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23 OCTOBER 2026 TERM 4 WEEK 3

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The week ahead...

Term 4 2026, Week 4

Monday 26 October
- Prep swim program begins

Tuesday 27 October
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Wednesday 28 October
- 9am SRC's & Whole school photo in uniform

Thursday 29 October
- Assembly 9:15am

Friday 30 October
- Years 1 & 2 'Create It' Incursion

Smile Squad Dental Van

Don't Forget To Give Consent!

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.

Term 4 School Assembly Dates

Week 4 **Thursday 29 October 9:15am**	• Ms Watts/Mrs Glembin • 'Student of the Week' Awards • Class in the Spotlight - 1 / 2 K
Week 6 **Thursday 12 November 9:15am**	• Ms Vale • 'Student of the Week' Awards • Class in the spotlight - 1 / 2 A
Week 9 **Thursday 3 December 9:15am**	• Ms Vale • 'Student of the Week' Awards
Week 11 **Friday 18 December TBC**	• Last day of Term 4 • Christmas Carols • Time TBC

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SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION

Attention Parent Helpers & Volunteers

Parent helpers & volunteers are welcomed throughout the year, whether it be as a classroom helper, volunteering for an excursion or helping out in the canteen.

Please be aware that it is a legal requirement for all parent helpers & volunteers to hold a current Working with Children Check and you must have read & signed our 'Parent Helpers Guidelines' document.

We cannot accept your offer of help without obtaining a copy of your WWCC Card and the signed guidelines.

All volunteers must sign in & out at the school office and wear a RPS lanyard while volunteering. This helps us to identify if someone is authorised to be on school grounds. **Please return your visitors lanyard to the office when you sign out.**

WWCC are free as a volunteer and worthwhile getting, just in case. The current turnaround time for WWCC applications is 3-12 weeks.

https://service.vic.gov.au/services/working-with-children/home

Hats must be worn

Students are required to wear a school hat for all outdoor activities at school including recess & lunch, PE and excursions. If students don't have their hat they need to play in the shade.

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 **clearly labelled.** It is worthwhile packing a spare hat in your child's bag as we get daily requests to borrow spare hats.

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 this Sunday October 25.

If you are ordering any books as a Christmas present, please note this on your order and they will be kept at the office for you to collect.

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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Where We Grow - Carparking

Please be aware that school has received multiple notifications that families are using the Where We Grow carpark and also blocking driveway access of neighbouring houses.

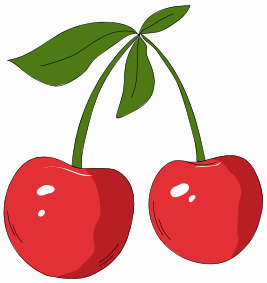
Please avoid these areas during school drop off & pickup.

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.

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.

RPS Fruit Fundraiser 2026

We are once again offering cherries for this years fruit fundraiser- direct from the farm and just in time for Christmas!



Cathedral Cherries are locally grown in North East Victoria! Suplied direct from the farm, delicious and fresh. By making a purchase you will be supporting a family run business and raising funds for our school.

The cherries will be available in 1kg punnets for $25 or 2kg punnets at the discounted price of $45.

Orders can be placed through Trybooking via the link below. Please note Trybooking charge a booking fee of 50c per order.

https://www.trybooking.com/DQYAI

Orders will close on Friday 20 November.

Whole School Community Day

Friday 6 November will be a whole school Indigenous Cultural Day. We will have three First Nations educators leading exciting activities for the students including Indigenous Dance, Didgeridoo, Artefacts & Storytelling and Indigenous Jewellery Making.

The incursion has been generously funded through a donation to the school. What a lovely contribution, we are so grateful!

RPS & Foodbank Victoria

We've officially begun working with Foodbank Victoria! Each classroom will receive a fruit box each week stocked with apples, bananas, pears, oranges and baby carrots. We will also have lunch supplies provided as well as a number of Take-Home Food Packs available to families who would find these helpful.

The Take-Home Food Packs are located in the entranceway of the Junior Years building and also in the office entranceway. Please feel free to take one if and when needed, no need to let us know

Alternatively, if you would benefit from this pack on a more consistent basis, please reach out to our Wellbeing Leader - Yvette at yvette.egonidis@education.vic.gov.au and we can arrange this.

For more information about the incredible work Foodbank Victoria do, pleaseuse this link https://www.foodbank.org.au/vic/

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SPORTS & PE UPDATES -Mr O'Halloran

Northern Metropolitan Region Athletics Championships

The Northern Metropolitan Region Athletics Championships were held last week, with RPS proudly represented by a fantastic group of athletes. Congratulations to the following students who competed across a range of events:

- Elly – 1500m
- Matilda – High Jump
- Isla – 100m and 200m
- Jack – Shot Put and Discus
- Mia – 100m and 200m
- Ivy – Hurdles

A special congratulations to Ivy and Matilda, who both achieved a third-place finish in their respective events. Well done to all our athletes for representing RPS so well!

