



SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Tuesday 20 March

Newsletter No. 4

Thursday 22 March Monday 26 March Thursday 29 March Thursday 29 March Monday 16 April Monday 16 April Friday 4 May	PTS Interviews - Alteration to School Day, no students at school 7.20am - Year 6 National Leadership Day, MCEC Easter Raffle drawn Term 1 Ends 2.30pm Term 2 Begins 9am 7am - 5 & 6 Canberra Camp departure School Photos (Will you need new school uniform??)
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PRINCIPAL REPORT

Dear Parents,

We are so excited to share that after discussion with the Lions Clubs Eltham, they have so kindly donated money for us to purchase 2 school blazers. The school leaders will be able to wear the blazers when representing the school offsite. The blazers have already been ordered so we are looking forward to showing them off when they arrive.

I love the community support that Research Primary School receives. The way that everyone works together to help improve our amazing school. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Donato family for the installation of the footy goal posts. The students are getting so much enjoyment out of them. I would also like to thank the Ellis family for the removal of some unsafe trees in order to make our yard a safer place.

We are lucky enough to be able to open the library four days a week. The library will be open at either recess or lunch time on these days. Students are able to go to the library to browse through the books or use the computers.

The Premier's Reading Challenge is beginning for another year. The reading challenge is open to all students from Prep- Year 6. The aim of the challenge is to promote the love of reading. It is not a competition, but a challenge for each student to read, to read more and to read more widely. Look out for the student usernames and challenge information coming out soon. After receiving this information, if you have any further questions please feel free to contact me.

During the recent curriculum day, all the teaching staff came together with 3 other schools, Yarrambat Primary, Apollo Parkways Primary and Glen Katherine Primary. During this day, we had the pleasure of listening to a guest speaker, Dianne Siemons. Di is a professor in Mathematics Education. Di's talk was focused around the 'Big Ideas' in mathematics to support the students understanding of Maths. We will unpack this information further during our staff meetings at school.



We love to celebrate our students' success both at school and outside of school. We don't always know the amazing success our students are achieving outside of school hours. If your child has had an outstanding performance on the weekend, please inform the office and we will endeavor to include it in the newsletter, when there is available room.

On this note - congratulations to Sarah (56W) for competing in her first Weetabix Triathlon on Sunday 11 March.

At times parents may become aware of issues that happen before or after school in the yard. If you notice an incident that needs to be followed up, we ask you to please refrain from speaking to other children and inform a teacher so it can be followed up by the school.

At the end of this term we say good-bye to a long standing member of the Research Primary School Community. Jenny Briggs has been at Research for over 20 years initially as a Parent then continuing to support and work at Research as a teacher & integration aide. We would like to wish her all the best for the future and we thank her for her contribution to our school.

As we come to the end of the term, we would like to wish everyone a very happy and safe holidays. A huge congratulations to all the prep students on completing your first term at school. Over the holidays, take the time to rest and relax. We hope you enjoy the Easter celebrations with your friends and family. We look forward to another exciting term.

Ailsa Glembin, Assistant Principal

SCHOOL COUNCIL

School Council conducted their AGM last night, followed by the first meeting of the new School Council. Welcome and thank you to our continuing and new school councillors.

The *School Year 2017 Annual Report to the School Community* will be presented at the next meeting, which will be a public meeting, on Monday 23rd April. The Annual Report includes the School Council President's report on the year, the Treasurer's report, the Principal's report in "What Our School is Doing", the compilation of Government Schools data and where RPS sits in areas such as Student Learning, Opinion Surveys, Teacher Assessments and Student Engagement and Well Being. The School's 'Financial Performance and Position' is also included.

Once passed The Annual Report will be available on the school website.

