

The week ahead...

Term 3 2026, Week 8

Monday 31 August

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Tuesday 1 September

- Hats on for recess/lunch & PE

Wednesday 2 September

- Years 3 -6 leave for school camp

Thursday 3 September

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Friday 4 September

- Years 3-6 return from school camp



Smile Squad Free School Dental Program

In Term 4 we have the Smile Squad dental van visiting the school, offering opt -in student dental check-ups and treatment to families.

Smile Squad is the Victorian Governments free school dental program.

Students will be seen by Smile Squad during school hours, saving families time and money. Smile Squad includes all required dental treatments (excluding orthodontics).

The link below provides information about the Smile Squad Program.

<https://www.health.vic.gov.au/sites/default/files/2024-08/smile-squad-information-sheet.pdf>

How to access free dental care

Smile Squad requires consent from families before services can be provided to students.

Sign up to Smile Squad via this link or use the QR code:

<https://bit.ly/smilesquadvic>



Please complete a consent form for each child participating in the Smile Squad program by October 30.

Stay connected...

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Name: Research Primary School
Official Account



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SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION

Important Please Read- Dropping Children Off At School

Please be vigilant when dropping your children to school. If you are turning into Kanandah Court (the road to the side of the school), there may be little ones crossing the road, please slow down and pay attention as there have been a couple of close calls recently.

There is parking available at school; in the lower carpark (below the school oval), in the top carpark (above the oval), and in the top overflow area through the trees. Please be courteous of other drivers and cars when parking at school.

Please do not use the Where We Grow carpark.

WWCC and Helpers Guidelines

Please remember that **ALL** helpers at school must hold a current Working with Children Check and have read & signed the helpers guidelines. All volunteers must sign in and out at the school office.

All visitors must wear a RPS lanyard while they are volunteering. This helps us to identify if someone is authorised to be in the school or not. **Please return your visitors lanyard to the office when you sign out.**

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

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

September 1 Hats On!

Students are required to wear a school hat for recess/lunch time outdoor play and PE, from this Tuesday 1 September.

Hats can be purchased from the office. \$12 for a bucket hat and \$16 for a wide brimmed hat.

Please make sure your child's hat is packed in their school bag and is clearly labelled.

Term 3 School Assembly Dates

Week 10
Friday 18 September
1:30pm

- Ms Vale
- Student of the week awards
- Class in the Spotlight - 3 / 4 C
- Last day of Term 3. 2:30pm Finish.

Library News- Scholastic Book Club

The latest issue of the Book Club Catalogue has been sent home. 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 close tomorrow Saturday 29 August.

Unfortunately, cash can not 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/>

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Hoop Time Results

Hoop Time was a massive success for the 3/4s as well as the 5/6s.

Each and every team showed incredible sportsmanship and put in lots of effort. The under 10 'Future Stars' boys team made it through to Regionals, which is an exceptional effort, especially when you win on a buzzer beater!

The day would not have been possible without our wonderful coaches and parent helpers, so a huge thank you to all you wonderful people.

Our last thank you goes to Mr. O for organising the event and making the day possible. It is always such a fun-filled day for everyone, and we love that you provide this opportunity for us!

From the Sports Captains,

Jack and Elly



Nillumbik Division Athletics Championships

On Monday 7 September, we are excited to have 12 amazing athletes representing our school at the Nillumbik Division Athletics Championships. The students have worked incredibly hard to qualify and will compete at Meadowglen International Athletics Track.

We wish the following students the best of luck as they compete against other young athletes from across the Nillumbik Division:

Mia – 100m & 200m
Patrick – 200m
Max – 1500m
Elly – 1500m
Isla – 100m & 200m
Muriishe – Hurdles
Ivy – Hurdles
Jack – Shot Put & Discus
Lucy – Discus
Pippa – Triple Jump
Matilda B – High Jump
Thomas – Hurdles



PE & Sports News - Mr O'Halloran PE Teacher

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Wendy Orr Visit

On August 11 our Prep and 3 / 4 students were incredibly lucky to welcome award winning children's author Wendy Orr (Olive and Rose's grandma!) for a special visit.

Wendy shared her wonderful stories and inspired our budding young authors to use their imaginations, dream big and bring their own stories to life!

Thank you Wendy, for sharing your time, stories and wisdom with us.
We are in awe of you!

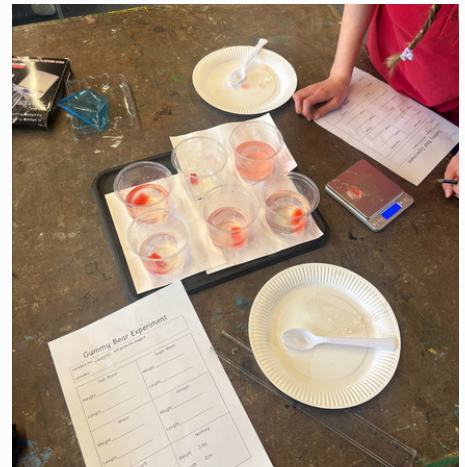


National Science Week

August 18 - 23 was National Science Week. We were lucky to receive a grant from the Australian Government of \$500 and some plants donated by Bunnings Eltham. The money was spent on a range of plants and some resin specimens for the Science Lab.

