

SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Tuesday 15 May

Newsletter No. 7

Friday 18 May Friday 18 May Mon 21 May - Fri 25 May Tuesday 22 May Thursday 24 May Thursday 24 May Thursday 24 May Friday 25 May Monday 28 May	9.15am Assembly Interschool Sport RPS vs Eltham East, Away Education Week Yr 3 - 6 RPS House Athletics @ Willinda Park Prep - Yr2 Wild Action Man Incursion Yr 5 & 6 Parliament House Excursion (7.20am from Eltham Station) Open Day - 2pm new and current families, 7pm Preps 2019 Interschool Sport - Bye Capital Works Parent Forums 9am -10am & 6pm - 7pm - booking essential	
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OPEN DAY

Thursday 24th May 2018

Come in, enjoy our space and meet our outstanding Research Primary School Community in action from 2pm.

Our Student Leadership cannot wait to show you around!

Join us for afternoon tea with our Parents and Friends community between 3-3.30pm.

Stop into our Prep Information evening at 7pm.

For further information or to book a personal tour with our Principal, Fiona Vale, please call us on 9437 1917



PRINCIPAL REPORT

Dear Parents,

As you are all aware, last week was pretty big. It was with so much excitement that I announced our inclusion in a capital works project which allows RPS to start planning **now** for a future project. We have already started our student forums and look forward to meeting with interested parents at our forums on Monday May 28th. Please register your interest if you would like to attend. There are two sessions running, 9-10am and 6-7pm. We have busy times ahead, however, the journey which we are about to begin together will be one that is remembered for a lifetime. What a legacy for us all to leave behind. In other news, the Attitudes to School Survey has been completed and NAPLAN started today. Term 2 is notorious! Look after your NAPLAN babies, they might be a little tired by the end of this week as it is a heavy 3 days. As said previously, however, the data that we gain from these tests provides us with a plethora of valuable information around how we can improve our school.

This Friday at assembly, we will be revealing a plaque which acknowledges the generous contributions which former student "Ivy Reynolds" left to us as a bequest. This was made before I was here, however, we have not acknowledged that thanks to her. We have been able to make some physical improvements to our school such as when the Middle Years Building was painted. We will have a member of the local community coming out to speak about Ivy's contributions to the community in her 94 years.

Our Junior Years students have had a very exciting week. They attended Healesville Sanctuary and had a brilliant day and then, much to their excitement, they managed to hatch two butterflies in their classroom which they released into the wild. Gorgeous.

Our open day is next week, Thursday 24th of May and we are expecting quite a few people to come through. Our gorgeous student leaders will be running tours and the PFC will be providing a lovely afternoon tea. Please let a member of the PFC know if you are able to help out with the afternoon tea, they are always looking for volunteers. Please ensure your child is in school uniform for open day.

CAR PARK SAFETY - The staff carpark is not for parent parking or a drop off zone for students. Please park in the parents parking to the left of the entrance, up at the top parking area or the overflow parking area behind the canteen / gym (please reverse into the parking spaces).

On a final note, we are trying to provide professional research around educational topics that come up with our families. Today, I would like to discuss learning another language in schools. As you are aware, the Department has mandated the learning of a language from foundation as they feel that there are benefits for students in all areas of study. There are many benefits of learning a language, however, the cognitive benefits could be surprising for some. They include, improved problem solving, critical thinking, multitasking and working memory. In fact a “Working memory development in monolingual and bilingual children” study published in the Journal of Experimental Child Psychology (2013) found the following;

“This study found that bilingual children performed much better than monolingual children on tasks using their working memory. (Working memory deals with the storage and processing of information over a short period of time.) The conclusion of the study was that knowledge of more than one language had contributed to their better working memory.”

Interesting stuff!

I look forward to seeing you all in the yard or at our parent forums over the next fortnight. **Ms Vale**

FROM THE OFFICE

REFUNDS

Please note that there are many instances where refunds for incursions, excursions, camps and other special programs cannot be given, as these costs are calculated according to the amount of students expected to attend the program or event. If someone is absent, then the school is forced to cover the costs (not the external organisation). As you can imagine, this can add up quite quickly.

Please however, if you do have an unforeseen situation, come and speak to one of the office angels and they will be able to treat your case on an individual basis. We will endeavour to try to help you out as best we can. At the very least, we will be able to explain to you the reasons why we can or cannot do something.

