



THE UPDATE

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Term 3, Week 10 dates

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**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:

- Year 3-6 parents Camp Information Night (WebEx)

Thursday:

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Friday:

- School Holidays begin 2:30pm

Upcoming dates

See last page for upcoming dates

Planning for 2022

Please ensure your Prep 2022 enrolment form is handed in soon as we are planning for next year.

Also, if you are considering alternative school arrangements or moving on in 2022 (except for our current Year 6's) please inform the school office as soon as possible.

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Principal's Passage

Mr Patrick Walsh

Term 4 Staffing

I would like to let you know of a couple of staffing changes for Term 4.

Mrs Glembin is returning to Art and PE in Term 4. Mr Clarke will remain with us on Mondays and Tuesdays in 4/5O. We would like to thank Mr Clarke for his contribution to Art and PE this year.

Ms Vale is due to return on Monday 4th October. Ms Vale and I will communicate with you about this next week.

Goodbye Kirilli—Crossing Supervisor

After 7 years of service our Crossing Supervisor, Kirilli, is moving on. Her final day on the Main Road crossing will be on Friday, 17th of September. She has become a part of our school community, guiding your children to safety across what has become an increasingly busy and dangerous road. Thank you Kirilli and all the best for your future endeavours!

Parent-Student-Teacher Interviews

Thank you to everyone who participated in the Parent-Student-Teacher Interviews last week. We would have loved to have been able to complete these in person, under the current restrictions, it was not possible.

School Holidays

School holidays commence next Friday 17th September at 2:30pm. We are scheduled to return on Monday 4th October. Whether this is 'face-to-face' or through remote and flexible learning, we will find out in the coming weeks.

Last holidays, the school was 'egged' by a number of teenagers, and there was some other minor damage and a lot of rubbish left around. We love that the community can use the facilities, but we need this to be done in a respectful manner. If you are using the grounds on the holidays (if restrictions allow) and there is behaviour that would be considered a police matter, please call the Eltham Police Station on 9430 4500.

Principal's Passage (continued)

2022

I would like to let you know that we currently have over 30 Prep students enrolled for 2022! To put this into perspective, we started the 2021 school year with 28 Preps, and around 20 in 2020.

If you have an enrolment form sitting on the fridge, please complete and forward it to the school as soon as possible. Likewise, if you have friends that haven't got around to submitting their enrolment form, please encourage them to get on it asap! It is such an exciting time for Research Primary School.

Early in Term 4, we will be starting to look at our 2022 class structure. Before we go too far, we need to know exactly how many students we will have next year. Except for our exiting Year 6 students, if you are considering alternate education arrangements for your child in 2022, please contact the office as soon as possible to let us know.

Coronavirus Update

I will continue to keep you informed of any changes to the advice from the Department of Education and Training (DET) once it becomes available. On the next page, I have added a communication from DET regarding Managing Illness in Schools and Early Childhood settings.

School Camp—Years 3-6 Parent Information Session

At the time of publishing The Update, we are pushing ahead with our online information session about the Years 3-6 Camp scheduled for the 20th—22nd October. With restrictions slowly being released in regional Victoria, we are staying optimistic. Our Year 3-6 parents will receive a link to the WebEx meeting early next week via Compass.

Parent Opinion Survey

Back in July we sent out communications via Compass regarding the 2021 Parent / Caregiver /Guardian Opinion Survey (previously known as the Parent Opinion Survey).

The survey is still open and I would like to ask you, if you have not already completed the survey, to please take the time to complete the survey **as your opinions are important to us and will contribute to the future management and organisation of our school.**

The closing date has been extended by the Department of Education to Friday 17 September

•Details on how to access are in a Compass attachment sent Thursday 9th September.

- The survey will be conducted **online** and should take **20 minutes** to complete.
 - The survey can be completed on any internet enabled device (iPad, Desktop or Laptop, Smartphone) and is compatible with most browsers.
 - The survey will be open from **Tuesday 20 July to Friday 17 September 2021**
- The survey is available in English and 10 other languages including Arabic, Vietnamese, Mandarin, Chin (Hakha), Hindi, Japanese, Greek, Turkish, Somali and Punjabi.

Have a great weekend!

Patrick




2022 Prep Enrolments

Please make sure you submit your enrolment form as soon as possible.

