



OFFICE UPDATE

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

Term 1 2026, Week 7

Monday:

- Labour Day Holiday

Tuesday:

- Preps start fulltime
- Canteen Open Countersales

Wednesday:

- Naplan begins Yr3 & Yr5

Thursday:

Friday:

- Canteen Open for Lunch Orders

See last page
for upcoming dates

Bank Details

Commonwealth Bank

BSB: 063-093

Account Number: 10002875

Account Name: Research
Primary School Official Account

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

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School Administration

Assemblies Term 1 2026

School Assemblies will be held on Thursdays (fortnightly) starting at 9.15am (unless otherwise stated). Please see the dates below:

2026	
Week 8 Thursday 19th March	9.15am Ms Vale 2x students of the week Community Champions
Week 10 Thursday 2nd April	9.15am (Top Court) Ms Vale Easter Hat Parade

Easter Hat Parade

Our Easter Hat Parade is just
around the corner

Thursday 2nd April



Dust off your creative thinking
caps & get ready to showcase
your Easter spirit by making an
Easter Bonnet at home.

*Don't stress if art and craft is not your
thing as each child will be making one
at school.*



Easter Raffle

Our wonderful amazing PFC are organising another infamous
Easter Raffle for the end of term.

*Please start bringing in donations—easter items/toys/accessories,
easter eggs, colouring in books, pens, pencils etc*

Tickets will be drawn on Thursday 2nd April .

There will be an Easter hamper per class and you need to be in it to win it.

Ticket purchase information will be released soon.



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Parent Payments 2026

Thank you to those families who have already paid. 2026 Parent Payment is voluntary but **we certainly appreciate your contribution**. Our preferred way of payment is via compass but if you wish to pay direct deposit then please pay into the school bank account (details on the previous page) and use your surname and pp2026 as a reference (ie: smithpp2026), another payment option is at the school office via etfpos or credit card.

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> WWCC are free as a volunteer and worthwhile getting, just in case.

CSEF (Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund)

CSEF is provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

If you hold a valid means-tested concession card (**Healthcare Card**) or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. The allowance is paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

If you have previously received CSEF you do not need to contact the office as your eligibility is ongoing (unless your circumstances have changed). If you are new to RPS and hold a concession card please contact the office

Swim Team News—Division Swimming

We are incredibly proud of our swimmers who represented our school recently at the Division Championships in Northcote yesterday.

Congratulations to our Girls Freestyle Relay team — Ivy, Grace, Harriet & Fifi — who finished a fantastic 5th place against strong competition.

Individually, Ivy delivered an exceptional performance, finishing 1st in Freestyle and 3rd in Backstroke. Reet also had a tremendous day in the pool, placing 1st in Breaststroke and 3rd in Freestyle. Both Ivy and Reet have now qualified for the Regional Championships, which is a wonderful achievement. We wish them all the very best as they prepare to compete at Regional Championships.

Congratulations to all of our swimmers on representing the school with pride.



Easter Hat Parade—Thursday 2nd April

As we approach the Easter season, we're thrilled to announce our Easter Hat Parade is just around the corner, and we're counting on you to make it an egg-stra special event. We invite **all** parents, guardians, and family members to join us on the top court to cheer on our students as they strut their stuff in their egg-straordinary Easter hats.

Date: Thursday 2nd April (Last day of Term 1) Time: 9.15am Location: Top court

It's time to dust off those creative thinking caps and get ready to showcase your Easter spirit by making Easter bonnets at home with your child. However, please rest assured if 'art and craft' isn't your thing, each child will make an Easter hat at school which can be worn to the event.

Each class will have the chance to crown an Easter Hat Parade Winner, so make sure your creation is egg-ceptional. It's a fantastic opportunity for our school community to come together and share some laughs. We hope to see you there, ready to celebrate the season and enjoy some egg-stra special moments with our school community.



Library News

Book club catalogues were sent home earlier this week. Please log in to The Loop through Scholastic to place your order. Orders are delivered to school and will be sent home with your child. **Orders will close on Saturday 14th March.** Unfortunately, cash cannot be accepted for book club orders, orders **must be placed and paid for online via the loop.**

<https://www.scholastic.com.au/book-club/book-club-parents/>



Years 3 and 4 to the Grand Prix

To celebrate a unit on teamwork, students attended the Australian Grand Prix on Thursday 5 March.

Along the lakeside, we watched the Porsche Carrera Cup and the V8 Supercars. It was a fantastic day for all attendees. Thank you to all the teachers and parent volunteers who made the day possible.





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Upcoming dates :

March 2026	
Monday 9th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Labour Day Public Holiday
Tuesday 10th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Preps start full time
Wednesday 11th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> NAPLAN begins
Monday 16th—Friday 20th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Yrs 3 & 4 Swim Program
Wednesday 18th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Preps Mindful Monkeys Incursion
Thursday 19th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9.15am Assembly Yrs 5 & 6 H&HR Program 6.30pm School Council AGM followed by 2026 School Council (first meeting) <p><i>School Council AGM will be a public meeting.</i></p> <p><i>Please contact the office if you would like to attend.</i></p>
Monday 23rd	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> NESST Student Leadership Day
Wednesday 25th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Whole School Incursion—Circus Challenge
Thursday 26th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Parent Teacher Student Conferences Yrs 1 –6 (Alternative to school day) No Preps at school
Friday 27th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Yr 6 NYLD Melbourne Convention Centre
April 2026	
Thursday 2nd	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9.15am Assembly Easter Hat Parade (Top Court) Term 1 ends 2.30pm
Monday 20th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9am Term 2 begins
Wednesday 24th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Yrs3-6 RPS Cross Country (at school)
May 2026	
Friday 1st	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Interschool Sports begins Years 5 & 6
Tuesday 5th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Japanese Day
Wednesday 13th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> District Cross Country



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OPEN EVENING
Monday 30 March, 2026

School Tour - 5.30pm

- Interactive student activities
- Meet teachers from key learning areas
- VET Hospitality catering

Information Session - 7.00pm

- Symphonic Band performance
- Hear from the Principal
- Student presentations
- Enrolment processes

FURTHER INFORMATION
www.elthamhs.vic.gov.au

BOOKINGS REQUIRED
www.trybooking.com/DJKPK



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OPEN NIGHT

**THURSDAY
26 MARCH**

FAMILY BBQ 5.00 PM

PRINCIPAL ADDRESS 5.30 PM

TOURS
5.50 PM - 7.40 PM



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**NATIVE PLANT
& BOOK SALE**
28th March 9.30am - 3pm

**Eltham Community & Reception
Centre**
801 Main Road, Eltham



Organised by Australian Plants Society Yarra Yarra Group
Inc. No. A0039676Y

Interactive Open Afternoon



Thursday 26 March 2026

Auditorium, Diamond Valley College

Information Sessions 4:00 & 6:00pm
(school will be open from 4:00 - 7:30pm)

Grade 5 & 6 students and their families are warmly invited to join our school community and enjoy a sausage sizzle and light refreshments while learning about Diamond Valley College.

Semester 1 School Tours

9:15am 27 Feb | 4 Mar | 18 Mar | 24 Apr | 4 May

3:30pm 15 Mar (Twilight Tour)

Sports Academy Tours 31 March - 4:00pm
28 April - 9:15am

Bookings essential, scan the QR code to book a tour.



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