The Update

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6 NOVEMBER 2026 TERM 4 WEEK 5

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The week ahead...

Term 4 2026, Week 6

Monday 9 November
- Smile Squad Dental Van visit begins
- Bat Tennis Competition begins

Tuesday 10 November
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Wednesday 11 November
- Remembrance Day

Thursday 12 November
- Assembly 9:15am

Friday 13 November
- Years 5 & 6 Playground Showcase

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.

Term 4 School Assembly Dates

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 last issue of the Book Club Catalogue for 2026 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 will close 22 November 2026.

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/

Library Reminders...

The last day for borrowing this year will be Friday 27 November.

Please check your shelves in case any library books have accidently been left behind at home.

All library books must be returned before **Thursday 10 December** to avoid a late return fee.



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Where We Grow - Carparking

Please be aware that for school drop off & pickup, **families are not to use the Where We Grow carpark.**

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 & Foodbank Victoria

We've officially begun working with Foodbank Victoria! Each classroom will receive a fruit box each week stocked with apples, bananas, pears and oranges. 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, please use this link https://www.foodbank.org.au/vic/

Lost Property

We have been inundated with lost property items making their way to the office. Lot's of school jumpers, hats and occasionally drink bottles, lunch boxes and sports equipment.

Please remind your child to put their belongings in their school bag/locker and make sure your child's items are **clearly labelled** so we can return them promptly.

The Junior Years Building has a lost property area near the entrance accessible for families to look through. Also, it is worthwhile checking with your child's classroom teacher for any items which may have been left in the classroom.

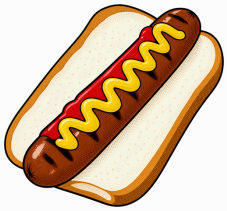
State Election Day Saturday 28 November

As we have done in the past, Research Primary School will be a voting centre for the State Election Day on Saturday 28 November.

We will have a fundraising sausage sizzle and book & cake stalls running throughout the day.

We will be looking for volunteers to help run these stalls.

Watch this space.



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VGSA 2027 Curriculum Days/Parent Teacher Student Conference Days

With the new Victorian Government Schools Agreement, next year all schools have been allocated 8 curriculum days to participate in professional development, planning and report writing.

We appreciate that this can be very difficult for families, so I wanted to let you know the dates well in advance.

Our OSHClub service is willing to open on these days provided we have enough interest. OSHClub will send out communication approximately 3 weeks prior to each curriculum day for you to indicate your interest, and they will make the decision to run or not based on numbers.

We will continue with two Parent/teacher/student conference days where we have an 'alteration to the school day' which sees your children attending only for their interview.

OSHClub will also offer their service on these days. We have listened to the feedback from the parent opinion survey (thank you so much for participating) and have decided to make our interviews a little earlier in the term. This allows a time for you to 'check in' before the very end of term and to discuss the reports in more detail as they will still be quite relevant at the time of the interview. We will trial this for 2027.

Please find dates below and do not hesitate to get in touch if you have any further questions.

Curriculum Days	**Parent Teacher Student Conference Days**
Wednesday 27 January	Thursday 25 February
Friday 26 February	Thursday 19 August
Tuesday 4 May	
Friday 11 June	
Monday 12 July	
Friday 20 August	
Monday 1 November	
Friday 10 December	

Remembrance Day November 11

Our school captains, Scarlett and Elsa will be representing Research Primary School at the Montmorency-Eltham RSL Remembrance Day Service on November 11.

Together, the school captains will lay the school's wreath and Scarlett will act as a flag orderly.

We wish Scarlett and Elsa well in their duties during the Remembrance Day Service.







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SPORTS & PE UPDATES -Mr O'Halloran

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!

Bat Tennis Tournament

There is going to be a bat tennis competition starting on November 9 during lunchtime.

It is a competition made for fun! The competition will be split into Year 3/4 and Year 5/6. There will be a girls doubles competition and a boys/mixed competition.

Students will be able to find out when they are playing outside the 5/6 building.

