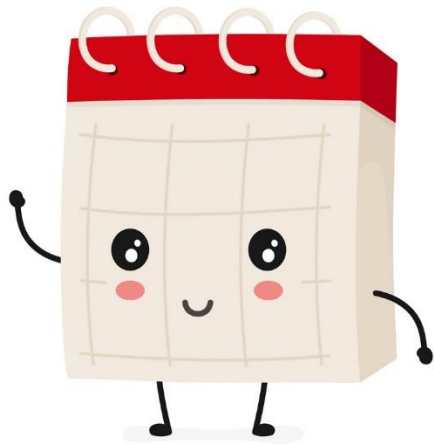


# RPS CHATTER

**JUST WHEN WE WERE COMING TO AN END OF REMOTE LEARNING....STAGE 4 RESTRICTIONS KICK IN!**



Want to know what's a happening?

## Dates to remember

Date	Event
September 18 <sup>th</sup>	Last day Term 3
October 5 <sup>th</sup>	First day Term 4 (cross every finger and toe that we are back onsite for a return to "normal" schooling)
November 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Melbourne Cup Day Public Holiday
December 18 <sup>th</sup>	Last Day 2020 school year
January 28 <sup>th</sup> 2021	First day 2021 school year for students

We are hesitant to add anything to our school calendar as things are changing on a daily basis. For the time being, these are the only dates we know for sure will be happening...we think....even these dates could be set in jelly!



A handful of staff + a handful of students = an empty and quiet school

## Message from the Principal

**MEGAN DELL**

4 weeks down....6 weeks to go! Stage 4 restrictions have added another layer of *interesting* experiences we have had together in 2020. I knew my first year at RPS was going to be memorable, but this is not what I was expecting!

As a staff we are here to support you in every way we can. We are on this learning journey/rollercoaster together.

Remember that for children to attend school, all parents/adults in the household must hold a permitted worker permit. We need a copy of these permits for us to consider your child's attendance.

If we do not have a copy of this permit, your child is not able to be onsite and must be at home for remote learning.

Even if you are a Permitted Worker and you are working at home, your child also needs to be at home.

During this *interesting* time I will be sending out regular updates via Compass and through the newsletter. Make sure you take the time to read them, and if you have any questions you can contact us at school.

Finally, I would like to remind everyone that my own staff are working from home, teaching their class and being a partner and parent to their own family. Like you, they too have loved ones whom they worry about. Remember to be understanding and kind as we all want to do the right thing.

Stay safe. Stay healthy. Stay home. Stay happy.

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## STAFF SPOTLIGHT

*Cassandra (Cassie) Shaw***You are a new addition to the crayon box. What colour would you be and why?**

I'd have to be green – but that green that is the colour of new leaves on trees in Spring. Winter is not my favourite.

**When you are by yourself in the car, what's your "go to" song/artist that you sing along with?**

This is hard! I love to bust out a power ballad – but my 90s teenage-hood always gets me, so maybe some Nirvana or even Britpop.

**What's the last thing you watched on TV and why did you choose to watch it?**

I've been watching "How to Cook with Delia Smith", mainly as a break from the news at the moment. Love a good cooking show!

**What's your favourite movie?**

If I'm being fancy, it's "Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind", but the movie I've watched more times than any other recently is "Jumanji: Welcome to the Jungle" – I still laugh every time.

**If we opened your fridge, what would we find?**

Milk! At least three cheeses and three different jams. Breakfast is important to me.

**Which football team do you support?**

My boys are the Sydney Swans – it's not our year, but I'm sticking with them as we rebuild. Go Schwannies!

**What superpower do you wish you had?**

Probably to be able to manipulate time – speed it up, pause it, turn a period of weeks into a montage...

**Are you a dog or a cat person?**

100% Dog! My ridgeback Sonny is 40kg of ridiculous, and he's a very good boy.

**What is your favourite memory from Primary School?**

In New Zealand my primary school was on a huge site, with two ovals connected by a slope, and we spent many a lunchtime rolling down the grassy slope, getting all itchy.

**What was your favourite subject at School?**

I liked everything at school (maybe it's why I'm a teacher?) though I didn't love Maths, which I think is why I feel so strongly about making it fun and interesting now. Probably Library, as I love reading. I wish we'd had Lit Circles when I was at school!



*My pledge is to do my best.*

*I want to help build a community of learners, who are interested in the world around us, ask questions and problem solve.*

*I will value our mistakes, because that is how we grow.*

*I will support the people around me so they feel cared for, listened to and safe.*

*I will be open to challenge, feedback, and to continually improving myself.*

*My pledge is to do my part to make our school the best place it can be.*

## CELEBRATION

*2020 Principals Day*

FELICITY KAAKS,  
SCHOOL COUNCIL PRESIDENT

## HAPPY PRINCIPALS DAY

On behalf of the RPS Community I'd like to wish Megan a HAPPY PRINCIPALS DAY.

Megan has joined RPS at a challenging time for everyone and her leadership through this time of our staff and students has been outstanding.

Megan, your strength as an educator and positive energy is highly valued. Thank you for all your efforts this year.

**Victorian Premiers Reading Challenge**

LAUREN GRANGER

Congratulations to Juno Mayo - 1/2F, who completed the challenge this week.

For more information about the Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge, visit:  
[www.education.vic.gov.au/prc](http://www.education.vic.gov.au/prc)

Please contact Lauren for any log in and access queries: [lauren.granger@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:lauren.granger@education.vic.gov.au)

**FREE parenting webinar!**

A free webinar for Victorian parents aimed at helping manage their children get through lockdown is available. Dr Justin Coulson is an Australian psychologist who specialises in parents.

Click on the link for some great tips and information for parents.

<https://www.happyfamilies.com.au/freebies/lockdown-vic/>