



# RPSnews

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## Dates to Remember

### April

**29** Walkathon

### May

**8** Year 1/2 CERES Excursion

**9** Prep visit to Chesterfield Farm

**9** Year 1/2 Recycling Incursion

**12** Application for Year 7 Placement Forms Due

**15** Choir Performance

**19** Prep CERES Sustainability Hub incursion-Farm to Fork

**19** District Cross Country

**26** RSP MOVIE NIGHT Featuring 'SING' 5.30pm-8.15pm

### June

**20** Prep Sustainable Gardens Excursion (Botanical Gardens)

### Term dates for 2017

**2** 18th April – 30th June

**3** 17th July – 22nd September

**4** 9th October – 22nd December

## Walkathon

Congratulation to all students for their amazing efforts in some challenging conditions last Friday. A reminder to all families that we would like you now to collect all money owing and return this with your child's sponsorship booklet as soon as you can. We hopefully that our students signed up sponsors for all the laps of the Walkathon that they completed. Thanks again to all those who helped out on the day and teachers, Josh Hurn and Todd Mackie who organized the event.

## Working Bee Thankyou

Well done to all those who braved the showery weather and helped us with the school gardening and clean up at last Sunday's Working Bee. We achieved a lot with a small but dedicated team of helpers. Just a reminder that if you are choosing not to attend working bees this year that you please send the \$100 Building Levy to the school office if you have not already done so. If you are able to help out at future Working Bees please respond to the Signmee sent to all families to let us know which of the following events you can attend: July 23 and October 15.

## NAPLAN

NAPLAN testing for Grade 3 and 5 students will commence in the week beginning May 8 (Week 4 Term 2). All parents in Grade 3 and 5 will receive a booklet soon explaining NAPLAN in detail. NAPLAN stands for National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy. All students in Australia in Grades 3 and 5, and Years 7 and 9, sit NAPLAN assessments. Students are assessed in writing, reading, language conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and numeracy. All parents receive an individual report on how their child performed in the assessments later in the year. The school also receives these individual reports and data around how we have performed against state means and similar schools.

## Manners Matter - Sorry

Part of being a friendly and respectful Richmond Primary School kid is realising that from time to time you might inconvenience others. You may not mean to, but sometimes it is unavoidable. When these occasions do arise, we need to know how to handle them courteously. Occasionally too, we make mistakes which inconvenience others. We might accidentally bump into someone or not hold a door open for them, or interrupt them at the wrong moment, or turn up late .... all sorts of things. If these things do happen, quickly apologising by simply saying "sorry" shows the other person that you really did not mean to inconvenience them. And of course, try not to let it happen again. That is really saying sorry! Saying 'Sorry' shows others that you are thoughtful and considerate and remember what I always try to remind you - that 'Sorry' can be the most powerful word in the world!

**Dean Banova**  
Principal

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

## Grade 5/6 News

This year, the Grade 5 and 6 students are participating in a new science program called 'Double Helix'. The program has been expertly created by the CSIRO. Mapped to the Australian Curriculum, Double Helix Lessons is a suite of online interactive science lessons for upper primary school students designed to make it easy for any school to supercharge their science program.

Students are taken on science adventures with the Double Helix characters – Rocky, Skye and their pet Chameleon Kevin – as they discover the wonders of science in the world around them. As they progress through the units, students interact with a combination of simulations, videos, animations, augmented reality and hands-on investigations. Learning is then reinforced as students apply their knowledge to real-world situations and even meet some CSIRO scientists.

*Dear Tundra,*

*You really need to get out of the shade and start living the life in the sunshine. Or at least get rid of those disgusting icebergs and trade it in for beautiful smooth sand. So just don't compete with me if you still have those disgustingly awful icebergs because you're just gonna lose!*

*Sincerely, Desert.*

**Claudia Hawkins 5/6S**

This term, the students have been looking at Biomes and Adaptations. In this unit, the students are embarking on a virtual excursion of the world's biomes to discover the amazing adaptations that allow plants and animals to survive in these different environments.

Later in the term, the students will explore human impact on the world's biomes through deforestation, invasive species and climate change and be empowered to take action to minimise the effects of these.

In order to show their understanding, the students undertook a reflection activity in their Writer's Notebook to consolidate their learning. The students used the 'R.A.F.T.S' strategy where they had to choose the ROLE, AUDIENCE, FORMAT, TOPIC and STRONG VERBS.

The R.A.F.T.S we used was Desert, Tundra, Postcard, What biome is better and Bragging.

*Dear Tundra,*

*I strongly believe that I'm better than you because you are the coldest biome so not many animals live in you. That is vile because no one can adapt to you. Also, the cold is so intense that most animals died out before they could adapt. I am better in every way, so it's kind of obvious who is better, isn't it?*

*From, Desert*

**Jules Sloggett 5/6S**



## Victorian Premiers Reading Challenge 2017

The Premiers Reading Challenge for 2017 is now open and lots of students have signed up already. You just need to go onto Signmee to receive information and the consent forms. Families who are not using Signmee need to ask me for a consent form to fill in and return it to their classroom teachers or directly to me.

