Tuesday 29 November 2016

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**PARENT HELPERS MORNING TEA**

The staff would like to say Thank You to all our wonderful parent helpers who were able to join us for morning tea, and also all those who were unable to make it, thank you everybody.

**VICKY WARD, MP**

It was great to have Vicky Ward MP presenting the Premiers Reading Challenge certificates at assembly yesterday. Vicky is an ex-RPS student and she always enjoys returning to Research. Vicky also presented our Values Awards and Reading certificates to the children as well as having a chat to the assembly about school life in general.

**2017 SOME CHANGES ARE COMING**

We will be interviewing for our new teachers over the next few days, always an exciting time in a school. We are seeing quite a deal of teacher movement in schools around the Diamond Valley and surrounding areas this year, most likely due to the new growth corridor schools opening up and teachers looking for new challenges in their careers. Having teachers move schools is an ideal career opportunity for teachers and it is also good for schools as it often results in a strong sharing of good teaching practices and the cross polllination of good ideas from different teachers and schools. It also allows the state government Education Department to introduce new graduate teachers into the school system across the state, ensuring the Victorian system of nearly 1600 state schools is continually revitalised.

As Vicky was saying to the children at assembly yesterday, RPS is very proud of our contribution to State Education for over 127 years and she wished us well for the exciting times ahead.

We have signed up with Compass for next year, the school software package used in several local schools that provides parent communication options, school calendars and planners, payment options, student attendance as well as other options and it will rolled out at the end of this year, ready for 2017.

Later in 2017 we will be joining Hugh Van Cuylenburg’s ‘The Resilience Project. Many of you will have heard Hugh speak and we are delighted to be able to join the program which builds emotional resilience and promotes general mental wellbeing for children, teachers and parents.

**CHRISTMAS CAROLS**

*Monday 12 December 5.30pm – 7pm*

School Oval, BYO Picnic Tea & Drinks

(No other food or drinks will be available),

Bring a chair or rug and sit on to listen to carols performed by each class & a performance by our Christmas Choir.

Students need to be accompanied by an adult and can wear free dress with a Christmas theme.
PARENT PAYMENTS 2017, NEW SCHOOL BOOKS AND SCHOOL UNIFORMS
2017 Parent Payment letters have been posted home as many families prefer to pay this year and we certainly appreciate the early payment. Included with this year’s letter are the new Department of Education ‘parent payment’ guidelines.

We would like parents to pick up their children’s individual bags of stationery on Tuesday 31 January 2017, from the office between 9am – 2pm. School uniform orders will also be ready for pick up that day.

Geoff Whyte, Principal

VALUES AWARDS
Congratulations to our Values Awards winners which reflect our RPS Values of Respect, Excellence, Sense of Fun, Equality, Achievement, Responsibility, Co-operation and Honesty.

Japanese: Jacqui 56A Abbey 34W
Jake PB Tahlia PB Oscar 1S Lilly 1S Amelie 23K
Elia 23K Matthew 56M Zara 56M Abbey 23C Luca 23C
Dante 34W Josh 34W

SPORT & PHYSICAL EDUCATION NEWS

HOOPTIME
Well done to the FS team who made it through last Friday to State playoffs at Dandenong, congratulations on the achievement.

Also a huge thank you to Jacki Todd for all her marvellous Hooptime work throughout the year, coordinating teams, taking training, coordinating drivers and coaches, running the day for RPS at the venues, all in all a fabulous job. The Hooptime kids contributed to a gift for Jacki and it was presented to Ruby at assembly yesterday to pass on to Jacki with our thanks.

T20 BLAST CRICKET
Yesterday the T-20 Blast Cricket Regional Semi-final team did very well, winning all 3 of their round robin games, but unfortunately being bumped in a countback. Eltham North 125-90, Epping 151-106 & Our Lady’s 110-82 but unfortunately the other two teams who won their 3 games had a higher overall score and went into the next round.

Congratulations to Kaeden, Joel, Lachie S, Ben, Jeremy, Jacob, Jed, James, Nathan and Lachie W. The boys represented the school with great pride and played some excellent cricket.