Throughout the week, students participated in a buddy activity, planting plants to try and encourage the Eastern Spinebill, the bird on our school emblem, back onto our school grounds.

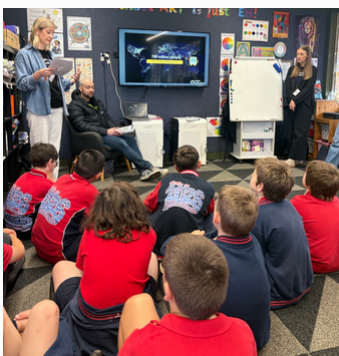
During Science, students rotated through a range of engaging hands-on activities. They examined fascinating samples from a goldmine, including a large piece of pyrite, also known as "Fool's Gold". Students also investigated what happens to Gummy Bears when soaked in different liquids, explored our new specimen kits, and created colourful patterns using pipettes and well plates.



Solar Buddy

Thank you to Elsa's mum Lena for organising the Solar Buddy experience for our year 5/6 students this week through Origin Energy. Did you know that 789 million people live in extreme energy poverty? This means that they don't have access to electricity.

Students followed instructions to build a Mini Waterproof Solar Light and wrote a letter to go with it. These will now be distributed to students in Papua New Guinea to allow students to read and study by safe lights.



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Year 4 visits to Where We Grow & Research Preschool

Our Year 3 / 4 students have been busy becoming authors, writing and illustrating their very own children's books!

The Year 4's were lucky enough to visit Where We Grow and Research Preschool where they proudly shared their stories with the kinder children. This visit was equally as special for our kinder friends at Where We Grow and Research Preschool as they prepare for the beginning of their primary school journey next year.

It was absolutely heart-warming and adorable to watch our students read with such confidence, kindness and care while the little ones listened eagerly to every word.



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Bullying No Way: National Week of Action

Last week, RPS proudly took part in the Bullying No Way: National Week of Action. This annual week of action is a commitment made by thousands of schools and supporters across the country, giving us the chance to connect with students, staff and our wider community to demonstrate our commitment to bullying prevention and put workable solutions into practice.

This year's theme, Small Acts, Big Impact, was a timely reminder that it takes a whole community to address bullying, both within and beyond the school gate. Throughout the week, students explored how small acts of kindness and support can make a big difference for others, while teachers guided them in understanding how thoughtful actions can create positive change, and encouraged the reporting of bullying.

Here's a snapshot of how each year level brought the theme to life:

Prep, 1/2: Our youngest learners created an "At our school, we all belong" display, through a school of fish collage. Discussions included celebrating the similarities and differences that make our classes, our cohorts and our community so much richer, understanding what it means to belong, and discovering how every fish, like every student, plays a part in the group. Students came up with wonderful examples of friendships with those who like different things, but that doesn't stop us being friends! "It doesn't matter that they eat Vegemite on toast, and I eat honey! We're still friends!"

Years 3/4: Themes of stereotypes, empathy, diversity, kindness, and respect were explored, and students discussed how their differences make their classrooms and communities interesting. Students explored the idea that "It would be boring if everyone was the same!" They practised stepping into someone else's shoes by considering how another person might feel, think or respond in different situations. Students spoke about how seeing a situation from another person's perspective can help us develop empathy and make more thoughtful choices, and that small acts of kindness, inclusion and respect can help others feel safe, valued and like they belong. As part of their learning, students identified and classified different behaviours as physical, verbal or social bullying. They discussed how these behaviours can affect others and considered positive ways they can respond, include others and show kindness.

Years 5/6: Each day brought a new conversation starter, from challenging stereotypes to embracing diversity and fostering positive relationships. These prompts sparked rich discussions about what it really means to support one another and how the comments we make can greatly impact others, both positively and negatively. These conversations extended further into discussions about online safety and cyberbullying, and helped build the language and confidence to make good choices both on and offline.

Thank you to our staff for bringing the week to life with such thoughtfulness, and to our students for showing such genuine care for one another. Small acts really do make a big impact.

For more information about Bullying No Way Week and bullying prevention, visit the [Bullying No Way website](#).

Yvette Muscat
Mental Health & Wellbeing Leader



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Diary- please check for recently added updates

SEPTEMBER	
Tuesday 1	Hats on!
Wednesday 2 - Friday 4	Years 3-6 School Camp at Weekaway Recreational Camp
Monday 7	Division Athletics at Meadowglen International Athletics Track
Tuesday 8	Years 4 & 5 visit to Warrandyte High School
Thursday 10	- Parent Teacher Student Conferences (alternative to school day) - Bookings are now open
Thursday 17	Years 5 & 6 Showcase Bushfire projects (9:30 - 11am)
Friday 18	- Assembly 1:30-2:15pm. Class in the Spotlight - 3 / 4 C - Last day of Term 3. Finish 2:30pm
OCTOBER	Term 4
Monday 5	9am Term 4 begins
Thursday 8	Years 3 / 4 - H & HR begins
Friday 16	Preps - Pevan & Sarah excursion
Monday 19	Years 1 & 2 swimming program begins
Monday 26	Preps swimming program begins
NOVEMBER	
Monday 2	Curriculum Day (no students at school)
Tuesday 3	Melbourne Cup Day - Public Holiday
Monday 9	Smile Squad Dental Van visit begins (opt-in program)
Wednesday 18	Keyboard Concert
DECEMBER	
Thursday 10	Year 6 Graduation
Friday 11	Curriculum Day (no students at school)
Monday 14	Year 6 Silent Disco
Wednesday 16	Years 5 & 6 Funfields excursion
Friday 18	Last Day of Term 4. Finish 1:30pm

