

Newsletter

FOR YOUR
DIARIES

ISSUE 9

FRIDAY 22ND JUNE 2018

**ATTENDANCE
COMPETITION
WINNERS
ANNOUNCED**

Friday 22nd June

**LAST DAY
TERM 2**

Friday 29th June

(2:30pm finish)

**FIRST DAY
TERM 3**

Monday 16th July

**CURRICULUM
DAY**

Friday 10th August

(student free day)

Principal's Message

We've nearly come to the end of Term 2 and what a busy term it has been. We have participated in lots of excursions, incursions, swimming, NAPLAN, Interschool Sport, Athletics, a Disco and Mother's Day.

Not to mention our improved reporting processes and parent meetings. It has been refreshing to see so many parents on a regular basis in to discuss the progress of their children and it highlights the importance of working together to maximise student outcomes and form a clear home/school partnership.

I look forward to seeing what wonderful things will be part of the second half of the year. Our 100 Days of Prep celebration promises to be bigger than ever.

Two Year Anniversary

At the end of this term I am celebrating my two year anniversary as Principal of this school. It continues to be a privilege to be shaping the future of students at Rockbank and I look forward to continuing to do the best I can continue to make Rockbank Primary School a great place for young people to develop

and learn.

Attendance

Attendance has been a huge focus at our school this term. We have a number of students who have had no days off all year and we think that is fantastic as it increases their connection to school and ensures they are not missing out on vital information. We still have a lot of students coming in late and there are an increasing number being picked up early. Please ensure your children are at school for the entire school day as every second counts. Of course we expect you to keep your child home if they are sick and it is often difficult to make appointments outside of school hours, but we need to have your children at school as often as possible to ensure we can help them to be the best that they can be.

Last Day of Term

School will be dismissed at 2.30pm on Friday 29th June. We wish you all a safe holiday and look forward to seeing you back on Monday 16th July at 8.50am.

Darryl Spiteri

Principal



Laughing and learning!

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Miss Ninkovic
Grade 3—6
classroom teacher

Meet Our Staff

Hello and thank you for your warm welcome,

My name is Lazarela Ninkovic and I am the teacher in the Orange 3 – 6 learning community. It has been a great start to my journey at Rockbank Primary School.

Teaching is a huge passion of mine; I want to empower and guide young minds to keep developing their skills so they can create wonderful things in the future. I hope to inspire the students

in O36, so they can someday discover their own unique passions and talents just as I have found mine in teaching.

Other than teaching, I love Latin dancing, playing futsal and volunteering. Three years ago, I spent some time volunteer teaching in Peru, this was an unforgettable experience. I have played futsal since Year 9, and Latin dancing I started two years ago and never looked back (soccer boots

to dancing shoes, somewhat unusual but so worth it). I am always looking for new adventures and opportunities for growth. This is something I want to model to my students – learning never stops. We are all on our own learning journey and that is the beauty of it.

I look forward to the rest of the year in O36, I am sure it will be nothing short of amazing!

REMINDERS FROM THE OFFICE

Bank Account details for direct deposits

For parents/guardians wanting to pay school levies/camps/excursions etc. by direct deposit, we have this available.

BSB No. 313-140
Account No. 12055616
(Bank Australia)

Please make sure you put your surname and what payment is for in the description part of deposit.

Celebrating 150 Years



CLASSIC STUDIOS VICTORIA (03) 9670 8374.
STUDENTS & STAFF - 1996

See any friends here? Invite them to our 150th Anniversary celebration on Saturday 17th November. There will be lots of exciting activities on the day.

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Announcements

June Birthdays

Happy Birthday to the following students who celebrated a birthday in June:



- Riyansh Gupta
- Jasjit Sekhon
- Nykia Morrison
- Edward Keoheuangpraseut
- Carmel Aghdassi



LAST DAY
OF
TERM 2

**FRIDAY
29TH JUNE**

**STUDENTS
DISMISSED
AT 2:30PM**

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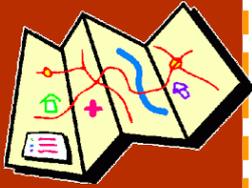
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Numeracy

Hello Parents, Carers and Students!

Time has just flown by and I hope that throughout this term the activities that I've provided you with have been helpful in getting both you and your child involved in mathematics outside of school. Maybe these activities have inspired you to create your own learning opportunities at home or while you are out and about. We would love to hear your feedback of the Numeracy Column and how you help your child at home! If you would like to share with us, please write a statement that is approximately 50 words long telling us how you engage in Mathematics with your child or your review of some of the activities then leave the comments at the front office. We appreciate any feedback and would love to feature your comments in our next newsletter. I hope you have a wonderful school holiday and maybe even find some opportunities for learning during your time away from school.



