

Tuesday 5 February 2019

Newsletter No. 1

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PRINCIPAL REPORT

Dear Parents,

A very warm welcome back and Happy New Year! 2019 is going to be a winner. I hope that you are all well rested and enjoyed every moment with your most favourite people on the break. I am certainly refreshed and ready to get back into routine after spending my holidays living like a lady of leisure.

Our yard was an absolute buzz this week. In fact, it was literally buzzing on Wednesday afternoon when a group of our parents came down with their leaf blowers, in 37 degree heat, and made our yard spotless for our beautiful preppies who were arriving the next day. I love your community spirit and I thank you so much. It was also fantastic to see students, parents and staff all mingling, catching up and sharing summer stories. I am a very proud Principal.

We had 21 gorgeous preppies start last week and we also welcomed many new families to our community. Thank you to everyone who helped to make them welcome either through preparing the morning tea, giving directions or introducing yourselves. It is so appreciated. I was also very impressed with both the students and their parents because there were no tears! Well done to all. The rest of our students started off very well too and it was so cute to hear many of them excited to be 'transitioning' up to the next 'school'. It has been a wonderful, calm return.

Apologies in advance for the abundance of administration to follow. The start of a school year always makes for a list of announcements so please read through this information carefully and contact us if you need any clarification or assistance with anything.

Meet and Greet BBQ

After much discussion, we have decided that rather than running the Launch into Learning evening, we will run a more informal and friendly 'Meet and Greet' on Thursday February 21st. We will cook some snags on the BBQ, your child will be able to show you their classroom and you can have a chat to their teacher. Your child's 'Launch into Learning' booklet will be available for you to collect, this booklet outlines their learning for this year. We look forward to seeing you all between 4-5.30pm that afternoon.

Student Leadership

After a very rigorous selection process, we were able to announce our new student leadership team at the final assembly last year. They have already met as a team and are starting to understand the expectations and responsibilities of their very important role.

Congratulations to our 2019 Student Leadership Team.

School Captains - Leila Cochrane & Jakob De Ron

Vice Captains - Tahlia Britton & Jesse Todd

Community Captains - Miller Isaacs, Angus Robinson, Madison Parker & Asha Nasrun

Friday Assembly

We are going to *trial* our Friday assembly fortnightly. We hope that this will make for a much richer assembly with more opportunities for public speaking and the celebration of student success. It may also encourage more members of the community to attend which would be fantastic. We will be interested in any feedback on this at the end of the term.

Excursions and Incursions

Please be reminded that unfortunately if excursions and incursions have not been paid before the due date that your child will be unable to attend. We will provide an alternative program for them on the day. Please also be reassured that we are very sensitive to our families who require financial support and discreetly ensure that they are not penalised. There are also some very generous community members (and some with no association with RPS) who make 'anonymous' donations to support 'students in need'.

Attendance

Please remember that it is "not ok to be away". As you know we have high expectations and encourage an aspirational culture at Research Primary School. If your child is sick and consequently absent from school can you please ensure that you inform the school at your earliest convenience, preferably on the day of their absence, via a quick phone call or entering the details on Compass. We are mandated by the Education Department to follow up every absent day with a reason so it will help us enormously if you are able to let us know.

No Hat No Play

We pride ourselves on being sun smart at all times so can you please ensure that your child has a hat to wear out in the yard. Hats can be bought from the school office.

Communication

Please come and speak to us about anything and everything. The communication between school and home was excellent last year and we look forward to continuing our strong relationships with you all. As you know, the classroom teacher is the first point of contact, however, Ailsa Glembin our Assistant Principal holds the portfolio of engagement and wellbeing at the school and can assist you with more complex issues.

Please ring the office and make an appointment so that we can give you the time that you deserve to discuss your child. Please also give the office an idea of what the meeting is regarding so that we can ensure that the right staff attend the meeting in order to support you and your child more effectively.

There is no 'silly' question and no comment is ignored - We love feedback and strive for continuous improvement so I sincerely mean it when I say that the door is ALWAYS open.

Welcome back team. Let's have a fantastic 2019. I will see you in the yard!

Ms 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. Currently some sizes are on back order.

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 2019

Today 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 18 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) 2019

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 2018 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.

TERM PLANNERS

Class term planners outlining the costs for each child for the term are sent out at the start of each Term (4 per year). This terms costs will be uploaded to Compass later in the week.

