



SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Tuesday 6 February

Newsletter No. 1

<p>Thursday 15 February Friday 16 February Mon 12 & Tues 13 February Monday 12 February Monday 12 February Tuesday 20 February</p> <p>Friday 23 February Tuesday 27 February Mon 5 - Fri 9 March Monday 12 March Tuesday 13 March Monday 19 March Friday 23 March Thursday 29 March</p>	<p>RPS (Yrs 3-6) Swimming Trials at Aquarena Doncaster (12.30pm - 3pm) 2pm PFC Meeting at school, refreshments provided Life Ed Van 3pm Life Ed Van Parents Information Session 6.30pm Finance Comm, 7pm School Council 2017 Final Mtg Launch into Learning Evening: 5.30pm Junior Years, 6pm Senior Years, 6.30pm Middle Years EDPSSA Swimsports, Watermarc, Greensborough (9.30am - 1pm) Whole School Circus Challenge Incursion Years 3 & 4 Swimming Labour Day Network Curriculum Day - No students at school (subject to council approval) School Council AGM followed by first School Council 2018 mtg School Photos Term 1 Ends 2.30pm</p>
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FROM FI

Dear Parents and Friends,

Welcome to 2018. I hope that you had a fantastic break and have entered the New Year happy and recharged. The RPS staff and I are very well rested and ready to take on what we know is going to be a very exciting year.

Welcome to our new families! Not only do we have our new Prep families, but we have also had some new enrolments. I know that you will make them feel very welcome. I have bragged about the community love at Research so the expectations are high!

There is a lot that I would like to communicate with you today. Please read through the following information carefully and seek clarity from your child's classroom teacher or a member of leadership should you need it. We are always willing to chat!

Welcomes

Welcome to our new staff who are already fitting into the Research family beautifully!

- Miss Kate Harvey will be teaching Years 3/4H Monday to Thursday. She will not be at school on a Friday.
- Mrs Ailsa Glembin is our Assistant Principal and she will be teaching Years 3/4H on a Friday and she will also teach some Art. She will not be at school on a Wednesday.
- Monty Thompson is our new ICT Technician. He will be with us on a Monday for half a day.

I am aware that it was challenging for our 3/4H families to have not met their new teachers until this year. Department procedures prevented me from officially announcing the appointments until the provisional period was over. This unfortunately occurred during the holidays and, therefore, could not be communicated to families until the first day back where a letter went home with students in 3/4H.

New Names

In order to create a greater sense of belonging during the various transitions of primary school we have named our buildings as follows;

- Years Prep, 1 and 2 are in the "Junior Years Building" and collectively make our "Junior Years Students"
- Years 3 and 4 are in the "Middle Years Building" and collectively make our "Middle Years Students"
- Years 5 and 6 are in the "Senior Years Building" and collectively make up our "Senior Years Students"

**GRADE INFORMATION EVENING
LAUNCH INTO LEARNING**

Our Meet the Teacher, grade information evening '**Launch into Learning**' will take place on
Tuesday 20th February.

Students are also invited along to the evening and will introduce you to their new teacher, chat about their class routines and the class teacher will outline the year ahead (*Prep children can attend, but do not present*)

The times are staggered trying to allow families to attend meetings for all their children.

5.30pm – Junior Years

6pm – Senior Years

6.30pm – Middle Years

Attendance

As you are all aware, one of our Research Primary School mantras is that “It is not ok to be away” (or late, or finish early!) New department guidelines mandate us to follow up attendance more effectively and efficiently.

- Please note that teachers and office staff will be asking for a reason for absence, late arrival or early departure on all occasions
- Please continue to call and leave a message, or send a note to school regarding the absence. This is a great help as it will save us trying to track you down by phone. Please do not tell your child to tell us, as this does not satisfy the Department regulations
- Parents must report to the office for a late arrival or early departure and a pass will be issued to show the class teacher.

Eating Area Trial

We are *trialling* an eating area! The outside of the Junior Years Building is now allocated for students to sit and relax while eating. Students are able to take food which doesn't have a wrapper anywhere in the yard. This will help the environment and reduce rubbish in our yard, but also promote calm and healthy eating habits. The students are excited to trial it for a term, and the Student Leadership Team will gather feedback towards the end of this term.

Communication

Communication and meetings;

- Please call or email the school if you would like to request a meeting. The lovely office angels will ask you questions about the meeting so please be patient! We are trying to ensure that meetings are always relevant and purposeful for you, and that the right staff are included. This is of enormous benefit when supporting your child
- Your classroom teacher should always be your first point of call as they are with your child all day, however, we are now lucky enough to have an Assistant Principal to further support us in communicating with you more effectively and efficiently
- Please make an appointment to see your teachers. An appointment time ensures that the teacher is able to be present and give you their full attention during a meeting. Often “catching them on the run” means a rushed conversation without any real follow up or strategies put into place to support your child. If necessary, they will ensure that a member of leadership is also present at that meeting
- Teachers have compulsory after school meetings on Tuesdays and Thursdays

Please do not think that this means that you cannot chat to teachers before and after school. We love the incidental chats. They build relationships and our strong community. Keep them up!

