



# RPSnews

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## Dates to Remember

### May

- 24** OPEN DAY TOURS 10 am & 2 pm
- 26** RPS MOVIE NIGHT Featuring 'SING'  
5:30 pm - 8:15 pm
- 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** Prep CERES Incursion Farm to Fork

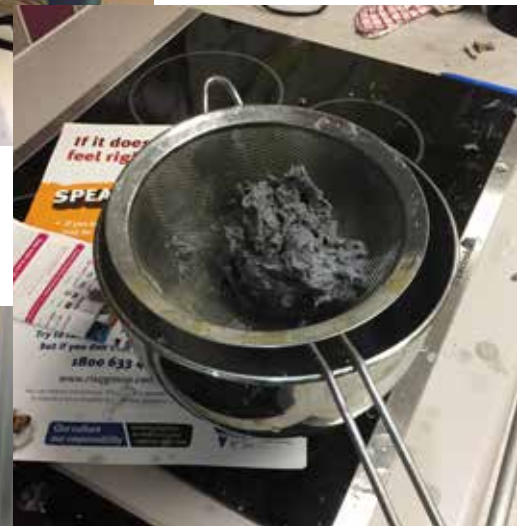
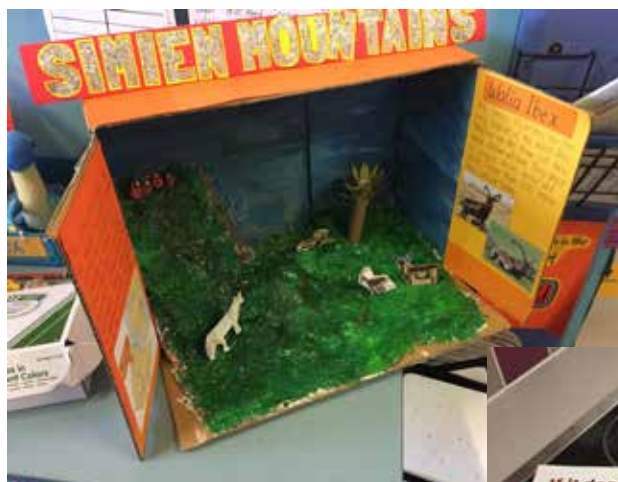
## SAVE THE DATES

Saturday 5th August  
RPS Trivia Night  
7.30pm Richmond Town Hall

Monday 14th August  
Grandparents Day/  
Book Week Celebration  
9.00am-10.30pm

## Grade 3/4 Promoting Sustainability

The Grade 3/4's are studying the theme of Biodiversity and are currently building dioramas to show the huge range of biodiversity that needs protection on our planet. They have used a blender to re-cycle newspaper to make papier mache for their dioramas. We look forward to seeing the finished product!



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

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## From The Principal's Desk

### School Council 2017

The last meeting of the 2017 School Council, on April 30 was a chance for the group to set goals and make plans for the year ahead at RPS. There were many ideas discussed with regard to further development of our school with the main focus being on improvement of learning. I am often asked about what goes on at school council meetings and would like to take this opportunity to give an overview.

School councils have three main responsibilities:

- Finance – overseeing the development of the school's annual budget and ensuring proper records are kept of the school's financial operation.
- Strategic Planning – participating in the development and monitoring of the school strategic plan.
- Policy Development and Review – developing, reviewing and updating policies that reflect a school's values and support the school's broad direction outlined in its strategic plan.

Other key functions of school councils include:

- raising funds for school-related purposes
- maintaining school grounds and facilities
- entering into contracts
- reporting annually to the school community and the Department
- representing and taking the views of the community into account
- regulating and facilitating after-hours use of school premises and grounds.

All school councils comprise parents, the principal, staff and community members. Richmond Primary School Council is headed by President, Jo Cronin with able assistance from Vice President, Felicity Kaaks. It also consists of the following sub-committees (convening School Councillors are listed):

#### Finance Sub-Committee

*Convenor: Caz Karavias, School Council Treasurer*

This committee assists the School Council by:

- Managing the school's global budget. This includes ensuring all incoming money is properly accounted for and expended and that an annual budget of income and expenditure is prepared and audited.

