



31 January 2025

Term 1 Week 1

OFFICE UPDATE

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

Term 1 2025, Week 2

Monday:

Tuesday:

- Canteen Closed

Wednesday:

- No Preps at school

Thursday:

- 9.15am Assembly

Friday:

- Canteen Closed

See last page
for upcoming dates

Bank Details

Commonwealth Bank

BSB: 063-093

Account Number: 10002875

Account Name: Research
Primary School Official Account

Phone: 9437 1917

Address: 1570 Main Road, Research, Victoria, 3095

Email: research.ps@education.vic.gov.au

Website: www.researchps.vic.edu.au

Compass: <https://researchps-vic.compass.education/>

Social: www.facebook.com/researchps

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School Administration

Assemblies Term 1 2025

School Assemblies will be held on Thursdays (fortnightly) starting at 9.15am (unless otherwise stated—such as the last assembly for term 1).

Please see the dates below:

Week 2	• Welcome back
Thursday Feb 6 th	
Week 4	• Announce SRC's
Thursday Feb 20 th	• Swimming Recount- Sport

Research Primary School 2025 'Meat and Greet'

Tuesday 18th February 3.30pm – 5.00pm

We invite you to come along on **Tuesday 18th February between 3.30pm – 5.00pm** for our annual 'Meat and Greet'. Come and meet your child's classroom teacher, visit their classroom and our lovely library, before joining us for a delicious sausage sizzle!

Further details to come





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WWCC and Helpers Guidelines

Please remember that **ALL** helpers at school must hold a current working with children's check and have read & signed the helpers guidelines. Signing in and out of school at the office when volunteering is also a **must**.

All visitors must wear a RPS lanyard while they are volunteering. We feel that this is a "quick" way to identify if someone is authorised to be in the school or not and promptly direct them to the office.

<https://www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov>

Arriving at school

The school yard is not supervised until 8.45am, unless your child is booked in with OSHClub please ensure you do not drop your children off to early.

School Savings Bonus

Thank you for your patience and allowing Carol & Jac to work through the rules & regs / Ts & Cs of the School Savings Bonus. They will put their heads together next week once school has returned to normality and send out some comms with their conclusions. Please bear with them a little while longer.

Enrolling with OSHClub is Free and Highly Recommended

We have an awesome OSHClub that runs before school and after school care here at RPS and it's free to enrol. However, you **must** have your children enrolled to attend, even on a casual or last minute basis. If you are running late to collect your child, the school office is happy to look after your child for a few minutes but if you end up being, say over 15 minutes late, you should arrange to have them sent to OSHClub until you arrive. Please check out their website for details www.oshclub.com.au

Fete— Sunday 19 October 2025!!!!!!

Yes, it's happening once again—we will be holding another infamous School Fete in 2025. Mark it in your diaries—**Sunday 19 October from 10am to 3pm.**

We have started offering package deals to sponsors, market stall spots to stall holders & traders and looking for volunteers leading up to the fete with approaching companies / friends / family member for silent auction donations etc and on the day to help out with running our stalls, set up and packing away.



Please speak to Jess Hayes for further information—0403 746 085

Fete Book Stall

I will be organising the fete book stall for next October. If you are clearing out your bookshelves over Christmas could you keep some for the Fete. As there is minimal storage, **I will start collecting books at school in September.** We will need children's books, adult fiction and VERY NICE cookery books. Please nothing torn or stained. No magazines or school text books. Thanks Joy



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PE News

Swimming Team Selection Trials

Attention Year 3-6 families! Notes have been sent home for students **interested in trying out** for the Research Primary School Swimming Team. This is an opt in event.

The selection trials will take place on Friday, 14th February at Eltham College swimming pool. To be eligible, students must be able to swim at least 50 metres in one of the following strokes: freestyle, backstroke, breaststroke, or butterfly.

We encourage all capable swimmers to participate; however, please note that students must be able to complete the full 50 metres without stopping, holding onto the lane rope, or breaking stroke. Unfortunately, students who cannot meet these requirements will not be eligible for the team.

If selected, your child will represent Research Primary at the Eltham District Swimming Carnival on Friday, 21st February @ WaterMarc.

Thank you for your support—we look forward to seeing our swimmers give it their best!

Mr O'Halloran

Canteen News

Due to unforeseen circumstances the canteen will be closed next week as well. We will commence with counter sales on Tuesday 11 February and lunch orders on Friday 14 February.

This year we have every intention of opening the canteen every Friday for lunch orders however, this will depend on you, our wonderfully helpful community.



Fridays run well with a minimum of 3 helpers covering the opening hours, it's not hard work and we welcome aunties / uncles / grandparents to help as well.

Every helper must have a working with childrens check (free to volunteers) and they must sign the helpers guidelines.

If you are able to offer a little time to keep our canteen up and running please contact either Gabi 0418 519 040 or Jess 0403 746 085





K'gari—making paradise

Pavers— Please read

As part of our aim to enhance the schoolgrounds, as well as helping to give each student a real sense of ownership, we are giving everyone the opportunity to design (draw) a named paver. These pavers will be used to create formal pathways through the garden beds, where at present there are 'shortcuts'.

Our first set of pavers were installed for the schools centenary in 1989 and the more recent ones exactly 10 years ago! The original pavers can be seen up by the canteen/gym. What a great tradition to continue.

