



## OFFICE UPDATE

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

### Term 1, Week 3

Monday:

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Tuesday:

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Wednesday:

- Swim Trials Yr 3– 6

Thursday:

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Friday:

- Canteen Open for lunch orders and countersales

**See last page for upcoming dates**

#### **Please note:**

We are trying to streamline our communication to families to make it easier for you to filter what is important to **YOU!**

We will be providing the **Office Update** (formerly The Update) on a fortnightly basis.

Ms Vale will do her usual weekly **"Happy Friday"** email, and the teachers will provide a class newsletter at the start of every term.

Please ensure you check your COMPASS home page regularly.

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## School Council Elections

### **RESEARCH PRIMARY SCHOOL NOTICE OF ELECTION AND CALL FOR NOMINATIONS**

An election is to be conducted for members of the School Council of Research Primary School. From Tuesday 8th February nomination forms may be obtained from the school office and must be lodged by **4 pm on Tuesday 22 February**. There will be a self nomination form for parents and DEECD employees.

Nominations are called for four (4) Parent Members and three (3) DEECD employee Members.

Please see the extract from the DET at the back of this newsletter. A COMPASS message will be sent out with further information, please keep your eyes peeled.

## School Administration

### **STUDENT EMERGENCY INFORMATION**

In the next couple of weeks, all students will receive a copy of their own **'Student Emergency Contact Form'** along with this form children with asthma will also receive a new Asthma Management Plan proforma. The emergency contact 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 as soon as possible. Both these forms need to be updated annually as required by the Department of Education.

**Please, if there are no changes to be made, initial the emergency contact form and return it to school**



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### Parent Payments/Voluntary Contribution

The School is funded predominantly by the State Government and these funds pay staff and contribute to running costs such as electricity, water, some minor building maintenance and also many of the other things that are required to operate a government school. However, Government funding does not cover the full costs of consumables used by students such as books, pens, pencils, computer supplies, art and general supplies, nor does it cover the cost of excursions and general enhancements to buildings and facilities such as new play equipment and school ground developments.

We thank you for your support through fundraising and volunteering your time, this makes a huge difference to our school and the programs we can offer. This help along with locally raised money such as our PFC fundraising efforts and money received through Curriculum Contributions, Other Contributions and Extra-Curricular Items & Activities (requested in a parent's letter from November 2021 via COMPASS) are all used to help meet these extra costs and to purchase new equipment.

We have been able to supply students with individual stationery bags and would greatly appreciate a voluntary payment towards your child's/children's individual stationery bag of \$100, along with a voluntary payment of \$110 towards classroom consumables, materials and equipment used at school. If you have not made a voluntary contribution and would like to please contact the school office 03 9437 1917 and speak to one of our lovely 'office angels'.

### Library News



Our first Book Club Catalogue Issue for 2022 has been sent home this week. This is a terrific opportunity for some great deals and every order earns our school 20% back in rewards for future library purchases.

To order, simply go online using the Book Club's LOOP ordering system, as unfortunately cash orders are not accepted. Go to website [www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP](http://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.

All orders need to be in by **Friday 18<sup>th</sup> February 2022**

Happy browsing and thank you for your support :)

**Desperately Seeking Volunteer** : A big thank you to our past parent Janine Thorpe for managing the book club process the last couple of years. Unfortunately the Thorpe family is no longer with our community and so we are seeking a new volunteer to run it. ie. Close off orders at the due date. This is a simple process that is done online and Janine has kindly left instructions. If you are able to help, please email Mandy at [research.ps@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:research.ps@education.vic.gov.au)



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### PFC News

Thanks to the Research PFC members that maintained momentum in yet another challenging year in 2021.

As we move forward let's reinvigorate for 2022, with new families coming to the community the time is opportune.

There will be a PFC meeting early in Term 1 and all families will be advised as soon as it is scheduled. If you choose to attend this does not mean you have to commit but please free to come along to see the RPS spirit.

There are a couple of jobs that are currently up for volunteer positions. For those that drive past the school and read our inspirational comments on our board we are looking for someone to update these messages, it is a very easy task and requires a 'once' a week visit to school. We are also seeking a school community member to take over the position of uniform supervisor, this involves ordering stock and filing orders. Please contact the office via email if you are interested or have any questions - [research.ps@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:research.ps@education.vic.gov.au)

Additional information will be circulated regarding PFC membership soon.

Regards

Kim Temple

PFC President

### Canteen News

We have plans to relaunch the Canteen and offer lunch orders & countersales (every Friday) from Friday 11 February. Gabbi will initially be opening the canteen but will need additional help in the weeks to come—so please, please, please consider putting your hand up to volunteer. (Please note that volunteers must be vaccinated and wear a mask).

How does your child order lunch or purchase from the canteen?

- Look at the canteen pricelist attached in the COMPASS message.
- Select what your child would like to have for lunch.
- On Friday send your child in with a large brown paper bag — with their order written on the outside and the money contained within.
- Your child places their brown bag into the black lunch tub located in the classroom.
- The classroom monitor will take the tub to the canteen and then collect it again just before the lunch bell (1.20pm).
- At lunch recess play (1.45pm) the shutters to the canteen will be open and your child can line up to purchase countersale items directly.