*This year this group will aim to work closely with our Fund Raising and Buildings and Grounds sub-committees to ensure our financial planning is directed towards the areas of most need, as we look to develop the best learning environments possible with the money we have.*

#### Buildings and Grounds Sub-Committee

*Convenor: Rick Phelps*

This committee assists the School Council by:

- Ensuring all facilities are safe, adequately maintained and developed.
- Considering long term and short term planning is considered including master planning and maintenance - with a focus on environmental responsibility.

*In 2017 this group will aim to review our Buildings and Grounds Masterplan to help prioritise and plan for the next major building projects for the school*

#### Education & Strategic Planning Sub-Committee

*Convenor: Sarah McDowell*

This committee assists the School Council by:

- Ensuring all school policy supports effective student learning, safety and the smooth running of the school.
- The committee also provides information about current educational developments and actively encourages parent participation through the organization of information sessions.

*In 2017 this group has a range of School Policies due as part of our three year review cycle. We will be calling on volunteers to help with the consultation for this process.*

#### Events & Fundraising Sub-Committee

*Convenor: Jen Chandler*

This committee assists the School Council by:

- Raising funds through the development and implementation of an annual fundraising plan.

*This year this group has a number of big events planned including the RPS Trivia night, Movie Night and the Arts Gala. We rely on a number of dedicated and enthusiastic volunteers to get this work done successfully.*

#### Out of School Hours Care Sub-Committee

*Convenor: Ross Edwards*

This committee assists the School Council by:

- Overseeing the operations of the Out of School Hours Care Program run in co-partnership with OSHClub and ensuring that it meets the needs of the students and their families.

*This year this group will continue to work closely with the OSHClub management to ensure there is a consistent and high quality service for our school community.*

#### Promotions Sub-Committee

*Convenor: Krysia Mosley*

This committee assists the School Council by:

- Overseeing the range of communications used to promote our school including the newsletter and the school website.

*This year this group is reviewing how our school is promoted to the wider community.*

Other School Council members who also assist on these sub-committees include: Andrew Judd, Cassie Shaw (Secretary), Lisa Marsden and Peter Clemson (teacher members).

To ensure the school community is fully aware of what is covered at our regular meetings the minutes are posted on our website. I invite all those interested to come along to our next meeting which will begin with an 'open' session where I will be presenting the 2016 Annual Report. This broad-based document will include a range of information about student learning and finances covering 2016. This report is one presented annually to the school community and to School Council for endorsement. This special meeting will begin at 6.15pm on June 7th.

**Dean Banova**  
**Principal**

# STUDENT OF THE WEEK

## PREP J

**Chloe Hedger** For your tremendous work to identify and record words that have 'sh' in them this week. You have been participating in class discussions with enthusiasm. Keep up the great attitude you have for learning Chloe!

## PREP R

**Michael Matyear** For working hard to improve his sounds knowledge. Keep up your hard work Michael, you are a sounds superstar!

## PREP S

**Stephanie Atzarakis** For your wonderful participation in our bounce back lesson on sharing! Stephanie you were a great role model to the other students. Well done!

## 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 week's clue:

**NO WINNERS! Same clue again ...**

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

## 1/2T

**Isla Went** For writing a wonderfully detailed story about 'The Trick'. You have a way with words Isla! I can see your name as a famous author on the cover of books already.

## 1/2JK

**Chelsea Clohesy** For your wonderful creativity and imagination and your increasing resilience in the class and playground.

## 1/2P

**Coco Snell** For working hard on solving addition problems and having success. Well done.

**Iris Edwards** For consistently completing reading activities and challenging herself.

## 3/4S

**Miriam Thomas** For your excellent work during our Shape unit; you used a huge variety of 2D shapes to create a colourful and eye catching geometric print and can create composite shapes - well done!