Thank you for your understanding, Ms Vale

PREP, YR 1 & YR 2 EXCURSION TO HEALESVILLE SANCTUARY

A wonderful experience was had by all on the P-2 excursion to Healesville Sanctuary on Thursday the 3rd May. The students were very fortunate in being able to observe many animals in their natural habitats. They discovered a wealth of information by listening to the Keeper Talks at the various enclosures and were lucky enough to watch Florence the wombat have her regular dental check up at the Wildlife Hospital. There were many highlights, one of which was the fabulous Spirits of the Sky Show. Thank you to the many parent volunteers who were able to share the fabulous day with us.

Chris Koroneos



VALUES AWARDS

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

Lachan T Preps
Jackson B Yr 1
Brodie P 56W

Saige D Preps
Jake L Yr2
Art: Sjouke E 34H

Luka S Preps
Levi C 34H

Sophie J Yr 1
Sjouke E 34H

SPORTS & PE NEWS

INTERSCHOOL SPORT

Interschool Sport this Friday 18 May, is an away game against Eltham East. Football will be played at Eltham Central Park and Soccer will be played at Eltham North Upper. Parents are welcome to come and watch their children play, with games starting about 1pm. On Friday 25 May, RPS has a bye for interschool sport.

RPS ATHLETICS

Our RPS House Athletics Day (Grades 3 - 6) will take place at Willinda Park in Greensborough on **Tuesday 22 May**, please pop it in your diary. If you are able to assist on the day, please let Mr Kent know by calling the school office asap. Students are encouraged to wear their house colours on the day and need to bring morning snack, lunch and drinks. Permission also needs to be given via COMPASS by **today, Tuesday 15 May**.

PARENTS & FRIENDS COMMUNITY (PFC)

Thank you to Olivia Gamble and her helpers for our amazing Mother's Day stall last Thursday. It was great seeing all the excited faces buying presents for Mums, Nan's and special people. The Stall looked beautiful and it ran well out of our PFC room.

Yesterday you would have received your collection bag and information for our Spare Change Spectacular fundraiser. Please place your collection bag on the kitchen bench, or somewhere obvious, to drop your spare change in. Maybe ask relatives or neighbours if they have any spare change too. This fundraiser will go towards playground improvements. Please remember your spare change collection bag needs to be returned to the school by Friday 25th May.

Speaking of fundraising the PFC would love your input into where the funds raised could be spent. In the foyer of the School office, near the fish tank, is a poster with post it notes. Please write your suggestions there. At our next meeting we will look at these suggestions and work on a proposal. On display also is a thermometer that shows how much money has been raised so far for the year. The aim this year is to raise more money than last year.

And finally, the PFC provides afternoon tea during the afternoon of the open day, Thursday 24 May. This is a great opportunity for new families to see our amazing school and meet some existing families. If you could help with setting up, serving or cleaning up during this time it would be greatly appreciated. Please contact Michelle or Nadene as soon as possible.



What can you do with all that pesky small change that builds up in your purse, wallet and pockets? Put your spare change into this bag, lighten your load, and help RPS at the same time.

Just pop this bag on your kitchen counter, or at the front door, and empty your spare change into it as you pass. Don't forget to check the back of the couch and the armchairs and you can ask visitors to contribute!

Return to school by Friday May 25



Money raised from this fundraiser will go toward playground improvements

ENTERTAINMENT BOOK

Once again the PFC 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 2019. Payments **are processed online** and can be ordered via this link www.entbook.com.au/188r741 The entertainment book is available as digital or hard copy.

Aristea

CANTEEN ROSTER & NEWS

Dear Parents,

We still have a number of vacancies - can you help? Listed below are the Fridays we require assistance with:

Friday 25 May / Friday 8 June and Friday 22 June - all shifts

The children really enjoy seeing their parents (or even their grandparent) at school during the day and your own child/children will receive one free treat from the canteen when you or a family member are on duty. **Note:** That new volunteers will be rostered on with someone who is familiar with the duties.

Please send a message to Jacqui Robinson (0414 362 275) or contact the office. In the message, you will need to indicate your availability. Thanks again for your continual support.

