



RPSnews

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Diary Dates

May

- 15 Choir Performance
- 17 Year 6 Port Phillip Eco Center Excursion
- 19 Prep CERES Sustainability Hub incursion-Farm to Fork
- 19 District Cross Country
- 24 OPEN DAY TOURS 10am & 2pm
- 26 RPS MOVIE NIGHT Featuring 'SING' 5.30pm-8.15pm
- 26 Year 3/4 Excursion to Royal Botanic Gardens
- 29 Year 6 Camp Rumbug

June

- 2 Year 6 Return from Camp
- 20 Prep Sustainable Gardens Excursion (Botanical Gardens)
- 23 Preps CERES Incursion Farm to Fork

Save the Dates

- Sat 9 August** RPS Trivai Night
7.30pm Richmond Town Hall
- Mon 14 August** Grandparents Day/Book Week Celebration
9.00am-10.30pm



Grade 1 & 2 CERES EXCURSION

The Grade 1/2 students, as part of their Sustainability Inquiry Unit entitled "Tip Toe Through Our World", visited the CERES Community Environment Park on Monday, May 8th. The students learnt how to reduce, reuse and recycle while considering the importance of sustainability. Activities they undertook included bin sorting games, a walk along Merri Creek, paper making and investigating worms and mini-beasts. Following up on these experiences some students from Grade 1/2C wrote the following reflections:

On Monday 1/2G, 1/2T, 1/2K, 1/2P and 1/2N went to CERES Environmental Farm. I went on a bus and sat next to Evie.

First I held worms and learned that worms are both girls and boys and they all can have babies. Then we went digging for mini beasts, I found a worm and a millipede.

After that I played sorting rubbish. I had to sort out what to put in landfill, green waste, compost and recycling.

Finally I walked along Merri Creek and saw a litter trap. I love CERES!
BY Summa

On Monday I went to CERES. First my class went to the worm farm and we dug for mini beasts. Next we had recess and played in the playground. At CERES after recess we went to the Merri Creek and we learnt that it used to be a bluestone mine. At the Merri Creek we saw a water trap. Then we had to play a rubbish game. Then we went to lunch. Lastly we went back to school.

BY Max

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 1 & 2 CERES EXCURSION ...continued from front page

On Monday my class 1/2C the other 1/2's went to CERES for an excursion. We learnt about a lot of things. On the bus I sat next to Summa.

Firstly we went to see some worms. We got to hold one each. We learnt that worms are boys and girls and that they can both have babies. Then we went digging for mini beasts. I found a lot of millipedes.

After that we played a sorting game. We put rubbish in some bins we sorted out of these bins green waste, landfill, recycling and compost.

Lastly we walked along the Merri Creek and saw a litter trap. It was designed to stop rubbish going into the Merri Creek.

BY Evie

On Monday we went to CERES. First we went to dig for mini beasts. I learnt worms can be boys and girls.

Next we learnt about bins. It told me the different bins. These are the bins compost, recycle, land waste and green waste. I learnt that green waste was only garden stuff that we don't need any more.

And last but not least we made paper. I learnt that paper can be made from poo.

After all that, the end. I felt really good. I really enjoyed CERES. It was great.

BY Oliver

From The Principal's Desk

NAPLAN 2017

Congratulations to all of our Year 3 and 5 students who sat through the four NAPLAN tests last week with steady nerves and great aplomb!

The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) is an annual assessment for students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9. It has been an everyday part of the school calendar since 2008.

The test is conducted under set conditions that apply to every school. This is so the results can be compared consistently for each individual student as they journey through their school life. It also means that schools can get a snapshot about where they stand in comparison to state and national means.

For our school we have found this comparative data of use as we track our progress, not only against these mean levels but also against a matched or 'like' school. This 'like' school is one that has a similar make up of student backgrounds as well as size. It is an important, 'standardised' measure that is included in our Annual Report and helps us as we develop our strategic and annual planning.

For our teachers the NAPLAN is of some use as a measure of achievement, though as results are not sent back until 3 months after the test is taken, the immediate use is limited. It is why, as our teachers meet with parents about their child's progress, we report back on not just NAPLAN results but the full range of diagnostic and observational assessments available to us. We hope for success for all our students though we know some students may not perform as well on the NAPLAN test as they would hope. We welcome parents to discuss these results when they come out later in the year but I do advise that everyone remembers this is just one measure of student progress that helps us develop the ways to best support our classroom programs.

RPS Annual Report for 2016

This report has been posted on the website and includes a great overview of the school's progress including details of our NAPLAN results from last year. This will be presented at our next School Council meeting on June 7 which will be an open meeting.