Nicole Martin

GRADES 2 – 4 LITTLE EINSTEIN DAY
On Monday 5th December, grades 2 – 4 will be having a dress up day in line with the science topic we are studying. Students are requested to come dressed as a scientist of their choice or their own version of a scientist, please, don’t go to too much trouble. Release the little Einstein in your child! Thanks for your support.

The Red Corridor Team

ACTIONS & REACTIONS GR 2/3/4 ROTATIONS
The last few Fridays the grade 2/3s and 3/4 have been exploring physical reactions through propulsion, magnets and light. Mary-Lynn has kindly volunteered her time and is imparting her valuable knowledge on light. The students have been experimenting with making images on photographic material, light properties and prisms. Thank you Mary-Lynn your time is greatly appreciated and the students are thoroughly enjoying your sessions.
CHESS NEWS

2016 NSC PRIMARY SCHOOL CHESS CHAMPIONSHIPS
Date: Thursday, 1st December  
Venue: Kangaroo Ground Primary School
Time: 9:30am - 2:30pm  
Cost: $20 per player (paid to RPS)

Please ensure payment and paperwork are completed and returned tomorrow, Wednesday 30 November, please.

Aristea 0434 003 125

GRADE 6 2016 NEWS

GRADUATION PHOTO BOARD
If you still need to send in a photo(s) of your grade 6 student for the graduation photo board, please do so as soon as possible. We would like a baby photo, prep photo and a grade 6 photo.

Sheridan Beattie

GRADE 6 PHOTO BOOK
Jacqui and Emel are gathering photos for the Grade 6 photobook. If you would like to add to the school collection of photos, particularly group photos, you can do this by adding to the USB sticks from Jackie in the office. There are 3 USB sticks available, however you can put the photos on your own labelled USB which will be returned to you once downloaded. If your child hasn’t attended RPS from Prep, you can add individual photos of your child for the years they were not present at RPS.

If you would like to contribute to the book, it would be appreciated if this could be done ASAP.

Emel Hassan 0459 242 098 & Jacqui Kratofil 0402 522 860

RESEARCH PRIMARY SCHOOL FETE 6th MAY 2017

WHITE ELEPHANT STALL
There will be a collection morning for the Fete White Elephant Stall on Friday 9 December between 9am – 10am. Donations of unwanted goods can be brought to the gates under the Grade 5/6 classroom. We will accept homewares, cookware, ceramic & glass items, soft furnishings, cushions, bikes, scooters, prams, toys, games & puzzles (labelled as complete in bags), small furniture, artwork, jewellery, unused toiletries, clean children's clothing and footwear (no holes or stains), hats & bags.

We cannot accept electrical goods, adult clothing or any damaged, incomplete or soiled items.

Jacqui Robinson

BOOK STALL FETE 2017
I have started collecting books for the book stall at next year’s Fete. If you have books you no longer need please leave them in the reading area of the Prep / 1 Building (left of the entrance door). We DO NOT need magazines, encyclopedias, school text books or Reader Digest condensed books. Thank you.

Joy Pagon

LIBRARY NEWS

Borrowing has finished for the year and all books need to be returned to the library. Overdue notices will be sent home next week. Students wanting to borrow chapter books for the holidays need to see me in the last week of school.

Joy Pagon

PARENTS GROUP

PARENTS GROUP UPCOMING EVENTS
29 Nov  Today - Christmas Raffle tickets out  
13 Dec  Parents Group special lunch
20 Dec  Christmas Raffle drawn

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

RPS bank account details
ANZ Eltham  
Account Name: Research Primary School Council Official Account
BSB: 013 308  
Account Number: 254090034

Please ensure you use a detailed description as a reference, so we can identify your deposit.
CHRISTMAS RAFFLE
In our Christmas Raffle this year you’ll again have the chance to win some fabulous prizes, watch this space! We would like to make up some of our famous hampers to be part of our raffle prizes so we are asking, next time you’re in your local supermarket or store, please pick up an item or two to contribute, such as: food, alcohol, books, cards, toys, giftware or stationery. Hamper items need to be bought in to the office by Friday 9th December.

Raffle tickets have been sent home today and we would love the completed stubs, with money to be returned by Thursday 15th December (to help the office out with finalising their end of year!). The raffle winners will be announced at the assembly on the last day of school, Tuesday 20th December. Once again, thank you for your support.

