



RPSnews

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Diary Dates

August

- 23** Grade 3/4 Camp
- Information session
- 25** Great Book Swap
- 28-1/9** Grade 6 Play Boot Camp
- 30** School Council

September

- 1** Father's Day Stall
- 4-8** Grade 6 Play
- 6-8** Grade 3/4 Camp (Lady Northcote)
- 14** Grade 1/2 Sleepover
- 15** SRC Dress Up Day &
Pizza Afternoon
- 22** End of Term

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

My Pop and Grandma Mille came to see the Book Parade. They loved all the colours and the good costumes. Back in our class they helped me to fill in our Family Tree. I'm really glad they both got to meet my class.

Wentworth W 3/4S

RPS Loves Books!

Our Annual Book Parade to help celebrate the RPS Book Week was held last Monday. A host of favourite book characters were represented with some very imaginative costumes from students and teachers. We also made this day Grandparents/Special Friends Day with lots of special visitors who came along to join in the fun. Our visitors also got to visit classrooms where they saw our morning routine which included our Grade 3/4's who designed a Family Tree - with the help of their own family expert! Thank you to all of those who attended. The Grade 3/4's wrote some reflections about the day:



For the Book day Parade I was Gangsta Granny from a David Walliams book called Gangsta Granny. I was inspired to be Gangsta Granny because I love the book and it's extremely funny. I bought most of the outfit from the \$2 Shop. It was very cheap! You should read Gangsta Granny too.

Amelia J 3/4S



From The Principal's Desk

NAPLAN Reports

The NAPLAN Reports were sent home on Friday. If you didn't receive your child's please contact the School Office. Our overall results were very good. Congratulations to all of our students who I know tried their very best. I will be sharing the school's results with School Council next week and will share more with the whole school in a follow up newsletter.

Teacher Improvement

- A Very Productive Curriculum Day

Last Wednesday's Pupil Free day proved a very productive one for our staff. We started the day unpacking the new DET Framework for Improving Student Outcomes (FISO.) This is the planning framework for schools to use to ensure they are able to reflect on their strengths and weaknesses and plan accordingly, through such documents as the Annual Implementation Plan. We also looked at how all teachers can better support Student Choice when it comes to their personal learning. The day ended with practise on how to develop Individual Learning Plans for 'at risk' students. We hope to see how well teachers try out what they learnt on this 'very useful' day!

Home Learning

Classroom teachers have posted on our school website a range of activities that students can engage with when completing Home Learning. As stated in our Homework Policy we aim for Home Learning activities to complement learning completed in class. In line with DET guidelines this sees students recommended to complete about 20 minutes per night of Home Learning in Grades Prep and 1/2; 30 minutes per night in Grade 3/4; and 45 minutes per night in Grade 5/6. For more information please check out the RPS website for our RPS Homework Policy and go to the Classroom section where there is an outline of Home Learning ideas for each level.

These include a number of special activities you may want to try out when your child is stuck on what to do during their Home Learning time:

Grades Prep and Grade 1/2 - Early Years Reading – When practicing their reading of new words students may want to practise the 'Stretchy Snake' and 'Chunky Monkey' approach to learning reading. These are two techniques we encourage beginner readers to use to decipher unknown words.

Mandarin Learning Online!

Just a reminder that students are able to practise their Mandarin at home through using the website Language Perfect. I would strongly recommend students log in for 5-10 minutes each day to help complement the learning of words and phrases they have been introduced to with me in class. The activities are fun and useful. The company has extended our free trial period, so please take advantage of this. Every student was given login details earlier in the year, if you have lost these, please come to see me.

Yan Wu, Mandarin Teacher



Stretchy Snake

S-T-R-E-T-C-H it out!

- * Stretch the word out slowly.
- * Put the sounds together to figure out the word.

Stretchy Snake S-T-R-E-T-C-H-E-S words out then puts them back together again.

While Chunky Monkey asks the reader to look for a chunk they may know.



Chunky Monkey

Chunk the word!

- * Look for a chunk that you know like -at, -an, -old.
- * Look for a word part like -ing, -er, be-.

Grades 1/2,3/4 & 5/6 - RPS Basic Maths Ladder - Students across the school have been using the Basic Maths Ladder and are encouraged to use it to support their Home Learning in Maths. This tool supports students in their personal learning in Maths. It is set up in a series of graded maths skill 'steps' starting from simple concepts in step 1 to addition and subtraction in steps 10 – 20, moving through multiplication right up to powers and algebra at step 50. Students are tested regularly on their ability to automatically recall answers to problems related to their relevant step. The use of the ladder is not a competitive process but one that supports students in their ability to track their personal learning journey. The ladder can be downloaded from the school website's home page for those students who would like to use it at home.

Grade 5/6 Three Minute Challenge – The Grade 5/6 students are involved in tracking their Times Tables knowledge by reciting as many of their times tables from memory in 3 minutes. Their aim is to improve each time so practise at home is the key!

Dean Banova
Principal

Second-hand Uniforms

We have a large stock of 2nd Hand Uniforms at the school that can be purchased at a small cost. If anyone is interested please see either Jane or Judy at the school office so we can check your requirements to see if we can help.

Student of the week



Prep C

Mai Coutts For her incredible work on narratives! You sure know how to identify the characters, setting and plot Mai. What a narrative superstar!

Prep J

Anya Welbourn For settling into Richmond Primary School so fantastically. Prep J are so lucky to have such a smiley and friendly new class member Anya!

Prep S

Harry Lovett-Heeps For your beautiful river reading this week Harry! I can see your excellent knowledge of your Magic Words when you notice them in the books you read. Keep up the fantastic reading Harry!

