



## SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Tuesday 8 August 2017

Newsletter No. 24

<p>Friday 11 August                  Wednesday 16 August                  Wednesday 16 August                  Friday 18 August                  Mon 22 – Fri 25 August                  Tuesday 22 August                  Friday 25 August                  Wednesday 30 August                  Friday 1 September                  Friday 1 September                  Monday 4 September                  Wednesday 6 September                  Monday 11 September                  Wednesday 20 September                  Friday 22 September                  Friday 22 September                  Monday 9 October</p>	<p>Interschool Sport RPS Vs Eltham College (away)                  EDPSSA Athletics Rieschecks Reserve, Doncaster                  Book Fair Starts                  Parents Group Children's Disco                  Children's Bookweek                  Author visit for Bookweek                  2pm Parents Group Meeting, staffroom with afternoon tea                  Melbourne Museum and IMAX Whole School Excursion                  School hats on                  Father's Day Stall                  Grades 5 &amp; 6 Hooptime, The Rings Stadium Maroondah                  Whole School 'Maths is Fun' Incursion                  Whole School Production Planetshakers 12noon Matinee &amp; 7pm Evening                  Special 'Footy' Lunch and Dress Up Day                  Parents Group 'Colour Fun Run'                  Term 3 ends 2.30pm                  (<b>First day of Term 4</b>) Curriculum Day/Pupil Free Day – no children required at School                  Grades 3/4 All Star Girls Hooptime Team, Regional Finals, Maroondah</p>
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We had a truly inspirational and very informative talk by Hugh Van Cuylenburg from The Resilience Project in our school gym last Thursday evening. It was great to see many of our families there on the night and we had many expressions of thanks from parents and teachers from our local small schools and local preschools, who were able to attend.

Hugh built on the talks Martin had with the children in their grades, talking about gratitude, empathy and mindfulness. Hugh is also a great fan of music, exercise and laughter. Please see his website for some great resources and ideas. <https://theresilienceproject.com.au/>

### PARENT OPINION SURVEY 2017

The Parent Opinion Survey is completed annually by the Department of Education and Training and is conducted amongst a sample of randomly selected parents at every school in Victoria. This year the survey will be conducted online. All responses to the survey are anonymous.

The survey helps our school gain an understanding of how you view our school climate, student engagement, and relationships. Our school will use the results to inform school planning and improvement strategies. The survey will be conducted online by ORIMA Research Pty Ltd and only takes 15 minutes to complete. For families chosen, it will be open until Sunday 27th August.

If your family has been randomly chosen, a letter will arrive at home this week with your unique log in information. Please log on and complete the survey before Sunday 27 August.

**Geoff Whyte, 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.

Art – Alysia 56W Ryan 56K

Leo PB	Theo PB	Caleb 56W	Phoebe 1S	Jai Pratap Singh 1S
Will 56K	Chloe 34K	Jackson 34H	Levi 2S	Lucy 2S

### COMPASS EVENT MEDICAL INFORMATION

When completing a COMPASS permission form please, **only**, enter information into the 'Allergys and / or medications currently being taken' box if it's relevant for your child on that particular event. Otherwise, please **LEAVE** blank. **Jackie & Carol**

## WHOLE SCHOOL PRODUCTION – Monday 11 September

Our Whole School Production this year is 'Get Back Up Again'. The production will have two performances on **Monday 11<sup>th</sup> September**, a **matinee at 12noon** and an **evening performance at 7pm**. Both will be held at Planetshakers (360 Centre), 360 Main Rd, Lower Plenty. Bookings will be online via Trybooking.com with a priority booking period for our main characters, our Grade 6 students. Bookings will open for Grade 6 families this Thursday, 10 August at 7pm, with our other families being able to purchase their tickets from next Thursday evening, 17 August. You may book up to 4 tickets per session and if there are spare seats, they will be released after bookings close on Monday 28 August. If you require more than four tickets for the matinee only, please contact the school office.

## PHYSICAL EDUCATION NEWS

### INTERSCHOOL SPORT

This week we play an away game against Eltham College. All games will be played at Eltham College. Games start about 1pm and parents are welcome to come along and support. **Christopher Kent**

### RPS HOUSE ATHLETICS

Well done to all the children who took part in our House Athletics down at Willinda Park. Thank you and well done to Mr Kent for his organisation and a big thank you to all the marvellous parent helpers on the day. The final places were, in first place Bettison – Gold House, 2<sup>nd</sup> was Russell – Blue House, 3<sup>rd</sup> Reynolds, - Red House and 4<sup>th</sup> Norman – Green House. The Charlie Bode House Athletics Cup was presented to the Bettison House Captains at the school assembly.

