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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

Diary Dates

November

27 - Dec 8 Prep - 5 Swimming

December

- 7 • Christmas choir performance
- Pizza Day

12 Grade 6 Graduation Dinner

13 School Council Dinner

- 15 • Grade for the morning 9.30-10.30
- SRC Dress Up Day

18 End of Year Celebration Concert & Grade 6 Presentation

19 Reports sent home

20 Meet the Teacher - new classes announced

21 Grade Prep Teddy Bear's Picnic

22 Last day of term - 2.30 pm dismissal

YOUNG AUSTRALIAN AUTHORS AWARD 2017

On the 25th of November I received an award from the ASG (Australian Scholarship Group) for the Young Australian Authors Award. The competition was supporting the Children's Charity Network. When I entered the competition I thought it was just Victoria, but when I got the call that I won and the competition was national and people from all over Australia competed in this writing competition, I was over the moon!



My winning story is called the Journey. It's about my Mum's family's journey from Vietnam to Australia and the hardships she faced and overcame. This story is important to me because it's my family's history. Writing is important to me because it's a way to pour out our emotions, show determination and resilience, and to tell life changing stories.

Jana Nguyen 5/6C

CONGRATULATIONS JANA!!!!!!!

Wesley Mission Victoria

Again this year Wesley Mission is asking for donations towards their Food for Families. Boxes have been placed in the foyer for these donations.

"You can give a little and change a lot this Christmas, by giving food for Melbourne's most vulnerable families".



Suggested donations are for non-perishable food items and toiletries, a list of suitable items is attached to each of the boxes.



Class Arrangements for 2018

It's always a challenge to get arrangements for our students and class areas right as we balance different factors such as our number of students, our staffing profile and our available space. In particular is the challenge of our growing numbers with our enrolments looking close to breaking 360 next year. While we will be a little more crowded we will be maintaining our composite arrangements in all areas except Prep next year, with no change in locations for each level.

Our Prep and Grade 3/4 class numbers are higher than this year which will provide some challenges with space in both areas. We will be reviewing the furniture numbers and placements and aim to have the organisation right to fit in the extra bodies. We will also see some staffing changes with extra support staff being provided to help the class teachers in these areas as well.

We are still waiting on the selection process for staff

to be completed and I will be letting the community know which teachers will be teaching where. We are saying welcome back to some returning staff with the return of Julian Bowring and Kate Melven. Both teachers are returning from a variety of other teaching roles and it is great to have them back with us. We also have a number of new staff beginning who I will be introducing in future newsletters.

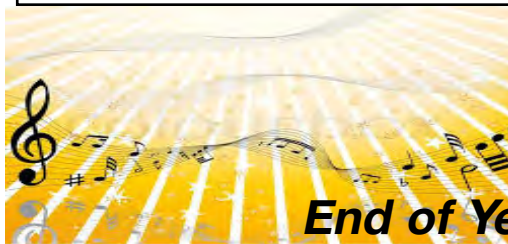
The class room arrangements for 2018 are as follows:

Grade	Area	Class sizes
Prep	Area 4: three grades (upstairs, South Block)	59 total - each of 19/20
1/2	Area 3: five grades (upstairs, West Block)	111 total - each of 22/23
3/4	Area 2: four grades (upstairs, East Block)	108 total - each of 27/28
5/6	Area 1: four grades (downstairs, near Office)	84 total - each of 21

LOST PROPERTY

There are a large number of unmarked uniform and clothing on the Lost Property Hooks and in the Lost Property Bins. Parents, would you please look through these bins to check if any articles belong to your child.

Any items unclaimed by the end of the year will be sent to the opportunity shop.



End of Year Concert

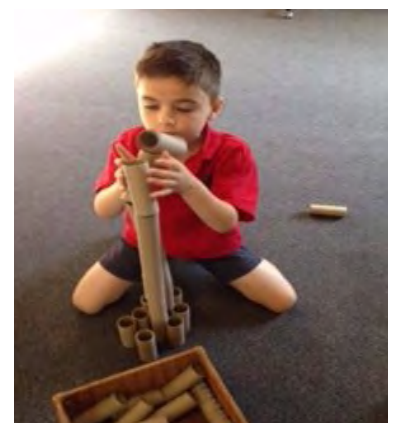
**6.15pm – 7.45pm RPS Active Play Area Monday
December 18**

Preparations have begun for our annual celebration for the end of year, again taking the form of a whole school twilight concert right here on the grounds of Richmond Primary School. The concert will have a focus on celebration and hopefully will be a great preparation for the holiday season. Stu is working with classes on their items during his PA sessions.

We are looking forward to again turning the basketball and netball courts into a wonderful outdoor entertainment venue, complete with a stage and video screen featuring close ups of all our performers. Students will be seated on cushions in front of the stage so they may be able to easily get on and off to perform. We will be asking families to bring along camp chairs to be set up in the designated seating zones across the basketball and netball courts. In case of inclement weather we will advise you of alternate arrangements early on the day.

Every class will perform in grade items; there will be a performance from our choir, as well as a chance to say farewell to our Grade 6 students. This will include a feature on our Grade 6 Award winners from Graduation Night, the presentation of our new Grade 6 Leaders for 2018, as well as a screening of the Grade 6 Graduation Night video presentation. We will also be holding our traditional Wine Raffle which Assistant Principal, Lisa Marsden is coordinating. She will be sending an email out via the Parent Rep Email Tree to let you know more. Stu will be sending a Signmee with more details, including performance and costume information in the next few weeks.

