

SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Tuesday 26 November 2019

Newsletter No. 19

<p>Wednesday 27 November Thursday 28 November Thursday 28 November Saturday 30 November Tuesday 3 December Tuesday 3 December Wednesday 4 December Thursday 5 December Friday 6 December Tuesday 10 December Tuesday 10 December Thursday 12 December Friday 13 December Monday 16 December Wednesday 18 December Thursday 19 December Friday 20 December Friday 20 December</p>	<p>State Softball Finals - Primary Yr 3 & 4 Melbourne School of Design Excursion Yr 5 & 6 Health & Human Relations Research Primary School Moving Day - 10am to 3pm 2020 Prep Transition morning/ BBQ lunch 7pm 2020 Prep Information night Carmel's Keyboard Concert Yr 5 & 6 Health & Human Relations Assembly 3.00pm start RPS Step Up Day Prep - Yr 5 Yr 6 to Yr 7 Orientation Day at Government Secondary Schools Yr 6 Graduation Evening Last Student Banking for 2019 5pm Carols Night Yrs 3 & 4 Epping End of Year Excursion Yrs 5 & 6 Funfields End of Year Excursion Assembly 12:30pm Term 4 Ends 1:30pm - (no canteen on last day of Term)</p>
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2020 - Looking ahead

<p>Tuesday 28 January Tuesday 28 January Wednesday 29 January Thursday 30 January Monday 9 March Tuesday 10 March Thursday 19 March Tuesday 24 March May 2020 Monday 17 August Thursday 10 September Monday 2 November Tuesday 3 November</p>	<p>Teachers at School - No students at school 9am - 1pm Book Bags & Uniform Order collection 9am Term 1 2020 begins for Yr 1 - Yr 6 9.30am - 3pm Term 1 2020 begins for Preps Labour Day Preps start full time PST Interviews - Alteration to school day School Photos Curriculum Day - TBA Curriculum Day - No students at school PST Interviews - Alteration to school day Curriculum Day - No students at school Melbourne Cup - No students at school</p>
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THIS SATURDAY 30TH NOVEMBER - MOVING DAY

Please, put **Saturday November 30th between 10-3pm** into your diaries as our official "Research Primary School Moving Day". We need **all the hands that we can get** to complete a few big jobs before our \$5.7 Million project begins.

Now that Basketball times have been published - please recruit your army and let the school know if you are popping in

Arrival time at school and with lunch

Please ensure your children do not arrive too early at school. Staff are on duty from 8.50am and up until that point your child's safety could be an issue.

In addition, we have to top up lunches with noodles or supply noodles where children have come to school without food. Please ensure your children have a sufficient amount of food in their snacks and lunches. If noodles are supplied, we would appreciate prompt payment for purchase.

December fever is almost upon us! Can you feel the frenzy and excitement? I know that we certainly can. This last fortnight has been jammed packed and I don't even know where to start? Perhaps with our new additions....

Our gorgeous 2020 preppies paid us a visit last week and they were here again today. They have been full of smiles and energy and they are already melting our hearts. The hesitation and nerves quickly change to excitement and they are already very much a part of our school community. They will come back for one last visit next week and be treated to a sausage sizzle for both them and their parents to get to know each other. It is great to see relationships amongst parents already building and thank you to our current parents for making our new families welcome. We received the report from our school review last week and the number one highlight was the warm and welcoming environment and the strength of community at Research Primary School. This is really something to be proud of.

Now to the big kids. Market Day! Wow! Those of you who attended will know what an incredible event this was. To think that our senior students are capable of organising something on such a huge scale is impressive. Their stalls were well thought out and planned, and all of the students that I spoke to were very passionate about their chosen charities. What a fantastic day and a brilliant display of community effort. Congratulations to all who participated.

A big thank you to all of the parents who volunteered to help at our Bunnings BBQ last week. I put in my shift and feel that my BBQ skills are improving with every event! I really do need to invest in a fancy apron though. The PFC did an amazing job at organising the day and the funds that they have raised this year make an incredible difference. On the topic of Bunnings, they will be working with our Year 6 students on a "legacy project". We are very lucky to have them donate all of the materials and their time, to help the student's plant natives and make 2 benches for sitting on. Watch this space.

Finally, a reminder to keep an eye out for correspondence as there is lots of information going out in preparation for 2020. Parent payments, consent to photograph and film and more on the new mobile phone policy are some examples. If you are not already aware, mobile phones and like devices, (smart watches) will be banned in all Victorian State Schools in 2020. Please read the letter sent out via COMPASS for further information.

Another great fortnight down. See you around, *Ms Vale*

P.S. Check out this interesting article. Food for thought.