IMAGES BY MEL PHOTO SESSION
Thank you to all the families that came and supported the Images By Mel Mini Photo shoot on Sunday. We had a fun day and perfect weather. If you are still to pay can you please do this promptly, once payment has been received you will receive your photos by the 9th December. Thanks again, Mel Fidanza.

FASHION EVENING AT GIGLIOLA
Thank you to all our wonderful teachers, parents and friends who attended our Gigliola Fashion Fundraiser. We raised $592 and a great night was had by all. The raffle winners were
1st prize: Michaela F - $50 Gigliola voucher
2nd prize: Avril B - Necklace to the value of $49.95
3rd prize: Meaghan N - Scarf of choice

Thank you to everyone who supported this very successful fundraiser. We are looking at running it again next year possible just before Mother’s Day and then again in November. Many Thanks Caroline

CANTEEN ROSTER & NEWS

SPECIAL LUNCH DAY
Our last special lunch for the year is on Tuesday 13 December, a festive BBQ. Children will come up to the canteen to collect their lunch hot off the bbq, this way if they choose a hamburger (beef) or veggie burger they can also choose to add lettuce and sauce themselves. Please return order form and money by Monday 5 December.

We need at least 5 volunteers so if you can get up to school to help I would love to hear from you. Cheers Michaela 0414 456 605

CANTEEN HELP
If anyone is available to do the vacant shifts (marked with an asterisk on the roster) please contact Jacqui Robinson (0414 362 275) or call the office. Jacqui Robinson 0414 362 275

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CANTEEN STOCK
Unfortunately the canteen has run out of stock on Margarita Pizza and Lasagne, these will not be replenished until next year.
STUDENT SCHOOL BANKING

Our school banking day is Friday. Please place your child’s banking book and money in their classroom grey banking bag first thing in the morning and ensure that any money is securely placed in the velcro pocket of their banking book. Thank you.

Rebecca 0433 439 962

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

OSHClub BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL CARE AT RPS

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.

Before School Care: Fee $6.34 to $9.85 (Full fee $19.70) 7.00am to 8.50am
After School Care:  Fee $6.98 to $12.73 (Full fee $25.45) 3:30pm to 6:30pm

For on the day bookings please contact the Coordinator direct at the program.

OSH program phone: 0427 793 936 OSHC Coordinator: Serren
OSHClub Head Office: 03 8564 9000 OSHC Assistant: Emily

HOOPTIME NEWS

Research Senior Future Stars played in the State Grand Final Day last Friday. They were sensational but after fighting hard in the pool rounds they were knocked out of the quarter finals by ONLY 1 point! 957 teams from all over Vic competed in the FS section during the round robin stage this year. From those 957 Research made it to the top 24 teams in the State - an awesome achievement from our small school.

Well done to all the kids from grades 3/4/5 and 6 that participated in the Hooptime program this year I am very proud of your efforts. Congratulations to Junior and Senior All Stars boys and Senior Future Stars that made in through to Regional Finals and Grand Finals.

Huge thanks again to all the parents that came along and scored, coached, transported and cheered. Programs such as Hooptime can only happen with the support of our fabulous parents.

Keep shooting hoops till next year! Jacki Todd

KEYBOARD/PIANO/GUITAR NEWS

CONCERT

Our annual concert for Keyboard/Piano/Guitar will be held tomorrow, Wednesday 30 November in The Multi-Purpose Room (OSHClub building). Domenic and Carmel are hoping all the students are practicing regularly at home each night and improving their skills ready to perform well.

Carmel Scott, Keyboards

COMMUNITY NEWS

LOST AND FOUND

A couple of items have been found in the school yard: a ring, a smash drink bottle and a little silver footy, along with various jackets and hats. Please come into the office area and check if any lost item has been handed in. Thank you

Jackie, Carol & Jenny
DIAMOND CREEK JUNIOR BLUE LIGHT XMAS PARTY

Come along and celebrate the last disco of 2016. Diamond Creek Junior Blue Light Xmas Disco will be held on Friday 2 December at the Community Bank Stadium, Diamond Creek between 7.00pm ~ 10.00pm. Admission ~ $8.00 with No Pass-Outs – ages: 8 to 13. Soft shoes only, no heels please. For further information please contact Senior Sergeant Wayne Spence 9438 8300