Interschool Sports

After practising at lunch times, the time finally came for our Interschool Sport Girls Basketball Team to play in the Division Championships at Narrandjeri Stadium.

We are so proud of how the team represented our school and gave their best efforts for the championships.

Overall, the girls had 1 loss, 1 win and a draw. We got the trifecta!

Fantastic job to our RPS division players:

Samantha
Elsa
Scarlett
Pearl
Charlotte
Mia
Elly

Future Stars Hoop Time – Year 3/4 Boys

Our Future Stars Hoop Time Year 3/4 Boys team recently competed at the Regional Hoop Time Tournament. The boys competed hard throughout the day, finishing with two wins and two losses. They narrowly missed out on the opportunity to play off for a place at the State Championships but should be incredibly proud of their efforts.

Congratulations to our basketballers – Owen, Tom, Lewis, Cooper, Alex, Spencer and Charlie – on a fantastic team performance. The boys were also lead by their Year 6 student coaches, Scarlett and Elly. Well done to everyone involved on a super effort.

Year 1/2 and Prep Swimming Program

Our Year 1/2 students have now completed their week of swimming sessions at Eltham Swim School. A big thank you to all our parent helpers who assisted with walking the students to and from the pool. Your support is greatly appreciated!

Next week, it will be our Prep students' turn with five swimming sessions scheduled across the following dates: Monday 26 October, Tuesday 27 October, Thursday 29 October, Friday 30 October and Thursday 5 November.

Fingers crossed for clear skies and sunshine as our Preps make their way to and from the pool.

Sports Uniforms

It has been a busy year with interschool sport and Hoop Time competitions! If you still have any RPS sports jerseys at home, please return them to school as soon as possible.

School Hats

As the weather warms up, please check that your child has a school hat. I aim to get students outside as much as possible during PE and I'd hate for anyone to miss out because they don't have a hat. Thank you!

Dates for your diary...

Don’t miss our latest updates

October	Term 4 2026
Monday 26	• Preps swimming program begins
Wednesday 28	• 9am SRC’s & Whole School Photo in school uniform
Friday 30	• Years 1 & 2 ‘Create It’ incursion
November	
Monday 2	• Curriculum Day (no students at school)
Tuesday 3	• Melbourne Cup (public holiday)
Friday 6	• Whole School Community Day
Monday 9	• Smile Squad Dental Van visit begins (opt-in free prgram)
Wednesday 18	• Keyboard Concert (see flyer attached for more information)
December	
Friday 4	• Years 1 & 2 Craft incursion
Tuesday 8	• Preps to Year 5 Step Up Day • Year 6 to Year 7 Transition Day
Thursday 10	• 6pm Year 6 Graduation
Friday 11	• Curriculum Day (no students at school)
Monday 14	• Year 6 Silent Disco
Tuesday 15	• Years 3 & 4 La Trobe Uni end of year excursion
Wednesday 16	• Years 5 & 6 Funfields excursion
Friday 18	• Last day of Term 4. Finish 1:30pm • Christmas Carols • Assembly TBC
January	**Term 1 2027**
Thursday 28	• Term 1 2027 begins - Preps to Year 6
February	
Wednesday 3, 10, 17 & 24	• No preps at school
March	
Wednesday 3	• No preps at school
Monday 8	• Labour Day (public holiday)

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Children's Week 2026

Family fun day
Wednesday 28 October
10am-2pm
Edendale Community Environment Farm

- Get creative in the cultural craft corner
- Play Bird Bingo on the farm
- Meet local Fire Rescue Victoria and police crews and explore their vehicles
- Play a round of portable golf
- Experience tai chi and traditional dance by the Chinese Seniors Association

Other Children's Week activities in Nillumbik:

Toddler story time at Diamond Valley Library:
Tuesday 27 October

Preschool story time at Eltham Library:
Friday 30 October

Explore events, plan your week and book your spot (where applicable) **at:**
nillumbik.vic.gov.au/childrens-week

Scan the QR code to explore our events or visit nillumbik.vic.gov.au/childrens-week

childrensweek.org.au

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EST 1955 LOWER PLENTY BASEBALL CLUB

FRIDAY NIGHT T-BALL

STARTING 9TH OCTOBER

5:45PM - 7PM **AGES 5-9 YEARS**

COST - $70

GLENAUBURN PARK
2 CAVANAGH ROAD, LOWER PLENTY
CONTACT CHRIS FISHER -0407 858 629
rlpbc@outlook.com

Scan QR Code to register

NEW PLAYERS RECEIVE A FREE TOP AND CAP

PARTY IN THE

(ALAN MARSHALL RESERVE) PARK

WEDNESDAY 28 OCTOBER **4:00PM - 5:00PM** **1275 MAIN ROAD, ELTHAM**

Come together with Vicki Ward MP, Member for Eltham and Cr Kate McKay, Councillor for Swipers Gully to thank everyone who voted for Alan Marshall Reserve in the Pick My Park program which has been succesful in recieving funding.

Light afternoon tea and refreshments provided.

Please RSVP to Vicki by Tuesday 27 October via email vicki.ward@parliament.vic.gov.au or phone 9439 1500.