<https://yourot.com/parenting-club/2017/5/24/what-are-we-doing-to-our-children>

Class 2020 Allocations

Thank you all for your feedback on class allocations. I have been very pleased to hear the excitement around our collaborative approach to learning for next year and the support of the 2020 structure. I just wanted to clarify that the structure is based on numbers, and the way that we allocate students is based mostly on friendship groups. Students are not allocated to a class based on their "academic ability", therefore, if your child is in a composite where they are the older child, this does not mean that they are behind academically. Likewise, if your student is the younger year level, it does not mean that they are ahead academically. We need to be providing an individual program for all of our students regardless of how their class is comprised. In fact, you will find that there are at least 5 different academic levels in every classroom, often more!

TEACHER CHALLENGE
REMAINING CHALLENGES - Please donate

Challenge 4 - \$400 goal - **we are up to \$327 with this challenge** - nearly there!!
Mrs Glembin will be dressed in a jumpsuit while students flick coloured paint at her!

Challenge 2 - \$800 goal
Ms Vale will come to school without her trademark giant eyeliner wings and will be wearing flat shoes
and baggy, sloppy, comfy, clothes!

Challenge 3 - \$ \$1500 goal
Mr O will shave his glorious locks to a number 3!

As you are all aware, one of our teacher challenges jackpotted and Mr O, Ms Vale and Mrs Glembin were made to be students for a day. It was a hilarious day, full of laughs and fun! The students got a real kick out of seeing us dressed up and bossing us around.



More importantly, this has raised funds that have been put straight into the purchase of some laptops.

As you know, there are 3 more challenges looming. **If we don't hit our jackpots in the next TWO weeks..... we might have to close them off?** Please donate away! Not only is it a great laugh for the kids, we also will improve the technology in the school.

Keep the cash coming in ...

FROM THE OFFICE

FAMILY ACCOUNTS

Thank you to those parents who have settled their account we really appreciate your payment. If you have any outstanding monies **particularly if you have a child who will be leaving at the end of term**, we would appreciate immediate payment, as we are currently owed over **\$6,000**.

End of year excursions need to be paid for prior to student participation.

Payment plans are available and encouraged. Should you have any questions or issues with regard to payments or would like to start a payment plan, please do not hesitate to speak to either Jackie or Carol in the office.

PARENT PAYMENTS 2020, NEW SCHOOL BOOKS AND SCHOOL UNIFORMS

The 2020 Parent Payment letter has been posted on COMPASS as many families prefer to pay this year and we certainly appreciate the early payment.

We would like parents to pick up their children's individual bags of stationery on Tuesday 28 January 2020, from the office between 9am - 1pm.

RPS bank account details

ANZ 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, which reflect our Community Champion Focus of *Respect, Excellence, Resilience, Cooperation*

Cameron PB
Sienna 34W
Jade 56E
Veronica 56H
Ayva 340

Skyla PB
Jake 34W
Ailsa 56E
Ashton 56H
Harvey 340

Elisha PB
Nathan 34W
Koray 56H
Georgia 56H
Mark 340

Kobi 1S
Adam 34W
Olivia 56H
Fi 56H

May 1S
Angus 56E
Harriet 56H
Charlie 340

STATE SOFTBALL FINALS

Tomorrow, Wednesday 27th November, the boys softball team will be **representing the Northern Metro Region** at the State Softball Finals at Jells Park. The boys have been training hard nearly every lunch time this term. It is very exciting to be competing at a State level and we wish them all the best for tomorrow. Good luck and we are very proud of all you.

The Softball team: Henry K, Charlie K, Angus R, Joshua S, Jesse T, Logan S, Koray H, Mathias T, Jesse H, Chris D, Riley T, Zac C. GOOD LUCK!!

Jocelyn Watts

LIBRARY NEWS

SORTING AND MOVING

Thank you so much to all the families for promptly returning library books. This has been very helpful with preparing for our relocation. On Saturday, our library will be moved to the BER building. Any help will be appreciated.

A huge thank you to Joy Pagon, our retired librarian, who volunteered her time to lighten our load. Joy has tirelessly searched our library to assist with weeding out any obsolete or irrelevant resources!

BOOK CLUB

Book Club Issue 8 was issued recently. This is the **final** Book Club catalogue for the year. Please place orders **via the loop** online ordering system by this **Friday, 29th November**. Thank you for your support.

If you are placing a Christmas order please let the office know if it needs to be held for personal collection.

PFC NEWS



BUNNINGS BBQ

A huge thank you to all the volunteers on the day. The school made a profit of \$2,157.00 which is amazing. A massive thank you to Anna & Ian Horsfall (grandparents of Brendan & Jude Mason) and Jon Hyde (grandparent of Lexi Hayes) for donating \$200.00 each for sausages, bread and drinks. It was a fantastic day and great profit.

