The Update

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The week ahead...

Term 4 2026, Week 8

Monday 23 November

Tuesday 24 November

Wednesday 25 November

Thursday 26 November
- Years 5 & 6 Navigating the Digital World incursion

Friday 27 November
- After school care operating from Junior Years Building (this afternoon only)



Remembrance Day November 11

World War 1 ended on the 11th day, of the 11th month, at the 11th hour. We commemorate this day each year as Remembrance Day.

Our school captains Scarlett and Elsa, were invited to represent Research Primary School at the Montmorency-Eltham RSL Remembrance Day Service. Scarlett served as the flag orderly and Elsa was responsible for laying the wreath.

We are very proud of how both captains represented our school, showing respect while sharing in a minute of silence to remember those who fought and to recognise the significance of this day in history.





Term 4 School Assembly Dates

Week 9 **Thursday 3 December 9:15am**	• Ms Vale • 'Student of the Week' Awards
Week 11 **Friday 18 December**	• Assembly & Year 6 Slideshow 11:15-11:45am • Christmas Carols 12:35-1:20pm

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SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION

School hats must be worn

Students are required to wear a navy blue school hat in either a wide brim or bucket style. Hats are required for all outdoor activities 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.



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

WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECK VICTORIA

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 this Sunday 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/

SCHOLASTIC Book Club LOOP

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

Research Primary School has partnered 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 are looking for volunteers to help on these stalls, even if just for an hour.

The cake stall would also love you to bake some goodies.

Please contact Jess for sausage sizzle (0403 746 085) & Daniel for cake stall (0403 983 273)



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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

Wednesday 27 January
Friday 26 February
Tuesday 4 May
Friday 11 June
Monday 12 July
Friday 20 August
Monday 1 November
Friday 10 December

Parent Teacher Student Conference Days
(alteration to school day, students to attend interview only)

Thursday 25 February
Thursday 19 August

Preps Little Builders, Big World Expo!

Our Prep students have been busy little builders this term! As part of our 'Little Builders, Big World' unit, they've been exploring shelters from around the world and putting their creativity and problem-solving skills to the test.

The preps have been working hard to design and construct their very own shelters in preparation for their upcoming expo. They can't wait to show off their amazing creations.

We warmly invite our school community to come along, explore their creations and celebrate the hard work of our littlest builders!

Wednesday 16th December
9:30am – 10:30am

Sports & PE Updates- Mr O

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- Sports Captain Elly

For the past two weeks, our Years 3–6 students have been participating in a lunch time bat tennis tournament.

At this stage we have one semi final left to play in the Years 3-4 girls competition with Hazel and Lilly Vs Isabelle and Lexi. Already through to the grand final is Erene and Matilda C.

In the Years 3-4 boys/mixed competition, Pasha and Thomas will play Spencer and Alex.

In the Years 5-6 girls grand final, Samantha and Guin will play Olivia and Charlotte.

In the Years 5-6 boys/mixed competition, Jedd and Archie will play Will S and Marius.

Everyone has done an amazing job throughout the tournament. We wish good luck to everyone competing in the finals!

Cricket at RPS

Thank you to the Eltham Cricket Club who visited RPS and ran a Cricket Blast session for our Prep students, it was thoroughly enjoyed by our Preppies.

In PE, Years 1-6 are also focusing on cricket skills, including batting, bowling and fielding.

If your child is interested in playing cricket outside of school, there are two great local opportunities:

****Eltham Cricket Club – Woolworths Cricket Blast**

Saturday mornings at 9:00am (1-hour sessions)

$12 per session

Five weeks before Christmas & another four weeks commencing 6 February

No equipment needed - every participant receives a Woolworths Cricket Blast Pack.

Register via this link: https://www.playhq.com/cricket-australia/register/e2db4e

For more information contact Thomas Walker on 0413 974 984 or ejcccoord@gmail.com.

****Research Eltham Collegians Cricket Club – Woolworths Cricket Blast**

Research Eltham Collegians are also running Saturday morning Cricket Blast sessions, with the first session FREE. Please see the flyer at the end of the newsletter for further details.

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Indigenous Cultural Community Day

On Friday 6 November we were lucky enough to spend the day learning all about Indigenous culture and ceremonies during our whole school community day.

Funded through a generous donation, we had three educators from the Nikki Visaj Movement run multiple workshops which our students spent the day rotating through. Activities included Indigenous dance, jewellery making, a didgeridoo lesson, learning about Indigenous artifacts & storytelling. Students also participated in art workshops, native animal puppet making and explored the significance of Welcome to Country when welcoming visitors onto their ancestral lands.