1/2 C

Alexie Giannakopoulos

Being such an enthusiastic and creative participant in the Investigation Time, particularly in the Vet Clinic. Thanks for looking after the area's animals so well Alexie!

1/2 N

Ava Barker For truly magnificent reading and continuing to challenge herself. Ava, you are a naturally bright girl but what impresses me most is that you continue to push yourself. Well done!

1/2 T

Strati Karidas For working extremely hard when identifying the cause and effect during reading groups. Keep up the fantastic work Strati!

3/4 C

Neve Webb For putting an incredible effort into her financial maths tasks - you have made outstanding improvements, well done Neve!!

3/4 J

Luca Beattie Stocklinger For using digital technologies so creatively. Your 'A\$AP Piggies'

logo and 'Sushi the lit cat' desktag were both hilarious and expertly created.

3/4 S

Ollie Baillie For working hard on his learning and personal learning goals, keep up the good work Ollie!

5/6 C

Taylor Phelps For your excellent organisation and participation in Reading Circles. Your enthusiasm is as infectious as Fuzzy Mud! Keep up the good work!

5/6 L

Eloise Webb For your fantastic attitude towards your learning and always putting 100% effort into everything you do. Keep up the great work Eloise!

Jude Edwards For your curiosity in Science your insightful comments are always great to hear. Good work Jude!

5/6 R

Bronte Mosely For your fantastic attitude towards class and school. Your

efforts have been magical 'Hermione'!

5/6 S

Jules Sloggett

Congratulations for writing and performing the short skit titled, The Mysterious Fart, during the ACMI Webinar. You performed with great expression.

Zac Douglas

Congratulations for writing and performing the short skit titled, The Mysterious Fart, during the ACMI Webinar. It was very funny!

Sonny Edelmaier

Congratulations for writing and performing the short skit titled, The Mysterious Fart, during the ACMI Webinar. You were very brave to perform it in front of so many schools around the country.

Paddy Young

Congratulations for writing and performing the short skit titled, The Mysterious Fart, during the ACMI Webinar. You did a fantastic job being the 'Arthur the fart boy'!

Congratulations to our RPS Grey Wolves!

The Grey Wolf is the highest level badge that can be completed at a Cub Scout level. It is an accumulation of over 12 months work. This level of award is achieved by only 9.5% of the Cub members and so it is a very special achievement for those who receive it.

Congratulations to two outstanding RPS students who were recently awarded their Grey Wolf badges – Elliot Bodin and Nathan Nguyen. Elliot was one of two members of the Hawthorn 2nd Scout troop while Nathan comes from the Richmond troop.

Both completed their badge work at the end of last year and recently attended a Victoria-wide Grey Wolf acknowledgement ceremony. At the award ceremony were District Commissioners for Scouts and also the grandson of the Scouting movement founder, Baden Powell. It was a very special day and it acknowledged the hard work that these kids have put in to get this level of award.

Elliot also worked for and received the highest level award when he was in Joey's (the younger group before Cubs) and this is called the Promise badge.

Congratulations to both boys on an amazing achievement!

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: *This Grade 3 student's initials are what little kids call a horse.*

Last week's clue: This Grade 4 student's name is also two shades of brownish colour in a paintbox.

Answer: SIENNA Tome 4A (The colours are 'raw sienna' and 'burnt sienna'.)

Winner: *Ava Behrens 3/4S ... hope this makes your day palette-able, Ava!*

RPS Events 2017

Father's Day Stall

Don't forget that there will be a Father's Day stall Friday week on September 1st. There will be a great range of gifts for the special men in your life! Please check for emails from your class Parent Rep for more information.

The Great Book Swap - Friday 25 August

Don't forget if you have any children's fiction or non-fiction books that your family would like to donate for this great charity event, they can be placed in the boxes provided in the reception area at the front of school. All donations are greatly appreciated. The Swap will be happening this Friday, August 25 so have your gold coins ready!

LOST PROPERTY ALERT

There is an overwhelming amount of lost property - especially jumpers - in the bins outside the GP Room, and much of it is unnamed. If you're missing a piece of school uniform, please come and check there! Winter has arrived - keep warm!!

Hi, I'm Ariadne!



My passion is helping parents become more confident and skilled at raising resilient and happy kids. After 20 years working as a psychologist with adults I'm acutely aware how valuable the skills of confidence, resilience and wellbeing are, particularly when dealing with life's ups and downs. I honestly believe the earlier we can learn these skills the better.

STRENGTHS BASED PARENTING

Strengths Based Parenting is an exciting and rewarding way to help unlock your children's potential. By focusing on our children's strengths rather than solely working on fixing their weaknesses we can help build their resilience, optimism and sense of achievement.

So many parents, (including me), struggle to translate scientific research into real-world strategies. So I've taken the research and designed this session to be practical and hands on so you can identify what your child is naturally good at and where they thrive.

WORKSHOP CONTENT



Did you know children who can recognise and use their strengths regularly have been found to have higher levels of hope, life satisfaction and school engagement? You will learn:



WHY STRENGTHS REPRESENT YOU AT YOUR BEST



THREE SIGNS YOUR CHILD IS USING THEIR STRENGTHS



PRACTICAL ACTIVITIES TO HELP SPOT YOUR CHILD'S STRENGTHS



HOW TO HAVE STRENGTHS CONVERSATIONS WITH YOUR CHILD

ENQUIRIES

Wednesday 6 September 2017

7:30pm - 9:30pm

DNMK Front 4yo kinder room, 18 Goodwood Street, Richmond, Vic 3121

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