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Onwards and Upwards in Grade Prep at RPS!

The curious Preps have settled back in to the routines of school superbly! We are well and truly back into the swing of Investigation Time, making books, creating cards, exploring and sharing exciting ideas with our friends. Shapes and numbers are featuring a lot on the Maths tables and we are always working on our problem solving skills; being kind and helpful towards one another. We are excited to be including Science focuses within the wider Investigation Time framework this term.

This term the Preps will be also exploring ‘Our Sustainable World’ through our inquiry unit, where we will be looking at the impact we have on our world, and actions we can take to care of the environment.

Your school community is here to help. If you have any comments, concerns or praise, please speak to your child’s teacher, the principal or a School Council member.

News from the Principal’s Desk

It has been an exhausting but happy week back at RPS. A big thank you to all those who have taken time to seek me out for a personal welcome back – your good wishes and warmth have confirmed to me why I am so proud and grateful to be back with such a great school community. I would like to thank Lisa Marsden who filled in as an Acting Principal for the great job she did. Her hard work and dedication has seen the school set up well for Term 2 and has certainly made my return to work so much easier.

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The process in returning to the school has been an opportunity for me to reflect on my work as a principal and a great time to reflect on my own development. I have received some great feedback about what people perceive as what is working well at the school and also where changes may be made to help improvement. I welcome the chance to hear people’s views and would like to remind the whole school community that my door is always open to anyone who wishes to let us know how things could be done better. I look forward to hearing from you and to helping our school be the best it can be.

Our New Face in the Office
- Welcome Claire Gibson -

Following the retirement of our much appreciated member of the Office, Carole Willing, I would like to welcome her replacement, Claire Gibson. Claire comes to us from Tralagon where she worked as a member of the school office at Stockdale RD PS for 18 years. She brings an incredible wealth of experience to the job and I have been amazed at how quickly she has fitted into the role. Please take the time to drop by the Office to say hello.

Walkathon this Friday April 28th
All students have received their sponsorship booklets for this important event. Hopefully the ANZAC Day weekend will be a chance for our students to sign up sponsors for all the laps of Barkly Gardens they will do. We hope all families can support their efforts either through donations or coming along to the event on Friday.

Dean Banova, Principal

Dear Parents,

As I am sure many of you are aware the new Richmond High School will open for enrolments starting term one 2018. This $43 million project will create a state of the art education facility right in the heart of Richmond.

As part of the project the zones were initially changed for Melbourne Girls College. After meeting with parents and speaking to Principals I made representations to the Minister for Education who has agreed to extend the zones for Melbourne Girls.

I am happy to announce that as a result all girls within the postcode 3121 will now have access to both schools. If you have any questions feel free to contact my office on (03) 9415 8901 or email Richard.wynne@parliament.vic.gov.au

Yours sincerely,
Richard Wynne

State Member for Richmond
**Student of the week**

**Prep J**
Millie Kerr For always being a helpful, respectful and responsibly class member. It is an absolute pleasure to have you in the class Millie. Thanks for being a super star!

**Prep R**
Grace Sidebottom For her amazing learning about 2D shapes. Well done Grace!

**Prep S**
Arkie Kelleher Being a helpful and friendly member of Prep S.

Well done on always making sure everyone is included in our classroom Arkie!

**1/2 KJ**
Pek McMahon For your enthusiasm for everything we do, your friendly nature and the great work you have been doing in reading. You are getting there, Pek!!

**1/2 N**
Ethan Motley For making an outstanding start to term 2. You are respectful, focused and your manners have been impeccable. I can tell already we are going to have a great term together Ethan!

**3/4 A**
Georgia Crommelin For showing initiative, maturity and excellent team work during your Rich Assessment Task on the First Fleet. Well done!

**3/4 C**
Tom Doull For showing commitment to class activities. You showed great teamwork while completing your history project and have been persistent during flexible maths groups. Keep it up Tom!

**3/4 J**
Sophie Edwardes For being a kind considerate student who completes her work with diligence and enthusiasm.

**3/4 S**
Talia Osborne For your terrific efforts all round-your RAT video, excellent book review and general attitude to your work this term has been amazing, well done!

**5/6 L**
Ollie Carter-Curtis For your incredibly creative Novel Report! Your description of the plot and characters was engaging and well written. Fantastic work Ollie keep it up!

**5/6 R**
Bronte Mosley For starting term 2 with a positive attitude and approaching everything with a smile. Great job Bronte!

**5/6 S**
Claudia Hawkins Congratulations Claudia for getting your highest score in the Three Minute Challenge! 130...woweel!

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**HOT SHOTS TENNIS for PREPS**

What an exciting start to the Term with our Prep students receiving a FREE tennis racquet each.

The tennis racquets have been kindly donated as a way of promoting tennis by the ANZ Hotshots Tennis Schools Program and Gary have found them a great help in introducing tennis skills during PE lessons.

He hopes you can all practice what has been taught together with these racquets at home.

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**KIDS QUIZ**

Every week, we pose a quiz question based on the name of one of our wonderful students.

Write your answer on a piece of paper, along with your name and grade, and put it in the cream letter box in the office. The first correct entry drawn will win a Student Pass for one hour.

The winning entry will be drawn on Wednesday at 3.30 pm.

NOTE:
> You may place only one entry per week in the box.
> Each player must put in their own entry (no joint entries)
> If you win, you are win-binned (disqualified) for one week, to give others a go.

**This week’s clue:** Take one letter from this Grade Prep student’s name, and you’ll have the surname of a famous inventor

**Last week’s clue:** If this Grade 1 student falls and knocks someone over, will that make everyone else fall over as well?

**Answer:** DOMINO Groom 1/2C (Knock over one domino and … well, you know what happens.)

**Winner:** Lucy Murphy 3/4C … it all fell the right way for you, Lucy!

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**Movie Night, Friday 26 May**

The next event is Term 2 Movie Night on Friday May 26th - it’s looking great already - SING !!!
**Changed TRAFFIC & PARKING RESTRICTIONS**

We have received notification from AusNet Services that there will be disruptions to traffic and parking around the school area in the coming weeks. Work is commencing on the Richmond Terminal Station and there will be large vehicles and road closures in the area.

*Temporary parking restrictions* will apply along parts of Mary and Swan Streets as follows:

- From 2pm Thursday 27th April to 6am Friday 28th April
- From 2pm Monday 1st May to 6am Tuesday 2nd May

To assist AusNet please ensure that there are no vehicles parked in the zones marked on the following map.

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**RPS Events 2017**

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**Selling your house?** Mention RPS at the time of listing and **Biggin & Scott Richmond** will donate $1,000.00 to the school. They will also donate $500.00 to the school for every new management property signed up, where RPS is mentioned.