For all students – When visiting new places, collect maps and encourage children to use them to identify where they are and where they would like to go next. If they need to visit a particular place such as the restroom or find an exit or entry, try to encourage the use of directional language (left, right, north, south, east, west) to guide them to their desired destination.

For all students – Get baking! Getting children involved in the kitchen and following a recipe is an excellent way for them to start learning or consolidate their learning of measurement. Understanding quantities as well as millilitres, litres and grams becomes more necessary when they realise they need to understand it to cook a meal or bake their favourite cake!



For Year 2 and over - When visiting an exciting place such as the Zoo or the Aquarium, make a tally of the animals you have seen. How many lions, tigers, snakes, giraffes etc. When you get back home, use the information to make a bar, line or pictograph.

For older students - When visiting restaurants, collect take away menus or take photos of the menu. Tell your child that they have an amount to spend, for example, \$40. What could they buy off the menu without going over their budget? How much change would I get back? Students may want to use a calculator especially if they are working with decimals when first



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**EVERY
SCHOOL DAY
COUNTS**



There is no safe number of days for missing school – each day a student misses puts them behind, and can affect their educational outcomes.

2018 stats at 21/06/18

Our Goal:

All students will have at least 95% attendance all year .

Current school wide student average:

89%



Come to school every day, and on time, and be recognised for your great achievement!

Number of students with 100% attendance in term 2

13

See the next page of newsletter for names of students to go into prize draw.

Year to date classroom statistics

| | |
|--------------------|-----|
| Blue (Prep—2) | 90% |
| Yellow (Prep—2) | 91% |
| Purple (Prep—2) | 87% |
| Green (3—6) | 89% |
| Orange (3—6) | 90% |

Class with highest attendance at end of term will be recognised with a class BBQ

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Congratulations to the following class,
and individual students, for their great
attendance in Term 2.

Attendance



Come to school
every day, and
on time, and be
recognised for
your great
achievement!

Individual Achievements

Joshua Davies,
Christian Mwaura
Kirra Courtice
Emilee Harrison
Aiden Mwaura
Arshpreet Guraya
Jasleen Kaur
Jackson Courtice
Jaydrien Chand
Madison Courtice
Jhett Henderson
Mia Middling
Maddison Wellington

Classroom Achievement

Congratulations to
the Yellow
classroom for
achieving 91%
attendance so far
this year.

They will be
recognised with a
class BBQ with Mr
Spiteri, next
Thursday, 28th
June.

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Celebrating Our Successes

House Points—Term 2

Following our school values in the classroom, and the yard, is acknowledged with House Points. Our House Captains tally the results at the end of each week.

| | |
|-----------------|--------------|
| Missen | 36280 |
| Peacock | 36400 |
| Fisher | 34020 |
| Harrison | 33220 |

Yard Star of the Week

Making great choices in the yard is recognised with our Yard Star awards. Yard Stars are awarded with House Points, and our Yard Star of the week earns extra points for their house and is published in the newsletter and recognised at assembly.



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Celebrating our Successes

Students of the Week

A class member from each class is recognised weekly with our Student of the Week Award. This award recognises students who consistently display our school values.



We are Respectful



We are Learners



We Value Togetherness



We are Safe

Thank you for demonstrating our school values by:

| | | |
|--|-----------|---|
| Grade Prep– 2 Yellow Miss Mundie | Jaxon | helping and leading his classmates. |
| | Aanya | Working hard to practise her writing and reading. |
| Grade Prep –2 Blue Miss Lane | Jacob | creating a fantastic writing piece on the story titled Owl Moon. Well done! |
| | Braydan | Trying very hard to solve tricky words during his reading conference Keep up the great work! |
| Grade Prep—2 Purple Mrs Niemiecki | Harnoor | being ready to learn each day and showing improvement in Reading, Writing and Math. Well done! |
| | Mia Emery | demonstrating that you can use pictures and clues in the text to tell how a character is feeling. Well done! |
| Grade 3—6 Green Ms Carmichael | Joshua | by being encouraging to your friends and teachers in the classroom, during specialist subjects and out in the yard. |
| | Osman | Continuing to make positive choices during learning time—especially during specialist subjects. Well done! |
| Grade 3—6 Orange Miss Ninkovic | Carmel | having an excellent work ethic. Thank you for always trying your best and taking pride in your school work. Well done Carmel! |
| | Ali Kane | Making excellent choices both inside and outside of the classroom. Keep it up! Having a positive attitude towards school work and making great choices in the yard. Well done! |