Congratulations and thank you to our new School Council:

President	Liz Shewan	Vice President	Adam Humphreys
Treasurer	Carolyn Sternberg	Executive Officer	Fiona Vale
Education	Aristea Porfiri	Minutes Secretary	Jackie Smith

Parent Members: George Tsakiris, Michael Settle, Claire Welburn

Staff Members: Andrea Sutterby, Jocelyn Watts, Avril Baker

Parents Group Rep: Michelle Walker-Fox

Copies of the School Council minutes are available from the office later in the week of the meetings and copies can be emailed or picked up as a hard copy at the office.

ADMINISTRATION

Term planner payments for Term 1 are now overdue, the charges on your term planner cover excursions and incursions that the school needs to pay or has paid out to providers. Currently **we are owed over \$12,000** for programs and activities. Statements are being sent home today and should you have any questions or issues with regard to payments or would like to enter into a payment plan, please do not hesitate to speak to Jackie or Carol in the office.

Jackie

RPS bank account details

ANZ Eltham	Account Name: Research Primary School Council Official Account
BSB: 013 308	Account Number: 254090034

Please ensure you use a detailed description as a reference, so we can identify your deposit.

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.

Japanese: Leila 56K

Art: Natasha P1S

Ollie P1B

Max P1S

Baxter P1S

Claudia 2K

Bailey 2K

Zoe 34O

Timmy 34H

Miller 56W

SENIOR SCHOOL NEWS

5/6 Canberra Experience Camp - Monday 16th - Friday 20th April (Week 1, Term 2)

Just a few reminders before the end of term, which is zooming by very quickly -

- All camp attendees need to provide a packet of biscuits for our morning and afternoon teas while on camp. Please bring them in before end of term.
- RE: School uniform - please pack in the bag a complete uniform for the visit to the war memorial. Students wear casual dress on the other days. Please be mindful that we will be visiting various attractions in Canberra and dress should be suitable for sightseeing and have comfortable shoes.
- **Please meet in 5/6W at 7.00 am** with daypacks - lunch, snacks & drink. Leave overnight bags at the bus bay to be packed under the bus.
- **All medication to be handed to Jocelyn Watts on Monday morning in a bag with dosage clearly labelled.**

National Young Leaders Day

On Monday 26th March, the year 6s will be attending the National Young Leaders Day at the Melbourne Convention Centre. This is a very exciting day and there are approx. 3,000 students who attend. The students will listen to 4 inspirational speakers from various backgrounds - the Arts, Science, Music etc. It is truly a fantastic day and one that the students reflect on being a highlight in year 6. **Please meet at 5/6W at 7.20 am** for a prompt departure at 7.30am. All students are required to wear full school uniform, bring lunch, snacks & a drink in a dayback. They also need a pen as we are given booklets on the day.

5/6 Mad Scientist Day



Well what a surprise to arrive at school today and see all these crazy scientists running around. One scientist had a mishap with an experiment and blew off his head. All jokes aside, it has been wonderful to see the 5/6s embrace our science day. There were many exciting experiments and we even made elephant's toothpaste!! Another experiment - 'the naked egg' will take a few days of observation.



Have a great holiday and remember camp is on Monday, 16th April - day one of Term 2.

Jocelyn watts & Krista Kepitis

SPORTS & PE NEWS

CRICKET TRIALS

Congratulations to Josh Shephard for making it through to the second round of try outs today.

PARENTS & FRIENDS COMMUNITY (PFC)

It has been a busy couple of weeks for the PFC with our AGM held last Friday including planning and determining our fundraising activities for 2018. The PFC executive positions for 2018 are as follows:

President - Michelle Walker-Fox
Secretary - Nadene Humphreys
Treasurer - Rebecca McDermott

All coordinator positions were filled as well. Thank you to everyone who attended and coordinators who couldn't attend but informed us prior of their willingness to still help.

At this meeting we agreed on the following fundraising activities for 2018 and these were passed at School Council last night. They are as follows: Special Lunch Orders, Easter/Christmas Raffles, Mother's/Father's Day Stalls, Entertainment Book, Spare Change Spectacular, Pie And Sausage Roll Drives, Art By Kids Cards, Colour Fun Run, Mangoes, Halloween Disco, Bunnings BBQ And Election Day BBQ/Cake Stall/Mini Market - Watch this space for more details of each event as they get closer.



