

SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Tuesday 28 November 2017

Newsletter No. 38

Wednesday 22 November	1pm - 3pm Preps 2018 Transition Day 2
Monday 27 November	Grds P – 2 swimming starts
Monday 27 November	Closed meetings 6.30pm Finance/Exec Committee, 7pm School Council Meeting
Wednesday 29 November	9.30 - 12noon Preps 2018 Transition Day 3 followed by 'Get to know you' BBQ
Thursday 30 November	7.30pm Preps 2018 Information Evening (6.45pm Uniform information)
Wednesday 6 December	11.05am Helper Morning Tea, BER (Prep/1/2 Building)
Friday 8 December	Grade 2S Late Night Experience
Tuesday 12 December	Grd 6 students Orientation Day at government secondary colleges & Step-Up P-5
Wednesday 13 December	Annual Keyboard Concert, Multi-Purpose Building
Thursday 14 December	5pm - 6.30 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



HELPERS MORNING TEA

Thank You Morning Tea – Wednesday 6th December, 11.05am

The staff would like to say Thank You to all our wonderful helpers
who support us in so many ways here at RPS

Please RSVP Jackie in the School Office by **December 4th**



FROM FI

Dear Parents,

Things are really getting busy around here! Thank you to all of the wonderful parents and friends who I see coming in and out of the school to help out with a range of things from graduation preparation, to fundraising ideas and chasing up quotes, to cooking and reading with our kids to the canteen. The list is endless and we really couldn't do it without you so thanks!

Last week was super busy. The big news was the "Hopes and Fears" vision workshops which I really enjoyed running. Thank you to all for your contributions. The purpose of the workshop was to determine where we hope that Research Primary School will be in the future, and air the things that we are worried about. This was a fact finding mission which will help the staff and I determine the strategic direction for the school over the next 5 years. Change management is a complex theory, however, one that I am most passionate about. The goal would be to always strive for school improvement but ensure that when changes are made they are done with clear strategic steps. For those of you who are interested in this theory in relation to Education, I encourage you to read some of Michael Fullans work in sustaining effective change.

I feel very privileged to be in a position to have a balcony view of the community's hopes and fears. Feeding back from the workshops, we found that there were some clear and consistent areas which we need to target. The good news is that it wasn't far off from what the staff were also thinking. In summary, these are our main areas;

- The size of the school and the decline in enrolments
- Consistency around student behaviour issues
- Rigour in teaching and learning
- Student engagement
- The additional programs including specialist programs that we run at the school

So where to from now? Schools are required to write 4 year Strategic Plans (this is already written '2016-2019' and on the school website) and an 'Annual Implementation Plan' which determines what we will do annually to support the strategic plan. This plan gets endorsed by school council at the start of the year and is then uploaded to our website for the community to access. It is the document that we commit to, use to guide all practices throughout the year, teacher's performance plans are linked to it and we regularly report on our progress. This is currently in draft format based on your feedback and is being presented to staff and council this week.

On another matter, I just wanted to give you the heads up that we are currently conducting an audit into anyone who comes into the school grounds to "work with children". This also includes any maintenance staff. So please, if you are someone who comes in to help out, and you don't yet have a "Working with Children's Check", can you please take the holidays to organise this as we are required to document it and therefore will be following up. Please use this link to the working with children website:

<http://www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au/home/>

I look forward to seeing you all throughout the week, *Ms Fiona Vale*

SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING

SCHOOL COUNCIL

School Council met last night for the final time this year and discussed the following items of business:

- Well done to the staff, parents and friends volunteers for supporting the many and varied exciting learning activities happening for the students at the moment, and indeed throughout an active year of learning.
- Review of budgets and finances.
- Well done, congratulations and thank you to the fabulous Parents & Friends Community here at RPS for all their marvellous work, both financially and socially.
- AIP 2018

A copy of the minutes is available from the school office later in the week.

PARENT PAYMENTS 2018, NEW SCHOOL BOOKS AND SCHOOL UNIFORMS

2018 Parent Payment letters have been posted home as many families prefer to pay this year and we certainly appreciate the early payment.

We would like parents to pick up their children's individual bags of stationery on Tuesday 30 January 2018, from the office between 9am - 2pm. School uniform orders will also be ready for pick up that day.

GENERAL OFFICE

Please note that there is a 'Please Knock' sign on the general office door. As you can imagine, at times there are confidential conversations and sensitive information shared in this space. In order to protect confidentiality, we thank you for waiting to be invited into the office before entering.



CAROLS @ TWILIGHT Thursday 14 December

5pm - 6.30pm

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

GRADE 6 GRADUATION 2017

With Graduation fast approaching, much planning and preparation is happening behind the scenes. All students received their invitations yesterday - hopefully they are all proudly displayed on your fridges! Look out for the Photobook notice being sent home today too - your response to this letter is required. **Reminder to parents** - please forward your child's baby, prep & grade 6 photo prints to the office ASAP. Further information on the event will be forwarded to parents shortly. Helpers are needed to help set up Eltham Community Centre from 11:00am on Tuesday, 19 December. If you can help, please contact Sharon Northey (0421 731 743) or Jacqui Kratofil (0402 522 860) to confirm.

Sharon Northey & Jacqui Kratofil, Graduation Coordinators.

