


## SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Tuesday 23 May 2017

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| Mon 22 – Fri 26 May<br>Thursday 25 May<br>Friday 26 May<br>Monday 29 May<br>Monday 29 May<br>Monday 5 June<br>Monday 12 June<br>Friday 16 June<br>Wednesday 21 June | Education Week<br>Open Day 2pm, Prep Parents 2018 7pm<br>Interschool Sport RPS vs ENPS - home<br>Preps & 1S Collingwood Farm excursion<br>2S Edendale Farm excursion<br>7.30 School Council, 6.30pm Finance / Executive<br>Queen's Birthday Holiday<br>2pm Parents Group Meeting with refreshments. All welcome.<br>Grades 3 & 4 Hooptime |  |
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### 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**

### FROM THE SCHOOL COUNCIL PRESIDENT

Thankyou to all the teachers and parents for a fantastic start to Term 2. It has been a busy few weeks with the School fete, NAPLAN, Mother's Day stall and the start of Interschool sport. None of these events would be as successful without the support and cooperation of the school staff and the parent community.

This month our dedicated principal Geoff Whyte announced his retirement at the end of Term 3, after 18 years of service to our wonderful school. I would like to thank Geoff for his many years of enthusiasm and commitment to the Research Primary School community.

School Council will meet with the Department of Education in the next few weeks to discuss the process for engaging a new principal and we will keep the school community up to date on our progress.

We would like to attract the best candidates possible for this important role, so we would encourage everyone to promote a positive view of the school, both in the Research community and on social media.

I would also like to take this opportunity to remind you that if you have any concerns, issues or comments about the school, the staff and I are available to speak with you. Thank you for your continued support.

*Elizabeth Shewan, School Council President*

### CHOIR AT ASSEMBLY



## RESEARCH PRIMARY SCHOOL

As we head into Victoria's State Education Week it is a great time to reflect on the wonderful school community we have here at Research Primary School. Our students are engaged in their learning and are also very knowledgeable about their school and the wide range of opportunities available to them. As we often remind the children, we seek to engage, excite and empower the students through their seven years of our very comprehensive primary school education program.

The school environment is one of excellent teaching and learning where children are supported and encouraged to do their best, whether it is learning to read, solving creative mathematical problems, running their fastest or singing in the school production. Our students are proud of their school and they enjoy being challenged by our learning programs and exploring our delightful three hectares of school grounds.

We are fortunate to have a very conscientious, professional staff who are supported by a very caring parent community which is actively involved in the operation and support of the school.

As our school celebrates 128 years of strong community-minded education we are proud of our rich learning tradition and we are very pleased to be a member of the broader family friendly Research community.

I will be taking long service leave from later this week for a few weeks, and Mrs Julie Minarelli will be the Acting Principal of Research PS in my absence, please give her your support, as it is a really good opportunity for Julie to extend her professional experience and knowledge.

## WALK TO SCHOOL

Well done to the staff, students and parents (and toddlers and dogs) who walked to school last Friday, National Walk Safely to School Day. It is always great to see children out and about scooting, skating, riding and walking to school. Well done and thanks everyone.

**Geoff Whyte, Principal**

## DIRECT DEPOSIT REFERENCES

Thank you to all the families who pay via direct deposit but please remember to use your child's name in the reference. We have received a camp deposit from a family for \$80 but unfortunately it is listed as GRASMITH34CAMPDEP our 'pretend' family we use as a sample. If this is your child's deposit please contact the school office as soon as possible.

**Jackie & Carol**

## 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** – Zac 2S    **Japanese** – Sarah 34H

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|------------|-------------|------------|-------------|---------|--------------|
| Will PB    | Nicholas PB | Hirad 1S   | Sienna P 1S | Ayva 2S | Alejandro 2S |
| Bianca 34K | Sophia 56K  | Brodie 56K | Caleb 56W   |         |              |

## THANK YOU DEAN

Thank you to Dean Fullerton for giving up his time and coming in on Saturday to paint the breezeway ceiling, a fantastic job.

**Julie Minarelli**

## SPORT & PHYSICAL EDUCATION NEWS

### INTERSCHOOL SPORT

This Friday we play a home game against Eltham North Primary School. Football will be played at Research Park & Soccer will be at Eltham Nth Synthetic. Games start close to 1pm and parents are encouraged to come along and watch.

**Christopher Kent, PE**

## FETE NEWS

### 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 after we got rained out, afterschool on **Thursday 25 May**. Any money made will be added to our overall Fete profit. If you would like your child to have a turn at the amusements such as bottle hoopla & choc toss, please send them with a few dollars on Thursday to join in the fun.

