

SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Tuesday 29 May

Newsletter No. 8

Friday 1 June	9.15am Assembly	
Friday 1 June	Interschool Sports RPS vs Eltham College – away	
Friday 1 June	2.15pm PFC Meeting, PFC Room, Middle Years Corridor	
Monday 4 June	Spare Change Spectacular return date	
Thursday 7 June	7pm School Council, 6.30pm Finance / Executive	
Friday 8 June	Interschool Sports RPS vs Eltham Primary – Home	
Monday 11 June	Queen's Birthday	
Wednesday 20 June	Years 3 & 4 Hooptime, Maroondah	
Thursday 21 June	Northern Star Chess Tournament, Kangaroo Ground	

PRINCIPAL REPORT

Dear Parents,

Well it has been a crazy busy couple of weeks. We are already half way through the term. Last Tuesday we had a fabulous day at the athletics carnival. The students did an amazing job and it was great to hear and see the team spirit throughout the day. One of the highlights of the day was watching three students, who were up against each other at the end of high jump, celebrate each other's success as they made the jump. Thank you so much to the parents and grandparents who helped out on the day. The day wouldn't be able to run without your support.

Last Thursday we had our open day and prep information evening. The staff have been working really hard to get the students work up on display in order to share some of the amazing work produced by the students at our school. Thanks to the Parents and Friends Community for putting on afternoon tea for our visitors. This is a fabulous tradition that demonstrates what a great community we have at Research Primary.

The NAPLAN papers have been boxed up and sent back to be assessed. We know NAPLAN week can be exhausting for those students involved. The year 3 and 5 students showed patience, determination and persistence in completing the testing. We are looking forward to getting the results back later in the year and using the data to analyse our teaching practices, our programs and student growth rates. We know it has been a busy time with student opinion surveys, NAPLAN and the prep survey, however as a school we will be able to use these data sets in conjunction to one another in order to get a really clear understanding of our *glows* and *grows* as a school in order to make improvements.

Building works update: With the announcement of the building works only just over a week ago, we have already made so much progress in the process. Ms Vale has been super busy putting together the first document. This looks at the current condition of our school and resources and our preferred reality. In order to complete this document Ms Vale has sort feedback from staff, year 5/6 students, student leadership and our parent community. Thank you to those who attended the two forums yesterday to provide their feedback to support the process.

Just over a week ago, at our Friday assembly we unveiled the plaque dedicated to Ivy Reynolds. Ivy was a past student of Research Primary School. After the unfortunate passing of Ms Reynolds, she left some money for the school. Some of Ivy's family came to the assembly to share stories of Ivy with our students. The plaque has been put up in the office for all to see when they come into the school.

The time has come for us to farewell Miss Kepitis as she goes off to have her baby. I am sure you will join me in thanking her for all that she has done for all the students, in particular the year 5/6s. We wish her all the best as she enters the exciting world of parenthood and can't wait to hear about the arrival of her bundle of joy. We can now announce that Aviva Elijah has been appointed the role to take over from Miss Kepitis. Miss Elijah is very excited about taking on the role and has been in to meet the students today. We welcome Miss Elijah to the Research Primary community and look forward to working with her.

You may have heard us talk about every minute counts. This comes up a lot when we have transitions throughout the day. This may include lining up after the bell, going to the toilet during class time or simply moving from floor to table after instruction. Below is a table that shows just how much every minute counts and why a quick, smooth transition is so important.

He/ She is only missing just....	That equals....	Which is.....	and over 13 years of schooling that's...
10 minutes per day	50 minutes per week	Nearly 1.5 weeks per year	Nearly <u>Half a year</u>
20 minutes per day	1 hour 40 mins per week	Over 2.5 Weeks per year	Nearly <u>1 year</u>
Half an hour per day	Half a day per week	4 Weeks per Year	Nearly <u>1 and a Half years</u>
1 hour per day	1 day per week	8 Weeks per year	Over <u>2 and a Half years</u>

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.