Dean Banova, Principal



Student of the week

your fantastic Investigating this term Cooper. I love the way you work well with your classmates to complete projects during this time. Awesome job!

1/2 C

Matilda Stone Thanks for bringing such a big smile, and “can-do” attitude to school every day Matilda! You are such a hard worker and a wonderful friend and classmate to all. You have been a pleasure to teach in 1/2C!

1/2 JK

Sophia Koulouris For your leadership and ability to help people sort out problems. Good work!

1/2 N

Claire Capon Despite being worn-out and tired by the long year and hot weather, she still gives 100% for each and

every learning challenge! Outstanding as always Claire!

1/2 P

Liam Hargreaves For being very brave at swimming and overcoming his fears. We look forward to seeing him at the Olympic Games in the future!

3/4 A

Maya Stojanovic For joining in swimming with gusto and enthusiasm. It’s so nice to watch you having a great time and doing such a fantastic job.

3/4 C

Leo Ballek For demonstrating resilience, great organisation and a positive growth mindset. Well done Leo!

3/4 S

Lauren Stowell For your

terrific book review of *Girl Underground*, You really captured the tone of the book well, 5 stars!

5/6 C

Taylor Phelps For being a thoughtful and considerate member of our class. You take care of those around you and I really appreciate having you in our class. Love your work, Taylor!

5/6 L

Eloise Webb For putting together such an incredible ‘teach for a session.’ Making a Pusheen cat was the highlight of my week! You and Alec are a fantastic team. Great work Eloise!

5/6 R

Harry Morriss Great job at swimming this week Harry! You certainly took to it like a duck to water!

Prep J

Nicholas Karakostas For being a responsible and enthusiastic swimmer. You have been swimming like a little fish. Well done Nicholas!

Prep R

Daisy Roberts For her courageous participation in our swimming program. You are a superfish Daisy!

Prep S

Cooper Barich Well done on

IMPORTANT BOOK CLUB ORDERS AND LIBRARY BOOKS

Book Club orders need to be placed by THIS WEDNESDAY 6th December at 8pm. They will hopefully be distributed at school early in Week 10.

Also, please bring all library books back to school. A note listing which books each student has borrowed against their name will be distributed this week. It is very difficult to maintain a quality library collection and to buy new and exciting books if many titles are lost or damaged throughout the year. If your child has lost or severely damaged a RPS library book, please take \$15 to the office to pay for a replacement.

Thanks, **Sam Charlton**

News from OSHClub

This week the children had fun participating in various challenges. On Wednesday the children took part in the paper roll tower challenge, using their creativity, problem solving skills and persistence to create the tallest paper roll tower within 5 minutes!

Holidays are coming up! And OSHCLUB is ready for another exciting holiday program with excursions and incursions every week. Let us know, if you would like to know more about the upcoming holiday program!



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 This Grade 1 student’s name rhymes with the first name of an English Ashes spin bowler.*

Last week’s clue: Put an extra letter in front of this Grade 2 student’s name, and you’ll have the most famous song by Derek & The Dominoes.

Answer: AYLA Shin Guler 1/2C (The song is ‘Layla’.)

Winner: Alana Cadusch 1/2JK ... you rock, Alana!

A HUGE THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR SCARY HALLOWEEN DECORATIONS!

RPS Events 2017

Planning is well underway for RPS Halloween Fest 2018 to take place on Saturday 28th October from 2-8pm. We will transform our school grounds into a haunted Halloween wonderland bursting with jaw dropping marvels, spine tingling activities and blood curdling rides.

In early 2018 we will be on the look out for any vampires, witches, wizards, ghouls and goblins that might like to help us coordinate some of our entertainment zones or to take ownership of some of our amazing stalls!

We'll have oodles of disgusting games on Sideshow Alley and have a number of game stalls looking for owners.

If you are more of a nature lover help turn Nick's Garden into a creepy, spooky Haunted Garden to help terrify all who enter!

If you'd like to prepare deathly morsels, devilish delights or thirst quenching potions join the Vampire Bites, Boos & Brew or Witches Brew teams.

Our Spooktacular Arena will feature entertainment Halloween Style, with music, dancing, pumpkin comp judging and a best-dressed parade.

If you would like to get in early to help out with any of the above then email elliehedger@hotmail.com for all the details!

Go on, we dare you!!!!!!

Kids Learn to Sail with Tackers

Tackers is an Australian Sailing program aimed at getting kids aged 7-12 into sailing.

Each program includes:

- ✓ 20hrs with qualified AS Instructors.
- ✓ FUN on & off-water games.
- ✓ Certificate presentation & sausage sizzle on the last day.
- ✓ Tackers 1 receive a Zhik Tackers Pack including Rashie, drink bottle, bag & hat.

Where The Safe & Enclosed waters of Albert Park Lake at **The Boatshed**.

When
December: 6 – 8*, 11 – 15 & 18 – 22
January: 8 – 12, 15 – 19 & 22 – 24*

Register & more info at:
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Adam Gristwood 03 9686 2571
info@theboatshed.net.au

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