


## SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Tuesday 6 March

Newsletter No. 3

Thursday 8 March	6.30pm Canberra Camp Parents Information Night
Mon 5 - Fri 9 March	Years 3 & 4 Swimming
Monday 12 March	Labour Day
Tuesday 13 March	Network Curriculum Day - No students at school
Friday 16 March	1.30pm PFC AGM
Monday 19 March	7pm School Council AGM followed by first School Council 2018 Mtg
Thursday 22 March	Parent/Teacher/Student Interviews - Alteration to School Day
Monday 26 March	Year 6 National Leadership Day, MCEC
Thursday 29 March	Term 1 Ends 2.30pm
Monday 16 April	Term 2 Begins 9am
Monday 16 April	5 & 6 Canberra Camp departure - 7am
Friday 4 May	School Photos



### PRINCIPAL REPORT

Dear Parents,

It is frightening that we are more than half way through term 1. Time really flies when you are having fun, and we definitely have been. Once again, it has been an action filled fortnight. Highlights are always centred on the time I spend with the students, so I have most enjoyed kicking goals (in my high heels) at the new AFL posts, taking a class here and there, dropping in at the swimming and joining the boys at the 'camp fire' that they had created at the back courts. I love it that our kids love to get out there and get dirty....but I'm not washing their uniforms! Hehe!

Thank you for those who nominated for the 2018 School Council. I am very excited to report that we have filled all vacancies. The parent vacancies have been filled by;

1. Michael Settle
2. George Tsakiris
3. Aristeia Porfiri
4. Michelle Walker-Fox
5. Elizabeth Shewan
6. Carolyn Sternberg

The teacher vacancies have been filled by;

1. Avril Baker
2. Jocelyn Watts
3. Andrea Sutterby

As you know, Adam Humphreys and Claire Welburn will continue in their positions.

Whilst I am announcing names, I am very pleased to introduce you to our Year 6 Leadership Team. These students did extremely well to be selected in what was a very rigorous process. Congratulations to all students who participated in the process.

Introducing our **School Captains for 2018;**

**School Captains:** Baxter Fox Georgia Goldie

**Vice-Captains:** Luke Hall Claudia Mietus

**House Captains**

**Green (Norman):** Grace Welburn

**Blue (Russell):** Stephanie Courouzou

**Red (Reynolds):** Mitchell Green

**Gold (Bettison):** William Ellis



I am also pleased to share that our library is now open 4 days a week at either recess or lunchtime for our students to come in and relax. Staffed library sessions are also running once again this year so let the borrowing and home reading begin!

In other news, I have met with many community stakeholders in the last fortnight including some pre-schools and kindergartens and the Eltham Lions Club. It is great to share all of the Research Primary news. The community really has our back. Little Scooters and Research Kinder will both come in for pre-prep over the coming weeks.

Please refer to the note following my report about the canteen. Not only do our kids get pure enjoyment from the opportunity of purchasing from the canteen, what you might not realise is that it is a major fundraiser for the school. However, without volunteers, we can't operate it. I understand that many of you already give up huge amounts of time to support the school and many of you are full-time workers, however, if you could help out, even just once in a term, it would be brilliant. We will put a term 2 roster in the general office. Please allocate yourself to a shift or two if you can. It could be fun right?!

Finally, the school is about to embark on a total marketing and PR overhaul, and as a result, we will have people in the school photographing students over the coming weeks and months. This will include groups of students in photographs, and some whole school photos. If you have not given permission to your student to participate this will of course be honoured, and you would have received a personal letter regarding the situation. Although it is a while away, it is very exciting planning what our newsletters, enrolment forms, pre-prep packs, website and other things might look like. We will not be changing logos or colours so rest assured that it is simply a way of 'showing off' our gorgeous kids and the great things that they achieve at RPS.

I look forward to seeing you around the yard, or in a meeting. Thanks for making appointments, this is working extremely well. I have loved having the time to spend with you and get to know you all better.

See you soon, *Ms Vale*

## ADMINISTRATION

### 2018 BUILDING FUND RECEIPTS

Research Primary School Council has an Australian Tax Office endorsed **Tax Deductible Building Fund**. If you selected to pay the \$40 listed on the Essential Student Learning Contribution Letter, a receipt was sent home last week for use on your tax return.

### NORTHERN STAR CHESS TOURNAMENTS 2018

Would your child be interested in taking part in the Northern Star Chess Tournaments this year? Tournaments are usually held at Kangaroo Ground Primary School. If you haven't already registered your child's interest then please contact the school office as soon as possible.

