RESEARCH PRIMARY SCHOOL

Thank you to everyone who was able to come along to our Launch Into Learning evening, we certainly appreciate your support and we hope you had the chance to catch up with folk at the bbq. We are well into our parent-teacher interviews now, so thank you also for your support. Please contact the class teacher if you missed the interview or if you would like a follow up chat.

RPS is a very proud local state school with a long history of serving the Research and wider community where we strive to do the very best for all the children in our care. Our vision is to have all children, at the end of their time with us, leave RPS very well prepared for secondary school as children who are literate, numerate, articulate and curious.

Our classroom teachers are very dedicated to their roles and try their very best to provide a comprehensive and challenging program, by providing a wide and balanced curriculum and one which is differentiated to meet the needs of all the children in a class, challenging the range of abilities that are found in a single grade. This year Julie Minarelli is leading the school to implement the new Victorian Curriculum F-10 with some exciting times ahead in Teaching and Learning in all classrooms. We also enjoy and benefit greatly from activities such as our whole school excursion, incursions, school camps, visiting speakers/activities and visiting local community groups.

Through our Art, Language and Physical Education specialist programs and our comprehensive library collection, along with the private music lessons, access to GATEWays, the school Chess Club, the whole school production, school choir and private singing lessons, as well as access to the many sporting pathways available via our membership of EDPSSA and our very extensive and interesting grounds, we feel the students at RPS receive a very comprehensive education catering for each individual child’s physical, social, emotional and educational needs wherever possible.

Through links that we continually try to improve upon, and by which we can rely on our very supportive parents, we hold in high importance the Parent – Child – Teacher – School community connections and communications which we believe then support our students to be successful learners, confident individuals and responsible citizens.

SPECIALIST TIMETABLE

A quick note about the timetable for the curriculum specialists and the various other activities that happen around a busy school like RPS. Our timetable changes most weeks as we have uppermost in our minds the learning programs of the children and the planning of those programs by the teachers. We are very flexible and nimble enough as a school to change the timetable so that very few classes, if any as is the case most of the time, are disadvantaged. Mrs Minarelli is a very creative and insightful timetabler, and we do appreciate her ‘big picture’ vision as she timetables each week. We switch times when there are activities such parent-teacher interviews, the swimming sports, excursions, visiting speakers, teacher absence and a myriad of other reasons, all of which means our students maintain their full and challenging learning program.

TERM PLANNERS

Thank you to the families for their quick payment of term planners, it is certainly appreciated. Many of the term one charges are costs that cover the whole year, such as Mathletics, Reading Eggs, Compass and so on. School subscription costs for example Mathletics at $15 compare very favourably to families who may take out a private subscription at $99. These programs are then available at home as well as school.
The costs itemised on Class Term Planners only cover the activities and excursions etc where all children in the class will be attending: events such as a visiting show, the whole class trip to the zoo and so on.

For quite a few other activities not all children in the class attend, so a separate note and payment is needed. Activities such as the District Sports, gym bus, Hooptime and so on. These extra costs are approximately $40 - $50 per child extra. Unfortunately there is not a simple way around the need for permission and payments other than separate notes and charges for these events.

Camps are separate again, costing approximately $250 - $310 ($625 Grade 5/6 Canberra Experience) for grades 3-6, with payment plans in place to allow families to enter payment arrangements.

The approximate total costs for all excursions, incursions and shows for each year level using current costs are:

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The term 1 charges payment is due by today, thank you.

**ONLINE PAYMENTS**

Thank you to those families who make payments online, this is a fast and easy way to settle your school account but please ensure you return the payment slip to the office outlining what your deposit covers, so we are able to credit the correct information to the right family. If you have any questions please contact Jackie & Carol the office.

**SCHOOL LEADERS**

Well done to our School Captains Nathan and Eloise for the fine job they did at running their first school assembly last Friday. Congratulations to our next round of School Leaders who were announced at the assembly. Well done to all our Student Leaders and thank you for stepping up to the challenges.

