

SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Tuesday 17 July

Newsletter No. 11

Wednesday 18 July Friday 20 July Friday 3 August Weds 8 - Fri 10 August Thursday 16 August Thurs 16 - Tues 21 August Tuesday 28 August Tuesday 4 September	Years 3 – 6 Starlab Discovery Dome Incursion Interschool Sport RPS vs St Thomas - home 2.15pm PFC Meeting, PFC Room Years 3 & 4 Camp to Camp Weekaway Opera Victoria Whole School Incursion Book Fair Hooptime Years 5 & 6 Alteration to School Day for Parent Teacher and Student Interviews	
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2019 ENROLMENTS

If you have a prep starting in 2019 can you please submit your enrolment forms ASAP. Our 2019 planning has started and includes a couple more transition days for '**enrolled 2019 preps only**' - so do not miss out. Thank you, Ms Vale

PRINCIPAL REPORT

Dear Parents,

A very big welcome back to Term 3. I missed your little darlings and the best part of my day today was walking around and seeing their cute little faces. Although some of them were tired little faces, I was very impressed to see them with their heads down getting straight into their learning. Very impressive. They know that we have high expectations and they are ensuring that they make us proud. Many of you escaped to fabulous destinations over the break. The students are very lucky to have wonderful opportunities to learn in a different environment. I spent my break in Central Australia, and I too learnt so much, especially about our Indigenous culture. We never stop learning do we? Please ensure that if students did miss school due to a holiday that you have let the office angels or the classroom teacher know so that we can update our records.

This term will bring many exciting activities for our students. We have whole school incursions coming up, our year 3/4 Camp, Interschool Sports again and the Production(s) just to name a few. It is always busy, busy, busy!

On another note, I know that the winter months are very cold and our darlings do feel it. However, can we please ensure that we are encouraging our students to be in full school uniform? Our preference is that students layer up as much as possible underneath their uniforms and do not wear hooded tops or windcheaters over their jumpers. Not only is this important for school pride and the encouragement of high expectations, but it is also important for us to be able to easily and quickly recognise all of our students should a crisis occur. Uniform really assists with this. "Uniforms also send powerful messages about the standards we expect.and shows that setting high expectations of young people is good for them, rather than bad", (Bill O'Chee article).

We had a couple more trees come down over the holidays and they have been cut back and cleared, and you may notice that our driveway is feeling much smoother thanks to the potholes being filled. On the topic of improvements, the Department has endorsed our Asset Management Plan for our capital works proposal and we should be hearing more information very soon regarding the possible improvements planned for our schools future.

Finally, assembly will continue to run in the mornings while Interschool Sports are on, however, we will endeavour to get back to afternoon assemblies once this busy time is over.

I look forward to catching up with you all in the yard this week, **Ms Vale**

FROM THE OFFICE

PARENTS OPINION SURVEY

The Parent Opinion Survey is completed annually by the Department of Education and Training and is conducted amongst a sample of randomly selected parents at every school in Victoria. Once again the survey will be conducted online, and the chosen families will receive an email with details on how to complete. All responses to the survey are anonymous.

The survey helps our school gain an understanding of how you view our school climate, student engagement, and relationships. Our school will use the results to inform school planning and improvement strategies. The survey will be conducted online by ORIMA Research Pty Ltd and only takes 15 minutes to complete. The survey will start on Monday 23 July.

UKULELE LESSONS

We are able to offer an excellent opportunity for our students, to learn the ukulele during Thursday lunchtimes for the rest of this term. **Places are limited**, if your child is interested please let the school office know by tomorrow, Wednesday 18 July - this is 'first in best dressed' basis.

SPORTS & PE NEWS

INTERSCHOOL SPORT TERM 3

Interschool Sport starts this Friday, 20th July, where we will be playing at home against St Thomas. Rounders and Softball will be played at Research Park. Parents are encouraged to come along and watch, with games starting at around 1pm. Please **ensure** you have given your child permission via COMPASS.

SCHOOL REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL

The SRC are looking into fundraising for **Jeans for Genes Day** this term. Keep an eye open for further information.