RPS Open Day May 24 and Grandparents Day/Book Week Celebration August 14th

Just a reminder that to help celebrate Education Week the school will be holding an 'Open Day' with classroom's open to visitors from 9.00am to 10.00pm and school tours at 10.00am and 2.00pm. Please come along and join in the fun.

Also we have planned a special 'Grandparent's Day' to coincide with our Book Week celebrations on Monday August 14th. This will include a Book Parade at 9.15am, a special class visit at 9.30 and a school tour at 10.15am. We look forward to seeing all grandparents and/or special friends on the day.

Dean Banova
Principal

Richmond High School Update

Here is an excerpt from the last RHS News from the Foundation Principal, Colin Simpson:

An academic school, a high expectation school with high care.

Several families have raised concerns with me that some of my language implies our school is only for academic children. This is not true. As an experienced educationalist, I believe every child benefits from a strong learning environment with high expectations. This does not mean we will only celebrate top marks, we will also celebrate personal best, growth and development. Young people develop well in this environment when they have strong connected relationships with their peers and children.

My interest and expertise in arts education is also pretty clear, but I harbour no bias. It is obvious however that The Arts will not go begging in my school. Even though I am a visual arts educator, my passion for music education is huge and the benefits for children so real – but our senior programs and focus will be determined by our community. Part of the excitement is we are on a journey to see what we will be like.

I am also absolutely committed to my term Local High Esteem School. I want Richmond High School to be the school of choice for the suburb of Richmond, we will be there for all children in our area and our school will be important in their lives. We will not be a school that asks children to 'seek other options' if they are not achieving to some perceived level.

Please check the RPS school website for copies of the RHS Newsletter as well as a copy of the school's Uniform Brief.

Student of the week



Prep J

Eddison Cleven

For being an addition math's whiz this week. You have been very impressive solving all types of addition problems. Keep up the great work Eddison!

Prep R

Arya Patel

For her wonderful addition thinking!! You are an adding up whizz Arya

Prep S

Isaac Feehan

For making a positive and enthusiastic start to Term 2. Isaac well done on your hard work and challenging yourself in your learning!

1/2T

Karolina Janowska

For being super reliable and responsible on our excursion to CERES and our Environmental incursion this week. You set an excellent example for your peers, Karolina. Keep it up!

1/2JK

Thomas Sidebottom

For the fabulous effort you put into your learning every day. You are a pleasure to work with, Thomas, and a fantastic cross-country runner too!

Phoebe Johnson

For your amazing listening, your kindness and the hard work you put in every day. You impress us, Phoebe!!

Misha Claney

For your great knowledge of math's facts. Well done – you are a basic facts star, Misha!!

1/2N

Ally Gillespie

For outstanding math's thinking during the Online Math's Interview and for being a wonderfully enthusiastic, curious and driven student.....with a beaming smile! Well done Ally!

1/2C

Monty Cadusch

For showing hard work and determination during maths this week. Well done on writing your own addition number stories Monty. Keep it up!

1/2P

Lucas Coburn

Lucas Coburn for working hard at completing tasks on time and staying focused. Well done!

3/4S

Grace Morriss

For being an all-round superstar .Your maturity and great attitude, especially during NAPLAN week, has been fantastic. Well done!

3/4C

Lizzy Butt

For being a brilliant role model for other students - you always work hard, are kind and caring towards others and are so so clever!!

3/4A

Will Collinson

For your outstanding improvements in writing and your focus and effort during flexible math's

3/4J

Oscar Mosley

For having a friendly positive attitude towards school life and a big cheeky smile. Great work Oscar!

5/6L

Henry Sutton

For your consistent participation in class discussions. Your insightful comments are fantastic! Great work Henry

5/6R

Aylin Guler

For your amazing effort at the Cross Country. All the hard work payed off! Great work Aylin

All Grade 5 students

“Congratulations to all the Grade 5 students for all of your hard work and resilience during the NAPLAN tests. We are very proud of you!!

Simon, Cassie, Lucie and Russell. “

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 3.30pm.

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.

This weeks clue:

This Grade 5 student's surname is also a town in north-eastern Victoria.

Last week's clue:

This Grade 6 student's name was also the name of someone married to a famous Dutch artist.

Answer: SASKIA Blackburn 6S (Saskia was the wife of the great painter, Rembrandt.)

Winner: Will Rahilly 3/4J ... hope this isn't your only 'brush' with success, Will!



RICHMOND COMMUNITY
LEARNING CENTRE

Spaces for Everyone

RCLC VACANCIES

We are currently looking to fill the following vacancies:

Team Leader - Children's Programs
Woodwork Trainers

Email: manager@rclc.org.au for details

We also have venues for hire, programs, classes and events plus exciting volunteer opportunities!