LIBRARY NEWS

Grade 6 students need to return their library books by this Thursday, 30th November. If you are unable to visit the library to return books then please send them back via your classroom or the office.

Karen Cochrane

BOOK CLUB #8

All book orders are due by **Monday 4th December**. We would appreciate all parents to use the online LOOP system to order.

This is the last order for the year and includes some great ideas for Christmas presents. More orders = new books for the school library. Remember, if your order includes a 'surprise' please contact myself or the office to arrange an alternate pick up of your order.

Jess Hayes 0403 746 085

PARENTS & FRIENDS COMMUNITY (PFC) ROUND UP

Thank you to all the families that supported the Spare Change Spectacular, we raised \$773.50 which is amazing. This money will go towards playground upgrades.

Our Christmas Raffle is here again and this year we have made a few changes with 3 suggested themes: One theme each for the BER, 34 and 56 areas. Themes will be around the areas of nibbles and treats, pool and sport, Christmas's decorations, games and stationary. Items can be dropped off in the corridor outside the school office next week from Monday 4th to Friday 8th December. These items will then make up hampers for the prizes. Raffle tickets will be sent home next week.

Our next meeting is the 15th December at 2pm in the staff room, please note that this is a change of date. All welcome.

CANTEEN ROSTER & NEWS

CANTEEN ROSTER

	Tuesday 28 November	Thursday 30 November	Friday 1 December
	Afterschool Sales 3.30-4pm Gabbi F	Afterschool Sales 3.30-4pm Gabbi F	9-11.30 Penny L 11.30-1.50 Kate G 11.30-1.50 Jacqui R
Monday 4 December	Tuesday 5 December	Thursday 7 December	Friday 8 December
12.30 - 1.30pm *****	Afterschool Sales 3.30-4pm Olivia G	Afterschool Sales 3.30-4pm *****	9-11.30 Pauline M 11.30-1.50 Jess H 11.30-1.50 Carolyn S
Monday 11 December	Tuesday 12 December	Thursday 14 December	Friday 15 December
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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

THANK YOU

Thank you to all our helpers at the canteen this term, without your support we would not be able to operate.

Always check the roster above as we are now able to open the canteen on some Monday lunchtimes and Tuesday / Thursday after school - offering icy poles and slushies to cool down as the weather heats up.

The canteen will be open for business afterschool today and Thursday at 3.30pm.

CANTEEN CLEAN - WEDNESDAY 20 DECEMBER

Although the canteen is cleaned at the end of each shift when it comes to the end of the year it needs a thorough clean and wash down. This year's clean-up will be on **Wednesday 20th December** and I will need some **help**. If you are able to pop in for an hour or so please let the office know as soon as possible.

Penny Love

SCHOOL BANKING NEWS



School Student Banking is held at school on Friday mornings. **Rebecca 0433 439 962**

It's great to see so many bankers each Friday – keep up the great work.

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 had a great week last week, here at the program we certainly did. Last week was filled with activities in the outdoors. We also got into the Christmas spirit early as we started to decorate the room with a range of Christmas drawings and fairy lights. The children also worked on a range of passive activities which included arts and craft, board game tournaments and imaginary play. This week at the program our theme is superheros. This was one of the many weeks last term that the children loved, so we decided to implement it again this term.

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. As we have started to decorate our room, we are kindly seeking any old Christmas decorations you may have. Anything will be greatly appreciated and will certainly go to good use.

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)

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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

KEYBOARD NEWS

CONCERT

Our annual keyboard concert will be held on **Wednesday 13 December** in The Multi-Purpose Room (OSHClub building). More details regarding class concert times will be sent home in the next few weeks. I'm hoping all the students are practicing regularly at home each night and improving their skills ready to perform well.

Carmel Scott, Keyboards

ADVERTISING OPPORTUNITY - RPS SCHOOL CALENDAR 2018

Do you have a business / trade that you would like to promote?

Have you thought about advertising your services to the local school community?

Then why not place an advertisement in the school calendar?

We run three adverts per month, about 'business card' size at **ONLY \$15 (inc GST) per advert**. Spaces are still available for a couple of months and available on a first come first served basis. The calendar is given out to all our school families and some local traders/businesses. The calendar includes illustrations from each class along with the advertisements and is printed in glorious colour. Please contact Jackie at the school office by **this Friday, 1 December**, if you would like to take up a spot or two or more.

Thank you.

Jackie 9437 1917

COMMUNITY ADVERTISING



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2ND ELTHAM SEA SCOUTS ARE CELEBRATING THEIR 60TH ANNIVERSARY.

Please join us to see some history from the past 60 years and enjoy Devonshire tea & family friendly interactive activities amongst the bush

Venue: **2nd Eltham Sea Scout Hall**
14 Handfield Street, Eltham

Date: **Saturday December 2nd**

Time: **2pm-4:30pm**

Cost: \$2.50 per person for Devonshire tea
Specialty badges for sale are available at the door

Any past members – we would love to hear from you!

Further enquiries: 2ndelthamgroup@gmail.com

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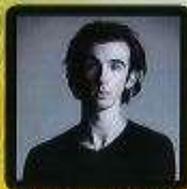
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TO
FRIDAY 19th JANUARY 2018**

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