LIBRARY NEWS

BOOK CLUB

Catalogues for Book Club Issue 5 will be issued this week. Orders will need to be placed online via the LOOP by **Tuesday 31 July**.

BOOK FAIR

The annual book fair will be held in the library from Thursday 16th – Tuesday 21st August.

The theme this year is "To the Book Fair and Beyond" (space).

Volunteers to assist with sales will be required and very much appreciated. If you would like to be involved please contact Mandy in the library via email at research.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au or drop a message at the office.

Sales from the book fair help our school to earn points which are then used to purchase books and resources. More information to follow shortly.

PARENTS & FRIENDS COMMUNITY (PFC)

Welcome back to Term 3, we're looking forward to a lot of fun and fundraising this term so watch this space. Also, please remember to write your 'fundraising wishes' up on the board located near the fish tank.

Our next PFC meeting will be held on Friday 3rd August in the PFC Room (middle years corridor) starting at 2.15pm. Refreshments will be provided and younger children are welcome.

ENTERTAINMENT BOOK

We are still offering for sale The Entertainment Book. 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

We are now asking for volunteers for Term 3 in order to fill the roster. 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.

Lunch orders and counter sales are currently held on **Fridays**.

Please send a text message to Jacqui Robinson (0414 362 275) or enter your name on the sign-up sheet at the office by this **Friday, 20th July**, so we can complete the roster. In the message, you will need to indicate which **time** suits you (from the options below), and **how many times** you would like to be rostered on during the term.

Friday - 9:00am - 11:30am (2 Volunteers) 11:30am - 1:50pm (2 Volunteers)

Thanks again for your continual support. RPS Parents and Friends Committee

Date	Time	Name
Friday 20 July	9 - 11.30am 11.30 - 1.50pm 11.30 -1.50pm	Jacqui R ***** *****

SCHOOL BANKING NEWS

School Banking will resume this Friday, 20 July.



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 hope you all enjoyed the holidays. The last two weeks of Term 2 were great! The children were able to play on the oval, top courts and big kids playground! The children were engaged in activities such as ball tigg, football, basketball, playground play and group games. When it got cold we were inside which the children were able to engage in participate in various activities. The children have been really enjoying participating within the weekly drawing competitions which are sure to continue this term! The children have also enjoyed playing group games such as hangman and night at the museum. In the last week of school we had two parties, one to celebrate Jackson B's last day and one to celebrate end of term.

Just a friendly reminder that we are not at the service between 9am and 3pm. If you are wanting to book in your child/children please call the work phone and leave their name and grade and we will follow up with the office and ensure that they are at the service. If you know you are going to need the service during the week, please book online so we can adequately prepare enough food for all the children. If you require any assistance please feel free to pop down to the room and we will be there to assist you.

Warm regards, *Serren & 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, bookings and cancellations can 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)

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SUNDAY SOUL SESSIONS

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Each session will be based around a theme. Sessions run between 2pm - 4pm and will begin with a grounding meditation and finish with a nourishing treat.

August 12: Release & Nurture
September 2: Self Love
November 11: Staying in our own Lane

We ask that you bring an open heart and hope that you will leave feeling empowered, energised, with a deeper connection to self and tools so that you are able to be the best version of you possible.

Head to www.minbenstead.com to secure your spot.
Bookings are essential as spaces are limited.
\$50 per session or \$135 for all three.
Please bring a yoga mat and blanket.

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Parenting Seminar Helping your Anxious Child

It can be difficult as a parent to watch your child struggle with anxiety. Early support can help children learn to understand their anxiety and provide some practical coping strategies to deal with challenging situations.

This practical seminar is suitable for parents with preschool or early primary school aged children who are concerned about their child's anxious behaviour. You will learn helpful ways of responding to and supporting children who experience anxiety.

What is covered?

- Common types of anxiety in children
- Helpful responses to children's anxiety
- What to avoid saying or doing
- Where to go for further help



Where: healthAbility,
917 Main Road, Eltham

When: Wednesday 1 August 2018

Time: 9.30am – 11.30am

Cost: \$20 per person (\$10 for health care card holders) or \$30 per couple

Bookings are essential

To book or for further information please contact Joan Lauricella, Family Support Worker on 9430 9100 or joan.lauricella@healthability.org.au



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