



# RPSnews

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## Diary Dates

### March

**29** Grades 5 & 6 Summer Gala

**30** Fire Truck visit to Preps

**31** End of Term 1, dismissal at 2.30 pm

### April

**18** Term 2 commences, 9 am

**24** Pupil Free Day – students do not attend school

**25** ANZAC DAY – Public Holiday

**28** Walkathon

### May

**26** Movie Night



## The 3/4 Team

This Term in Area 2 Grade 3/4 students have been learning all about the First Fleet in our History unit. Within this topic, students have also learnt about Indigenous culture and the impact the First Fleet's arrival had on the first Australians. In Week 5 we visited CERES environmental park, where we were able to participate in Indigenous activities, such as history walks, ochre painting and storytelling. We even got the chance to sample some of the local 'bush tucker', which was mostly enjoyed by everybody! It was a rich learning experience and we'd like to take this chance to thank our parent helpers who came along for the day. To celebrate and present our learning, we will be having a whole area afternoon showcase on Tuesday the 28th of March; parents and family members will be welcome to come and take a look at the remarkable artefacts and writing the children have produced.

Grade 3/4 students have been focusing on Science as well, rotating between the Area 2 teachers to learn about four S.T.E.M. topics; Chemistry, Forces, Earth & Sun and Coding. As well as completing experiments and testing hypotheses, last week we visited Auburn High school where we were able to use their Science facilities to learn about Forces, learning about air resistance by testing different parachutes.

After a busy but extremely enjoyable start to the year, Area 2 is ready for a restful and well-earned Easter Holidays!



***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.***

## FAREWELL TO MY RPS FAMILY

It has been a great pleasure to work with and for my RPS family. Over the past six years I have seen so many children tentatively entering Prep, confidently working their way up to Grade 6 and then leave us to continue their journey at secondary school.

Now is the time for me to continue my next journey to retirement. I do this with a heavy heart but know that this is the right time. I shall miss all those little smiling faces coming to the front desk with notices and requiring ice packs and Band-Aids, the class monitors and my recycling and newsletter monitors.

Thank you to all the staff and parents for their help and friendship during my time at RPS. Richmond is great school and will always be in my heart.

A special thank you to Lisa (Acting Prin), you have been a good boss and friend. I wish you every success in your future endeavours.

Also to Jenny, whose dedication in the sick bay has been exceptional and always ready to help out in the office with mundane jobs that I have given her. Her sense of humour is very much appreciated.

A very big and special thank you to Jane. She was the one who prompted the then Principal, Brett, to give me the job and has been tolerant with my weird sense of humour, the questions I have often asked and having to listen to my ravings about Hawthorn Football Club. Jane, it has been great pleasure working with you, I have enjoyed your support and friendship over the years.

With a tear in my eye I say farewell to you all and I wish you a safe and happy future.

*Carole Willing*

## LOST PROPERTY



There is a lot of unnamed uniform and casual clothing in the Lost Property bins outside the GP room, as well as several lunch boxes and a school bag!

At the end of term, all unclaimed lost property will be donated to charity or put in the second hand clothing shop, so please check in if you're missing anything!

## To My Chocolate Easter Bunny



Mom said not to eat you all at once  
Or I would be quite sick.  
But I can't resist your chocolatey ears,  
So I'll eat them really quick.  
Those ears were so delicious,  
Maybe I'll have just one more bite.  
And then I'll save the rest of you  
For later on tonight.  
Guess I got a little carried away,  
I've eaten you down to your tummy.  
It's not my fault I can't resist  
Because you are so yummy.  
It seems a shame to put what's left  
Back in that festive box.  
I'll just finish you - wait, what's that I feel?  
My belly's having aftershocks!  
I should have listened to my mom.  
She warned me what would happen.  
If I had listened to her my stomach  
Wouldn't be growling and snapping.

(Ref: [http://kids.lovetoknow.com/wiki/Easter\\_Poems\\_for\\_Kids](http://kids.lovetoknow.com/wiki/Easter_Poems_for_Kids))

This poem sums up Easter for me! I wish you all a happy and safe holiday and look forward to hearing about your holidays in Term 2!

Happy  
Easter

From Lisa

# Student of the week



## Prep J Will Spinks

For being a persistent and hard worker in class to always produce quality work. Your work is always neat and you're always challenging yourself. What an amazing start to Prep you have had Will. Well done!

## Prep R Emma Doull

For her amazing sounding out when reading and writing. What a Sounding Out Superstar Emma!

## Anthony Di Fresco

For your spectacular phonics knowledge and positive 'can do' attitude you have shown this term. You are a delight to teach, Anthony!

## Prep S Aarya Agarwal

For your friendly attitude and beautiful

manners. It's great having you in Prep S, Aarya!

