13 August 2021 Term 3 Week 5



THE UPDATE

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Term 3. Week 6 dates

TBC

*There are a number of events that we are looking to reschedule. Please ensure you check Compass regularly for updates.

Monday:

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Tuesday:

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Wednesday:

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Thursday:

 Research Primary School 132nd Birthday!

Friday:

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Upcoming dates

See last page for upcoming dates

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Principal's Passage

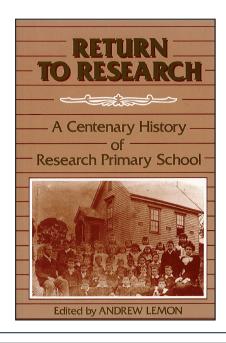
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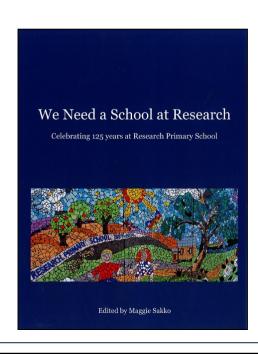
Research Primary School Birthday—132 Years Old

Research Primary school is steeped in history! I started to investigate a few things about the school to communicate to our families that you may not know. However, about 1 hour in, I realised that I would have to write a book to do so! Luckily for us, there have been at least 2 written already!

These books provide a great overview of the origins of our school—including that the proposed name for the school was Research Gully Primary School!

While this is cause for celebration, it is important to acknowledge that the school was built on the lands of the Wurundjeri Woi Wurrung people.







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Principal's Passage (continued)

Below is some information about Research Primary School that I have taken from the books:

- Return to Research: A Centenary History of Research Primary School. 1989. Edited by Andrew Lemon.
- We Need a School at Research: Celebrating 125 Years at Research Primary School. 2014. Edited by Maggie Sakko.
- 1. Eltham town and Kangaroo Ground schools were established earlier, however, due to an increase in people in the area, a school was requested in 1884 that would lie half way between. This was because it was too far for children to walk being about 5km to Eltham, and 5km to Kangaroo Ground.
- 2. The area was originally known as 'Swipers Gully'
- 3. The first class was held on the 19th August, 1889.
- 4. The original school, a small wooden house, was in the gully opposite what is now Research shops.
- 5. Research Gully State School's first 'Head teacher' was Joseph Mankey. Around 30 students attended each day!
- 6. The school had a permanent building built around 1890, this was on the current school site.

Over the next 100 or so years, the school, and indeed everywhere in Victoria, was affected by fire, flood, and war. Disease was present throughout the area up until the 1950s/60s—measles, typhoid, scarlet fever and diphtheria. Students were occasionally bitten by local wild life (read: snakes!).

Since 1889, there have been at least 47 Principals/Head teachers (including acting), and 250+ teachers, and 1000s of students. Many of the original Head teachers would have been classroom teachers as well.

The picture on the left is from about 1903 (Head teacher, Henry Cole on the left), the picture on the right is from 1927.

Happy Birthday Research Primary School!







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Principal's Passage (continued)

Coronavirus Update and

Thank you for your continuing support during these times. I would like to acknowledge the amazing amount of work that the teachers are doing at the moment. There is so much that occurs in the classroom in regards to modifications we make to learning when we see what a student is doing—we can easily make it a little harder or easier as required. It is so much harder to provide that level of support during remote learning, converting all of the instructions into text takes a very long time to do.

We continue to be advised by the Department of Education and Training of how the current restrictions need to be implemented at a school level. As a school, we have/had many plans for the reminder of the term; however, these have needed to be postponed or cancelled. It has been challenging to plan too far in advance. Can I please encourage you to keep Compass notifications on, and to check Compass regularly for updates.

Persistent Mild Symptoms

Some children may have prolonged post-viral symptoms such as a runny nose or cough. They may return to school following a negative COVID-19 test even if they are not completely free of symptoms. They will need a medical certificate from their GP to confirm they are otherwise well or have recovered from their acute illness. Any worsening of symptoms will require review and repeat COVID-19 testing, if considered appropriate by the doctor.

Students with a negative COVID-19 test whose symptoms have completely resolved do not need a medical certificate to return to the school.

Parent Opinion Survey

Some information was sent to you via Compass on Wednesday 21st July regarding the 2021 Parent Opinion Survey. Please ensure you open the attachment as it contains the link to the survey and a PIN that must be entered. We need to hear your opinion on how we are going, all of your responses are confidential.

Working Bee— RESCHEDULED TO Sunday 29th AUGUST 9am—1pm.

(subject to any coronavirus restrictions)

We are going to try and have a Working Bee on Sunday 29th August from 9am to 1pm.

We have a number of jobs that require doing:

- Weeding (we have to be very careful we do not pull out or pierce the irrigation pipes)
- Weeding the fence line along Main Rd and Kanandah Court
- Weed the bottom car park entrance and general tidy up to remove dead branches
- All paths to be swept/blown
- Platform near the flagpoles needs to be upgraded
- Other things that may come up between now and then
- Did I mention weeding?

While we have some tools, it would be great if you could bring:

- Wheel barrow
- Weeding tools
- Gloves
- · Stiff brush brooms
- Shovels

A chain saw may be helpful to help fit any larger branches into the skip.

If it is likely you may be able to attend (at this stage), even if it is only for an hour or so, please complete this form https://forms.gle/HQeMp5WUw7nM5N766. We will be having a BBQ at 1pm and need to ensure we have enough for everyone! Any time you can spare between 9am and 1pm would be greatly appreciated!

Have a great weekend!

Patrick



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Community News:

GET BUSHFIRE RESILIENT

Bushfire Resilience Inc (BRI) is a local community organisation whose aim is to provide bushfire information to households based on science, experience and best practice. The next webinar is :

Webinar 3 19 August 7.30pm

Your physical and emotional preparation

An expert panel including Dr Rob Gordon will provide vital information on how to look after yourself, family and friends in the event of bushfire.







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Upcoming dates: *(Covid restrictions permitting)

August	
Thursday 19th	Research Primary School 132nd Birthday
Friday 20th	Interschool Sport v Eltham College (Away) TBC
Friday 27th	Interschool Sport v BYE
Sunday 29th	Working Bee 9am—1pm TBC
Monday 30th	School Council 6:30pm
September	
Wednesday 1st	Hats to be worn outside
Thursday 2nd	Parent Teacher Interviews (this is an alteration to the school day, where the students attend their interview only)
Friday 3rd	Interschool Sport v Eltham North PS (Home)
Thursday 9th	Whole School Production at Eltham High School (evening)
Friday 10th	Interschool Sport Back Up Day (if required)
Friday 17th	Term 3 finishes at 2:30pm
October	
Monday 4th	Term 4 begins
Wednesday 20th – Friday 22nd	Years 3 – 6 Camp @ Campaspe Downs, Kyneton
November	
Monday 1st	Curriculum Day – no students at school
Tuesday 2nd	Melbourne Cup
December	
Thursday 9th	Year 6 Graduation
Friday 17th	Term 4 ends 1:30pm

January 2022	
Friday 28th	Teachers' first day
	Book Bags to be collected (TBC)
Monday 31st	Students first day
March	
Monday 14th	Labor Day—no school
April	
Friday 8th	Last day of Term 1. 2:30pm finish
Monday 25th	ANZAC Day—no school
Tuesday 26th	First day of Term 2