

SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Tuesday 2 April 2019

Newsletter No. 5

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RPS bank account details

ANZ Bank
 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.

PRINCIPAL REPORT

Dear Parents,

We are in the last week and I honestly do not know where this term went. Easter is around the corner and the weather is getting cooler. The years are getting faster - I must be getting old!

We are so excited about our Easter Hat Parade on Friday afternoon. It is going to be a blast! We can't wait to see the different ways that our students express themselves with Easter flare and creativity. Please join us if you can for the Easter Hat Parade and Easter Raffle assembly on Friday afternoon at 1.30pm.

In other news it has been so exciting seeing the amount of students coming up to my office to receive their "Community Champion" rewards by demonstrating the values of *excellence and respect*. If students are 'caught' doing the right thing, they are rewarded for their behaviour and can accumulate stickers that allow them to cash in from the prize cabinet in the main administration building. They receive a Principal Award sticker and can choose a prize in order to be celebrated and praised for their outstanding efforts. It is the most favourite part of my day! I love seeing our students strive for success and getting the praise that they deserve for their efforts.

On the topic of high expectations and student behaviour I am so proud of the way our students have risen to the challenge to keep our yard clean and live by our mantra that 'every minute counts'. We have started to trial an emu bob for every class once a week in order to take collective responsibility for our beautiful grounds. So far this has been working well. We are also practicing "lock outs". This is to ensure that no minute of learning is wasted and that our students are heading down to line up after their breaks as soon as the first bell rings. There were many students unfortunately attending class late so our lock out strategy is helping to remind them to be ready to learn on time.

In other news, the 2020 prep tours keep coming through which is wonderful to see. Our lovely little school is making a name for itself thanks to its wonderful students, families and staff. It is really great to hear the positive feedback. Thank you so much for sharing the love, spreading the word and being supportive of our school. It is so appreciated.

On the topic of enrolments, although it may seem early, we are already starting to think about our classes for 2020. If you do have a sibling who is joining the RPS family in 2020 can you please pick up an enrolment form from the office angels or pop in and let us know that you are wanting your child to be placed on the list.

I would also like to let you know that school council met last fortnight. Unfortunately Aristeia Porfiri has resigned her position due to family commitments, however, council has co-opted Dante Sapienza into her position for the next 12 months. We thank Aristeia for her contributions to our school council in 2018 and welcome Dante to our team.

At times, families will come in and ask for advice on how best to support their children with trauma. Our news is full of many different events, some of which were really not as much of an issue when we were growing up compared to now. The following link has some excellent pointers on how to discuss traumatic events with your children.

<https://www.sbs.com.au/news/how-to-talk-to-your-children-about-terrorism-in-the-wake-of-christchurch>

On some good news, however, some of you might be aware that one of our students has been working very hard to get our community garden back up and flourishing. I applied for a grant to assist with this and was lucky enough to get a \$200 cheque delivered to the school last week to go towards the garden. How great is that? Mrs Glembin is currently working on grants for anxiety and anger management classes.

Happy Holidays! Have the most wonderful and safe break with your very favourite people.

Ms Vale

HANDY MEN OR LADIES REQUIRED!

As you know, we are currently planning for a building project. If the official announcement is made, we are in for major improvements to our school and beautiful modern facilities. It will be incredible. The planning at this stage is including buildings, refurbishments, landscaping and the resurfacing of our car park. For this reason, we do not see it as money well spent to be resurfacing our car park at this point in time. However, we do recognise that there are some pot holes as a result of our storms. If anyone is prepared or able to help us (for love, not money) by filling some of our holes it would be greatly appreciated. Please come and let the office know if you might be able to help us out. It will be appreciated to no end. Thank you!

FROM THE OFFICE

AMBULANCE & PERSONAL INSURANCE

A reminder that the Department does not provide personal accident insurance or ambulance cover for students. Parents and guardians of students who do not have student accident insurance/ambulance cover, are responsible for paying the cost of medical treatment for injured students, including the cost of ambulance attendance or transport as well as any other transport costs. If you have any questions please contact the school.