Thomas R 2K	Sienna G 2K	Siana L 56K	Mia D 56K	Max M 1S
Ronika G 1S	Arabella B 1B	Miranda S 1B	Angus D 340	Alejandro M 340
Tahlia B 56W	Lyla DM 56W	Jude M 1S	Jade S 56K	Luke T 56K
Jai Pratap Singh Chhina 2K				

SPORTS & PE NEWS

INTERSCHOOL SPORT

Interschool Sport this Friday 1st June, is an away game against Eltham College. All games will be played at Eltham College with the exception of Korfbal - Eltham College do not have a Korfbal team so our Korfbal players will be staying back at RPS for a practice session. Parents are welcome to come and watch their children play, with games starting about 1pm.

RPS HOUSE ATHLETICS

Last Tuesday we had our annual House Athletics Sports at Willinda Athletics Track. We were very fortunate to have fantastic weather and the day was a big success. Thank you to all of the parents who assisted on the day, with tasks such as setting up in the morning, measuring jumps and throws, timing and acting as place judges. Without your help the day couldn't have been the success it was. The students were fantastic and tried hard in all their events earning valuable House Points. The **winning** house this year was **Norman (Green)** with 224 points, 2nd **Russell (Blue)** 210 Points, 3rd **Bettison (Gold)** 191 points and 4th **Reynolds (Red)** 143 points.

LIBRARY NEWS

BOOKCLUB ISSUE 4

Bookclub catalogues were sent home recently. Please remember to **order online** using the Book Club's LOOP ordering system, as unfortunately **cash orders can no longer** be accepted. You simply go to the website www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP register then enter your orders against your child's grade and pay with credit card. All instructions are in the catalogue. The LOOP will close on Friday 8th June.

PARENTS & FRIENDS COMMUNITY (PFC)

We have extended The Spare Change Spectacular due date to next **Monday, 4th June**. Thank you to all the families who have handed their bags in.

While speaking of fundraising **remember** the PFC would love your input into where the funds raised could be spent, all ideas welcome. 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. We are aiming to raise more money than last year.

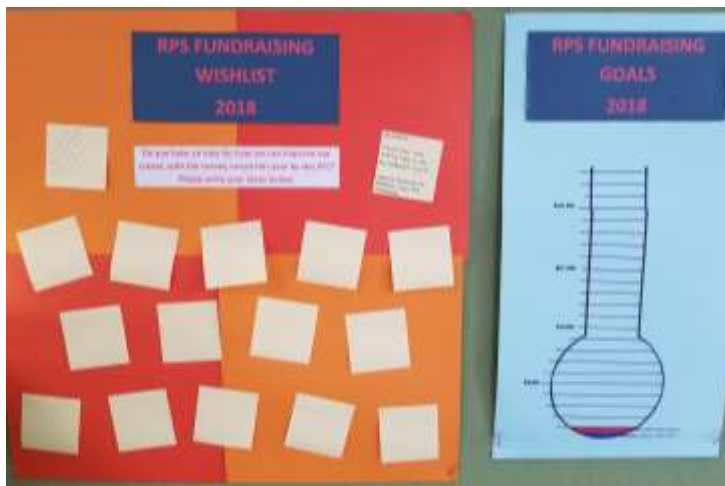


What can you do with all that pesky small change that builds up in your purse, wallet and pockets? Put your spare change into this bag, lighten your load, and help RPS at the same time.
Just pop this bag on your kitchen counter, or at the front door, and empty your spare change into it as you pass. Don't forget to check the back of the couch and the armchairs and you can ask visitors to contribute!

Return to school by Monday 4th June



Money raised from this fundraiser will go toward playground improvements



And a huge thank you to everyone who helped with the afternoon tea on the School open day last week. It was a great success with many current and new families coming along to RPS for a visit.

Our next PFC meeting is this Friday, 1 June at 2.15pm in the PFC room in the middle school corridor. Refreshments offered and all welcome.

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,

Help required for two Friday's this term : **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 Community

CANTEEN ROSTER

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

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,

What a fantastic last two weeks we have had down at the program. We have been exploring the themes of under the sea and creativity. The children have done a fantastic job at creating some amazing pieces of artwork, they look great around the room. We have been facilitating a weekly drawing competition which has been going great. The children love participating in it every week, they do such a fantastic job! The children have also been enjoying playing outside. They have been thoroughly enjoying playing football and basketball.

Just a friendly reminder that you can **no longer book online 24 hours before a session**. For last minute booking please call our program phone and leave a message with your child's name and class and we will ensure that they arrive safely at the program.