The costs itemised on Class Term Planners only cover the activities and excursions etc where all children in the class will be attending: events such as a visiting show, a whole class trip to the zoo and so on.

The approximate annual total costs for all excursions, incursions and shows for each year level using current costs are:

Preps: \$355	Year 1: \$420	Year 2: \$420	Year 3: \$330
Year 4: \$425	Year 5: \$330	Year 6: \$390	

There are a few activities not all children in the class attend, so a separate note and payment is needed. Activities such as the District Sports, gym / swim bus, hooptime / chess and so on. Unfortunately there is not a simple way around the need for permission and payments other than separate notes and charges in these incidences.

For years 3 - 6 camps are separate again, costing \$250 - \$350 (\$600+ Year 5 & 6 Canberra Experience, alternating years), with payment plans in place to allow families to enter payment arrangements.

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.

SPORTS & PE NEWS

RPS SWIM TEAM TRIALS & EDPSSA SWIM SPORTS

Trials for the Swim Sports Team (years 3 - 6) will be held on Thursday 14th February at Eltham Leisure Centre. 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. As Eltham Leisure Centre is only a 25m pool, students will need to complete 2 laps. Permission forms and payment need to be returned to the school office by next Monday, 11 February.

The Eltham District Swim Sports (EDPSSA) will be held on Friday 22nd February at WaterMarc, Greensborough. Happy swimming.

Mark O'Halloran

LIBRARY NEWS

BOOK CLUB

The first book club catalogue of the year was sent home last Friday. Please remember to order online using the **Book Club's LOOP ordering system**, as cash orders can no longer be accepted. 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 13th February](#).

Mandy Hogg

PARENTS & FRIENDS COMMUNITY (PFC)

Welcome back and we hope you had a great break. Our next meeting will be held in the Staffroom at 7pm Wednesday 13th February, all welcome and 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.

If you would like to join the PFC please leave your email address with the school office.

CANTEEN ROSTER & NEWS

Lunch orders and counter sales are only held on **Fridays**. If you are able to help and cover a shift or two, please contact Jacqui Robinson (0414 362 275).

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

Date	Time	Volunteer
Friday 8 Feb	9 - 11.30am 11.30 - 1.50pm 11.30 -1.50pm	Penny L Kristin T Steph S
Friday 15 Feb	9 - 11.30am 9 - 11.30am 11.30 - 1.50pm 11.30 -1.50pm	Olivia G Clara S Olivia G *****
Friday 22 Feb	9 - 11.30am 9 - 11.30am 11.30 - 1.50pm 11.30 -1.50pm	Clara S Miho N Kristin T *****

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

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: Teresa

OSHClub Head Office: 03 8564 9000
OSHC Assistant: Fraser

*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)

SINGING



Boys & girls, do you like to sing? My name is Michelle Young and I offer a singing program at Research Primary School. This year I am able to offer private and duo singing classes along with an ensemble. The ensemble will be made up of 10 -12 dedicated singers (boys & girls) from years 2-6 to form the "Research Singers".

Please contact me directly for more information and cost of classes / ensemble. I look forward to singing with you soon. Michelle Young myo68411@bigpond.net.au

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We invite you and your daughter to attend our first tour for 2019. Meet our Principal, explore the facilities and chat with our students and staff.

Wednesday 20 February
9:00 am

Limited tour spots available,
book online.

We look forward to seeing you soon.

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RESEARCH JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB

RJFC is a fun, competitive, family orientated and award-winning football club for under 9's to under 18's (including Girls teams for Under 10, 12, 14, 16 and 18) as well as offering a fantastic Auskick program.

Come along to our **Registration and Open Day this Sunday, 10th February from 10am - 1pm at the pavilion at Eltham College Sports Ground, Main Road, Research.**

A clinic will be held for kids aged U9 to U12 for 2019 and all Auskick kids are also welcome. There will be free giveaways at the clinic for kids who participate.

There will also be the opportunity to:

- meet the coaches
- mouth guard fittings
- free sausage sizzle
- merchandise stall
- online registration assistance (new players - bring along a birth certificate)

2019 online Registrations are now open at researchjuniorfc.com.au

Further info at researchjuniorfc.com.au or email: info@researchjuniorfc.com.au



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