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.

Ryan Prep B
Max 2K
Sarah 56E

Saskia Prep B
Sophie 2K
Ella 56E

Natasha 1S
Angus 56E

Linda 1S
Henry 56E

SPORTS & PE NEWS

RPS Cross country will be running tomorrow for year 3-6 students from 9.30am, starting on the top court. Parent helpers are welcomed. The EDPSSA cross country will take place on the 7th May for those students who qualify.

Good luck to Henry K will be trying out for the School Sports Victoria 12yrs & Under Australian Football Team at division level tomorrow.

And Interschool Sports will begin on the 3rd May for years 4 - 6 and the teams will be announced tomorrow. Fixtures will be sent home at the beginning of next term.

SRC NEWS

ANZAC DAY APPEAL

We are again this year selling ANZAC Day badges, wristbands, pens & key rings / bag label:

Badges \$2 and \$5

Pens \$5

Wristbands \$3

Key rings / bag label \$4

Our Student Leaders will visit classrooms during the week if students wish to purchase an item.

Thank you for supporting the ANZAC Day Appeal

LIBRARY NEWS

LIBRARY OPEN TIMES

Our library is open for students to access on Monday & Thursday during the lunch break and Wednesday & Friday during recess. A nice, alternative option for students to outdoor play! Students are welcome to wander in to browse books & newspapers, play with soft toys/puppets, play piano, research or play games on computers and even colouring in.

PFC NEWS

WOOLWORTHS EARN & LEARN 2019

Hello everyone! Just letting you know it's that's time of year again to collect the stickers for the Woolworths Earn & Learn 2019 for our fabulous school! Please show your support in purchasing as much of your groceries from Woolies and collect the stickers for our school. There will be a box at Eltham Woolworths to place the stickers in...or there will be a box at our school office as well. Remember the more we collect the more equipment for our school!

Earn & Learn 2019 starts on the 1st May until the 25th June... So please... Get collecting!!!

Gabbi Favrin

ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS

Once again the PFC is offering the Entertainment Book at the very good value of **\$70 each**. The Entertainment Book is full of discount vouchers for local restaurants, as well as venues and activities around Melbourne and Victoria and valid until June 2020. Payments **are processed online** and can be ordered via this link www.entbook.com.au/188r741 The entertainment book is available as digital or hard copy.

Pre-order the NEW 2019 | 2020 Entertainment Membership and receive bonus offers you can use right away!

Aristea

EASTER RAFFLE

Our Easter Raffle will be drawn at assembly on Friday, 1.30pm. Please return your completed stubs and money along with any donations by tomorrow, Wednesday.

CANTEEN ROSTER & NEWS

Lunch orders and counter sales are only held on **Fridays**. We will be looking for volunteers next term so, if you are able to help and cover a shift or two, please contact Jacqui Robinson (0414 362 275) or the school office.

Vacant shifts are marked below with an asterisk *

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

Date	Time	Volunteer
Friday 5 April	Canteen closed Last day of term	
Friday 26 April	Canteen closed First Friday of term	
Friday 3 May	9am -11.30am 9am - 11.30am 11.30am - 1.50pm 11.30am - 1.50pm	***** ***** ***** *****

THANKYOU

A BIG thank you to all our canteen volunteers this term - Mums, Dads, Grandparents and older brothers & sisters. The canteen has been opened each week, such awesome support and the kids love seeing their family at school.

SCHOOL BANKING NEWS



There will be **no** school banking this Friday.
School banking will resume on Friday 3rd May.