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

Christmas is only 4 weeks away!! Christmas raffle tickets will be coming home soon, please keep an eye out for them and return them to the school office (completed and with money) as soon as possible. The raffle will be drawn at the last school assembly for the year - Friday 20th December starting at 12.30pm.

7x Hampers will be made up with one hamper per class to be won.

Christmas raffle donations would be greatly appreciated and we are accepting these from now until the last week of term. **Please drop them off at the office (no alcohol or nut items please).**

CAROLS NIGHT - MONDAY 16 DECEMBER

The PFC will be holding a BBQ on the school Carols Night on Monday 16 December from 5pm, the new BBQ, purchased with our PFC fundraising money (a big thank you to Jay Donato for putting it together) will be fired up and ready to sell sausages from 5pm.

- Sausages in bread with or without onion \$2.50
 - Drinks \$1.50
 - We will also sell the remainder of the canteen stock.
- Bring some change and buy dinner on the night. Relax and enjoy the school carols night.

RPS Parents & Friends Committee

SCHOOL BANKING NEWS

Student banking takes place at school on a Friday morning. The last banking this year will be held on Friday 13 December.

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>

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to speak to Lucy Varley-Kean (Sarah & Ben Kean's mum), School Banking Coordinator

CANTEEN ROSTER & NEWS

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

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

Date	Time	Volunteer
Friday 29 November	9 - 11.30 11.30 - 1.30	Emily S Penny L
Friday 6 December	9 - 11.30 11.30 - 1.30	Jess H Jacqui R
Friday 13 December	9 - 11.30 11.30 - 1.30	Penny L Jacqui R
Friday 20 December	Canteen Closed	Last day of Term 4 School finishes at 1.30pm

OSHClub

Hello everyone,

Last week at OSHClub, we had an exciting week that focused on *foods from across the globe* and each day we travelled to a different country trying different foods. The children were eager to get involved and we had so much fun making pizzas and sushi! Children also got to enjoy crepes, oreo popcorn and honey joys. Cooking is a very popular activity at the program and children enjoy being hands on and are proud to enjoy something they have made. We also did food craft activities and a group of children made their own restaurant with pizza, ice-cream and pasta. Finally, we also did an experiment with popping corn to see if we could get them 'dancing'. We combined bicarb soda, water & vinegar then watched in amazement as the magic happened! The water and vinegar fizzed over to reveal the popping corn bouncing around the cup. The children had so much fun taking part in this experiment.

Exciting news that OSHClub is moving rooms! By the end of this term we will be in the Junior Years Building, so you will start to notice our room getting emptier as we start moving things across.

Vacation Care bookings are now open! Head to <https://www.oshclub.com.au/vacation-care/> to find where your nearest service is and remember to secure your spot early to avoid missing out. If you have further questions about this, please see me during service hours.

If you have any inquiries about our program, please feel free to pop down and see me during our service hours. 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 and don't have the app, please call the work phone (0427 793 936) to leave a message along with your child's name and grade and we will follow up with the office and ensure that they are at the service. Have a fantastic fortnight.

Warm regards, *Nicole*



Care Type	Hours	Full Fee (excluding CCS Subsidy)
Before School Care	7am - 9am	\$22.25
After School Care	3.30pm - 6.30pm	\$29.90

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: Nicole

OSHClub Head Office: 03 8564 9000
OSHC Assistant: Sweta

Hours of Operations
BSC: 7am - 9am
ASC: 3.30pm-6.30pm

Enrol and book sessions through our website www.oshclub.com.au

COMMUNITY NEWS

LOST PROPERTY

Now the warmer weather has arrived and students are taking off a layer, Lost Property has a number of jackets (some non-uniform). If your child is missing any items, please ask them to check in Lost Property. Also, please ensure that names are clearly marked on items as they do fade over time. At the end of the year, any unclaimed items will be disposed of.

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PROUDLY RUN BY LOCAL POLICE AND VOLUNTEERS

Blue Light

6th Dec

Diamond Creek BLUE LIGHT

DIAMOND CREEK COMMUNITY CENTRE
28 MAIN HURSTBRIDGE RD, DIAMOND CREEK
7-10 PM | AGES 8 TO 13 | \$8 ENTRY
EXCITING NEWS! NEW DJ & PLENTY OF PRIZES!

CONTACT: SENIOR SERGEANT WAYNE SPENCE 9438 8300

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GIRLS AGED 8 TO 17 YEARS OF AGE

MONDAY 2nd DEC 2019

RESEARCH PARK – Main Road, Research

Schedule:

- Arrive 5.00pm onwards for a 5.30pm start
- Skills session from 5.30pm to 7.00pm
- Sausage Sizzle 7.00pm to 7.30pm

Please wear runners (NO football boots) and bring your own drink bottle.

Please register your interest by Sunday 1st December to:
RJFC Female Football Coordinator – Josie Molenberg
jmolenberg@bigpond.com or 0438 372 748