We are planning an information session for 2022 Prep parents and don't want you to miss out!

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Managing illness in schools and early childhood

One of the most important things we can do to slow the spread of coronavirus (COVID-19) in our community is to stay at home when we are unwell, even when we have the mildest of symptoms.

What you need to know

- If a child is unwell, even with the mildest of symptoms, they must stay at home**

If a child becomes unwell during the day, they must be collected from school/early childhood education and care (ECEC) as soon as possible.
- If a child has any of the symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) outlined below, however mild, they should get tested and they must remain at home until they receive their results:**

 - fever
 - chills or sweats
 - cough
 - sore throat
 - shortness of breath
 - runny nose
 - loss of sense of smell or taste.

In certain circumstances headache, muscle soreness, stuffy nose, nausea, vomiting and diarrhoea may also be considered symptoms.

For further advice:

 - call the 24-hour coronavirus (COVID-19) hotline 1800 675 398
 - call a general practitioner
 - use the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) [online self-assessment tool](#).

Visit: [Where to get tested](#).
- A child must stay at home until they are symptom free, even if their coronavirus (COVID-19) test is negative**

If a person has tested positive for coronavirus (COVID-19) or been identified as a close contact they must isolate/quarantine until they receive clearance from DHHS.



Children with persistent symptoms due to underlying conditions such as hay fever or asthma whose symptoms are clearly typical of their condition can continue to attend ECEC/school. They should be tested for COVID-19 if they develop symptoms that are different to or worse than their usual symptoms. They should consider getting a medical certificate from their GP to attend ECEC/school if they have persistent symptoms that may overlap with symptoms of COVID-19 such as cough or runny nose.

Younger children (pre-school up to Grade 2) may have prolonged post viral symptoms such as a runny nose or cough and may return to school/ECEC 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.

For information on the minimum periods students and children need to stay at home for other conditions, refer to the [DHHS school exclusion table](#).
- Children do NOT need a medical certificate before returning to school/ECEC**

Once symptoms have cleared, there is no requirement from the Department of Education and Training or DHHS for children/students to have a medical certificate before they return to school/ECEC.

Thank you for your support in following these steps, together we can all stay safe.

This advice has been prepared by the Department of Education and Training, Safer Care Victoria and the Department of Health and Human Services

Library News



*Due to the current lockdown, unfortunately we had to postpone our Scholastic Book Fair to Term 4. Fingers crossed, Book Fair is coming Wednesday **October 13**. It's going to be a cool place to discover hot new books for your next reading adventure.*

This has been an annual event at RPS to promote reading, books and lifelong learning. With the uncertainty due to COVID we will run this year's fair, during school hours, volunteer and parent-free, using the Wish List and online payments. It will be held in the classroom next to 34K (Senior Building BER).

Catalogue/invitations will be reissued early next term so children can see what is available for sale.

Just like Book Club, every purchase made earns learning and literacy resources for our school and your support is appreciated.

Community News



2021/22 Baseball Summer Season

For Boys and Girls Aged 5+

Register for an online information session:

juniorbaseball.com.au

Community News



Expert Eco Chats

Expert home sustainability advice – FREE

Ask about energy efficient products, solar, draught proofing, going electric, water efficiency, sustainable building and much more.

Saturday 18 September

2pm – 4pm

Eltham Community and Reception Centre

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Upcoming dates: **(Covid restrictions permitting)*

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| September | |
| Wednesday 15th | Year 3-6 parents Camp Information Night (WebEx) |
| Friday 17th | Term 3 finishes at 2:30pm |
| October | |
| Monday 4th | Term 4 begins |
| Tuesday 5th | District Athletics Day (selected students only) TBC |
| Wednesday 13th | Book Fair and Whole School Author Visit TBC |
| Wednesday 13th | PFC Meeting 7pm |
| Monday 18th | School Council Meeting 6:30pm |
| Wednesday 20th – Friday 22nd | Years 3 – 6 Camp @ Campaspe Downs, Kyneton TBC |
| November | |
| Monday 1st | Curriculum Day – no students at school |
| Tuesday 2nd | Melbourne Cup |
| Monday 22nd | School Council Meeting 6:30pm |
| December | |
| Thursday 9th | Year 6 Graduation |
| Friday 17th | Term 4 ends 1:30pm |

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| 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 |