- **ENVIRONMENTAL CAPTAINS:** Timothy, Sophia
- **SWIMMING CAPTAINS:** Caleb, Tilly
- **MUSIC CAPTAINS:** Cameron, Alysia
- **BUDDY CAPTAINS:** Alyssa (6), Lillie (5)

**LEAVE**

I will be on leave for the rest of this week and Mrs Julie Minarelli will be the Acting Principal.

Geoff Whyte, Principal

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**SPORT & PHYSICAL EDUCATION NEWS**

**RPS SWIM TEAM and TRIALS GRADES 3-6**

Last Thursday afternoon, we went to Aquarena on a glorious afternoon of sunshine. Congratulations to all the students who swam their best. It was a great effort by all. Many thanks to the wonderful group of parents who assisted at the pool. Special thanks to Heather Goldie, Michaela Fullerton, Sam Kilby, Catherine White, Leesa Moar, Nadine Humphries and Michelle Walker-Fox for time-keeping in the sun.

Good luck to all our swimmers tomorrow (Wednesday) at the Eltham District Swim Sports at WaterMarc. Reminder to all swimmers, go to your class to be marked off on the roll and then come to 5/6W with your swimming gear. Could all swimmers please be in their bathers before they come to school.

Jocelyn Watts

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**RESEARCH PRIMARY SCHOOL NOTICE OF ELECTION AND CALL FOR NOMINATIONS**

An election is to be conducted for members of the School Council of Research Primary School. Nomination forms may be obtained from the school and must be lodged by 4 pm on Tuesday 21 February 2017. There is a self-nomination form for parents and DET employees available from the office.

Nominations are called for four (4) Parent Members and four (4) DET employee Members.

If an election is necessary ballot papers will be distributed and the ballot will close at 4pm on Monday 6 March. Following the closure of nominations a list of the nominations received will be posted at the school. If the number of nominations is less than the number of vacancies, a notice to that effect and calling for further nominations will be notified.

VALUES AWARDS

Congratulations to our Values Awards winners, our new awards which reflect our RPS Values of Respect, Excellence, Sense of Fun, Equality, Achievement, Resilience, Co-operation and Honesty.

PE Ivy 2S ART Eloise 56W Claudia 56K Angus 34H Prep B Mia and Eli 1S Eadie and Montie
34H Sarah 56K Matilda 56W Georgia 34K Lasenya

PARENTS GROUP

PARENTS GROUP 2017

Would you like to?
Meet other parents, become involved in fundraising activities, be a part of special school projects, enjoy a good giggle and make lifelong friends.

Then Research Primary Parents Group is for you!

Research Primary openly welcomes parents from new and existing families along with our greater school community and grandparents to join our wonderful Parents Group. Parents Group plays an important role in our school community by supporting students and staff with curriculum activities, organising social events and raising vital funds that are essential to our school. Parents Group meets about once a month in a friendly casual atmosphere and if you have younger children they are more than welcome to come along. If you would like to become a part of Parents Group but are unable to attend meetings, that’s not a problem, please feel free to discuss options, such as going onto our email list. Parents Group needs your support!

Our AGM is Tuesday 7th March at 7pm in the school staffroom. Please mark this in your diary, all welcome.

Rachel Brown and Michelle Walker-Fox, Co-Presidents Parents Group

RESEARCH PRIMARY SCHOOL FETE  6th MAY 2017

FETE

We now have a Facebook page and an official Facebook ‘event’ dedicated to this year’s fete. The page is located at https://www.facebook.com/researchprimaryschoolfete/ or by placing ‘Research Primary School Fete 2017’ in Facebook’s search bar. Please ‘Like’ the page, and feel free to share it with family, friends, and the wider Research Primary School community.

The ‘event’ can be found on the fete’s page – please feel free to click ‘going’ or ‘interested’ to ensure the event is placed in your Facebook calendar (for an easy reminder!) and ‘invite’ those who you feel would be interested in attending and enjoying what promises to be a fun-filled day!

White Elephant Drop Offs
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

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 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.