## RESILIENCE PROJECT A STUDENT'S REFLECTION

By **Luke H 56K**

*I learnt that you have to be happy and grateful for what you have. To focus on the positives and to go crazy when you get to do something you love, or get given something that is awesome. I learnt to share and give to someone who needs help and has nothing. Something that you have will make them feel better. I learnt that if you do something good every day, it doesn't have to be big, it can make a big difference. Also if you do something for someone and they feel happy it makes you happy too. Don't be shy to be who you are be true to yourself. There are some people out there who have nothing and they're grateful for what they have. Even if it's something very small, it can make them super happy.*

## LIBRARY NEWS

### BOOK FAIR - starts next Wednesday 16 August:

Volunteers to assist with setup, sales and packup are still required. If you would like to be involved please contact Karen in the library tomorrow, Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> or Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> in the afternoon, if you are available. You are welcome to email me at [library.karenc@gmail.com](mailto:library.karenc@gmail.com), if this is easier or drop a message via the office.

The theme for the fair will be "Rainforest"; if anyone wants to help decorate the library your creative ideas and assistance are most welcome. **Karen Cochrane**

## PARENTS GROUP

### PARENT'S GROUP ROUND-UP

Disco ticket order forms were sent home yesterday. This year the disco will be run as one session for P-6 from 4-6pm. This is a great opportunity for all students to have fun and for the Preps and Grade 1's to enjoy the disco with their big buddies.

Woolworths Earn and Learn is up and running so remember to collect those stickers and remind family and friends to do so also. There is a box for donations outside the office at school, in the BER and at Eltham Woolworths as well.

The last day of this term, Friday 22 September, we will be holding a Colour Run for all children in the school, which will be a lot of fun. This is a major fundraiser for the school with funds raised being used to purchase and update sporting and maths equipment for all grades across the school. Sponsorship information will be sent home and raise as little as \$10 to be entitled to a prize (various levels of sponsorship rewards available). It will be a great way to end the term. More details will be coming home next week so mark it in your calendar. **Michelle Walker-Fox**

## RPS CHILDREN'S DISCO



The Parents Group Children's disco is next Friday, 18 August. This year there will be one session from **4pm – 6pm** for all children from Prep to Grade 6. Included in a paid ticket your children will be provided with snacks, drinks, treats, prizes, games and dancing with full disco effects. Slushies will be for sale on the night at \$2. A ticket order form was sent home yesterday and is also available at the school office, please return with correct money to the office as soon as possible. If you are able to help out at all please make a note on the order form under volunteer.

Please return your ticket order form and money to the school office as soon as possible.  
**Parents Group**

## DISCO FOOD DONATIONS

Disco food donations / contributions are required for our Children's disco on the 18 August. It would be fantastic if families could donate a plate of child friendly sandwiches, frozen party pies, large bags of chips, tiny teddies or popcorn. All food is for sharing, so no individually packaged foods and please remember **no nuts, or nut based products**. Chips etc can be bought up to the school office before hand and sandwiches may be delivered on the afternoon of the disco. Thankyou.

## CHILDREN'S COLOUR FUN RUN



Watch this space for details on our Children's Colour Fun Run, last day of term, Friday 22 September. **Leah Donato**



Woolworths Earn and Learn Program (July 26 to September 19) has started – yay - and RPS is participating. Through this program we will be able to get new educational resources for the school and all we need you to do is shop at Woolworths and collect the stickers.

You will be given one sticker for every \$10 spent. So remember to collect your stickers, fill your Earn and Learn sticker sheets with your stickers and place in the collection boxes at school (located near the office and in the BER) or at

Woolworths Eltham. Sticker sheets are available from Woolworths and the school office. This is a great program for the school to be involved in so please ask relatives and friends to collect as well.

**Nadene Humphreys & Michaela Fullerton**

## CANTEEN ROSTER & NEWS

### CANTEEN HELP

The canteen will be **closed** next Friday, 18 August **unless** we are able to get some volunteers! Please contact the office urgently if you are able to **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 would a grandparent / family member like to help out, we are happy for two people to work together on a Monday or Wednesday if it means the canteen opening up for countersales. All and every offer of help is greatly received & much appreciated and of course, the children love seeing their family members at school.

Thank you Carolyn & Olivia for stepping in last Friday and opening the canteen for lunch orders.

This week we have included the **remaining roster** until the end of term, please consider helping us out.  
Thank you.

