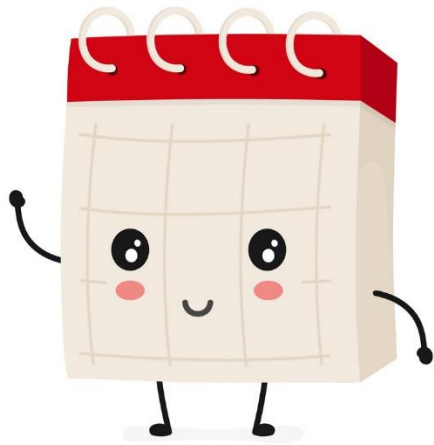


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HEADING INTO WEEK 5 AND INTO THE GROOVE OF REMOTE LEARNING

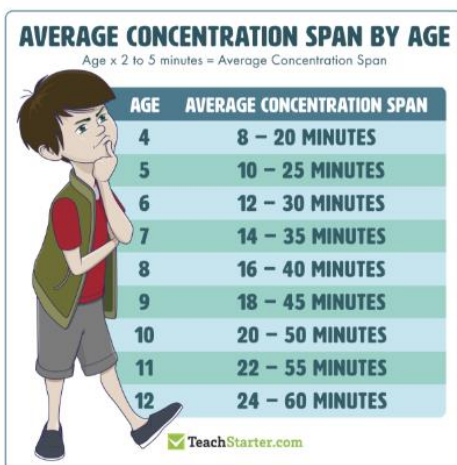


Want to know what's a happening?

Dates to remember

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

How Long is a Student's Attention Span?



Looking after your mental health. Reach out to a friend.

"Today was a Difficult Day," said Pooh. There was a pause.

"Do you want to talk about it?" asked Piglet.

"No," said Pooh after a bit. "No, I don't think I do."

"That's okay," said Piglet, and he came and sat beside his friend.

"What are you doing?" asked Pooh.

"Nothing, really," said Piglet. "Only, I know what Difficult Days are like. I quite often don't feel like talking about it on my Difficult Days either."

"But goodness," continued Piglet, "Difficult Days are so much easier when you know you've got someone there for you. And I'll always be here for you, Pooh."

And as Pooh sat there, working through in his head his Difficult Day, while Piglet sat next to him quietly, swinging his little legs ... he thought that his best friend had never been more right. ~



Message from the Assistant Principal

NERIDA BURNS

We have now completed 3 weeks of remote learning and have settled into the routines of teaching and learning from home. Following the introduction of stage 4 restrictions teachers and support staff have continued to refine and enhance our remote learning, based on reflection by teachers and feedback from parents'. Remote learning at RPS has;

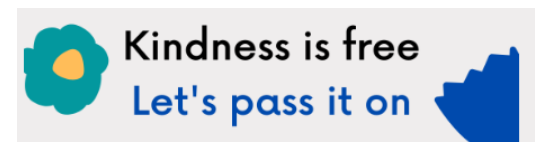
- More face to face contact
- Daily online check in with teachers and the class.
- More live explicit teaching to more closely reflect our classroom practice. However, it is important to bear in mind that younger student's attention spans can differ from live teaching to zoom sessions as well. The length of the zoom sessions reflect the average recommended attention span of students. See diagram.
- Recorded teaching so that children may revise and refer for clarification and to allow learning to be flexible for family life.
- Timetables are published before the week starts to allow families to plan their week

- Students are encouraged to stretch themselves and complete the extension tasks and Specialist programs' activities.

Remote learning is more than academics. What continues to be really important at times like these is to know that we are looking out for each other. It has been particularly pleasing to hear about the positive messages and gratitude that families have offered to the teachers and support staff. When we are feeling positive and strong I hope that we can reach out to one another and offer words of support and kindness. It is with acts of kindness that we will strengthen our whole school community to ensure we get through this time. We will look back on this period as a challenging time, but also a period where we developed new skills and maintained our strong sense of school community.

Take care,

Nerida



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STAFF SPOTLIGHT*Peter Clemson*

You are a new addition to the crayon box. What colour would you be and why?

Definitely blue, the colour just makes me feel good.

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

Hard/Easy by Justin Standley

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

Cursed on Netflix, like anything to do with the supernatural.

What's your favourite movie?

Too many to choose from. Maybe, Out Of Africa.

If we opened your fridge, what would we find?

Definitely cheese, dips, ham, olives and Pesto.

I am definitely a savoury person, actually there is usually some ice-cream in there as well.

Which football team do you support?

I don't support a football team, give me tennis any day.

What superpower do you wish you had?

I wish I could fly.

Are you a dog or a cat person?

Both, don't have a preference.

What is your favourite memory from Primary School?

Running in a cross country and going the wrong way. I did have a good sense of humour back then as well. I did a lot of running that day.

What was your favourite subject at School?

Always enjoyed anything to do with writing.



I pledge to Richmond Primary School that I will represent the school with integrity. I will do my best to be a role model to students, colleagues, parents and the wider school community. I will put the needs of my students both academically and emotionally as a priority.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB Issue No.6

It is still very important that children continue to read during these strange times that we are faced with.

Luckily, Scholastic Book Club offer a home delivery service for \$5.99 per order, so you can order online and receive books directly to your house instead of school.

You can access Issue #6 by using the link below. Take a look and enjoy.

<https://www.scholastic.com.au/media/5667/bc-620.pdf>

STAFF NEWS

We would like to welcome our new business manager, Terry Ryan to RPS.

Terry will be in the office on Monday, Wednesday and Fridays. She has a wealth of experience in both primary and secondary schools and you might see her riding to school on her bike.

Using ICT safely and respectfully during remote learning

Remote and Flexible learning this term has seen more zoom sessions and times. Whilst this provides increased opportunity for students to engage directly with their teacher and friends, we have asked that a grownup be in the room while the children are 'zooming' and thank you to everyone for supporting this.

It has also been brought to our attention that some students are communicating inappropriately to each other during school learning times, eg; imessage and house party.

It is important that our students stay connected with their friends but we discourage this behaviour during school times as it is distracting to others. We trust that parents have oversight on their child's use of their devices.

Help for Parents

Parents can download and install software that assists them to manage their child's use of apps and the use of their mobile devices.

There are some basic safeguards all parents can put in place to help protect their child:

- Keep your home computer in a busy area of your house and don't allow your child to access the internet on their personal/mobile devices in unsupervised areas.
- Understand the importance of technology in your child's life, in particular the importance of online friendships and peer groups.
- Set up email and chat accounts with your child. Make sure that you know their screen names and passwords and that they don't include any personal information in their online profiles.

For further information on this please visit

<https://www.esafety.gov.au/parents>



Victorian Premiers Reading Challenge

LAUREN GRANGER

Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge

Congratulations to Nikolas Dekleris – 1/2T, who completed the challenge this week.

For more information about the Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge, visit:

www.education.vic.gov.au/prc

Please contact Lauren for any log in and access queries lauren.granger@education.vic.gov.au