**Rebecca 0433 439 962**

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**OSHClub BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL CARE AT RPS**

What a fantastic week we had last week at the program! We created so many fabulous art and craft creations, these were themed around Valentine’s Day and world kindness week. As a group we created a friendship hand wreath that signifies the importance of friendship. We also created an 'Acts of Kindness' poster. This was developed by children’s ideas about what it means to be kind. This week at the program our theme is art and craft. Art and craft projects are a favourite for the children who attend the program, and this week we have many creative activities planned!

Please feel free to pop down in either of the sessions if you have any questions or inquiries about the program. Just a reminder that hats and sun cream are to be worn at all times when children play outside. If you could please provide a spare hat for your child so that they have to option to go outside. We provide sun cream, but you’re more than welcome to pack some with their hat in their bag. We are looking forward to seeing you all this week, and if we don’t get a chance to see you; have a fantastic week! 😊

Warm regards, **Serren and Emily**
This week's program theme is **ART & CRAFT**

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| After School Activities | Water Painting & basketball | Matchstick construction & Dancing | Drawing competition & football | Glitter designs & running races | Pom Poms & Octopus tag |

All families must be enrolled to attend the program and remember enrolment is free!! Please create an account online at [www.oshclub.com.au](http://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  
**OSHC Head Office:** 03 8564 9000  
**OSHC Assistant:** Emily

### COMMUNITY NEWS

#### 2017 PREMIER’S ACTIVE APRIL
Registrations for 2017 Premier’s Active April are now open at [www.activeapril.vic.gov.au](http://www.activeapril.vic.gov.au) Premier’s Active April is a Victorian Government initiative which encourages all Victorians to do 30 minutes of activity each day during April, with the aim of incorporating physical activity into their daily routine.

_The Hon Daniel Andrews MP, Premier of Victoria_

#### SINGING CLASSES AT RESEARCH PRIMARY
Times are available on Thursdays for private, duo and trio classes; if you would like more information please contact Michelle by email [myo69411@bigpond.net.au](mailto:myo69411@bigpond.net.au)

#### POSITIVE PARENTING
A program offered to parents, grandparents, carers who care for children aged 2 -10ys. A free ten week program aimed to assist with developing a strong and positive relationship, manage everyday behaviour problems, set rules & limits and much more. For further information please call 1800 880 660.

_Gateway Health_
Eltham Fun Run Walk

Fundraising event for people with disabilities

Sunday 26 March 2017

Run 5km or 10km / Walk 5km

Eltham North Pre-School

"Explore, Play, Learn"

Open Day

Saturday 25th February

10am - 1pm

Explore our facilities | Play in our wondrous backyard
Learn about our program from our friendly Teachers

30 Glen Park Road | Eltham North
Phone - 9439 7007

Do you love Singing * Dancing * Gymnastics * Performing

The Warrandyte Calisthenics College

Are currently welcoming new members to our Tinies Class

Age 3 – 6 Years (turning 7 this year) Thursdays 4.15-5.15

Classes are held at Anderson’s Creek PS Performing Arts Centre
For more information about TWO FREE TRIAL CLASSES
contact our principal coach Katrina on 0425 796 259
or email her warrandytecali@hotmail.com or go to www.warrandytecalisthenics.org.au
**Warrantlye**

**Saturday 5th March 2017**

New for 2017 - Make a team and raise money for SOPCK

**Events 2017**

- 15km
- 10km
- 5km
- 2.2km
- U8 Kids Run

Gift - 100m

Raising money for:

**ONE CAN KILL**

Register at: **WarrantlyeSports.com.au**

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**Research Tennis Club**

**Tennis Coaching**

Main Road, Research

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visit www.dancefactor.net.au

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**Rosanna Golf Links Primary School**

**Present**

**Aniversary School Fair**

February 26, 2017. 10-4pm

Interlaken Pde, Rosanna www.rosanna-golflinks-ps.vic.edu.au

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**Reunion Hall**

Live Music

All Age Rides

Stalls

Food

Activities

Sideshows

60th School Anniversary

21st Birthday Gala Dinner

Celebrations