



***A school that values Community, Confidence,  
Ambition and Respect.***

*\*Upcoming dates below*

26 March 2021

Good morning Research community!

### **School Captains and Community Captains**

We would like to introduce our School Captains and Community Leaders for the 2021 school year.

Our student leadership team is:

School Captain: Jess

School Vice Captain: Brendan

Community Captains: Levi, Ayva and Lucy.

We know that they are going to do a great job representing the school for the remainder of the year.



My name is Jess and I'm the School Captain of Research Primary School. I play footy for Research "The Searchers" and I also dance. I love to colour, draw and read. I have two dogs, they are whippets. I live with my mum, dad, brother and my two dogs. I also love to go camping especially to the beach!

I am in Year 6 and began at Research in Prep. I love being at Research because it is a small school and easy to make friends. I am really proud to be the School Captain and be given the opportunity to be a leader at Research Primary. It is the BEST school.

My name is Brendan and I'm 11. I am in Year 6 and this is my last year at Research. I have been here since Prep. I like the school because it's small and you know everyone. I like to play with any grade.

I love music. It is a big part of my life. My dad plays guitar and my mum and brother, Jude both play the keyboard. I play the keyboard and guitar. When I'm stressed I like to listen to music.

I am really proud to be Vice School Captain of Research Primary. It's a great school.



### **Planning Days**

Each term, our teachers are provided time to plan together for the following term. While this could be done at lunchtimes, after school or on weekends, the depth and quality of planning would not be the same, leading to a potentially less rigorous curriculum the following term. To support our teachers in this vital process, the school employs Casual Relief Teachers (CRTs) to teach the classes so that the learning continues for your children. On Monday 29<sup>th</sup> March, our P-2 teachers will be planning together throughout the day; and on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> March, our 3-6 teachers will plan together.

### **Eltham Bunnings BBQ**

Thank you to the volunteers who helped out also and those that donated items on the weekend at Eltham Bunnings.

Here is a recap from Lotte Fog who coordinated the event on behalf of the school – thanks Lotte!

*On March 20th, RPS volunteers ran a Bunnings BBQ. After lockdown, it felt just great to be back! A huge thanks to our 17 volunteers, and a special thank you to Jess, Kim, David and Leoni for being particularly awesome.*

*My favourite bits of the day included chatting with the many lovely customers (and even the few unlovely ones!), the considerable number of folks who popped by for a sausage and came back for seconds, Patrick visiting and wearing a RPS apron, the RPS kids and parents who made a point of stopping by, the two lovely guys who bought sausages without bread for their dogs - and the fact that, all thank you to generous donations, all takings were profit. "That's a first" said the Bunnings management team staffer. We feel lucky to be part of this community.*

*Lotte*



## Research Primary School Parents and Friends Community (PFC)

Our PFC is ramping up to have a big year after 2020. Early next term we will be having the PFC Annual General Meeting. I will communicate this to everyone next week once a time and date has been confirmed.

## Building Works

'Are we there yet?' I am sure that you have all heard a young person ask this when heading to a destination, particularly one that they have been looking forward to reaching. Our building works are no different. For so long, it appeared that not much was happening, and then with a flurry of activity we had moved into the new classrooms and office area. We are currently all about the landscaping works – a bit of irrigation piping here, some tan bark there, a few plants added, a railing or two added to the ramp... Once the fences come down it will make a huge difference.

The following link is to a video that was taken from the concrete spraying boom last week.

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1GRO4OLKRDei8TsN6PfQ6snJOASAOeccM/view?usp=sharing>.

We will be looking to take some professional drone footage of the entire site once the works are completed. If you know someone who does this, please contact the office with their contact details.

## Signage

Have you seen our new signs yet? There is one on Main Road and one on the corner of Main Road and Kanandah Court. Thanks Jess for organising this.