The first tournament this year is **Thursday 22 March** at Kangaroo Ground Primary School, as this is a pupil free day it is not a school organised activity. If your children would like to attend please contact Aristeia via email for details and to discuss payment [aristeia@peacefulbirth.com.au](mailto:aristeia@peacefulbirth.com.au)

## VALUES AWARDS

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

<b>Japanese:</b>	Jai Pratap Singh 2K	Sasha 56W	<b>Art:</b>	Koko 56W	Will 56W
Anna P1S	Ronika P1S	Phoebe 2K	Jimi 2K		Zac 34O
Nathan 34H	Casey 56K	Lillie 56W	Florence 2K		Montie 2K
Kai P1S	Jude P1B	Lexi P1S	Hannah P1B		Jesse 56K
Alice 34O	Ben P1S	Aster P1S	Eli 34H		

## YEARS 5 & 6 CANBERRA CAMP - 16 APRIL TO 20 APRIL

### CANBERRA CAMP EXPERIENCE - PACER SUPPORT

Students from Years 5/6 will soon be going on the Canberra Camp Experience, an education tour of the national capital. Students will be given the opportunity to participate in a variety of educational programs with a focus on Australia's history, culture, heritage and democracy.

The Australian Government recognises the importance of all young Australians being able to visit the national capital as part of their Civics and Citizenship education. To assist families in meeting the cost of the excursion the Australian Government is contributing funding of \$30 per student under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate program towards those costs. The rebate is paid directly to the school upon completion of the excursion.

### 5/6 CANBERRA CAMP EXPERIENCE

The term is slipping by very quickly and we will be heading to Canberra before we know it. There will be a Canberra Camp meeting this Thursday evening at 6.30pm in 5/6K. All 5/6 parents are encouraged to attend. Prior to this meeting, camp parent helpers will meet at 6pm in 5/6W.

*Jocelyn Watts, Canberra Camp Coordinator*

## YEAR 6 TO YEAR 7 TRANSITION VISITS

Year 6 to Year 7 Transition information sessions are beginning. The local secondary schools come out and talk about their respective schools to showcase their uniqueness to the year 5/6 students. Often they bring 2017 Year 6 students to share their experiences in starting secondary school. These are really valuable sessions especially as they come from the students perspective. So your child may come home talking about secondary school.

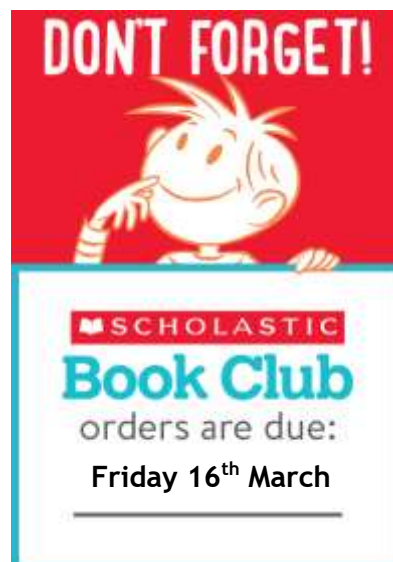
The following schools have booked to visit RPS on

- Wednesday, 7th March, Warrandyte High School.
- Wednesday, 14th March, St Helena Secondary College

## LIBRARY NEWS

### BOOK CLUB

Book Club catalogues have been sent home today. 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](http://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.



## SPORTS & PE NEWS

### CRICKET TRIALS

The following students will attend a session (date to be confirmed) to try out for the State Cricket Team - Brodie P & Josh S. Good luck boys.

### TENNIS TRIALS

On Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> March Luke T & Angus R attended the Eltham District Tennis Trials at Eltham College. Well done boys.

## CIRCUS CHALLENGE

*Last Tuesday we had an amazing circus challenge and we met two performers. Their names were Finn and Clinton. We learnt how to juggle also how to balance a plate and lots of tricks. Henry was a super star. He was awesome! He was the best performer I have ever seen. How did he do so well, how did he do it? My feeling was surprise because it was all unexpected. I loved that the circus came to town. Maddie*

*The circus came to Research. Let me tell you all about it. It was funny and fun. They showed us how to juggle. We tried our best. We got to spin a plate on a stick. The performers juggled swords on a unicycle. Montie*



## PARENTS & FRIENDS COMMUNITY (PFC)

We had a great first meeting of the year on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> February in the new PFC room. There were lots of discussions about new fundraising ideas for this year, so stay tuned. This term we will be having a special lunch in the last week and our amazing Easter Raffle. Our Easter Raffle will be similar to the Christmas Raffle, with a suggestion lists for donations coming home next week. The Easter Raffle always creates lots of excitement at the end of term 1.

Thank you to everyone who has been donating their Coles Vouchers. We will start counting them soon, once we receive the information from Coles. We will run afternoon counting sessions with refreshments in our room, so keep an eye on Compass for dates and times.

Our AGM is next Friday 16<sup>th</sup> March at 1.30pm in the PFC room (first room on the right of the middle school corridor). Afternoon tea will be provided and everyone is welcome.

