


SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Tuesday 12 December 2017

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Wednesday 13 December	Annual Keyboard Concert, Multi-Purpose Building
Thursday 14 December	5pm - 6.45 pm Carols @Twilight on the Oval
Friday 15 December	Date change - 2pm Parents & Friends Community Meeting
Tuesday 19 December	Grade 6 Graduation Evening - Eltham Community Centre
Friday 22 December	Last Assembly 12.45pm, Term 4 finishes 1.30pm
Tuesday 30 January 2018	9am-2pm Book Bag collection
Wednesday 31 Jan 2018	9am Term 1 begins - Year 1 to Year 6
Thursday 1 Feb 2018	9.30am Term 1 begins - Preps



CAROLS @ TWILIGHT Thursday 14 December

5pm - 6.45pm

School Oval, BYO Picnic Tea & Drinks

(Please note that alcohol should not be consumed on school grounds & there will be no other food or drink available for purchase)

Students need to be accompanied by an adult and can wear free dress with a Christmas theme

FROM FI

Dear Parents,

Today we had "Step-Up". What a fantastic day! I am so excited to report back that our Research Primary School family was nothing but smiley, happy faces. The students and teachers are very looking forward to the excitement that awaits us in 2018. A couple of students mentioned to me that they loved the idea of having a whole day with their new teachers and class mates and thanked me for giving them that opportunity. Super cute. On the off chance that I mistook a smiley face for a sad one, please, send through any issues that may have cropped up over the day to the Research Primary School email address by **Friday 15th of December**. I have tried extremely hard to accommodate all requests so that we can ensure that we are starting 2018 on a positive foot, and our students are happy and excited. Please be mindful that it is getting increasingly difficult to make changes as the year comes to a close, so it is very important that we adhere to the final opportunity of **Friday 15th December**. I feel very clear about how we are moving forward and appreciate the overwhelming support from you all. I know that 2018 will be a fantastic year.

While we were all "Stepping Up", our gorgeous Year 6 students went off to their new Secondary Schools. It is an exciting but stressful time for them as they work towards this transition point. It is also tough for you as parents. You are not doubt seeing some anxious signs manifesting. Keep an eye out and hang in there. If you need any additional support, please come and have a chat and we can support you with some strategies around this transition.

On a different note, can I please remind you all that I believe in open and transparent communication. I am solution focused and I invite questions, comments and feedback. My door is always open. I love to get into classrooms and I am getting to know all of your children for the individuals that they are. The only way to solve concerns is to talk about them, so I urge you please to make a time to see me or send me an email if you are worried about something you have heard or if you have a question about a decision. I am always happy to clarify for you and I openly thank those of you who have done this already. It can only contribute to making Research Primary School a better place.

Speaking of making Research Primary School a better place. Please refer to the special announcement in this newsletter about the Christmas Raffle. I am speechless at this level of generosity and belief in government education and Research Primary School. Incredible. Thank you.

I am very excited about our Christmas Carols evening on Thursday, we hope that the rain will hold off so that we can have a relaxing picnic and get into the Christmas spirit. Following that, can you believe that it will be the final week of school and our gorgeous Year 6 students will be graduating?! This term has gone by so quickly.

Until then, take care. *Ms Fiona Vale*

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

HUGE NEWS!

Please, please, please purchase your Christmas Raffle tickets because I got news for you.....

For every raffle ticket sold, we have an anonymous donor who will **MATCH** your raffle tickets **TEN TIMES** or up to **\$10,000** in total that will go towards our school.

I am absolutely floored by this generosity. Imagine the wonderful things that we can do for our school with this money. Wow! Merry Christmas hey?!

Please, buy up! Thank you to everyone for their support. Additional raffle books are available at the office.

SCHOOL PAYMENTS

Grade 5 & 6 students who have not paid for **Funfields** will not be able to attend the excursion, and grades 3 and 4 students who have not paid for **Leisure City Epping** will also not be able to attend the excursion, so please settle any **outstanding accounts**. Please contact the school office tomorrow if you are unsure.

Some families also owe for other excursions and activities from **throughout the year**, please finalise these accounts this week, including Grd 6 Graduation, Canberra Camp 2018 instalments 2 and 3 and all outstanding debt for activities already completed, as school has made payments to the suppliers.

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.

GRADE 6 GRADUATION 2017 - 1 WEEK TO GO!

Reminder please return:

- Photos - Baby, Prep & Grade 6
- Photobook order form & payment - STRICT DEADLINE THIS FRIDAY 15/12/2017 - No orders will be accepted after this date

Could all Grade 6 students please try and come to school Wednesday 13th as we are attempting to take a photo of you all for a graduation momento!

WE NEED HELPERS to setup on Tuesday 19 Dec from 11:00am at the Eltham Community Centre - please confirm your availability by SMS to Sharon 0421 731 743 ASAP.