**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**

### 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 24 May        | Friday 26 May   |
|-------------------------|-------------------------|---|
|                         | 12.30 – 1.30pm<br>***** | 9 – 11.30 Leah D<br>11.30-1pm Karla S<br>11.30-1pm Jacqui R   |
| Monday 29 May           | Wednesday 31 May        | Friday 2 June   |
| 12.30 – 1.30pm<br>***** | 12.30 – 1.30pm<br>***** | 9 – 11.30 Carolyn S<br>11.30-1pm Jess H<br>11.30-1pm Carmie I |
| Monday 5 June           | Wednesday 7 June        | Friday 9 June   |
| 12.30 – 1.30pm<br>***** | 12.30 – 1.30pm<br>***** | 9 – 11.30 Penny L<br>11.30-1pm Jacqui R<br>11.30-1pm Sara J   |

## OSHClub

What a fun week it was here last week! The theme was animal week and the children participated in lots of activities centred around different animals. Some of the things that the children engaged in were finger painting and animal paper bag puppets. Our favourite inside activities that the children really enjoyed were chess tournaments, trouble, UNO and twister. The children also enjoyed spending time outside in the afternoons and we all loved playing group games like tricky tiggy and ball tiggy.

Next week is food week! The children will get to cook and participate in activities to do with food. If you have any inquires, we are more than happy to show you our room & what we offer at the program. Have a fantastic week and we will hopefully see you 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)

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| This week's program theme:<br><i>St Pat's Day &amp; Green week</i>  | Monday                            | Tuesday                                  | Wednesday                         | Thursday                          | Friday   |
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| <b>Before School Activities</b>   | Breakfast smoothies & Fruit salad | Food craft & Octopus tag                 | Cook pancakes & 2 on 2 basketball | Fruit salad fingers & Ball tiggys | Recipe book & Celebrity heads                      |
| <b>After School Activities</b>  | Honey joys & Tennis               | Food colouring painting & Playground fun | Crunch bars & Tricky tiggys       | Food scraps poster & Soccer game  | Create a word find & Around the world (basketball) |
| <b>OSHC program phone: 0427 793 936      Coordinator: Serren      Assistant: Emily</b><br><b>OSHClub Head Office: 03 8564 9000</b><br><b>Enrol and book sessions through our website <a href="http://www.oshclub.com.au">www.oshclub.com.au</a></b> |                                   |  |                                   |                                   |  |

### **HOOPTIME NEWS Grades 3 and 4**

Grade 3/4 Hooptime day is Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> June. 49 of our 3/4 students have expressed interest in taking part in the Hooptime basketball program this year. Training will begin next Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> May at recess on the top courts.

Students 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.

Permission notices will come home in a couple of weeks. It is a fantastic fun day and I'm looking forward once again to meeting all our future basketball stars. See you on the top courts next Wednesday.

**Jacki Todd**

### **INTERSCHOOL SPORTS REPORTS – RPS VS ELTHAM EAST PRIMARY**

#### **KORFBALL**

On Friday the korfbal team played against Eltham East the A team lost by 6 goals. The sports award went to Alysia for being determined and not giving up after she got a ball to the face.

The B team also lost by six points and the sports award went to Kristy for her excellent playing and putting 100 % into the game and showing she belonged into the team.

#### **SOCCER**

Last Friday the soccer team played a brilliant match against Eltham East. To our misfortune we lost 8-2 their way. The sports award went to Timothy for getting into the game more and not being afraid of the ball. Special mentions to the whole team for being very competitive. Thankyou Mr. Whyte for coaching.

## FOOTY

On Friday the football team played a magnificent game against Eltham East. The scores were very close and luckily we were able to win by one point. 31 to 30 our way. The sports award went to Zen for kicking his first goal and playing a great game. Thanks Mr O'Halloran.  
**Nathan K & Logan D**

## BAT TENNIS

The bat tennis team did a stupendous job against Eltham East but unfortunately the scores were 23-44 their way. The sports award goes to Eric for playing an amazing game and it was his first time playing. Thanks Miss Minarelli for coaching  
**William.E & Harvey.D**

## NETBALL

Last Friday the netball team played a magnificent game against Eltham East. Surprisingly the scores for the A team were 4 all and unfortunately the B team lost with the scores being 20 to 13 Eltham East's way. The sports award for the A team went to Maia for always sticking to her player. The sports award for the B team went to Claudia for being on a very high jumper. Thanks Miss Kepitis for coaching

## COMMUNITY NEWS

### BOOK LAUNCH INVITATION

'Spell Better - in just 5 minutes a day' Margaret Harley is delighted to invite you to the launch of her brand new book. Eltham Library, Thursday 25 May at 7pm. Margaret is an education specialist & therapist with 20 years' experience. Join us to celebrate the launch of her latest book on improving a spelling in 5 easy steps, an exciting new and easy technique with guaranteed results. Please email [team@learneasy.com.au](mailto:team@learneasy.com.au) for further information.  
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**Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> June**

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