

Tuesday 11 February 2020

Newsletter No. 1

Wednesday 12 February	Life Ed Van
Thursday 13 February	Dress for Success
Thursday 20 February	4pm - 5.30pm 'Meat' & Greet
Friday 21 February	Eltham District Swim Sports (WaterMarc, Greensborough)
Friday 21 February	9.15am Assembly
Friday 28 February	Whole School Incursion - Kaboom Sport
Mon 2 March - 6 March	Swimming Program Years 2, 3 and 4
Monday 9 March	Labour Day
Tuesday 10 March	Preps start full time
Thursday 19 March	PST Interviews - Alteration to school day
Tuesday 24 March	School Photos
Monday 27 April	Curriculum Day - No students at school
Monday 17 August	Curriculum Day - No students at school
Thursday 10 September	PST Interviews - Alteration to school day
Wedns 21 - 23 October	Years 3 - 6 Camp @ Campaspe Downs
Monday 2 November	Curriculum Day - No students at school
Tuesday 3 November	Melbourne Cup - No students at school



TEACHER CHALLENGE - FINAL CHALLENGE COMPLETED

Challenge 3 - Mr O had his head shaved at the end of last year !



PRINCIPAL REPORT

Welcome back!

I hope that you had a fantastic break.

2020. A new decade. So many changes for Research. It seems fitting doesn't it?

Firstly a big, friendly, warm welcome to our lovely new preppies and to our brand new Research families. It has been wonderful watching you all get to know each other and slip right in like you have been here forever.

We have honestly had the best start since I have been here and considering that there are so many distractions, I am so proud of our kids. They mean business and are 'Ready to Learn'. They have just spent two weeks working on the 'Start up Program' which has been challenging them to think about what makes a good learner and their future goals and aspirations and how to achieve them. They have created class mottos and have "Walls of Awesomeness" in their classrooms where they can celebrate their successes. It is all about the **learning**. This week we will revisit the program with our "Dress for Success" day. Can you believe that I wanted to be a dentist when I was in school? I am excited to see a "Culture of Aspiration" growing at Research Primary School.

This week we are also planning to revisit our values. As many of you will know, the RPS Values were identified as no longer being relevant through our school review. The teachers, students and School Council will discuss what we now stand for, and then I will call for feedback from the wider community before announcing our new RPS Values.

Next week we will have our “Meat and Greet” (see what we did there?!) Please come along to meet the teachers, see your child’s classroom space and to get a run down on the curriculum for the year. The kids get such a kick out of showing you their rooms and you don’t even have to worry about dinner that night. BBQ dinner on us. Roll in at any time between 4-5.30pm.

Over the last two years we have worked extremely hard at improving communication and transparency and I think that we have done a great job. Let’s keep it up. The door is always open and we are always willing to chat. Please remember that we want to make sure that we can give you the time you deserve, so it is best to call or email to make an appointment. Our meeting nights are Tuesdays and Thursdays so please excuse our teachers if they are in a bit of a hurry afterschool on these nights. I know that we won’t get it right every time, but that’s why I encourage you please to always come and see me so that we can work together to make our school perfect!

Please excuse the administration but can I remind you that our main policies can be found on our website and some we will push out to you as a reminder. At this stage, can I please draw your attention specifically to the administration of medication, personal property, privacy, photographing, filming and recording students, bullying prevention and child safety standards policies?

Thanks for your patience and understanding around the building project. I will use compass to push out “Building News” communication rather than updating through the newsletter so look out for them when they come in. So far, all is going right to schedule. It is incredible watching the transformation, sometimes literally overnight!

It is good to be back, *Ms Vale*

FROM THE OFFICE

STUDENT EMERGENCY INFORMATION 2020

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 17 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.

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.

AMBULANCE COVER

The Department of Education and Training has requested that we remind families DET does not pay for ambulance transport. It is encourage that you ensure you take out your own ambulance cover for you and your children.

CAMP & SCHOOL EXCURSIONS FUNDING (CSEF) 2020

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 2019 you do not need to reapply unless your circumstances have changed.

New families to RPS or Centrelink 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.

LIBRARY NEWS

BOOK CLUB

The first book club catalogue of the year was sent home recently.

Please remember to order online using the Book Club's **LOOP ordering system**, as unfortunately cash orders cannot be accepted. Simply go to 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 **this Friday, 14th February**.

Sales from Book Club help our school to earn points which are then used to purchase books and resources.

PFC NEWS

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

Congratulations to the following winners of our Christmas hampers last year:

Hana R Kobi Mia Hana Mc Angus D Brendan
Harvey P

We made a profit of \$820, thank you for participating.

CHRISTMAS CAROLS BBQ

Thank you to everyone who purchased from the Christmas Carols BBQ we made a profit of over \$700.

SCHOOL BANKING NEWS

School Banking is held every Friday morning; please ensure your child's deposit is secured within the Velcro section of their payment book.

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	Name
Friday 14 Feb	10am - 12.30pm 10am - 12.30pm 12.30pm - 2.30pm	Kristin T Leonie A Steph S
Friday 21 Feb	10am - 12.30pm 10am - 12.30pm 12.30pm - 2.30pm 12.30pm - 2.30pm	Penny L Leonie A Jacqui R Lena L / David B
Friday 28 Feb	10am - 12.30pm 12.30pm - 2.30pm	Leonie A Steph S

UNIFORM NEWS

The Uniform Shop will be **closed today Tuesday, 11th February** for stocktaking.

However, if you require new school polo's or uniform in time for our school photo day (March 24th) please place your orders **now**.

Hello everyone,

Welcome back to school for 2020 and a special welcome to the new students and the preps!

We have had a busy start to the new year, settling into our new space. We have done many craft and science activities and even cooking. Our first cooking activity, choc chip cookies, was suggested by the children and they were eager to get involved and make the cookies. We even shared them around with the teachers and they were a hit! The children have also been enjoying more board games and are showing great teamwork and working in different groups. Some of the most popular games have been Hungry, Hungry Hippo, Jenga, Connector Sticks and Twister.

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 or leave a message and leave their 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

Community Safety Notice

Now that school is back, to ensure the safety of students and assist with parking and traffic issues, Nillumbik Shire Council's Authorised Community Safety Officers will be conducting regular School Zone patrols.

Officers will be mainly patrolling No Stopping Zones, Disabled Zones, Double Parking, Bus Zones and Parking Bays with five and 10-minute time frames.

Where necessary, infringement notices will be issued. In most instances, officers will photograph offending vehicles and the infringement notice will be sent in the post or attached to your vehicle.

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Saturday 29 February
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Open Night

Thursday 26th March

4-6pm and 6.45-8pm **School Tours**

6.15pm **Information Session**

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