The students will be drawing their designs for these pavers during school time and they will then be available for 'purchase' for the school at **\$31.00 each**. This covers the cost of engraving & installing the paver with their name and drawing. You will be a piece of RPS history!

It is not compulsory to purchase a paver, but if you would like to participate please follow the link below to try-booking to purchase (trybooking do charge a 50c booking fee). <https://www.trybooking.com/CXGKA>

Orders close on Wednesday 12th March. Thank you **The K'gari Team**

OSHClub News and Holiday Program

Our summer holiday program was a blast, with many exciting activities like water-related incursions, a trip to the movies to see *Paddington*, and a fun-filled day at Inflatable World! We also loved meeting some of our new families joining us this year and enjoyed having our research kids attend the program.

We're all set to rock and roll again this term for another super fun year ahead! Just a couple of reminders:

- Please let us know if your child will be absent before the session starts to avoid out of pocket fees.

It is now a requirement for parents/ guardians to sign their kids in, when dropping them off at OSHClub and signing them out when picking them up from OSHClub. If you are unsure of how to do that, please let either Rajvi or Matthew know and we will assist you! Research OSHClub 0427 793 936 www.junioradventuresgroup.com





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R.J.F.C. SEARCHERS

Sunday 2 Feb
9am - Midday

**JUNIOR PLAYER
REGISTRATION
& FUN DAY**

Mouthguard Fittings Meet the Coaches Merchandise Sales

**Boys & Girls Teams
AFL Auskick and U9 - U18**

COME AND PLAY NETBALL IN 2025

Want to play netball in 2025
join Eltham Netball Club

If interested contact Claire at
info@elthamnetballclub.com.au



EMPOWERED PARENTING

DO YOU EVER...

- Worry about your kid's well-being and self-esteem?
- Wish for a stronger connection with your children?
- Feel overwhelmed and like you are "winging" parenting every day?

The **Empowered Parenting** program offers practical strategies for communicating positively and meaningfully with children, to create more peaceful homes and deeper relationships within the family.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

◆ **Saturdays, 9.30am - 1pm**
3 sessions starting in February

◆ **Tuesdays, 9.30am - 12.30pm**
4 sessions starting in March

📍 **Living & Learning Nillumbik, Eltham**

- Boost your confidence and self-awareness as a parent
- Enhance your communication skills with positive, meaningful strategies
- Support your child's well-being while maintaining healthy boundaries
- Connect with a community of like-minded parents

"I absolutely recommend it! The virtues based approach is something that can help in ALL aspects of life and all relationships (family, work, friends). I now see my daughter in a different light. I had no idea how much I needed this."



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alice@TheVirtuesCrew.com

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ELTHAM LITTLE THEATRE

10 Week Program

Stagecraft Seminars

13-16 yrs

17-22 yrs

1st March - 25th May*

Wk 1: **Auditioning:** Who, What and How. (13-16 yrs)
Directing: The Play, Vision and Cast. (17-22 yrs)

Wk 2: **Improv & Accents:** Yes and... now Irish.

Wk 3: **Set:** Bringing your vision to life

Wk 4: **Props:** Making something from nothing

Wk 5: **Costumes:** Dress for the part!

Wk 6: **Lighting:** Your moment behind the spotlight

Wk 7: **Sound:** Can you hear that?

Wk 8: **Stage Management:** Keeping it organised

Wk 9: **Tech Run:** Bringing all the pieces together

Wk 10: **Performance:** Show Time!

Register via QR code or go to:
www.elthamlittletheatre.org



*Includes 2 week break for school holidays



MyTime Warrandyte

Why MyTime?

MyTime is for parents and carers of a child with a disability, chronic medical condition or other additional needs including developmental delay.

Unwind and share experiences with others who understand

FIND US AT:
Warrandyte Community Church
57 Yarra Street
Fridays 9.30am - 11.30am

CONTACT:
Sue Batcheler - Facilitator
Email: suzanneb@mytimevic.com.au
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mytime.net.au





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Upcoming dates :

February 2025	
Wednesday 5th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No Preps at school unless for their Wednesday Appointment
Thursday 6th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9.15am Assembly
Tuesday 11th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6.30pm School Council (last meeting of 2024 Council)
Wednesday 12th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No Preps at school unless for their Wednesday Appointment
Friday 14th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Swim Trials @ Eltham College
Tuesday 18th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meat n Greet—more info to follow
Wednesday 19th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No Preps at school unless for their Wednesday Appointment
Thursday 20th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9.15am Assembly—SRC semester 1 to be announced
Friday 21st	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> District Swim Event @ WaterMarc
Wednesday 26th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No Preps at school unless for their Wednesday Appointment
March 2025	
Monday 3rd	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Yr 6 National Young Leaders Day—Melbourne Convention Centre Preps start school full time
Wednesday 5th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Whole School Incursion P-6 —Kaboom Sports
Thursday 6th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9.15am Assembly
Monday 10th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Labour Day
Tuesday 18th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> School Council AGM followed 2025 School Council (first meeting)
Thursday 20th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9.15am School Council
Monday 24th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Yrs 3 & 4 Swimming Program starts
Thursday 27th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Parent Student Teacher Interviews—alteration to school day
April 2025	
Tuesday 1st	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Colour Explosion Fun Run (details will follow)
Friday 4th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assembly (time to be confirmed) Easter Hat Parade 2.30pm School finishes
Tuesday 22nd	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9am Term 2 starts
October 2025	
Sunday 19th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10am—3pm RPS School Fete