Thank you for supporting our first special lunch order for this year and getting orders in on time. I'm sure everyone is looking forward to next Tuesday. We do need some help getting the orders out so any help you can give around 11.30-1.00 would be greatly appreciated.

Easter raffle tickets have been sent home with a list of suggested donations for the hampers. Thankyou to everyone who has already donated items. There are tubs near the school office where donations can be left.

And don't forget we're still collecting Coles vouchers this week.

EASTER RAFFLE HAMPERS

THE PFC EASTER RAFFLE IS A GREAT FUNDRAISER FOR OUR SCHOOL AND AN EXCITING WAY TO END TERM 1. THIS YEAR WE WILL BE MAKING A NUMBER OF EASTER HAMPERS AND NEED DONATIONS TO HELP FILL THEM. BELOW IS A NUMBER OF SUGGESTIONS BUT YOU MAY THINK OF OTHER ITEMS THAT SUIT OUR EASTER THEME.

PLEASE LEAVE DONATIONS IN THE TUBS IN THE CORRIDOR OUTSIDE THE SCHOOL OFFICE. THE TUBS WILL BE THERE ALL OF NEXT WEEK 19TH-23RD MARCH.

- BAG OF SMALL EASTER EGGS
- PACK OF EASTER HUNTING EGGS
- EASTER EGG GIFT PACKS/BOXES
- SINGLE EASTER EGGS
- LARGE CHOCOLATE BUNNY OR EGG
- BLOCK OF CHOCOLATE
- EASTER DECORATIONS
- EASTER STICKER OR ACTIVITY BOOK
- EASTER BUNNY HEADBANDS
- EASTER EGG HUNT KIT (Coles, Target etc)
- EASTER BASKETS, GIFT BAGS, GIFT BOXES
- BOX OF FAVOURITES / ROSES / CELEBRATIONS etc
- EASTER NOVELTY ITEM
- EASTER RIBBONS
- EASTER THEMED PAPER CUPS, PLATES OR SERVIETTES

PLEASE NOTE THAT UNFORTUNATELY WE CANNOT ACCEPT DONATIONS OF ALCOHOL or ITEMS CONTAINING NUTS



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 trips. 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 has placed a box outside the office, 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

CANTEEN ROSTER & NEWS

Dear Parents,

We would like to thank the people who have already offered to do one or more canteen shifts this year. We are still asking for further **volunteers for Term 2** 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 will be on Fridays.

Please send a message to Jacqui Robinson (0414 362 275) or enter your name on the sign-up sheet at the **office** by this **Friday, 23rd March** 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.

FRIDAYS

(Lunch Orders & Counter Sales)

9:00am - 11:30am (2)

11:30am - 1:50pm (2)

(4 volunteers)

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

CANTEEN ROSTER

Thursday	Friday
<u>22 March</u> Closed – no students at school	<u>23 March</u> 9am-11:30am Penny L 11:30-1:50pm Jacqui R 11:30-1:50pm Clara S
<u>29 March</u> 2:30-3pm Leticia S	<u>30 March</u> Closed – Good Friday

SCHOOL BANKING NEWS



SCHOOL BANKING

Our School Banking day is Friday.

This Friday, 23 March will be the last banking Friday for this term.

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 had a short and sweet week down at the program last week. During this week they spent a lot of time exploring the outdoor spaces such as the top courts and big kids playground. They all enjoy playing outside and creating games which are inclusive of all students. They have also shown a great interest in drawing recently. We are seeing some great pictures being drawn throughout both before and after school care.

We have some **fantastic news!** **Thursday we will be running our first ever pupil free day** since I've been at the program. This day is now open to **all families** needing the service for the whole day. We will be open from **7am and close at 6:30pm**. Please feel free to drop your child off and pick them up between **any time**.