## 3/4C

**Finn Quinn** For making a great effort to work effectively and collaboratively with others. You have been a shining example of how to behave maturely in Grade 3/4!

## 3/4J

**Will Rahilly** For always putting his best effort into all school activities. You are a fantastic role model for our Grade Three students, well done Will!

## 3/4A

**Lucy Alexander** For being such a kind, helpful and responsible member of 3/4A. Your positive attitude makes you a valued friend to so many.

## 5/6C

**Finn McKibbin** For the thoughtful way you approach all your tasks - you asked such interesting questions during our Ecocentre excursion! I like the way you think!

## 5/6L

**Roxy Maslin** For always working hard during writing. Your use of descriptive language is excellent and I can't wait to read the rest of your narrative piece. Well done Roxy!

## 5/6R

**Jimmy Kostinas** For setting a great example during our trash audit at the St Kilda Botanical Gardens. Your positive attitude towards the environment is great to see. Captain Planet would love your work!

**Harry Morriss** For setting a great example during our excursion to the Port Phillip Eco Centre. Your enthusiasm and attention to detail was a pleasure to watch during our activities. Keep up the great work Harry!

## 5/6S

**Charlotte Thomas** Congratulations Charlotte for producing outstanding writing. You always write using interesting sentence starters and powerful vocabulary. You are a great role model to those around you.



## THEY'RE CALLING ON YOU! Special RPS Competition

**You can help save gorillas in the wild simply by recycling your old phone**

We are holding a special competition for all classes. We are asking families to recycle your old mobile phones and help save wild gorillas. One of the biggest threats to gorillas is the illegal mining of coltan in gorilla habitat. Coltan is used in many mobile phones. You can help by recycling your old phone today! You'll help reduce the need for coltan and help us raise vital funds to support Gorilla Doctors in Africa, an organisation working to protect gorillas in the wild.

The class that collects the most mobile phones by June 9th will win a special prize. Next time your phone rings, let it be a reminder that \* **They're Calling On You!** \* And send in your mobile phone to be collected by us to send on to Zoos Victoria.

For more information go to <http://zoo.org.au/callingonyou>

**Hannah and Ryan  
Environment Captains**



# RPS Events 2017

Next Event is Movie Night Term 2, Friday, 26th May, it's looking great already!!!

## Mother's Day "Bubbles and a Bite" Update

What a lunch, what a day, and what an awesome bunch of women we all celebrated Friday May 12th at Cochin, Richmond. Guests were treated to glass of bubbles on arrival, a sumptuous two course share meal of French-Vietnamese fare, dessert bites and a little goodie bag of extravagance to take home as they left.

The goodie bag suppliers included: milk & Co; Pana Chocolate Mini bars; Rubi Hairdressers; One Hot Yoga; Chemist Warehouse; Officemax; & Melbourne's Leading Nanny Service.

The event raised \$1380 to be directed towards Nick's Garden Initiative!

Raffle prizes included: a Kip & Co travel pouch; Mumm champagne; Go To Skincare Pack; Martin and Pleasance Hamper; Louise's exquisite handmade leather bag; 7 Grams coffee voucher & keep cup; a Sarahmakesthese jewelry pack; One Hot Yoga Pilates & Mat pack; and a voucher for Baby Restaurant.

Thank you to all of our incredible supporters!!

**Amy, Sophie, Anu, Sylvie, Zoe, Hannah, Sarah, Louise and Wing**

## 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 classrooms open to visitors from 9.00am to 10.00pm and school tours at 10.00am & 2.00pm. Please come along and join in the fun.

Also a reminder that we have planned a special 'Grandparents 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.

## 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. \* **Ordering is easy** \* Visit <https://www.entertainmentbook.com.au/orderbooks/1885w17> and enter your details. \* Select 'pick up \$0'. \* Email your child's name & class to [fiona\\_tome@hotmail.com](mailto:fiona_tome@hotmail.com) and the book will be delivered to your child's classroom (or select post with the extra fee). \* 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 Tomé, at the email address above.



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