Can I also take this opportunity to please urge you to be very cautious when using social media. It is so easy for something to be taken out of context, and it can be very damaging to our community and the overall Research Primary School reputation. Please come in to clarify the facts before using this method of communication.

The newsletter will now be published fortnightly rather than weekly. We think that this will actually *increase* the communication. We feel that it ensures that communication is always relevant, important and valuable to you. The newsletter is sent via COMPASS and paper copies are always available from the office.

Student Leadership

Student Leadership is being rebranded. We will be conducting speeches and interviews for the Year 6 leadership team (School Captains, Vice Captains and House Leaders) over the next two weeks, and presentations will be made during our week four assembly. The Student Representative Council (former Junior School Council) process will begin after the Year 6 team has been finalised as their assistance will be required. The Year 6 Leadership Team and Teachers will be developing a new process for allocating the P-5 Leaders (SRC).

Grounds and facilities

Finally, the portable at the back of the school has gone and the shade sails have been replaced. There might be another surprise yard improvement on the way?! Watch this space. We also have some extra iPads and two more interactive whiteboards coming into classrooms. Slowly but surely we are chipping away at making Research Primary a better place.

Finally, Vicki Ward our local Member of Parliament is coming out to Research Primary School on Friday morning to discuss our gorgeous school moving forward. Vicki Ward is an ex-student of Research Primary School and a huge advocate for education in the community. I look forward to sharing our discussions with you. Watch this space.

It has been great to see you and catch up on your holiday adventures this past week. I look forward to seeing you around the yard.

Ms Fiona Vale

FROM THE OFFICE

HATS

A reminder that all children should have a school hat for use during recess, lunchtime and sport. Hats are available from the school office, Sun Hats at \$16 or Bucket Hats at \$12.

STUDENT MEDICATION

A reminder to parents that if children are required to have medication which is to be kept at school, please ensure that the medication is within date range, is clearly labelled with the students name, grade, directions and dosage as required. The school only stocks basic first aid items. Children who have asthma should carry their inhalers with them at all times.

STUDENT EMERGENCY INFORMATION 2018

All students have received a copy of their own 'Student Emergency Contact Form'. This form is compiled from the information that you have given to the school, so please check the details carefully, make any necessary changes and return the form to the school by **Monday 19 February**. **Please, if there are no changes to be made, still initial the form and return it to school.** If your child has asthma, an Asthma Management Plan must be completed and forms are available at the office. Those children we are already aware of will receive a new Asthma Management Plan proforma. Asthma Management Plans are required, by the Department of Education, to be updated annually. Children with severe medical problems must also have a detailed, current doctor's letter and a medical action plan for their illness. Please also make the Principal aware of any custody orders or changes to custody orders.

PERSONAL GOODS

The Department of Education and Training has requested that we remind families DET does not hold insurance for personal property brought to school and generally will not pay for any loss or damage to such property. This includes items such as mobile phones, calculators, toys, sporting equipment and includes parents or visitors cars parked on school premises.

CAMP & SCHOOL EXCURSIONS FUNDING (CSEF) 2018

The CSEF is an annual payment to schools to help towards camps, sports and/or excursions expenses for eligible students, the Primary School student rate is \$125 per year. If you had an application in 2017 you do not need to reapply unless your circumstances have change.

New families to RPS need to meet the following criteria to be eligible to receive this funding: The student must be attending a government / non-government school on the first day of term 1; the parent / guardian must be the holder of a Veterans Affairs Gold Card or hold a Centrelink Health Care Card or hold a Pensioner Concession Card.

Please collect an application form from the school office and completed application forms need to be returned to the school office as soon as possible to allow payments to start in March.

LIFE EDUCATION

As part of our Health Education this term we are having the Life Education mobile learning centre visit our school from Monday 12th - Tuesday 13th February, 2018. Life Education delivers health education through a unique mobile learning centre experience which helps students develop strategies and practice skills required to lead a healthy lifestyle. Payment for these sessions will be through our T1 term planner, which will be sent out shortly.

There will be a parent information session on Monday 12th February from 3.00 to 3.30pm in the van. Permission forms for the students and parent information forms were sent home yesterday and need to be returned by Thursday 8th February.

Jocelyn Watts

LIBRARY NEWS

BOOK CLUB

The first book club catalogue of the year was sent home yesterday. 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. Orders need to be completed by **Wednesday 14th February**.

SPORTS & PE NEWS

RPS SWIM TEAM TRIALS & EDPSSA SWIM SPORTS

Trials for the Swim Sports Team (years 3 - 6) will be held on Thursday 15th February at Aquarena Doncaster. Please note that students must be able to swim 50m in at least one of the following strokes: Freestyle, Backstroke, Breaststroke or Butterfly. Parent helpers are required to assist with travelling on the bus and at the pool. Permission forms and payment need to be returned to the school office by Monday, 12 February.