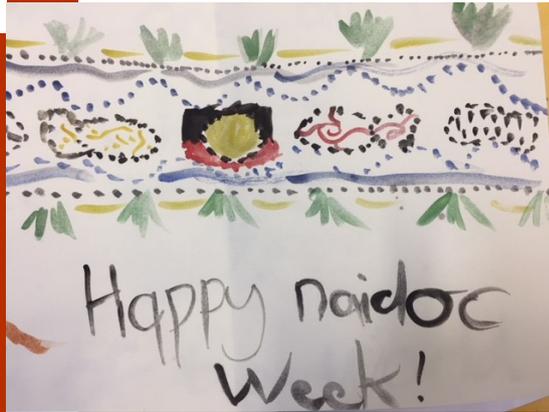
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There's always plenty to do, and some yummy, healthy snacks, during our after school care program.



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Cartooning Workshop

FREE School Holiday Activity

Cartooning Workshop

In this fun and interactive session, children 8-15 years will learn the basics of cartooning.

This workshop is ideal for beginners with no previous drawing experience.

Children will learn to draw facial expressions, hands, and cartoon animals using basic caricature techniques.

BOOK EARLY! Don't miss out!

DETAILS

WHEN:

Wednesday July 11

TIME:

10.30am - 12pm

WHERE:

Pavilion, Frontier Park
Frontier Avenue, Aintree

COST:

FREE. All supplies provided

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL:

meltonlearning.com.au

MORE INFORMATION:

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Creative Characters Workshop! School Holiday Program



Do you like Storytelling?
Have you got a story to tell?

In this workshop kids will learn the elements that make a good story!

How to create characters, interesting plot, craft a short story and present it!

This workshop is ideal for 5-12 years old.
Light snacks provided!

BOOK EARLY! Don't miss out!

DETAILS: DETAILS:

WHEN:
Wednesday 4 July

TIME:
10:30am – 12:00pm

WHERE:
The pavilion, Frontier Park,
Frontier Ave, Aintree

COST:
FREE

BOOK ONLINE:
meltonlearning.com.au

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This is a call for short articles up to 750 words on any topic of your choice!

Powerful, compelling and meaningful pieces are welcome!

Winners will be given a prize and highly commended ones will also be awarded!

The competition is open to 11-16 years & 17-25 years.

Winners will be announced in October!

REGISTER ONLINE TODAY!

DETAILS:

WHEN:
Starts 16 July

Article Submission
By 16 August

Email the articles to:
Inderdeep1@melfon.vic.gov.au

COST:
FREE

BOOK ONLINE:
melfonlearning.com.au

MORE INFORMATION:
Phone: 04 39 327 716 or 9747 7200



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The E-Magination Winter Holiday Club is just around the corner and it will be the best one yet!

There will be something for everyone, with more excursions, a fantastic selection of technology themed activities, arts and crafts, and heaps more.



Every session will also include a healthy breakfast before 8:45 AM and an afternoon snack.

To view what's on these school holidays and to make a booking, visit: www.campastralia.com.au/holidayfun.

Or you can call our friendly Customer Care Team on 1300 105 343 - 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

We look forward to seeing you and your family this school holidays.

The Camp Australia Team



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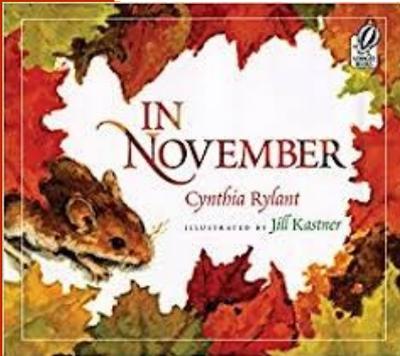
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What have we been learning?

Blue Learning Community

In the blue room we read a mentor text called *In November* by Cynthia Rylant. Students then had a go at writing about what it is like in June in Australia.

By Guru



20-6-2018

In June ^{winter} winter is as cold as a ice ^{cube} cube. Some ^{trees} trees lose their ^{leaves} leaves and some trees don't.



IN JUNE 20-7-2018

THE LEAVES FALL DOWN AND THE SNOW COVERS THEM LIKE THEY ARE GETTING tucked INTO BED. THE AIR WAS AS ICY AS A FROSTY. SOMETIMES WINTER FEELS LIKE YOU'RE STUCK INSIDE OF A ICE BLOCK.



"In November, the trees are standing all sticks and bones. Without their leaves, how lovely they are, spreading their arms like dancers."

- Cynthia Rylant, *In November*

By Jacob

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