & EXCURSIONS FUND 2017

Urgent - Do you have a health care card, a Veterans Affairs Gold Card or a Pensioner Concession Card? If so you may be eligible to claim for CSEF 2017. Please collect an application form from the school office. Completed application forms need to be returned to the school office, along with a copy of your card, as soon as possible to allow payments to start asap. **Carol**

CHESS CLUB

Chess Victoria Tournament – Primary School Zonal Qualifier

Venue: Kangaroo Ground Primary School **Date:** Tuesday 28th March, 2017

Time: 9:30 am - 2:30pm **Cost:** \$20 per player (paid to school)

Qualify: Top 30% of students overall and top 30% of girls qualify for State Finals

Format: Individual based tournament, every student plays 7 games against players of similar skill

Please collect an expression of interest from the School Office.

If there is a parent who may be able to coordinate the day, please let the office or Aristaea know, as Aristaea works on Tuesdays.

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 - Henry K 34H **ART** - Ryan C Nathan L Caleb B **LOTE** Alysia D – 56W
Beckie G – 56K Allie W – 56K Luca M – 34K Pia K – 34H
Grade 2S – Emily A Grade 1S – Florence A Prep B – Harry

RESEARCH PRIMARY SCHOOL FETE 6th MAY 2017

Fete Meeting Tonight! 730pm, Staff Room

Our fete is only 9 weeks away, and lots of great planning has been happening. Tonight's meeting will cover how our planning is going, and any other areas that need to be looked at. Everyone is welcome tonight to help with ensuring our 2017 fete is amazing! **Carolyn Sternberg and Michelle Walker-Fox.**

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



Craft Stall

With the fete only 2 months away, we are calling on any crafty parents or grandparents who may be interested in contributing/donating any handcrafted items for our craft stall. We are also seeking donations of craft materials. Wool, buttons, beads, felt, fabric, lace, trims, stuffing, wheat for heat bags, perfume oils, candle making supplies, craft glue and any other bits and pieces that could be used to create handcrafted items for our stall. All donations would be much appreciated and can be left at the school office. I will be organising a morning tea to brainstorm ideas in the next few week. For those of you interested in creating or contributing you will be most welcome. **Any questions or ideas call Nicollee - 0419117161 or Michelle Walker-Fox – 0488660607**

Mystery Jars

It's that time again - please start collecting goods for the 'Mystery Jar Stall'. Take a **clean** jar (preferably clear) and fill with new goods to the value of a least \$2.00 Great fillers from previous fetes have been lollies (we ask that you use wrapped lollies eg. chuppa chups, minties, chocolate frogs etc – Also please make sure that chocolates **do not contain nuts**), balls, pens and stationary, little water pistols, loom bands etc. Please ensure items are child friendly and not dangerous. Bring your filled jar(s) to the office, place in the box provided and write the quantity in the Mystery Jar register (make sure it's on your child's grade page!), as a prize is given to the class that collects and fills the most mystery jars. Filled jars will be on display in the cabinet in the office foyer to give you some ideas. **Mel Jensen**

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 NEWS

The canteen here at Research Primary is run by a handful of generous people who consistently volunteer their time so that all students have the opportunity to purchase snacks from the canteen and order their lunches once a week. The profits made from the canteen over the year are substantial, and allow additional educational resources to be purchased to the benefit of all students, including those students who don't have a snack or lunch order.

At times we struggle to fill the roster so we would like to encourage all families to consider their availability for a very small amount of time to cover one or more shifts per term. Also, given the small number of volunteers, it is often difficult to find replacements if you need to cancel your shift.

If you are rostered on for Friday and you need to cancel, can you please let the office or myself know by Thursday morning if at all possible so that we can get a note out to families on Thursday afternoon if the canteen needs to close for lunch orders. Thank you, Jacqui.

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

	Tuesday 7 March	Thursday 9 March	Friday 10 March
	Afterschool Sales 3.30 – 4pm Emily Power Letica Sapienza	Afterschool Sales 3.30 -4pm *****	9-11.30: Pauline Middelveld 11.30-1.50: Carmie Isaacs 11.30-1.50 Lucy Jackson
Monday 13 March	Tuesday 14 March	Thursday 16 March	Friday 17 March
CLOSED – LABOUR DAY	Afterschool Sales 3.30 – 4pm *****	Afterschool Sales 3.30 -4pm *****	9-11.30: Penny Love 11.30-1.50: Karla Solier 11.30-1.50: Natalie McGregor
Monday 20 March	Tuesday 21 March	Thursday 23 March	Friday 24 March
12:30-1:30pm Nadia L-M	Afterschool Sales 3.30 – 4pm Emily Power Letica Sapienza	Afterschool Sales 3.30 -4pm *****	9-11.30: Carolyn Sternberg 11.30-1.50: Jessica Hayes 11.30-1.50: Carmie Isaacs
Monday 27 March	Tuesday 28 March	Thursday 30 March	Friday 31 March
12:30-1:30pm Aristea Porfiri	Afterschool Sales 3.30 – 4pm *****	Afterschool Sales 3.30 -4pm *****	CLOSED – LAST DAY OF TERM

OSHClub BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL CARE AT RPS

Hello everyone,

The children had such a fantastic week last week at the program, it was all about food! Each day we included a cooking activity for the children either in before or after school care. The kids absolutely loved Pancake Day & breakfast smoothies. There have been many recommendations for another food week to happen so we will definitely be having another food week in term 2! We will let you know when we plan the next food week!

This week we have planned an environmental week. We received a lovely donation from Webster’s Farm & Garden in Research. They have kindly donated us 2 large bags of soil and a whole bag of grass seeds. We are so grateful for the donation to the program; these resources will be thoroughly enjoyed. We have already started to create our grass seed heads using the donations. We are looking forward to all the fun activities that we are doing this week at the program & hopefully we will see you down at the room soon ☺



Warm regards, **Serren and Emily**

This week’s program	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Before School Activities	What can we compost? & Scavenger Hunt	How can we save the environment & student vs staff cricket	Sustainability poster & poison ball	Insect painting & Silent ball	Nature walk & Basketball
After School Activities	Recycling station & around the world basketball	Nature frames & AFL	Nature Bookma & Playground tigg	Sand castle building competition & tricky tigg	Nature collage & Tennis

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 Coordinator: Serren

OSHClub Head Office: 03 8564 9000
OSHC Assistant: Emily

COMMUNITY NEWS

AUSTRALIAN CHILDREN’S CHOIR

The Australian Children’s Choir is currently auditioning for children to commence in Term 2. The Australian Children’s Choir is a Not for Profit organisation, and proudly one of Australia’s oldest mixed voice choirs! Boys 7 girls 6-19 years! For more information / audition bookings please call **Carmel** on **9873 0277**.



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