

THE UPDATE

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

Next week's dates

Monday: P/1 Fairy Tale Fiasco

Tuesday: Year 2 Drama
Toolbox—Tiddalick

Wednesday: 10am—11am
Mother's Day Stall

Thursday:

Friday: School Photos – please
send students in school uniform

No Interschool Sport

Upcoming dates

May

10th Curriculum Day—no
school for students, OSHClub
NOT open

11th –13th Year 3 & Year 5
NAPLAN

*See last page for more dates

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Principal's Passage

Mr Patrick Walsh

ANZAC Day Dawn Service

On Sunday morning, we were honored to be a part of the 2021 ANZAC Day Dawn Service at the Eltham Cenotaph. Thank you to our Community Captains who represented us officially, their families and the many other Research PS students and families in attendance paying their respects.

The Eltham Cenotaph and Obelisk has a rich and long history. You can find out more about it on the Australian War Memorial website here:

<https://placesofpride.awm.gov.au/memorials/166516>

School Photos

Please don't forget that school photos are being conducted next Friday, 7th May. We try and get these done before recess, before the students get hot and sweaty running around at recess. Please make sure your child/ren are wearing full school uniform.



Principal's Passage (continued)

School Council

School Council met on Monday evening. A lot of time was spent on 2 main items—the building project and child safety training for school councilors.

Now that the building contractors have basically left the site, we have a better understanding of the state of the grounds that was behind the fences—e.g. the senior playground. There is some money left over for some works, school council needs to prioritise a list of items that will give us the 'biggest bang for our buck'. We will keep you informed as we go.

Interschool Sport

Last Friday was the first round of Interschool Sport for the year. One of the great opportunities we have as a small school is that our Year 4, 5 and 6 students are involved. At much larger schools, they have a situation where only Year 6 students can participate. From time-to-time, this can mean that we will have the occasional 'blow-out' in scores. However, the lessons learned from working with team mates from across different grade levels, losing and being resilient cannot be under-estimated.



From School Sport Victoria:

"School Sport Victoria, (SSV) as part of the Department of Education and Training, delivers an extensive school sport program to primary and secondary students across Victoria.

Through our interschool sport program, in partnership with State Sporting Associations, we provide opportunities for students to represent their school across a wide range of individual and team sports."

SSV has a code of conduct which you can download from here: <https://www.ssv.vic.edu.au/Downloads%20Library/Codes%20of%20Conduct.pdf> . The code of conduct has been created to cover players, teachers, coaches and managers, officials and umpires, spectators and administrators.

If you see something that you believe contravenes the code, or one of our school based policies (e.g. filming/photographing students), please inform the Research PS teacher in charge immediately.

Mother's Day Stall—Wednesday 5th May

We will have a range of items priced up to \$10. If you would like your child to participate, please provide: between \$2 and \$10; and a bag to put the item/s into.

We are always looking for volunteers to help out at the stall. If you can help out for an hour or so between 9:30 and 11am, please contact the office with your contact details—someone will be in touch!



We will 'hold' some items at the Office until Friday for students who will be absent that day.



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Principal's Passage (continued)

Assembly

We have received an updated School Operations Guide this week. Unfortunately, we are still bound by the density limit requirements of 1 person per 2m². While students and staff do not count, once a member of the public does, the density limits apply. Once the bleachers near the ramp are fully accessible, we are hoping to have an Assembly outdoors where parents will be able to attend.

NAPLAN

The National Assessment Program—Literacy and Numeracy is happening for our Year 3 and Year 5 students in a few weeks time. The program is as follows:

| Year 3 & 5 | 9:15—10:45 | 11:35—12:45 |
|-------------------------|---|-------------|
| Tuesday 11th May | Language Conventions (Spelling, and Grammar & Punctuation) | Writing |
| Wednesday 12th | Reading | |
| Thursday 13th | Numeracy | |

In 2021, Research Primary School will be conducting these assessments on paper. The parents in these grade levels will receive some information today that provides more information. If you are reading this online, you can also access this here: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1I5n3TPX4YXEyy9Y6-dbjvNzFaQJtZJYd/view?usp=sharing>

From time to time, completing the NAPLAN assessments may not be beneficial for the child to complete, causing anxiety or other issues. If you have any concerns about your child's participation in NAPLAN, please contact your child's teacher to discuss.

Have a great weekend.

Patrick

Canteen Roster

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

| Date | Time | Volunteer |
|---------------|--------------|------------------|
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| Friday 7 May | 10-12.30 | Leah |
| | 12.30 – 2.30 | Kristin & Hailey |
| Friday 21 May | 10-12.30 | Jess & Hailey |
| | 12.30 – 2.30 | Kristin & Ashley |

RPS Parents and Friends Community



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| May | |
| Monday 3 rd | Years P/1 Fairy Tale Fiasco |
| Wednesday 5 th | Mother's Day Stall |
| Thursday 6 th | Year 2 Drama Toolbox—Tiddalick |
| Friday 7 th | School Photos – please send students in school uniform |
| Friday 7 th | No Interschool Sport |
| Monday 10 th May | Curriculum Day – no students at school |
| Tuesday 11 th – Thursday 13 th | NAPLAN (Years 3 and 5) |
| Friday 14 th | District Cross Country |
| Friday 21 st | Interschool sport v Our Lady's PS AWAY |
| Friday 28 th | Interschool sport - BYE |
| Monday 31 st | Years 3-6 Star lab Incursion |
| June | |
| Friday 4 th | Interschool sport v Eltham College AWAY |
| Friday 11 th | Interschool sport v St Thomas HOME |
| Monday 14 th | Queen's Birthday |
| Friday 18 th | Interschool sport v Eltham North PS HOME |
| Friday 25 th | Term 2 finishes at 2:30pm |
| July | |
| Monday 12 th | Term 3 begins |
| August | |
| Wednesday 4 th | 3/4 Balance Gym starts (weekly for 5 weeks) |
| Thursday 5 th | 1/2 Balance Gym starts (weekly for 5 weeks) |
| Thursday 19 th | Research Primary School 132nd Birthday |
| September | |
| Thursday 9 th | Parent Teacher Interviews (this is an alteration to the school day, where the students attend their interview only) |
| Friday 17 th | Term 3 finishes at 2:30pm |
| October | |
| Monday 4 th | Term 4 begins |
| Wednesday 20 th – Friday 22 nd | Years 3 – 6 Camp @ Campaspe Downs, Kyneton |
| November | |
| Monday 1 st | Curriculum Day – no students at school |
| Tuesday 2 nd | Melbourne Cup |
| December | |
| Friday 17 th | Term 4 ends 1:30pm |