We have got some great activities planned for the day which link in with our weekly theme of 'out of this world!'. We will also be supporting children's needs throughout the day and be transitioning between inside and outside. Looking forward to seeing you all throughout the 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, all bookings and cancellations can also be managed via your online account.

* Please remember to register your interest with Serren for March 13th Curriculum Day and / or March 22nd 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

FOR SALE

Casio CTK 591 keyboard. Good condition with cosmetic marks but works well. Comes with power supply (and spare), sheet music prop, Carmel's music books and keyboard stand. \$50.00 - Please contact *Dani*: 0437 580 008



I am very excited to also be offering private lessons at Research Primary School starting in Term 2. The classes are modern & contemporary in style.

If you would like some more information please contact me via email myo69411@bigpond.net.au Thank you.

Michelle Young

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NAB AFL Auskick @ Research 2018

Registrations for NAB AFL Auskick @ Research are now open. Our season will kick off on the 28th April 2018 and will run on a Saturday morning from 9.30 to 11.00am. Our season launch is Saturday 21st April at Research Park.

The NAB AFL Auskick program is a great way to learn the skills of Australian Rules Football while having a terrific time with family and friends.

The cost of the program in 2018 will be \$91. Included in this cost is an awesome Auskick pack jammed full of goodies. This year new participants receive a backpack containing a footy, pump, personalized door sign (with their club of support), footy cards & album and bag tag...while returning participants receive an insulated lunch bag, an AFL team t-shirt from their favourite club, a football & pump, footy cards and name tag.

Registration for Auskick is only done online at www.aflauskick.com.au.

This year we will be running three age groups (Prep/Kinder, Grade 1 & 2, and Grade 3+)

The season is shaping up to be loads of fun with activities such as Grandparents Day, a Mother's Day match, as well as the chance to participate in an Auskick grid game at half-time at an AFL match at the MCG or Etihad Stadium.

Auskick give all boys and girls a great taste of Aussie Rules footy, and provides them with the skills and confidence to actively participate in schoolyard games. It's great fun so come and join in with us at NAB AFL Auskick @ Research.

If you require further information please contact Rachel Armstrong on 0403 715 685 or email Rachel.richmond76@gmail.com

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Beginners & Experienced players all welcome!

Training is on various weeknights and games are on Sundays
 Season runs from late March until early August



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

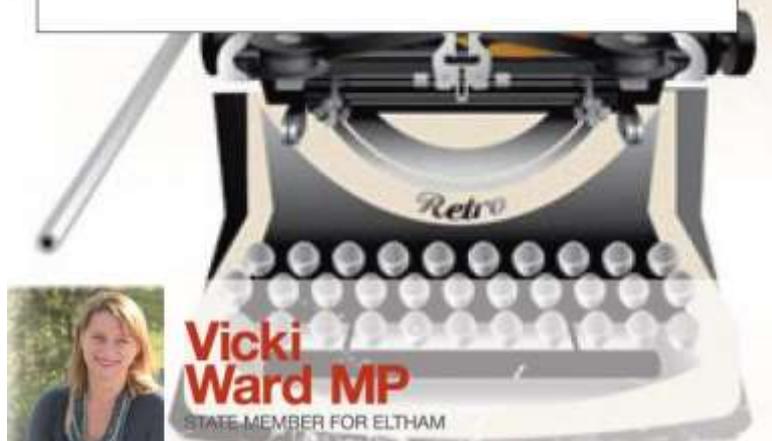
The Eltham Electorate Creative Writing Competition

Entry Form

To enter you need to:

- Be a student in years 3-6.
- Have a story or idea that is set in our local area.
- Complete your story on the four pages attached.
- Return to Vicki Ward's office directly to 718 Main Rd Eltham or via email at vicki.ward@parliament.vic.gov.au by 12pm, Friday April 20th, 2018

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