All Grade 6 students are to make their own way to venue by **8:50am** for rehearsal next Tuesday. Please ensure you BYO backpack with hat, snack, lunch & water, dance costume in separate bag and myki (with sufficient funds loaded for bus back to RPS).

Sharon Northey & Jacqui Kratofil. Graduation Coordinators

PARENTS & FRIENDS COMMUNITY (PFC) ROUND UP

Thank you to everyone who has donated towards our hampers for the Christmas raffles. Donations are still being accepted and can be left in the tubs outside the school office. Raffle tickets and money are due back next Tuesday, 19th December. Winners will be announced during assembly on the last day of school.



Our final meeting for the year is this Friday at 2 pm in the staff room. We will be celebrating an amazing year and starting the planning process for 2018. All welcome, please bring a plate to share.

Parent's and Friends Community afternoon tea & meeting

**Friday December 15th at 2pm
in the staff room**

(school assembly at 3pm)

All parents are welcome join us for afternoon tea and and the last Parents and Friends Community (Parent's Group) meeting for 2017.

Please bring a small plate of afternoon tea to share.



Kids welcome.

CANTEEN ROSTER & NEWS

CANTEEN CLEAN - WEDNESDAY 20 DECEMBER

Can you offer some help with this year's clean-up of the canteen? Next **Wednesday 20th December from 9am** (after school drop off). If you are able to pop in for an hour or so please let the office know as soon as possible.

Penny Love

CANTEEN ROSTER

	Tuesday 12 December	Thursday 14 December	Friday 15 December
	Afterschool Sales 3.30-4pm *****	Afterschool Sales 3.30-4pm *****	9-11.30 Jacqui R 11.30-1.50 Olivia G 11.30-1.50 Kate G
Monday 18 December	Tuesday 19 December	Thursday 21 December	Friday 22 December
12.30 - 1.30pm *****	Afterschool Sales 3.30-4pm Jacqui R	Canteen Closed	Canteen Closed Last day of term

SCHOOL BANKING NEWS



School Student Banking is held at school on Friday mornings.

This, Friday, 15th December, will be the last school banking day for 2017. There will be no school banking in the last week of term.

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>

OSHClub

Hello Everyone,

We hope you have had a great week last week, here at OSHClub we certainly did. Last week's activities were based around Christmas. The children were able to immerse themselves in a wide range of Christmas activities. With everyone's Christmas spirits high, we organised a range of different arts and crafts activities which included finger painting lights, making our own wreaths out of paper plates and making cards and presents for our family and friends. The children enjoyed using their creative skills during these activities as we used a range of materials. Other than this, the children were also able to take advantage of the warmer weather and play outside. This week the Christmas theme is continuing with more arts and crafts.



If you have any questions please feel free to pop down to the room, we are more than happy to help. Just a friendly reminders to please remember that children require hats to play outside this term. We would like to say a big thank you to the Sapienza family for bringing in some Christmas decorations for us, the room is looking great with all our decorations.

Another reminder for the evening of the Christmas Carols (5-6:45pm) can you please let us know in advance what you would like to organise. Warm regards, **Serren and Teresa**

*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

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: Teresa

OSHClub Head Office: 03 8564 9000 Enrol and book sessions through our website

www.oshclub.com.au

UNDERSTANDING THE ROLE OF VISUAL ATTENTION IN READING

The research team from La Trobe University would firstly like to thank the teachers, children, and parents that helped make our reading research possible. We wish to provide some preliminary results from the literacy training programs that were conducted at this school recently. The results show that, on average, children in both computer-game training groups experienced significant improvements in their reading accuracy, speed, and comprehension following the 2-weeks of training. All children made gains of 1 standard score or more in at least one aspect of reading. 58% of children improved in reading accuracy, 79% improved in reading speed, and 57% showed improved comprehension on text. Although further extensive analyses are needed, these initial findings are promising and may help to develop alternative options for reading intervention. **Jessica Peters, BPsychSc (Hons) MPsych (ClinNeuro)**

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INVITATION!

The Students of the Keyboard, Piano and Guitar Program
would like to invite Parents, Teachers, Classmates,
Friends and Family,

To

Our Annual Keyboard Concert, which will be held in the
Multi-Purpose Building

Wednesday December 13th 2017

The Students will be performing as a group, and children who choose, will
also perform a solo item.

All Students will perform with their grade at the following times;

9.30am	56W, 56K
10.25am	PB, 34H
11.30am	1S
12.05pm	2S
1.30 pm	34K



We hope you will be able to come and enjoy the beautiful
music your children have been practicing. They have been working very
hard for many weeks, and we are all quite excited!
Please be on time as we have so many students performing and we need to
run to a tight schedule.

From
The Keyboard, Piano Students &
Carmel