## 1/2C Summa Smith

For the incredible empathy and kindness you show to every member of the grade, and for always having beautiful manners. What a star you are Summa!

## Evie Sloggett

For showing determination in maths this week when solving addition problems, and for being a responsible leader. It has been great to see the support and guidance you have given to other members of your group when designing and making a community precinct. Congratulations Evie!

## 1/2KJ Mackenzie Loch

For her creativity and enthusiasm for all the fun and creative things we do in 1/2 KJ. You brighten our world Mackenzie!

## Lenny Donaldson

For your terrific attitude towards your work – you have the all habits of a good student, and an excellent mind. Keep it up, Lenny.

## Carlotta Mortley-Mora

For colour creativity, for trying so hard and for practising resilience really bravely.

## 1/2N Claire Capon

For simply being a pleasure to have in our class! Thank you Claire for your maturity, amazing writing and perfect focus in class. Well done!

## 1/2P Sterling Curtis

For working hard to improve his reading. Fantastic work, keep it up!

## 1/2T Rachael Fraser

For making an outstanding effort to read aloud with expression during reading groups. I love the hard work you are putting in Rachael, keep it up!

## 3/4A Sundae Giannakopoulos

For showing initiative, enthusiasm and excellent team work during your Rich Assessment Task on the First Fleet.

## 3/4C Leo Ballek

For the amazing effort shown during maths lessons. You have been trying hard, learning new strategies and making great improvements – well done Leo!

## 3/4J Blossom O'Dowd

For showing diligence and enthusiasm towards achieving her next learning steps. Well done for having a great attitude towards school life!

## 3/4S Lauren Stowell

For overall excellent effort – your imaginative writing in Unit and detailed slides when revising reading strategies show just how hard you work!

## 5/6C Liesl Mennen

For the great effort you've been putting into everything in class. You've really stepped up your game and it's showing in your work. Keep it up, Liesl!

## 5/6L Jade Gosbell

For doing such a great job in Writing. Your determination and focus has been fantastic. Your Monster story was a great achievement. Well done, Jade!

## 5/6R Madeline Marinis

For setting a wonderful example in the classroom by completing all tasks to a high standard. Great work Madi!

## Freddy Butt

For working hard on our debating task and showing great teamwork and leadership during the task. Keep it up Freddy!

## 5/6S Reade Kelaher

Congratulations Reade for all your hard work in Mathematics. You have really improved on your 3 Minute Challenge. You should be proud!

## \*\*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:

**If this Grade 1 student falls and knocks someone over, will that make everyone else fall over as well?**

### Last week's clue:

*No matter what the movie titles say, I don't think this Grade 2 student is 'mad'.*

*Answer: MAX Kerr 1/2C (The movies are about 'Mad Max').*

Winner: Liam Birrell 1/2C ... I wouldn't stomp on his foot to find out, Liam!

## Comings....

We welcome a number of new staff members for 2017. Welcome to Sarah Maskell who will join us as a graduate teacher in the Prep area and to Russell Sivewright who comes to us from nearby Yarra PS in the Grade 5/6 area. Also we welcome back to the Grade 1/2 area Nick Buckley and Jo Scott (who will be grade sharing with Kate Finlay next year)

## Goings....

Our changing profile is also influenced by some staff departures. At this stage we will be saying farewell to at least one valued member of our RPS family.

Goodbye and good luck to Rae Morgan who is moving up to Sydney as part of her working holiday before returning to home in London. Rae has been an amazing addition to the Grade 5/6 team and we wish her well.

Also thank you to a number of departing School Council members. Our School Council is a hardworking and focused group who has achieved much this year. Thanks to our Secretary, Tina Walker who has been a long standing councillor and whose immaculate minute taking and administrative skills will be hard to replace. Also thank you to our departing Treasurer, Peter Tuckwell for his amazing body of work. We do have some vacancies coming up in 2017 so, if you are interested in joining this group, please look out for nomination forms that will be released in the first weeks of Term 1.

Please check next week's newsletter the last for the year, for more news about next year including an overview of our 2016 Survey results and our major big picture planning for the year.

**Dean Banova, Principal**



### Wine Raffle

Just a reminder that the teachers are looking for donations of wine for the Wine Raffle at the End of Year Concert.

Please drop them in at Lisa's office.

**Kids Learn to Sail with Tackers**

Tackers is an Australian Sailing program for kids aged 7-12. Delivered by AS accredited instructors, the program is based around FUN on-water & off-water games to teach kids the basics of sailing!

**When**  
December 2016: 6th – 9th, 12th – 16th, 19th – 23rd  
January 2017: 9th – 13th, 16th – 20th, 22nd – 24th

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