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>

OSHClub

Hello Everyone,

Before I share about the wonderful fortnight we have had down at OSHClub, I would just like to let you all know that I (Teresa), will be stepping down as the coordinator at the program to focus on my last semester of teaching. I am really sad to be leaving this wonderful community with lovely families, children and teachers. My last day at the program will be on the 26th of April 😊

Over the last fortnight the children have been participating in a variety of activities. Last week, we had a big OSHClub quiz which allowed the children to answer some general knowledge questions. This was a suggestion made by the children based on kahootz and we created our own quiz. Another thing the children enjoyed was being crafty and building things. Last week, some of the children were busy drawing and creating pom poms from wool. It was lovely to see all the children work together and help each other out in creating the pom poms. The boys also were using wrapping paper rolls to modify the racing car track to make it challenging. Other than that the children have enjoyed being outside playing on the playgrounds and team sports. Coming to the end of Term 1, this will be our last week of sun-cream and hats at all times. As of Term 2 children will not need sun-cream and hats when going outside.

Just a friendly reminder that we are not at the service between 9am and 3pm. If you are wanting to book in your child/children please call the work phone and leave their name and grade and we will follow up with the office and ensure that they are at the service. 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 last 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 me during our service hours.

Warm regards, *Teresa, Fraser & Carla*



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

OSHC 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)

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PAT CRONIN
FOUNDATION



Bundraiser Day to support the Pat Cronin Foundation

On Saturday 6th April, Bakers Delight Eltham will be supporting the Pat Cronin Foundation by donating \$2 from every pack of Hot Cross Buns to the Foundation.

This event aims to promote the Pat Cronin Foundation and increase awareness to End the Cowards Punch. This is an incredibly important issue, which is held very close to the heart of the Eltham Community.

The foundations intention is to raise awareness, education and research on the Cowards Punch whilst honouring Pat's memory, aiming to prevent this happening to others.

Further to this, come grab your Hot Cross Buns on Saturday 6th April to show your support.

Live entertainment and kids activities will be taking place in Eltham Town Square, just outside Bakers Delight.

We hope to see you there!



NATIVE PLANT & BOOK SALE
13th April 10am-4pm

Senior Citizens Centre
903 Main Road, Eltham

Huge range of native & indigenous plants & grafted plants
LaTrobe Wildlife Sanctuary Nursery -
Yarra Yarra growers - Natural Landscapes
Phillip Vaughan - SunValley

Organised by: Australian Plants Society
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JOIN OUR APRIL MULTI-SPORT HOLIDAY CAMPS

OUR MULTI-SPORT HOLIDAY CAMPS ARE DESIGNED FOR PRIMARY SCHOOL AGED CHILDREN (5-12YO)!

We cover a mix of Soccer, Cricket, AFL, Basketball, Volleyball & Ultimate Frisbee.

- ✓ TIME: 9.00AM - 3.30PM
- ✓ CERTIFIED COACHES
- ✓ ONSITE FIRST AID
- ✓ ALL STAFF HAVE CURRENT WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECK
- ✓ GREAT COACH TO CHILD RATIO
- ✓ AN INCLUSIVE SPORTS CAMP FOR CHILDREN AT ALL SKILL LEVELS
- ✓ 1 OR 2 DAY OPTIONS

BURWOOD - St Benedict's Primary School
Mon 08th & Tues 09th April 2019

LOWER PLENTY - Lower Plenty Primary School
Mon 08th & Tues 09th April 2019

HOPPERS CROSSING - Hoppers Indoor Sportz
Tues 09th & Wed 10th April 2019

STRATHMORE HEIGHTS - Boeing Reserve
Wed 10th April 2019

BORONIA - Boronia West Primary School
Thurs 11th & Fri 12th April 2019

SOUTH MORANG - Morang South Primary School
Thurs 11th & Fri 12th April 2019

GLEN WAVERLEY - St Leonards Primary School
Tues 16th & Wed 17th April 2019



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Date: Wednesday 10th April
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Session 1:
9am to 11am
Grades 5 and 6

Session 2:
11.30am to 1.30pm
Year 7 and 8

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