## Prep Enrolments For 2022

While new buildings and signage is a great incentive for potential new families to come for a tour, it is the sense of Community that people feel when they step onto the grounds that encourages them to stay and to enrol their child. In Term 1 of this year, Ms Vale, Ms Glembin and I have conducted almost 30 tours for prospective families for 2022. Pleasingly, our Prep enrolments for next year is in double figures already with 70% of these being new families to Research Primary School! At the rate we are going, our planning for next year may have to start a little earlier than usual. This is an amazing problem to have – we encourage you to continue spreading the good word about Research Primary School, and encourage friends, family and acquaintances to call for a tour and/or complete enrolment forms to ensure a spot for 2022!

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**Enrolments Now Open**  
-Tours available -

Contact the school for details  
03 9437 1917  
[www.researchcps.vic.edu.au](http://www.researchcps.vic.edu.au)



**Research Primary School**  
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## Parent Teacher Student Interviews

Parent Teacher Student Interviews are an important part of our reporting to parents' process. For those of you who made a time, we hope that this time was well spent hearing how your child/ren have settled in, as well as sharing any information with our teachers. These are provided to give 'privileged' time to talking about your child's progress at school, without distractions. Our Parent Teacher Student Interviews occur in Terms 1 and 3, and you receive a written report in Terms 2 and 4 (via Compass).

## Covid Update

As of the time of writing, the state government has further reduced the restriction levels. We have not heard from DET as yet on what this means for us, but we will keep you informed. This means that there is currently no change to how we operate.

## Working With Children Checks

This is your weekly reminder that if you would like to help with school activities/events, you must present a current WWCC (volunteer or employee) to the office before you can help out, or have an exemption due to your job (e.g. teachers, police etc).

Go to the following website <https://www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au/> and apply for a Volunteer WWCC. Volunteer WWCC are free to apply for and are valid for 5 years.

Have a great weekend.

Patrick  
Acting Principal

**Research Primary School excites, engages and empowers our students.**

### Some other dates for you *(subject to change):*

<b>March</b>	
Monday 29th	Prep – Year 2 Planning Day
Tuesday 30th	Year 3 – Year 6 Planning Day
Wednesday 31st	PFC Easter Raffle ticket sales close at 11:30am
<b>April</b>	
Thursday 1st	Term 1 finishes at 2:30pm
Thursday 1st	PFC Virtual Easter Raffle drawn
Monday 19th	Term 2 begins
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Interschool sport v Eltham North PS AWAY
Monday 26th April	6:15pm Finance Sub Committee 6:30pm School Council
Friday 30 <sup>th</sup>	Interschool sport v Eltham PS AWAY
<b>May</b>	
Friday 7th	School Photos – please send students in school uniform
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> May	Curriculum Day – no students at school
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> – Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup>	NAPLAN (Years 3 and 5)
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup>	District Cross Country
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup>	Interschool sport v Our Lady's PS AWAY
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup>	Interschool sport - BYE
<b>June</b>	
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup>	Interschool sport v Eltham College AWAY
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup>	Interschool sport v St Thomas HOME
Monday 14 <sup>th</sup>	Queen's Birthday
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup>	Interschool sport v Eltham North PS HOME
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup>	Term 2 finishes at 2:30pm
<b>July</b>	
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup>	Term 3 begins
<b>August</b>	
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup>	3/4 Balance Gym starts (weekly for 5 weeks)
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup>	1/2 Balance Gym starts (weekly for 5 weeks)
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup>	Research Primary School 132nd Birthday
<b>September</b>	
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup>	Parent Teacher Interviews (this is an alteration to the school day, where the students attend their interview only)
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup>	Term 3 finishes at 2:30pm
<b>October</b>	
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup>	Term 4 begins
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Years 3 – 6 Camp @ Campaspe Downs, Kyneton
<b>November</b>	
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup>	Curriculum Day – no students at school
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Melbourne Cup
<b>December</b>	
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup>	Term 4 ends 1:30pm







