


## SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Tuesday 16 May 2017

Newsletter No. 14

Wednesday 17 May	School Photos
Thursday 18 May	Australia Children's Choir rep visiting classes
Friday 19 May	Building Bridges Drama Toolbox Incursions Preps, 1S & 2S
Friday 19 May	ISS RPS vs Eltham East PS - Away
Friday 19 May	Walk Safely to School Day
Mon 22 – Fri 26 May	Education Week
Thursday 25 May	Open Day 2pm, Prep Parents 2018 7pm
Monday 29 May	Preps & 1S Collingwood Farm excursion
Monday 29 May	2S Edendale Farm excursion
Monday 5 June	7.30 School Council, 6.30pm Finance / Executive
Monday 12 June	Queen's Birthday Holiday
Friday 16 June	2pm Parents Group Meeting with refreshments. All welcome.
Wednesday 21 June	Grades 3 & 4 Hooptime



### EDUCATION WEEK OPEN DAY

Parents, Friends and Grandparents are invited to our Open Day, celebrating Education Week.

Our Open Day, as well as tours for new parents, will take place **between 2pm and 3pm on Thursday 25th May** then join us for a cuppa at 3pm (thank you to our Parents Group)

**Parents of 2018 Preps are also invited to come along to our Prep Information Evening 25<sup>th</sup> May at 7pm**

### FETE

Thank you to everyone who supported our School Fete, it was a lovely community day, and it was wonderful to see so many families from school and also many families who used to be part of our school community.

Our fundraising activities each year, such as the fete, and of course the terrific job the Parents Group do with their fundraising activities throughout the year, and the wonderful support our families give to the Parents Group events, are an important source of funding for government schools in Victoria.

The funds raised from this fete will be used to upgrade our playground equipment, do further enhancement work on the buildings and around the grounds, top up our phys ed and sports equipment, always well used at RPS, build up our Science equipment for use in classrooms, add to the Art room materials and equipment and purchase new teaching and learning student resources in line with the new Victorian Curriculum, so thank you so much for your support.

### SCHOOL FUNDING

Research PS receives about \$7,000 per year in government funding for Grounds Maintenance (we have 3.5 hectares, or over 8 acres as our site) and \$22,000 for 'Maintenance and Minor Works' which is spent on things such as broken windows, minor repairs to our ageing buildings (one of the rooms in the 'Red Corridor' is a 1948 Bristol from after WWII), electrical repairs, minor maintenance on the buildings, replacing the air conditioner that dies on a 38 degree day and so on, but RPS has not had significant funding of any sizeable amount since the upgrades of the red corridor building and the staffroom/admin area in 1994. In a fairly recent Victorian government 'Facilities Audit' we received no additional funding for building maintenance apparently because we had been too pro-active in maintaining our facilities in good condition, often achieved through parent funding support and the fine work carried out by parents at working bees.

The Bracks Review in to school funding recently was surprised I think to find that the cash funding given to schools by the Victorian government is almost matched by the funding parents contribute to schools through parent payments, donations and fundraising.

The figure quoted by the Australian Education Union is that Victorian government school students are funded on average approximately \$2000 per student less than the national average of per student funding across Australia, and that is for each student, every year, year after year, so you can see why local fundraising in schools has become so important for Victorian government schools. We thank you sincerely for your support, and at the same time call on both State and Federal governments to seriously review the funding to Victorian government schools.

## COMPASS

We continue to roll out our COMPASS software package for staff administration and teacher planning, and we are about to move into parent information, parent-school communication and parent payments. We have been working with the COMPASS consultants and we are almost ready to roll out the next phase, so we will be looking for your support.

We aim to have excursion permission notes online, Term Payments via COMPASS-Pay, and bookings for parent teacher interviews through the COMPASS portal. Term planners for this term will be uploaded and paid through COMPASS shortly. However, if you do not have internet access please let us know so you can receive a papercopy.

A letter will be posted to you in the next couple of weeks with your family log in details.



## WALK TO SCHOOL DAY

Walk to School day is this Friday, 19 May. We will be marking the day with our own RPS walk to school, and invite any children and parents who would like to join us to meet down at the 7-11 on the corner of Kalbar Rd by 830am and walk up to school as a group.

## ALLERGIES TO FOOD & PETS

Several students at School suffer food and pet allergies and so to help them with their condition we ask a couple of things of our families; please avoid sending along food such as peanuts and eggs whenever possible, we also do not allow any food sharing by children at school (just to reduce the risk of a potential problem) and we ask that dogs be left at the gate of the school and not brought on to the School grounds, also to reduce the risk of allergic reactions. If you wish to bring a pet for 'Show and Tell' please discuss with your classroom teacher first. Thank you for your co-operation.

**Geoff Whyte, Principal**

## SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS



School Photos will be taken tomorrow **Wednesday, 17 May**. Family photos cannot be taken unless there is a completed order form with pre-payment. Also, please note family photos can only include children at Research Primary School, no younger or older siblings. Please ensure that children are in full school uniform on photo day and that your order form(s) have been returned.

## 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** – Aster Prep B      **Art** – All Grades

Max M Prep B  
Nathan 2S  
Ryan 56W

Max F Prep B  
Sophie 2S  
Nathan 56W

Luca 1S  
Jade 34K  
Claudia 56K

Charlie 1S  
Harriet 34H

## SPORT & PHYSICAL EDUCATION NEWS

### INTERSCHOOL SPORT

This Friday we play an away game against Eltham East Primary School. Football will be played at Eltham Central Park (behind Eltham Library) & Soccer will be at Eltham North Upper (behind Eltham Nth Synthetic). Games start close to 1pm and parents are encouraged to come along and watch.

