

SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Wednesday 7 November 2018

Newsletter No. 18

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2019 - Looking ahead

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PRINCIPAL REPORT

Dear Parents,

What a week it has been. Lots of events and lots of news! Congratulations to our softball, hooptime and chess kids who are basically just winning and winning. I'm afraid, that is just how we do things at Research Primary School. High expectations all the way.

Thank you to all for submitting your requests for 2019 in writing - it is much appreciated. We will consider all requests and try our very best to be accommodating. The compilation of class lists is a challenging and time consuming exercise that we take very seriously. We will begin the process as soon as possible. The news I can share today is our class structure. Our teachers are yet to be allocated, however, our class structure for 2019 will be as follows.

X 2 Year Prep/1 Classes
X 1 Year 2 Class
X 2 Year 3/4 Classes
X 2 Year 5/6 Classes

We have been using a targeted approach to our teaching and learning practices this year through the careful analysis of our school data. Our NAPLAN data shows great results and our school is ranked high academically. However, as you will all know, we are continuously striving for improvement. Our school based data and educational academic research is strong evidence to suggest that ability grouping students, for example, our numeracy zones, is not necessarily the best approach to catering for diversity in our classrooms. An individualised approach which is specific to each student's point of need is proven to be far more effective. There is lots of evidence available, however, this is a simple clip which may be of interest; https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tltvMjRxL_c

In 2019, we will not be running numeracy zones in the same way. Students will be tested using a consistent assessment schedule and their learning targeted to their specific needs for a specific topic. If you would like more clarity as to the reasons why we have made this decision or you would like to see school data around this decision, please phone Ailsa Glembin to discuss.

In other news, unfortunately as you are aware we have had a few instances of medical conditions reported. Please, if your child is diagnosed with any medical issues which are contagious, let us know as soon as possible so that we are able to inform the community if necessary.

A reminder also that we have the fete meeting and the PFC feedback meeting this week. Please come along if you have been a past or present member of the community (former parent group) and would like to provide feedback on the PFC or the dissolution of the PFC. If you are unable to attend but would like to make comment, please email the school address. I am looking forward to seeing you there.

Finally, I have saved the best for last. Although we are still waiting for an official announcement regarding our capital works project, the planning is well underway. You may have noticed a few different faces wondering around the school this past week. They were a mix of building surveyors, architects and engineers who are gathering the facts to present us with some ideas around what our new build might look like. To me, it seems to be a lot of effort if it really wasn't a possibility? I am hoping that I am correct in my thinking and we may get official news this year or early next year. I will continue to keep you in the loop with the planning as I get more information. Currently I am lobbying that our school will have an increase in enrolments and, therefore, we require a larger space and rebuild. It is a long process. Your support and lobbying also counts so don't be afraid to have your say.

I look forward to seeing you all around the yard. Thank you, *Ms Vale*

RPS bank account details

ANZ Eltham
BSB: 013 308

Account Name: Research Primary School Council Official Account
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, which reflect our RPS Values of Respect, Excellence, Sense of Fun, Equality, Achievement, Resilience, Co-operation and Honesty.

Saige Prep
Montie Yr 2
Hayden 56W

Mia M Prep
Kasia 34H

Adele Yr 1
Jade 56K

Theo Yr 1
Luke T 56K

Brodie Yr 2
Charlie 56W

Japanese: Timmy 56K Amelie 34H

HEALTH & HUMAN RELATIONS INFORMATION EVENING

Sex Education Australia's programs offer students an opportunity to gain age-appropriate information about bodies, personal safety, reproduction and puberty. Our focus is on young people getting accurate information that will help keep them safe and healthy physically, socially and emotionally. The programs are based on the Victorian Curriculum and their teachers are qualified and specially trained.

We would like to extend an invitation to all year 5/6 parents to attend a parent information evening session on the program being delivered - 'Living and Growing' and other helpful tips on this topic.

This session is also open to other parents not just year 5/6 parents.

Date: Tuesday 13th November, 2018

Time: 7.00 - 8.00pm

Venue: 5/6 Rooms

RSVP: Monday 12th November, 2018

Please return the attendance slip, at the bottom of this newsletter, to the school office by Monday 12th November.

