Rockbank Primary School
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150th Anniversary – 1868-2018

Newsletter

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FOR YOUR DIARIES

PREP 100 DAY CELEBRATION

Tuesday 31st July

(Prep—2 students & family only)

CURRICULUM DAY

Friday 10th August

(student free day)

BOOK WEEK & BOOK FAIR

13th—17th August

SCIENCEWORKS EXCURSION

Friday 7th September

(grades 3—6)

Principal's Message

Welcome back for another exciting term. Term 3 will be full of activity starting with our 100 Days of Prep. Later in the term we look forward to our Scienceworks excursion for Grades 3-6, our Prep-2 Sleepover and the Grade 3-6 Camp.

Mrs Carmichael

Last week we sent Mrs Carmichael off on her family leave. We wish her all the very best and hope to see her back in the near future. We welcome Miss Kate Zemunic to Green Room for the remainder of the year. She will start in week 5.

Mrs McClelland

In the last week of term we also said farewell to Mrs McClelland. She has gone on leave for the remainder of the year to spend time with her young family. We welcome Angela Mitten to the Student Wellbeing role. She will be working on Mondays and Tuesdays for the rest of this year.

Peter Campbell

Peter has decided to move on from our school after spending about a year as our Groundskeeper. We wish him all the best in his future endeavours. We will hopefully appoint a new Groundskeeper soon. If you know of anyone interested in the two day per week position they can apply by doing a Google search for Recruitment Online and searching for Rockbank. They will then need to submit a resume and answer key selection criteria. If shortlisted they will be offered an interview. Please see me for further information.

Curriculum Day

A reminder that we will be having our next Curriculum Day on Friday 10th August. Teachers will be continuing to undertake Professional Learning in Numeracy and our Education Support will be visiting other schools. This is a student free day.

Attendance

It has been very pleasing to see improved attendance at our school this year. I really enjoyed cooking the BBQ for Miss Mundie's grade at the end of last term and look forward to seeing who will be the best class in Term 3. Students also need to be on time to positively contribute to their grade.

Darryl Spiteri

Principal

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Meet Our Staff

Diane Hanmer
Education Support

Hello, my name is Diane Hanmer. I have worked as an Education Support person at Rockbank Primary School for 2 years. This year I am supporting Grade 3—6 Orange.

I enjoy my job immensely; watching the students achieve success in their learning provides me with great happiness.

When I am not working I am enjoying my time with my partner Adam and our two girls, Ava 7, and Willow 4. We love exploring new places and travelling around Australia.

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

An early photograph of pupils and staff at Rockbank School.

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Announcements

July Birthdays

Happy Birthday to the following students who celebrate a birthday in July:

Mia Emery
Seth Savea
TJ Harris
Jai Pomare
Alok Thind
Jacob Balshaw
Avleen Nagra
Joshua Davies
Tejay Debono
Nate Bezzina
Boston Paaka

Costume Drive

All ages and sizes are welcome

For various role play activities around the school, we are collecting new or gently used costumes.

If you have a costume to donate, please send them to the school office.

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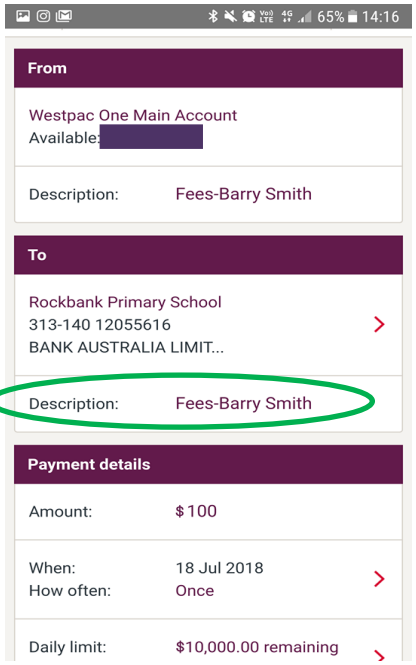
Direct Debit Payments

When receiving school payments/ fees etc. online, we sometimes have difficulty reconciling the payment with the student.

When sending any payment using Direct Deposit—please complete the description field with the *student name (given and family name).*

Thankyou for your assistance and understanding.



School Uniform

A reminder the students are required to wear the Rockbank Primary School uniform.

Our uniform supplier is PSW Quality Apparel in Westwood Drive, Deer Park. All items with our new logo should now be available.

Beanies and caps are also available for purchase at our school office.

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FUNDRAISER

Help support the Grade 6 graduation celebrations

Guess the jelly bears in the jar

$.50c per guess

The closest guess wins the jar of jelly beans.

Starts Monday 23rd July until Friday 10th August 2018

100 days of school for our Preps!

Next Tuesday 31st July at 11:40am, **all Prep—2 students, family and friends** will join our grade preps in celebrating their first 100 days of school.