National Hockey Championships

A special shoutout to Tate Hopkins, who not only made the State Hockey team but also competed in NSW last week against all the other states.

Victoria came 4th overall. Fantastic effort and a huge congratulations to Tate for his amazing achievement!

Sports Captains - Elly & Jack

Dates for your diary...

Don’t miss our latest updates

November	
Monday 9	• Smile Squad Dental Van visit begins
Wednesday 11	• Remembrance Day
Friday 13	• Years 5 & 6 Playground Showcase
Wednesday 18	• Keyboard Concert (see flyer attached for more details)
Thursday 26	• Years 5 & 6 Navigating the Digital World incursion
Saturday 28	• State Election Day BBQ (volunteers needed)
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	• 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**
Wednesday 27	• Curriculum Day (no students at school)
Thursday 28	• Term 1 2027 begins - Preps to Year 6
February	
Wednesday 3, 10, 17 & 24	• No preps at school
Thursday 25	• Parent Teacher Student Conferences (alteration to school day)
Friday 26	• Curriculum Day (no students at school)
March	
Wednesday 3	• No preps at school
Monday 8	• Labour Day (public holiday)

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RESEARCH JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB

WE'RE RECRUITING

Join the Searchers for the 2027 season

The Family Club!

Boys and girls of all ages. Come and be part of a small but mighty club that backs every player.

RJFC is growing and we are looking for new players for 2027. We run boys and girls teams in the Northern Football Netball League (NFNL), and we are building stronger pathways for every player, from first-time footballers to those chasing rep football.



WHO WE ARE LOOKING FOR

BOYS

Players wanted in these age groups

Under 10 (born 2017)
Under 11 (born 2016)
Under 12 (born 2015)
Under 13 (born 2014)
Under 14 (born 2013)
Under 16 (born 2011)
Under 17.5 (born July 2009 or later)

GIRLS

Players wanted in this age group

Under 11 girls

Girls of all age groups are welcome.

We are growing our girls program and want more girls playing.

Age group is your age on 1 January 2027, set by the NFNL. If you are not sure which group your child fits, ask us.

WHY RJFC: A SMALL BUT MIGHTY CLUB

ELITE PATHWAYS
Motivated players build the skills, fitness and mindset to play at the best of their ability.

REP PATHWAYS
Our own coaching crew runs rep pathways training for players aiming for NFNL rep football.

DEVELOPMENT
A development program, so there are opportunities for all playing levels.

Child safe: all coaches and volunteers must hold a valid Working With Children Check.

OUR PROGRAMS FOR 2027

More coaching, more support, more pathways for every player.

ELITE PATHWAYS PROGRAM

Boys and girls

An external pathways coach leads this program through pre-season and the season. Motivated players develop the skills, fitness and mindset to play at the best of their ability.

DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

Boys and girls

Development opportunities for all playing levels. A development coach works alongside our team coaches at training with players who need a bit more support, so everyone keeps improving and enjoying the game.

REP PATHWAYS PROGRAM

Boys and girls

Extra training run by our in-house coaching crew for players aiming for NFNL representative football. We support players through the league nomination process. Nominations follow NFNL rules and selection is never guaranteed.

1 SCAN AND SIGN UP
Complete our short expression of interest form.

2 COME TO TRAINING
Meet the coaches and the club.

3 JOIN YOUR TEAM
Meet your team and start playing.

READY TO JOIN?

Scan the code to tell us you are interested.

Our short expression of interest form takes about 3 minutes.

Football questions: football.operations@researchjfc.com.au or +61 483 956 222.

Registration help: registrations@researchjfc.com.au. You are also welcome to come along to a training session and meet the club. Cost should never stop a child from playing. If fees are a worry, talk to us in confidence.

Programs and team structures are subject to numbers and final club approval. Age groups follow NFNL rules.

MOVE · BREATHE · CONNECT

Parent and Teen *yoga.*

Teens aged 10-15 · Thursdays 4pm

Neutral · All abilities welcome

Book now

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