### COLES SPORTS FOR SCHOOLS

Keep collecting - The more vouchers our school collects, the more sports gear we can order. So spread the word out to friends & family. Voucher collection will be available until the **3rd of April**.

## PINCH A POO

Pinch a Poo is an organisation who collect those little shampoo bottles, toothbrush and paste packs, body lotions, razors etc that you pick up in hotels when you go on holiday or business trip. They then give them out to disadvantaged men, women and children around Australia.

RPS has been extremely generous in previous years and Georgia in year 6 is hoping to continue this. Georgia will be placing a box outside the office shortly, so please drop off any toiletries you have stored up or if you're due to take a trip 'Pinch a poo' to bring back.

*Georgia*

[www.pinchapoo.org.au](http://www.pinchapoo.org.au)

## CANTEEN ROSTER & NEWS

Our canteen relies solely on volunteers who generously donate their time and effort to provide our students the opportunity to order lunch and purchase snacks. Because the canteen is run by volunteers, it means the school gets to keep all of the profits. The canteen is a major fundraiser for the school. The money raised enables us to purchase equipment and teaching resources, to the benefit of all students.

Each Friday, we need three people to open the canteen and prepare lunches. This equates to about 30 people per term, and 120 people per year. If each family at the school could do one canteen shift per year, the roster would be filled. We ask all families to please consider making themselves available for a two hour period once a year - a reasonably small request to enhance the learning environment for your child/children.

On the subject of volunteering, we are in need of one helper **this Friday**. **Can you help?** Please contact the office as soon as possible. Thank you

### CANTEEN ROSTER

Thursday	Friday
<b>8 March</b> 3:30-4pm Leticia S	<b>9 March</b> 9am-11:30am Penny L 11:30-1:50pm Jacqui R 11:30-1:50pm *****
<b>15 March</b> 3:30-4pm Leticia S	<b>16 March</b> 9am-11:30am Olivia G 11:30-1:50pm Jacqui R 11:30-1:50pm Carmie I
<b>22 March</b> 3:30-4pm Leticia S	<b>23 March</b> 9am-11:30am Penny L 11:30-1:50pm Jacqui R 11:30-1:50pm Clara S
<b>29 March</b> 2:30-3pm Leticia S	<b>30 March</b> <b>Closed – Good Friday</b>

## 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.

*Rebecca 0433 439 962*



Hello everyone,

We have had lots of fun down at the program so far this term. Children have been engaging in weekly planned craft activities and active games. Children have loved playing outside this term. They have really enjoyed using the new footy goal posts and running around on the top courts. Inside the children have been engaging in a range of passive activities which have included; drawing, painting, beading, board games, and playing in our new home corner.

**We would like to send a friendly reminder to please book in for our pupil free day on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> march.** We are required to have a **minimum** of 10 children booked in for the day to run. If you would like your child to attend on that day it is essential that you book in. Please come down to the room or give the service a call if you have any questions regarding the pupil free day or general questions about the program. Have a fabulous 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](http://www.oshclub.com.au), all bookings and cancellations can also be managed via your online account.

\* Please remember to register your interest with Serren for March 13<sup>th</sup> Curriculum Day and / or March 22<sup>nd</sup> Parent Teacher Student Interviews Day.

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

## COMMUNITY NEWS

### WALK FOR AUTISM

The Autism Spectrum Organisation hold a 'Walk for Autism' in April. Scout in year 5 and her mum, Jess, are going to participate in the walk this year, with all funds raised going to ensure Autism Spectrum Australia (Aspect) can continue to deliver services and programs to provide people on the autism spectrum with the opportunity to realise their unique potential throughout the life stages, from the early years to adulthood. If you would like to sponsor Scout and Jess or would like more information please contact Jess on 0411 822 774. *Jess Sharp*

## ELTHAM LITTLE YOUTH THEATRE - AUDITION CALL

If you are aged between 10 and 18 and would like to audition for Eltham Little Theatre production of 'Wonder in Aliceland' go to [www.elthamlittletheatre.org.au](http://www.elthamlittletheatre.org.au) where you will find more details on the show, characters, rehearsals and performances. Audition dates are 8<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> March. Follow the Trybooking link below to reserve your audition place.

<https://www.trybooking.com/UKFH>

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They are enthusiastic students who have started the year full of energy and interest. We thank you for the way in which you have assisted us with the important process of transition and see that partnership as being a key to the boys having a successful secondary school experience. Your school should be proud of their efforts.

Mr Anthony Kirley  
Principal

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The advertisement features a young man in a dark school blazer with gold trim and several medals on his lapels. He is smiling and looking towards the camera. The background is a soft-focus outdoor setting with green foliage.

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The advertisement is split into two main sections. On the left, there is a photograph of a group of young women looking upwards and to the right. In the center, there is a graphic of a glowing lightbulb with a small green tree growing inside it. The right side of the advertisement has a light blue background with white and red text.