Further information will be sent shortly.

## Community News:

## Have a Blast!

Research Eltham Collegians Cricket Club invites you to Woolworths Junior & Master Blast cricket program, specifically for children with disabilities. Children from age 5-14 learn basic cricket skills of catching, throwing, batting, bowling, and teamwork. The emphasis is giving it a go and having lots of fun!

Sessions run **Sundays 10-11am** at Research Park, Main Rd, Research.

2022 Dates: **February 6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup>**

Reduced Registration fee for this second part of the season. Great Blaster cricket gift gear is included with registration!

Register online <https://play.cricket.com.au/>

- Select Research Eltham Collegians Cricket Club.
- Select either 'All Abilities Junior Blast' (1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> yr) or 'All Abilities Master Blast' program (3<sup>rd</sup> yr). Both programs run together on Sunday mornings.

For further information:

Email [Reccc.general@gmail.com](mailto:Reccc.general@gmail.com)

Ring Nancy on 0403290481



## Community News:



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Each Saturday - 8:45 - 9:15am

**TINIES (3-7yrs)**  
Each Saturday  
5 Years & Under: 9:15 - 10:30am  
7 Years & Under: 10:00 - 11:30am

**SUBBIES (8-10yrs)**  
Each Saturday - 12:00 - 2:00pm

**JUNIORS (11-13yrs)**  
Each Thursday - 4:30 - 7:00pm

**INTERS (14-17 y/o)**  
Each Monday - 4:30 - 7:00pm

**SENIORS (16+)**      **MASTERS (26+)**  
Each Tuesday - 7:00 - 9:30pm      Each Monday - 7:45 - 9:15pm

Contact Carolyn  
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Upcoming dates: *\*(Covid restrictions permitting)*

<b>February</b>	
Wednesday 9th	• Yrs 3—6 Swim Trials, Aquarena
Wednesday 9th	• 2022 Preps—No school
Friday 11th	• Canteen Open for Lunch Orders & Countersales
Wednesday 16th	• 2022 Preps—No school
Wednesday 23rd	• 2022 Preps—No school
Friday 25th	• District Swim Comp, Watermarc
Monday 28th to Friday 4th March	• Yrs 3 & 4 Swimming Program
<b>March</b>	
Wednesday 2nd	• 2022 Preps—No school
Monday 7th	• Preps full time at school
Friday 11th	• Curriculum Day - No students at school
Monday 14th	• Labor Day—no school
Friday 18th	• Good Learners Day
Thursday 31st	• Alteration to school day— PST Interviews (Students attend interviews only)
<b>April</b>	
Friday 8th	• Last day of Term 1. 2:30pm finish
Monday 25th	• ANZAC Day — no school
Tuesday 26th	• First day of Term 2
<b>May</b>	
Friday 13th	• School Photos
Wednesday 25th	• Book Fair begins
<b>June</b>	
June 13th	• Queens Birthday—no school
June 24th	• Last day of Term 2 2.30pm finish
<b>July</b>	
Monday 11	• First day of Term 3
<b>August</b>	
Friday 19th	• Curriculum Day—no students at school
Friday 19th	• RPS 133rd Birthday
Wednes 31st—Fri 2nd Sept	• Yrs 3—6 Camp
<b>September</b>	
Thursday 8th	• Alteration to school day— PST Interviews (Students attend interviews only)
Friday 16th	• Last day of Term 3 2.30pm finish
<b>October</b>	
Monday 3rd	• First day of Term 4
Friday 13th	• Yrs 3 & 4 Balance Gym begins (tbc)
Monday 31st	• Curriculum Day—no students at school
<b>November</b>	
Tuesday 1st	• Melbourne Cup Day - no school
<b>December</b>	
Tuesday 20th	• Last day of school year and Term 4 <b>1.30pm</b>



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### Fact sheet 1: school council elections – information for parents

#### What is a school council and what does it do?

All government schools in Victoria have a school council. They are legally constituted bodies that are given powers to set the broad direction of a school, in accordance with Ministerial Order 1280 Constitution of Government School Councils, and the Education and Training Reform Act 2006. In doing this, a school council may directly influence the quality of education for students.

#### Who is on the school council?

For most primary school councils, there are several possible categories of membership:

**A mandated elected parent member category** – more than one-third of the total members must be from this category. Department employees can be parent members at their child's school providing that they are not engaged in work at the school.

**A mandated elected school employee member category** – members of this category make up no more than one-third of membership. The principal of the school is automatically one of these members.

**An optional community member category** – members are co-opted by a decision of the council because of their special skills, interests or experience. Department employees are not eligible to be community members.

A small number of school councils have **nominee members**.

#### Why is parent membership so important?

Parents on school councils provide important viewpoints and have valuable skills and a range of experiences and knowledge that can help inform and shape the direction of the school.

Those parents who become active on a school council find their involvement satisfying and may also find that their children feel a greater sense of belonging.

#### Do I need special experience to be on school council?

Each member brings their own valuable skills and knowledge to the role, however, in order to successfully perform their duties, councillors may need to gain some new skills and knowledge.

It is important to have an interest in your child's school and the desire to work in partnership with others to help shape the school's future.