I will send a slip of paper home with a password as soon as I have parents' consent. Until that happens, encourage students to start reading.

The Challenge closes this year on September 8th.

Students in Prep to Year 2 need to read 30 books; students in Years 3 to 6 need to read 15 books.

The website contains plenty of additional information including listed books.

If you have any questions please get in touch with me via the School Office.

**Kate Finlay**  
**Literacy Coordinator**

## RPS School Cross Country 2017

Dear Parents,  
Next Friday 5th May, students from Grade 3 to Grade 6 will participate in a cross country event held across the road at the Allan Bain Res and Barkly Gardens. This event will commence after lunch. If you are able to assist on the day with marshalling please see me or leave your name at the office.

### ORDER OF EVENTS

(Age groups are determined by the age a child turns this year)

2.15PM – 10YRS BOYS (10yr age group includes 8yrs and 9yrs)

2.20PM – 10YRS GIRLS

2.30PM – 11YRS BOYS

2.35PM – 11YRS GIRLS

2.45PM – 12YRS BOYS

2.50PM – 12YRS GIRLS

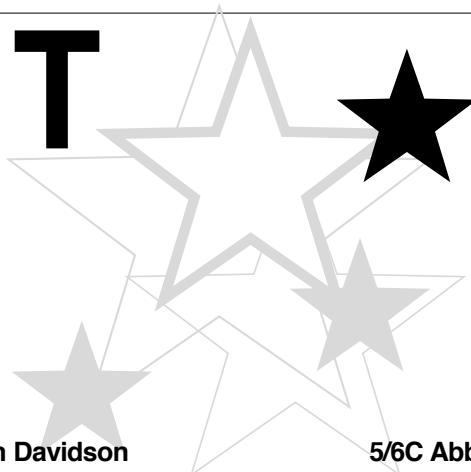
**3.15PM - RETURN TO SCHOOL**

Thanks

**Gary Greene**  
**PE/Sport Coordinator**



# STUDENT OF THE WEEK



## Prep J Albie Hutchins

For making a positive and enthusiastic start to Term 2. You're always eager to learn new things and challenge yourself. Keep on being the AMAZING Prep J student you are Albie!

## Prep R Hayden Atkinson

For your hard work and persistence when reading, you are a reading superstar Hayden! Keep going full steam ahead!

## Prep S Harry Lovett-Heeps

For working hard to sound out letters when reading and writing! Well done Harry!

## 1/2C Max Kerr

For showing creativity and imagination when writing about leaves collected from the garden during Writers Notebook. It is lovely to see the kindness and respect you show for all class members Max, keep it up

## 1/2C Hugh Davidson

For showing an improvement in the amount of work completed during class time. I am proud of your hard work Hugh - Congratulations!

## 3/4S Ava Harvey

For some incredibly persuasive writing and holiday work-you would be pretty hard to beat in an argument Ava!

## 3/4C Coco Maslin

For consistently being an active and engaged class member who always tries her best. You are an asset to 3/4C, Coco!

## 3/4J Samuel Mincone

For putting a huge effort into Mathematics activities. Well done for showing great diligence and persistence.

## 3/4A Ethan Wilcox

For your excellent focus during flexible maths and the effort you are putting into your book presentation.

## 5/6C Abby Vogel

"For the focused preparation and confident presentation of your class debate - you were very convincing! Keep up the good work!

## 5/6L Alec Woolley

For always working to the best of your ability in everything you do! You're an inspiration Alec!

## 5/6R Nathan Nguyen

For continually striving to achieve his best and setting a great example in the classroom. It's a pleasure to have you in the class.

## 5/6S Josh Michaels

Congratulations Josh for your continual improvement in Writing. You always work hard and experiment with new writing strategies. I really loved your descriptive piece about the Richmond Haunted House.

# RPS Events 2017

Next Event is:

**Movie Night Term 2,  
Friday, 26th May.**

It's looking great already!!!

**The Events Committee**

## 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 Tuesday at 3.30pm.

### 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.

NO WINNERS!

Here it is again ...

**Take one letter from this Grade Prep student's name, and you'll have the surname of a famous inventor.**

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## Richmond High School News

You can access the latest update regarding Richmond High School by downloading their newsletter from our website. In the meantime there will be an information session at The Bridge Church, **6:30 pm on Wednesday 3 May** for those who missed the March meeting.

For interested parents who have direct concerns regarding the RHS development please check our school noticeboard for information about a group organized to find out more about plans for the school and the surrounding neighbourhood. Contact and other details are available on the notice posted in our courtyard noticeboard.

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