**Jacqui Robinson 0414 362 275**

## CANTEEN ROSTER

Monday 7 August	Wednesday 9 August	Friday 11 August
12.30 – 1.30pm *****	12.30 – 1.30pm *****	9 – 11.30 Penny L 11.30-1pm Pauline M 11.30-1pm Jacqui R
Monday 14 August	Wednesday 16 August	Friday 18 August
12.30 – 1.30pm *****	12.30 – 1.30pm *****	9 – 11.30 ***** 11.30-1pm ***** 11.30-1pm *****
Monday 21 August	Wednesday 23 August	Friday 25 August
12.30 – 1.30pm *****	12.30 – 1.30pm *****	9 – 11.30 Penny L 11.30-1pm Olivia G 11.30-1pm Jess H
Monday 28 August	Wednesday 30 August	Friday 1 September
12.30 – 1.30pm *****	<b>Whole School Excursion Canteen Closed</b>	9 – 11.30 ***** 11.30-1pm ***** 11.30-1pm *****
Monday 4 September	Wednesday 6 September	Friday 8 September
12.30 – 1.30pm *****	12.30 – 1.30pm *****	9 – 11.30 Pauline M 11.30-1pm Clara S 11.30-1pm Carmie I
Monday 11 September	Wednesday 13 September	Friday 15 September
<b>Whole School Production Canteen Closed</b>	12.30 – 1.30pm *****	9 – 11.30 ***** 11.30-1pm ***** 11.30-1pm *****
Monday 18 September	Wednesday 20 September	Friday 22 September
12.30 – 1.30pm *****	<b>Special 'Footy' Lunch Day</b> *****	<b>Canteen Closed Last day of term</b>

## SCHOOL BANKING NEWS



School Student Banking is held at school on Friday mornings. **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>

## HOOPTIME NEWS

Our 5/6 Hooptime round robin day is Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September at The Rings Stadium Maroondah. We will need parent helpers on the day to transport the students to and from the venue and to score for the 7 teams Research Primary has entered.

Players need to wear runners and shorts of any colour with no pockets. Playing singlets will be provided on the day. Training will begin **tomorrow**, Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> August on the top courts at recess. If you have said you'd like to play and are at school, I'll see you at training. If you have changed your mind please come up and let me know.

Also, congratulations to the 3/4 All Star Girls team who have progressed through to the Regional Finals on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> October at Maroondah. More information on that as we get closer.

Anyone requiring more information can contact me on 0407 836 444. Thanks,

**Jacki Todd**

Hello everyone

What another fabulous week at the program we've had, with the theme being all about art and craft and the children have made some lovely displays to go up in our room. We have been working on re-vamping our current room designs and the grade 6 girls have been a fantastic help in making this come to life!



This week our theme is all about team building skills. We have chosen this week to develop with the children their existing skills around communication and positivity. There are still a range of art and craft projects as well as active games planned which will get children from all year levels working as one.

I was one of the many people who went to the Resilience Project talk last Thursday evening. This certainly grabbed my attention and it's something that I am very passionate about. This term we are going to be working on resilience and link it to the aspects that Hugh talked about which were gratitude, empathy and mindfulness. I think it's really important that these things are consistent between school and out of hours care, which is why I want to embed it into our service throughout this term/year. If you have any ideas or strategies that you use personally, or at home we would love to have you input into the program.

Have a fantastic week! Warm regards, **Serren and Barbara**

**\*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](http://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)

OSHC program phone: 0427 793 936

Coordinator: Serren

Assistant: Barbara

OSHClub Head Office: 03 8564 9000

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## COMMUNITY NEWS

### FATHER'S DAY POETRY COMPETITION

Lower Plenty Traders present the 2017 Father's Day Poetry Competition. All entries must be handwritten and submitted to Thompsons Pharmacy, Lower Plenty no later than Friday 18 August. Entries must be named and have contact details clearly written on the back. Best entries selected must read their entry on Saturday 26 August at 12pm at the front of IGA. Please collect a flyer from the school office for more details, call Linda or visit our facebook page Lower Plenty Traders. **Linda Carroll 0417 383 410**

### ELTHAM WILDCATS

Eltham Wildcats has a very proud history in providing basketball pathways and competitive sporting opportunities for a wide range of ages, skills and abilities. Our programs include: Beginners Wildcat Kinder Club (3 & 4 yrs old), Wildcat Cub Squad (5 – 10 yrs old), Holiday Camps and a junior domestic competition. Summer 2017 / 2018 Season – enrolments due by Saturday 19 August. Season starts Saturday 14 October. For more information and to register please visit our website [www.elthamwildcats.basketball.net.au](http://www.elthamwildcats.basketball.net.au) or call the club on 9439 5686. **Eltham Wildcats**



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9 - 10 SEPTEMBER  
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### Talks / demonstrations

**Sat: 11am** Drawing & painting from nature  
Hannah Noorda

**2pm** Bonsai with Australian natives  
Kevin Ritchie

**Sun: 11am** Drawing & painting from nature  
Nancy Johnson

**2pm** Wildlife Garden Seasons  
Brian Bainbridge

### Participants

Birdlife Australia  
Helene Wild giftware  
F.D.Ryan Toolmakers  
Victorian Native Bonsai Club  
Display by APS Maroondah  
Shire of Whittlesea Bushland team display  
Friends of Melton Botanic Gardens nursery  
La Trobe Wildlife Sanctuary nursery  
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**BOYS & GIRLS TEAMS**

U12, 14, 16, 18

**MILO BEGINNERS CLINICS AGE 5-8**

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