The Eltham District Swim Sports (EDPSSA) are on Friday 23rd February (please note correct date) at WaterMarc, Greensborough. Happy swimming.

Mark O'Halloran

SCHOOL SPORT VICTORIA - TEAM VIC TRIALS

The registration and selection process for Team Vic teams for 12 years and under Basketball, Football, Soccer and Netball, to attend School Sport Australia Championships, is underway and applications close on March 1 2018.

The School Sport Australia program of National Championships provides outstanding opportunities for students to participate at a national level, representing their school and their state.

Parents can nominate their child for the 12 years and Under Team Vic Trials via the Team Vic page on the SSV website. If your child plays a high level / representative level in these sports you may like to consider nominating your child. Parents are responsible for organising their child's attendance at trials.

PRIOR to registration:

- School must confirm/ endorse child's athleticism and sport specific ability to trial so discussion with this person prior to registering is imperative.
- If the Sport Coordinator endorses child, then parent can register online.

<http://www.ssv.vic.edu.au/team-vic>

Christopher Kent

PARENTS & FRIENDS COMMUNITY (PFC)

Welcome back, hopefully everyone has had a great break. The Parents and Friends Community meets monthly on a Friday at 2pm, before assembly. It is a great way to get to know others in the school and be involved in the many different activities that we do.

We fundraise for the school in a variety of ways and this then benefits all our children. Last year's fundraising has been allocated to new shade sails for the playground areas.

Our first meeting for the year is next Friday 16th February at 2pm, venue TBA. Afternoon tea will be provided. Please add this date to your calendar. We will be planning fundraising events for the year and outlining the processes that need to be followed for planning events.

COLES SPORTS FOR SCHOOLS

Coles will start handing out Sports for School vouchers tomorrow, Wednesday 7 February. For every \$10 spent at Coles during the program, you will receive a Coles Sports for Schools voucher. The more vouchers our school collects, the more sports gear we can order.

A collection box will be placed by the school office shortly, so spread the word out to friends & family and start collecting your vouchers. Watch this space for more news.

CANTEEN ROSTER & NEWS

A request for canteen volunteers will be sent to families after the next Parents and Friends Community meeting when a decision is made on which days the canteen will open this year.

At this stage, we are calling for volunteers on Fridays for lunch orders and counter sales. If you would like to volunteer please contact Jacqui Robinson (0414 362 275) or the office with your preferred date and time, either 9 - 11:30 or 11:30 - 1:30. To get the canteen up and running this term we need one more volunteer for this Friday at 11:30.

Any new parents or family members are welcome and will be rostered on with an experienced helper.

CANTEEN ROSTER

Thursday 8 February	Friday 9 February
After School Sales 3.30 - 4pm *****	9am-11:30am Pauline M 11:30-1:50pm Jacqui R 11:30-1:50pm *****
Thursday 15 February	Friday 16 February
After School Sales 3.30 - 4pm *****	9-11.30 ***** 11.30-1.50 ***** 11.30-1.50 *****

SCHOOL BANKING NEWS



WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL BANKING FOR 2018

Our School Banking day is Friday and school banking will resume this week, Friday 8 February 2018.

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.

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 deposits made through the School Banking program.

Research Primary School takes part in the School Banking Reward Program, when a deposit is made your child receives a token and once 10 tokens are collected they can be exchanged for a reward.

Rebecca 0433 439 962

OSHClub

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



EXPRESSION OF INTEREST - RESEARCH PRIMARY SCHOOL CHOIR

We are seeking expressions of interest from students who may be interested in taking part in the Research Primary School Choir. Please complete the slip below and return it to the school office by **Tuesday 13 February**.

My child is interested in taking part in the RPS School Choir.

Child's Name _____

Grade _____

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Do you want to play AFL footy in 2018?

We are now recruiting for our 2018 teams from U9 to U17 as well as Girls U10, U12, U14, U16 and U18 teams.

Come and give it a try at our Open Day!

Sunday 11th February
11.00am to 2.00pm

Research Park, Main Road, Research

**** For current players this is also our Registration Day ****

On the day we will have –

- Skills sessions 12.30-1pm for interested girls & boys to try AFL football
- Free sausage sizzle
- Meet the coaches
- Merchandise for sale
- Mouthguard fittings
- Help with online registration

For more info on girls junior teams contact Josie on 0438372748

For more info on boys junior teams contact Adam on 0409946918

Or email secretary@researchjuniorfc.com.au

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DIAMOND CREEK JUNIOR BLUE DISCO

Diamond Creek Junior Blue Light Disco will be held on Friday 9 February at the Community Bank Stadium, Diamond Creek between 7.00pm ~ 10.00pm. Admission ~ \$8.00 with No Pass-Outs – ages: 8 to 13. Soft shoes only, no heels please. For further information please contact **Senior Sergeant Wayne Spence 9438 8300**