Contact us for more details

CONTACT US

03 9428 9901

Email - admin@rclc.org.au

"What's On" at www.rclc.org.au

RICHMOND MULTICULTURAL CHILDREN'S CENTRE is a Community based NOT FOR PROFIT CENTRE. We provide a high quality program of care and education for children aged six months to school entry age. We are open five days a week, fifty weeks of the year from 7:30am to 6pm.

Our Philosophy

At RMCC, we see the family as the first teacher in our children's lives. With our dedication to children's learning, the educator's passion and commitment extends to all areas of their learning as we watch them grow into capable, independent and confident children. We strive to promote a warm, nurturing and friendly environment which supports our children's transition between their home and early learning environment. We believe it is vital for our children to be viewed as self-reliant, assertive and proficient learners whilst promoting an indoor/outdoor program; allowing our children to be confident and respected in making their own learning decisions.

Nursery Room 6 months - 2 years

Young children need an abundance of love and extra special care, and our Nursery room program provides just that. Our dedicated staff create a comfortable place filled with nurturing surroundings.



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From birth, children demonstrate an enthusiasm to learn, be creative, and possess an extreme curiosity about their world. Our goal is to provide a stimulating, interactive environment to encourage each child to develop their social, emotional, physical and intellectual skills to their full potential. Our professionally developed educators tailor learning programs to suit each individual child. We encourage parental involvement in our educational program and our Advisory Committee.

Our Program

Offers each child one-on-one, group activities, gentle play and safe exploration. It is stimulating to the development of young minds without being overwhelming. The outside area offers their very own sandpit, sensory garden and various play based experiences for the young. We encourage interaction opportunities with all age groups and working together in our sustainability garden where the children are hands on with planting, watering, learning about life cycles and all healthy foods which we use in our menu.

Each child's needs are different, so we have flexible routines for babies under 12 months. There are areas for sleep, relaxing and personal space. We also offer Mandarin classes, encourage music time and art. And so that you don't miss out on all those little things that happen each day, your child has their very own personal portfolio that captures their journey as it unfolds. Each week you will receive weekly reflections sharing the children's participation in numerous experiences and their journey they have taken throughout their week.

WHY ENROL YOUR CHILD AT RMCC?

Our curriculum is uniquely designed to address the children's interests and to develop their skills in areas including social skills, language, numeracy, investigation, creative pursuits, fine and gross motor skills, sensory experiences, cultural experiences and environmental understanding.

All programs are documented, flexible and responsive to the changing needs and interests of the children in our care and address the outcomes as outlined in the Early Years Learning Framework.



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KIDS' MOVIE NIGHT & ADULTS CATCH UP!

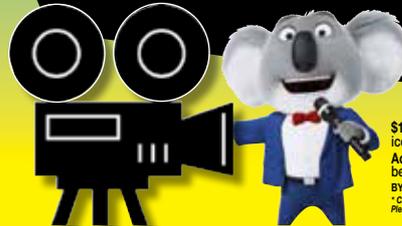
Friday 26th May
5.30pm - 8.15pm (6pm movie start)

Richmond Primary GP Room

Showing on the big screen "SING" PG

Kids, enjoy the movie and a FREE raffle with your mates in the GP Room. Parents, don't miss the lamb spit, BBQ, drinks and catch up with friends in the courtyard and library. There'll be some pretty fabulous raffle prizes to win and a sneak peek of our Trivia Night planned for mid year. Can you help for an hour? It's the best way to meet people... www.signup.com/go/1R9v9e

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\$10 kids: Includes sausage in bread, popcorn, icecream and movie. (3+ kids in same family FREE)
Adults free entry: Lamb spit (limited number so be quick!), BBQ and drinks available at RPS prices. BYO pillow and kids drink bottles! Please RSVP by 18th May.
* Check out www.commonssensemedia.org if you would like a review of the movie. Please note: No child minding provided. Parents must stay on premises with children.

2017/2018 Entertainment Book is here!

The Entertainment Book is now available featuring hundreds of discounted offers for local cafes, restaurants, attractions and more.

For \$70 you can order the digital version or hard copy book. RPS will receive 20% of all sales on orders made by school families and their friends.

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- Visit <https://www.entertainmentbook.com.au/orderbooks/1885w17> and enter your details.
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Other books available (via post only): Geelong/Ballarat, Sydney, Adelaide, Brisbane, Gold Coast, Sunshine Coast, Cairns, Palm Cove, Port Douglas, Townsville, Canberra, Darwin, Hobart, Perth etc.

For more information, contact our school's Entertainment Book representative, Fiona Tome, at the email address above.

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