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TENNIS FOR BEGINNERS

LOCATED AT ST HELENA TENNIS CENTRE
& RESEARCH TENNIS CLUB

2026 OFFER!

ENROL NOW & RECEIVE A **30% DISCOUNT** A NEW RACQUET!
FREE!



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28 September to 2 October

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WWW.KIDSUPFRONT.COM.AU

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DRAMA ACADEMY



COME & TRY LITTLE ATHLETICS

REGISTRATION DAY

**SATURDAY
5 SEPTEMBER 2026
9:30AM - 11:30AM**

WILLINDA PARK

Come along and give Little Athletics a try!
A fun morning for kids of all abilities to get active, make friends and discover the joy of athletics.

≥ EVERYONE WELCOME! ≤

TRY THESE EVENTS!

- SHOT PUT
- LONG JUMP
- SPRINTS
- & MORE FUN!

FREE BARBECUE FOR EVERYONE!

SCAN TO REGISTER!



**COMPETITION STARTS 12TH OF SEPTEMBER
EVERY SATURDAY MORNING AT WILLINDA PARK**

AGE GROUPS
U6 U7 U8 U9 U10 U11 U12 U13 U14 U15 U16 U17

COME ALONG, HAVE FUN & GIVE IT A GO!

FAMILY | FUN | FITNESS | FRIENDSHIP

3 free sessions ALL ABILITIES BASKETBALL

5-15 year olds

Wednesdays

Eltham High

6pm - 6.40pm

A 15+ program is also available.



GET IN TOUCH

0411 239 575
inclusion@elthamwildcats.net.au

3 free sessions

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AUSTRALIAN PLANTS EXPO
native plant fair Eltham
12 September 9.30am - 3pm
13 September 9.30am - 2pm

Eltham Community & Reception Centre
801 Main Road, Eltham



Native & indigenous plants, books on related subjects,
Pottery stall, new displays, refreshments & more

Adults \$5, Concessions \$4

A 'Spring Outdoors' event

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



PANTON HILL JUNIOR
FOOTBALL NETBALL CLUB

RECRUITING NOW
JUNIOR PLAYERS
2027

WE NEED YOU!

Are you looking for a junior football club where your child can feel part of a team, make new friends and be known by name?

We're a small, welcoming and family focused club and we'd love your family to be part of ours!

Maybe your child:

- Feels a little overwhelmed at a large club
- Is looking for a fresh start or a change
- Wants to meet new friends
- Is completely new to football
- Simply wants to be part of a friendly, inclusive team

Being part of a smaller club means everyone matters. Our players, families and volunteers become part of a close-knit community where friendships extend beyond the football field.

Whatever the reason, there's a place for you at the **REDBACKS!!**

HELP KEEP OUR LITTLE CLUB GOING!

The Panton Hill Junior Football Club are looking for new players for our 2027 Under 9's, Under 10's, and Under 13's teams.

We are inclusive, welcoming and passionate about giving kids a great football experience.

INTERESTED IN 2027?

We'd love to hear from you no later than November 2026 so we can secure the junior redbacks future - Lets keep the dream alive!

Simply send an email to pantonhillfcjuniors@gmail.com with your contact details or scan the QR code



❤️❤️ COME JOIN THE REDBACKS! ❤️❤️

⇒ Family ★ Fun ★ Community ⇒



wattlefestival.org.au
SUNDAY 30 AUGUST
10AM-4PM
Free bus from Diamond Creek, Wattle Glen and Mernda

Hurstbridge Wattle Festival

Steam Train
Live music stages
100+ market stalls
Kids rides
Highland Games
Camel rides
Food trucks



Community Bank
Hurstbridge
Bendigo Bank

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What's On After School at Eltham Library



Wednesday
Family Storytime
6.00pm - 7.00pm
3rd week each month

Upcoming Dates:

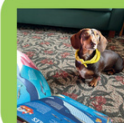
19 Aug: Book Week
16 Sep: Under the sea
21 Oct: Halloween
18 Nov: Dinovember



Friday
Mini Makers
4.00pm - 5.00pm
Fortnightly

Upcoming Dates:

7 Aug: Deadly Stencil Art
21 Aug: Spring Seeds
4 Sep: Air Dry Clay
18 Sep: Sphero Robots



Wednesday
Reading Dogs
4.00pm - 4.30pm
Fortnightly

Discover more!

There is something on every week during the school term at your local **Eltham Library!**



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