RPS Parents and Friends Committee

CANTEEN ROSTER

Date	Time	Name
18 May	9 - 11:30am	Penny L
	11:30 - 1:50pm	Jacqui R
	11:30 - 1:50pm	Jess H
25 May	9 - 11:30am	*****
	11:30 - 1:50pm	*****
	11:30 - 1:50pm	*****
1 June	9 - 11.30am	Olive G
	11.30 - 1.50pm	Jess H
	11.30 - 1.50pm	Clara S

UNIFORM NEWS

Year 6 parents, we have 1 x Size 16 Polo @ \$39.00 and 1 x Size 16 Varsity Jacket @ \$65.00 remaining - if you are interested in purchasing either item or both please let the office know, this is on a first in basis.

Tomoko and Sarah

SCHOOL BANKING NEWS



SCHOOL BANKING

Our School Banking day is Friday.

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.

Claire W

OSHClub

Hello everyone,

We had a had a fabulous couple of weeks down at the program with last week being all about animation (we have some very talented young drawers who love to express themselves through drawing). So Teresa and I decided to create a weekly drawing competition as everyone thoroughly enjoyed the experience. This weeks theme is under the sea. Throughout the week there will be a range of craft activities provided to the children, as well as many options for outdoor play when the weather is being kind!

We have moved online to a new booking system. Please ensure that your details have been updated and you are aware of this change. If you haven't yet used the service since the current change we require you to please bring your mobile phone with you on the first day so that we can set up the sign in/out process with you. If you have any questions or would like clarification on a certain area please feel free to pop down and we will be sure to help you. For any accounting concerns please direct all enquiries to our head office phone and leave a voice message.

We hope you have a wonderful week, Warm regards, Serren and Teresa

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.

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

OSHC program phone: 0427 793 936

OSHC Coordinator: Serren

OSHClub Head Office: 03 8564 9000

OSHC Assistant: 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. 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)

COMMUNITY NEWS



MISSING WATCH

One of our preps has misplaced his watch, have you seen it?
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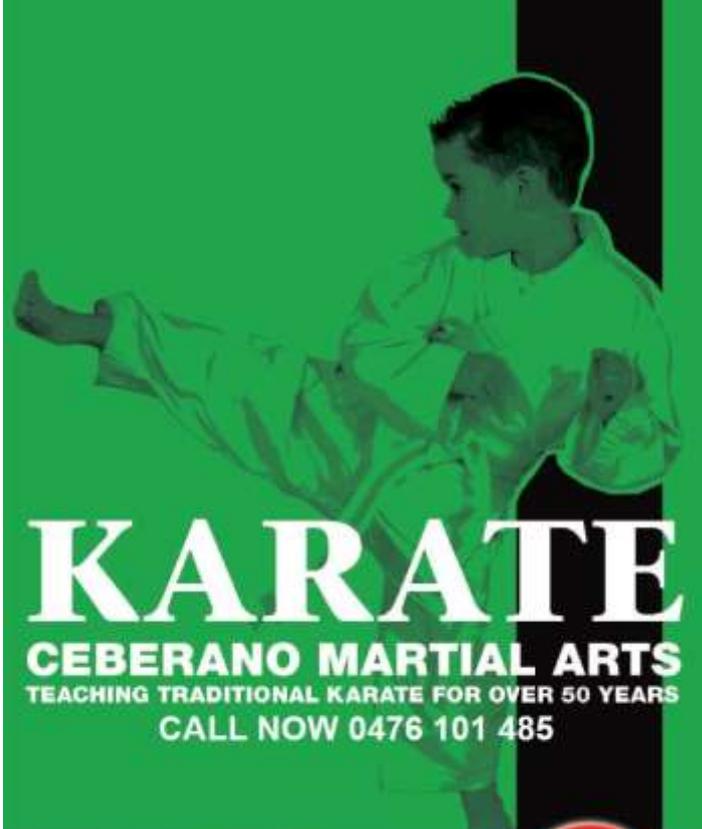
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Parenting Anxious Children

Eltham Library (Multipurpose Room) Panther Place, Eltham
Monday 18th June, 6.30-8.30pm

Does your child worry, feel anxious and seem stressed at times?
Would you like to gain a greater understanding of anxiety and learn some helpful strategies to support your child?

Learning to cope with anxiety, stress and fear, whilst a normal part of your child's development, can be deeply challenging not only for children but also for parents and the family unit as a whole.