Jocelyn Watts & Aviva Elijah

NMR SOFTBALL FINALS

Research Primary Softball have had a fantastic season. They were undefeated in the Eltham District competition. The boys played Diamond Creek East and won. The next stage for the boys was to compete at the North Metro Regional Finals at Mill Park. They played 4 consecutive games and with each game, they kept improving. Final results were; one win, one draw and 2 losses. The boys displayed great sportsmanship and dedication throughout the competition and at the various recess or lunchtime practices. Congratulations boys, awesome effort and awesome results. Also a huge thanks to the parents who assisted with transport and supported us: Jackie T, Jacqui R, Nadia M, Emel H and Deanne T. *Jocelyn Watts, Softball Coach*

BANDANNA DAY

Thank you to everyone who purchased a bandanna for Bandanna day we raised \$847.70 for kids with Cancer - well done. *Year 6 Leadership Team*

RESEARCH RIDGE GOLDFIELDS DAY

The year 5/6 students are very excited about our upcoming Research Ridge Goldfields Day on Friday 16th November. They have also been very busy planning their meals, tent structures and even organizing their entertainment as if they were on the goldfields in the mid 1800s. Thanks for the parent support and we look forward to a great day of learning and excitement to support our term unit, 'Eureka, Gold in Victoria!'

Ms Watts & Miss Elijah

DAVID MCKENZIE AWARD

This year's recipient of the David McKenzie Award went to Luke H (5/6W). Luke is a quiet achiever and is considerate of others displaying great empathy. He is a fantastic ambassador of our school and is friendly, caring and respectful of all. Congratulations Luke.

NESST LEADERSHIP DAY

Our student leadership were very fortunate in being invited to participate in NESST Leadership Day. We visited four schools and each school did a presentation about leadership in their schools. Our first stop was Strathewan Primary, then Doreen Primary, next was Panton Hill Primary and last was Kangaroo Ground. Our students leaders made a powerpoint presentation that they very ably delivered. It was a fantastic day to network with students from other schools and see all the wonderful things their student leaders are doing.



PARENTS & FRIENDS COMMUNITY (PFC)

ELECTION DAY BBQ AND MINI MARKET - SATURDAY 24TH NOVEMBER

Saturday 24th November is Election Day! The school will be holding an all-day BBQ, cake stall and mini market. If anyone can help on the day please contact the office or **Jess Hayes (0403 746 085)** or if you would like to have a stall at the mini market for \$50 then please advise as soon as possible.

There will be a cake stall at our mini market - this is always very popular, who doesn't love a homemade cake or slice. A plate, bag and ingredients list will be sent home shortly, so please get your baking hat on. Cakes can be brought into school on Friday 23rd at 3.30pm or dropped off Saturday morning.

SAUSAGE ROLL DRIVE

In conjunction with Blue Pear Pantry, RPS are raising funds with a Sausage Roll Drive. Take home a box of home-made and award winning rolls for your family and friends to enjoy. Rolls will be delivered to the school pre-frozen at the beginning of December and RPS will receive a minimum of \$22.95 per box ordered. So stock up for the festive season or gift them to that friend who has everything.

Order forms will be sent home shortly. Orders and payment need to be received by the office no later than 10am Thursday 22 November 2018.

CANTEEN ROSTER & NEWS

Lunch orders and counter sales are currently only held on **Fridays**.

Please send a text message to Jacqui Robinson (0414 362 275) or enter your name on the sign-up sheet at the office as soon as possible, if you are able to help out in the canteen this term.

Thanks again for your continual support. RPS Parents and Friends Community

Date	Time	Name
Friday 9 Nov	9 - 11.30am	*****
	11.30 - 1.50pm	*****
	11.30 -1.50pm	*****
Friday 16 Nov	9 - 11.30am	*****
	11.30 - 1.50pm	*****
	11.30 -1.50pm	Kristin T
Friday 23 Nov	9 - 11.30am	*****
	11.30 - 1.50pm	*****
	11.30 -1.50pm	*****

NEW STOCK

We have purchased Weis Ice Cream Bars as a trial. We have three flavours; Mango Passionfruit & Milk, Strawberry & Milk, Chocolate & Milk. All flavours are made with real fruit & milk and will be sold from the canteen at \$2 per bar. If they are a hit we will place a regular order.