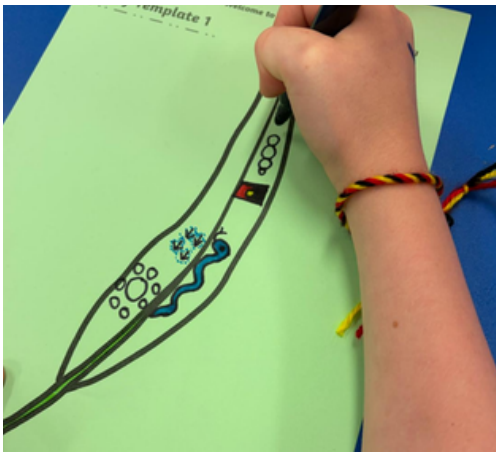
The day finished with a whole school lunch picnic. This was an incredible shared day of learning and connection.

















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Years 5 & 6 Playground Showcase

Earlier this term our senior school students spent a day visiting local playgrounds as part of their Design & Technologies unit. In what was a very fun (and exhausting) excursion, students conducted research, gathered information and tested out play equipment to help spark ideas for their very own dream playground builds.

Friday last week was the senior school students' time to shine! Students held their Playground Showcase, showing off their creativity, imaginations and engineering skills to all visiting students and families.

Take a look at a few of the amazing masterpieces on show!









Dates for your diary...

Don’t miss our latest updates

November	
Thursday 26	• Years 5 & 6 Navigating the Digital World incursion
Friday 27	• After school care operating from Junior Years Building (this afternoon only)
Saturday 28	• State Election Day BBQ & cake stall (volunteers needed)
December	
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 • Preps ‘Little Builders, Big World’ Expo 9:30-10:30am
Friday 18	• Last day of school for 2026. Finish 1:30pm • 11:15-11:45 Assembly & Year 6 slideshow • 11:45-12:30 Lunch (families welcome to bring picnic lunch) • 12:35-1:30 Christmas Carols at the big steps • 1:30 dismissal
January	**Term 1 2027**
Wednesday 27	• Curriculum Day (no students at school)
Thursday 28	• Term 1 2027 begins • Years 1-6 9am • Prep O 9:15am • Prep Z 10am
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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AmbulanceVictoria



Ambulance Victoria. Stay Safe, Act Fast. Essential Skills for Parents and Carers.

Presentation for parents & carers of young children

This paramedic led presentation highlights:

- Alternative healthcare pathways to manage non-urgent care at home.
- Where to find reliable sources of information about children's health.
- Common medical conditions in children and how to address them.
- When to call Triple Zero (000) and what to expect.

Date: Wednesday 25 November 2026 (11am – 12.30pm)

Location: Diamond Valley Library

Registrations: Ambulance Victoria. Stay Safe, Act Fast. Essential Skills for Parents and Carers. – Fill out form

Be Well
Nourishment
Family Nutrition

Happier, easier dinners for your family



Practical, evidence-based support to help your family enjoy nutritious meals together — with **less stress** and **more positive food experiences.**

Does this sound familiar?

- Your child eats the same few foods or refuses to try new foods.
- Busy schedules make it hard to plan and prepare balanced meals.
- Mealtimes can be stressful, with worry, pressure, negotiations or battles.
- It's hard to find meals that everyone will eat.

How I can help

- Practical strategies to reduce mealtime stress and build confidence.
- Family-friendly meal ideas and recipe inspiration.
- Support to build variety and balanced meals for your family's needs.
- Tailored guidance for picky eating, selective eating, ARFID, Autism, ADHD and sensory challenges.



Hi, I'm Tracy Davies

REGISTERED NUTRITIONIST & PAEDIATRIC FEEDING THERAPIST

I support families with picky eating, selective eating and mealtime challenges — using practical, evidence-based strategies to create calmer, more enjoyable meals at home.

Let's make mealtimes easier together.

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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.

Blue Light

DIAMOND CREEK BLUE LIGHT DISCO



4TH DECEMBER

7-9.30PM | 8 to 13 YEAR OLDS | $8 ENTRY

Diamond Creek Community Centre
28 Main Hurstbridge Road, Diamond Creek
Contact: Snr Sergeant Wayne Spence 9438 8300

Please ensure children have an emergency number on them.

Diamond Creek Blue Light Disco BLUELIGHT_VIC

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Parent and Teen *yoga.*

Teens aged 10-15 · Thursdays 4pm

Neutral · All abilities welcome

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- Representing Qantas for nearly 30 years in their iconic 'I Still Call Australia Home' advertising campaigns and at hundreds of live events!
- Locations in Berwick, Box Hill, Caulfield North, Essendon, Glen Waverley, Greensborough, Heidelberg, Ivanhoe, Kew, Mentone, Ringwood and Yarraville.



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