This information session will cover:

- Understanding the role of anxiety and normal childhood development
- The signs and symptoms in your children
- Types of anxiety disorders
- What's helpful and not helpful
- Methods and strategies to support your children
- Relaxation techniques and tools, mindfulness, breathing etc.
- Where to go for more information/help

COST: \$15.00 per person

Fact sheets, practical exercises and brochures are also included.

Booking essential

For further information or to register visit www.arcvic.org.au
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Sunday 20 May

A Presentation and Tour begins at:

- 10.00am
- 12.00pm

Registration is essential.

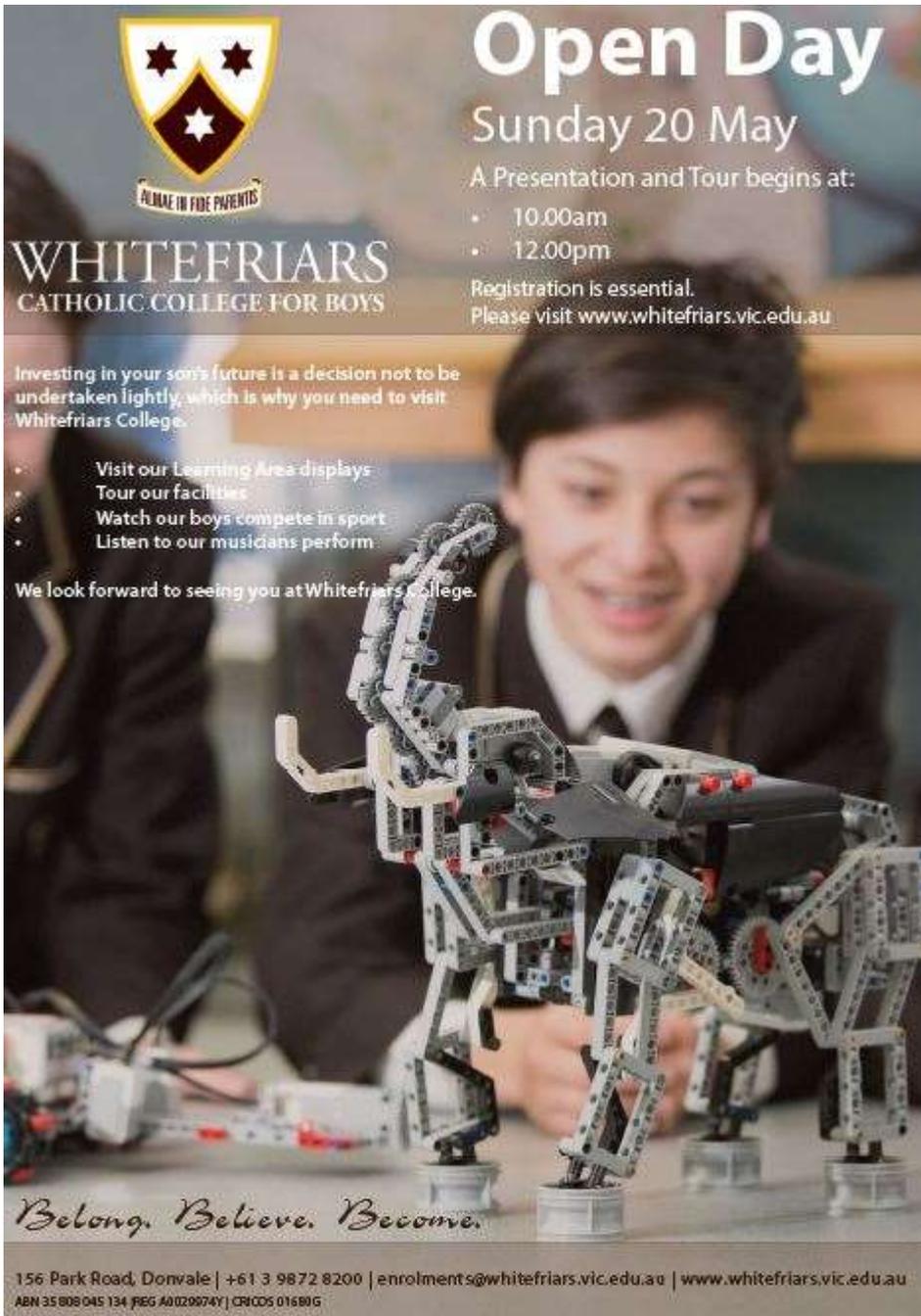
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