*Christopher Kent, PE*

### RUNNING CLUB

Running Club with Sophie has started on a Tuesday morning at 8.30am and will run for 2 more weeks on the top court.

*Sophie*

## FETE NEWS

### GUESSING JARS RESULTS

Congratulations to all our Fete Guessing Jars winners:

Snakes – Wendy (Visitor) guessed close to the actual total of 187

Chuppa Chups – Zen (56K) guessed closed to the actual total of 101

Mentos – Aslan (2S) guessed closed to the actual total of 382

Jelly Beans – Theo (PrepB) guessed closed to the actual total of 806

Gum Balls – Kristy (34H) guessed closed to the actual total of 812

Sherbets – James (56K) guessed closed to the actual total of 56

Red Skins – Beckie (56W) guessed closed to the actual total of 47

### MYSTERY JARS RESULT / PRIZE

Congratulations to 34K on filling the most mystery jars at a staggering 107 jars. Well done. Grade 34K will receive their prize soon.

### RAFFLE WINNERS

Thank you to everyone who purchased and sold tickets for our Fete Raffle and congratulations to the winners:

1<sup>st</sup> Prize – Scooter

Henry 34H

2<sup>nd</sup> Prize – Village Movie Voucher

Stockdale Family

3<sup>rd</sup> Prize – Mixed Store Cards

Lexi Prep B

### RECYCLE YOUR UNWANTED MYSTERY JARS

Please recycle any unwanted fete mystery jars. There will be a labelled cardboard box in front of the school office over the next 2-3 weeks, where you can place your clean glass or plastic jars with lids, so we can store them for the next fete. Much appreciated.

*Aristea*

### MINI AMUSEMENTS STALL AFTERSCHOOL

Solveig has kindly offered to run a Mini Amusements Stall outside the BER Building to use, the leftover amusement prizes from our Fete, afterschool on **Thursday 25 May**. Any money made will be added to our overall Fete profit. More information will follow shortly.

*Carolyn Sternberg 0412 817 305*

### CLASS TABLECLOTHS

Would you like to bid on a class tablecloth from the Devonshire Tea? Decorated during Art classes and used at the Fete, the tablecloths feature your child's self-portrait. Tablecloths are on display by the school office along with bidding sheets, the winning bid will be included in the Fete's overall profit. Bidding will close at 12noon on 26 May, and the winner will be announced at assembly.

## 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*

## MOTHER'S DAY STALL

Thank you to the wonderful helpers and supporters who helped set up and run the Mother's Day Stall last week. The students had a great time purchasing a gift for that special person in their life and we hope you all had a relaxing and enjoyable Mother's Day on Sunday.  
*Liza P, Oliva G & Leah C*

## 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](http://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 17 May	Friday 19 May
	12.30 – 1.30pm *****	9 – 11.30 Penny L 11.30-1pm Olivia G 11.30-1pm Kate G
Monday 22 May	Wednesday 24 May	Friday 26 May
12.30 – 1.30pm Aristea	12.30 – 1.30pm *****	9 – 11.30 Leah D 11.30-1pm Karla S 11.30-1pm Jacqui R
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

## OSHClub

Last week at OSHClub it was family week. The children were involved in lots of art and craft activities all about family. Children engaged in Mother's day creations like cards, rum balls and a cool photo booth activity! We also started up a new OSHClub family book that each child will get to take home and stick some photos in of themselves and their families. The children were really excited for this idea and we can't wait for all our families to participate in this. The children also made good use of the school gym last week and we all had lots of fun with our outdoor group games like tricky tiggy and ball tiggy.

This week is Animal week! We have lots of animal craft ideas for the children as well as lots of active games for them to participate in.

Have a great week ahead and we look forward to seeing you all down at the program soon.  
Kind 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](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)

This week's program theme: <i>St Pat's Day &amp; Green week</i>	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Before School Activities</b>	Create animal masks & Ball tiggly	Safari animal puppets & Silent ball	Animal finger painting & Poison ball	Drawing competition & Hide and seek	Twirling ladybugs & Numbers basketball
<b>After School Activities</b>	Create your own animal puzzle & Basketball tricks	Paper bag puppets & Tennis match	Hama beads & Tricky tiggly	Create a word find & AFL football	Jump frogs & Octopus tag

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](http://www.oshclub.com.au)

## COMMUNITY NEWS

### COMMUNITY WELLBEING EXPO

10am – 3pm at Eltham High School on 21 May. HealthAbility will be running a Free to Attend Community Wellbeing Expo. Discover the amazing array of local activities, groups and services that can support your wellbeing. Featuring guest speakers, presentations and demonstrations and more. For more information please visit our website [www.healthability.org.au/wellbeingexpo](http://www.healthability.org.au/wellbeingexpo)

**HealthAbility Eltham**

# CATHOLIC LADIES' COLLEGE

Term 2, 2017

## Science Enrichment Program

An after school program held over four weeks  
for girls and boys currently in Grades 4 & 5

Wednesday afternoons 4-5pm  
31 May and 7, 14 and 21 June

### Are you curious about Science?



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or call Mrs Julie Smyth at CLC on 03 9439 4077

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