Watch out for the slushie machine to be started up again soon too - \$2 per slushie ☺

SCHOOL BANKING NEWS

School Banking is held every **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.

OSHClub

Hello everyone,

We have had a fabulous start back to term 4! This term we have got lots of fun and engaging activities which will be running both indoors and outdoors. Last week at the service, our theme was creativity. During the week children had many opportunities to engage in planned and spontaneous activities. They created some beautiful artworks which we have put up in our room. We have also started a gratitude wall in our room. Each morning and afternoon Teresa and I will be nominating children to participate in the activity and write down one thing that they are grateful for. A fabulous comment that we would like to share was from Bailey, Bailey said "I am grateful for having such a great family". It is wonderful to see children expressing what they are grateful for and practicing their growth mindset as we believe this is an important life skill that they can take with them anywhere they go.



Now that we have reached term 4, it means that **ALL children** must be wearing hats and sun-cream at all times during operating hours outside. Please put a spare hat in your child/children's school bags as we request that their school hats stay in their classrooms. We provide a 50+ sun-cream for children to use, you can provide your own if you would like too also. If they do not have a hat they will not be able to play outside. We adore going outside and playing in lots of different spaces, so please ensure that your children have a hat so that they can have the opportunity to go outside.

If you haven't already, please check that all child information, payment details, and parent information is correct and current on your KidSoft enrolment. We moved onto a new system mid-year, if you haven't already please check this information or make a new account as it is free and saves time if you need a last minute booking 😊!!

If you have any inquiries about our program please feel free to pop down and see us during our service hours. Have a wonderful fortnight

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, 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

OSHC Club 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 NEWS

Congratulations to the following students who made it through to the state chess finals:

Zen & Max T

Tynan C

Sarah K

Timmy M

Owen G

Timmy was our highest scorer winning 5 out of 7 games.

A big thankyou to Katie Carr, Deb Graham and Adam Moar for supervising our kids on the day!



**APPLICATIONS NOW OPEN FOR THE BRIDGE SUMMER CAMP
31ST ASIAN PACIFIC CHILDRENS CONVENTION - FUKUOKA JAPAN, JULY 2019**

Applications are now open for the 2019 APCC, which will be held for approximately 10 days from the middle of July 2018. To be eligible, children must have been born between 1st September 2007 and 31st August 2008.

This is a unique event, which allows approximately 180 eleven-year-old children from 43 regions around the Asian Pacific rim as well as sister cities in USA, France and Peru to share in a truly international exchange and we highly recommend this opportunity being offered to Victorian students. This opportunity is being facilitated by the Australia Japan Society of Victoria.

Applications close Friday 23rd November 2018 or downloaded from www.ajsvictoria.org.au (after Monday, October 29th).

Any questions please contact **Heather Darbyshire**, AJSV-APCC Liaison Officer via email or on **0409 181 265** (ah).



Health & Human Relations Parent Information Evening
Please return this slip by Monday, 12th November

I _____ will be attending the Parent Information session on Tuesday 13th November, 2018 at 7pm

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2018

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Sunday 18 November 2018

10am start • 8km Walk

Heidelberg to Lower Plenty

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Research Primary School

Election Day Mini Market

Saturday 24th November 8am-4pm

COFFEE TIME

 Cake Stall
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All day BBQ

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Jelly Bean Guessing Competition AND Raffle

Lots of great gift ideas for Christmas!!

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TUG OF WAR
TEMBY AUTO SERVICE

SUNDAY 11 NOVEMBER
9am to 4.30pm
Eltham Central Park Oval

HIGHLIGHTS

9.30am and 1.30pm	Boot Camp run by Eltham Leisure Centre
10am, 11am, 1pm, 2pm and 3pm	Rotary Races
10.30am, 12.30pm and 2.30pm	Tiger Paw run by Eltham Leisure Centre
11am and 2pm	SES Jaws of Life run by Nillumbik SES
11.30am	Active Movers class run by Eltham Leisure Centre
12noon	Tug of War run by Rotary

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