Have a fabulous fortnight and we look forward to seeing you down at the service soon.

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 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)

CHESS TOURNAMENT

The next Northern Star Chess Tournament is at Kangaroo Ground Primary School on Thursday 21st June. If your child is interested, please pick up a letter from the school office and return the slip along with payment of \$20 back to the school office by Thursday 7th June.

Please note that parents are responsible for dropping students off at Kangaroo Ground Primary School and picking them up, however, a Research Primary School teacher will be there to supervise the event.

Your child is required to bring snack, lunch and a drink and wear full school uniform and needs to be at Kangaroo Primary School by 9.15am for a 9.30am start. The day will finish at 2.30pm when the children need to be collected.

COMMUNITY NEWS



MORNING TOUR

Wednesday, 6 June

Tours depart from 9:00 am - 9:15 am
Principal's address at 10:00am

REGISTER AT WWW.CLC.VIC.EDU.AU/TOURS

2020 Year 7 Enrolments close, 17 August 2018

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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

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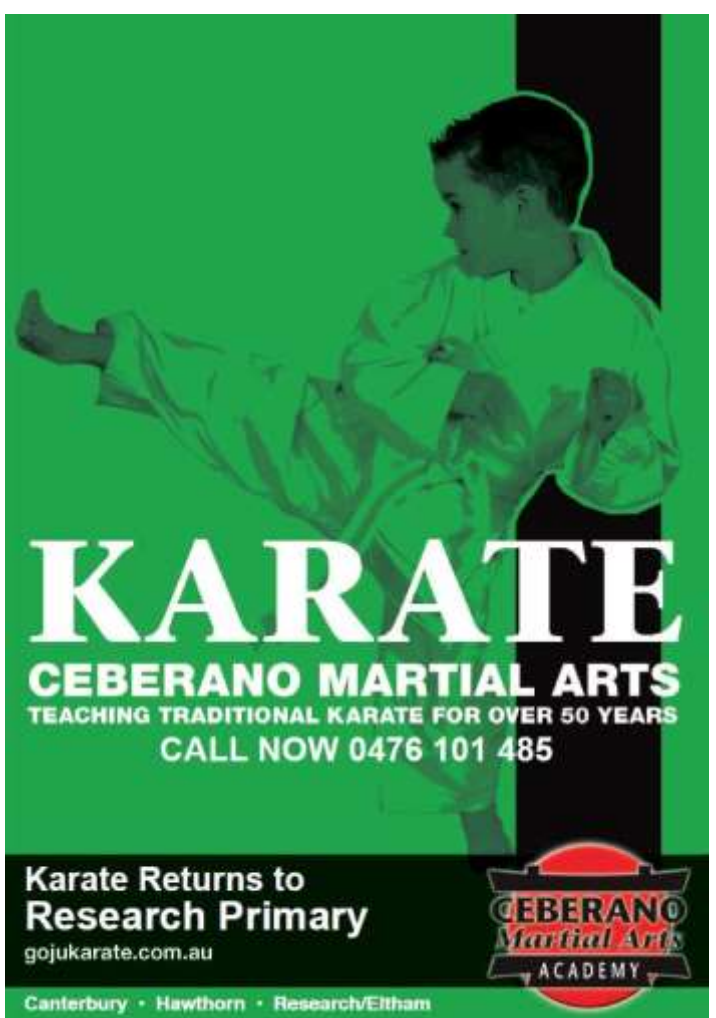
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WALKING TO SCHOOL SAFELY SURVEY

Where do your children attend school?

How far do you live from your child's school (driving):

- <2km
 3-5 kms
 6-10 kms
 10+ kms

How often does your child walk to school:

- Never
 Occasionally
 Often
 Always

Would you like your children to be able to walk to school more often?

- Yes
 No

What makes walking to school difficult?

- Distance
 Children walking alone
 Lack of safe pedestrian crossings
 Lack of public transport options nearby
 Heavy Traffic
 Age

Other: _____

Your details

Name: _____
 Address: _____
 Email: _____
 Phone: _____



Take a photo of your completed survey and send it to vicki.ward@parliament.vic.gov.au

Vicki Ward MP
 State Member for Eltham