BRING A PLATE OF FOOD TO SHARE

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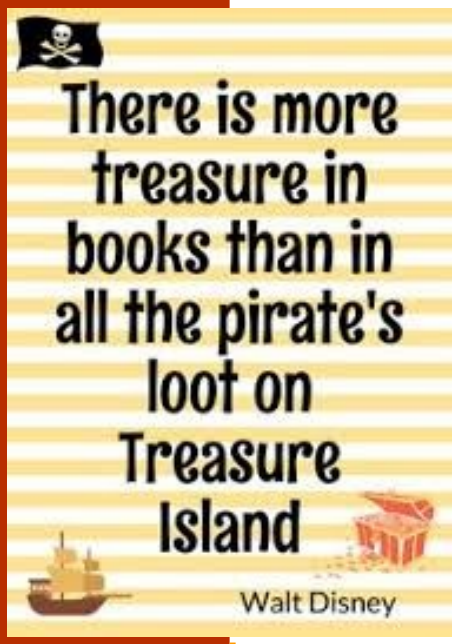
Book Week & Book Fair

This term we will be celebrating Book Week! It is held during the week of August 13th 2018. During book week we will be participating in lots of school wide fun reading activities. **On Friday 17th of August**, we will be hosting a Book Week dress up parade. Your child is invited to dress up as one of their favourite book characters for the day. Teachers and staff will also be participating in dressing up. There will be competitions and prizes for best dressed students on the day. Costumes can be purchased from party shops or online or if you feel like getting creative, you can make your own costume. We can't wait to celebrate all things reading with you during this great day!



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We will continue to recognise great attendance in term 3. Let's see if we can reach our 95% goal.

EVERY SCHOOL DAY COUNTS

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

2018 stats at 26/07/18

Our Goal:	Current school wide student average:
All students will have at least **95%** attendance all year .	**91%**

Number of students with 100% attendance in term 3

67

Names of students to go into a raffle for a prize will be announced at the last assembly of the term.

Year to date classroom statistics	
Blue (Prep—2)	90%
Yellow (Prep—2)	96%
Purple (Prep—2)	89%
Green (3—6)	93%
Orange (3—6)	89%

Class with highest attendance at end of term will be recognised with a class celebration with Mr Spiteri.

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Celebrating Our Successes

House Points—Term 3

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	**5160**
Peacock	**4990**
Fisher	**5770**
Harrison	**6160**

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.

20th July

Isabel Ingram
Harrison House

20th July

Arshpreet Guraya
Harrison House

27th July

Edward Munroe
Harrrison House

Celebrating our Successes

We are Respectful

We are Learners

We Value Togetherness

We are Safe

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.

		Thank you for demonstrating our school values by:
Grade Prep– 2 Yellow Miss Mundie	Indie	for working hard to improve her writing.
	Anayat	Coming to school everyday and trying her best with her work.
Grade Prep –2 Blue Miss Lane	Brigid	being a positive role model to others during our first week back.
	Aarav	Being a positive and respectful student.
Grade Prep—2 Purple Mrs Niemiecki	Gurneer	being focussed on her work and trying her best all week. Well done!
	Guneet	Sitting quietly and doing all your work without getting distracted! Well done!
Grade 3—6 Green Mr. Cassano	Whole Class	making my time as your teacher during terms 1 & 2 incredibly FUN and full of memories!
	Seth	constantly focusing on the work set in class and completing at the best of your ability.
Grade 3—6 Orange Miss Ninkovic	Kobe	always putting in your best effort and helping to improve the culture in our classroom. Well done!
	TJ	Working incredibly hard during class time. Well done and keep it up!

Community News

From
July 2nd, 2018 the Government will replace the current

Child Care Rebate (CCR) & Child Care Benefit (CCB)

with a single

Child Care Subsidy (CCS)

Make a plan for the changes before July 2nd, 2018.

This handy checklist will help you get ready for the changes.

- ☐ If you don't already have one, register for a MyGov account, as this is how the government will communicate with you.
- ☐ Get organised with your tax returns. To get the right subsidy you will need to complete your tax return.
- ☐ If you are receiving Special Child Care Benefit, JFA or Grandparent Child Care Benefit payments, visit the Department of Education and Training website to find out exactly how these changes will impact you.
- ☐ Complete the CCS Assessment in the Centrelink section of your MyGov account
- ☐ Create your bookings with Camp Australia (if you haven't already)
- ☐ When prompted by the Government, log into your MyGov account and confirm the enrolments for Outside School Hours Care

⚠ If you do not confirm your enrolments, you will have to pay the full fee.

Information contained in this flyer is a guide only. For further information, visit https://www.education.gov.au/ChildCarePackage

CAMP AUSTRALIA

Learn more about the new Government Child Care Subsidy

CAMP AUSTRALIA

Not sure how the Government's Child Care Subsidy will affect your family?

We're here to help.

We've compiled a list of key things you need to know, and how it may change your child care payments.

⚠ **Please Note:**

Information contained in this flyer is only a summary of the changes, not a complete guide. More information is available at https://www.education.gov.au/ChildCarePackage.
To find out how these changes affect you please contact Centrelink or visit www.humanservices.gov.au/individuals/services/centrelink/child-care-subsidy

How will the new subsidy work?

There are three key things that will determine how much subsidy you will receive:

1. Your combined family income
2. Your fees (Hourly rate caps apply for each service type)
3. Your fortnightly activity (Paid & unpaid work or study)

What classifies as recognised activity?

- Paid work (including annual leave and parental leave)
- Self-employment
- Business start-up
- Doing unpaid work in the family business
- Enrolled in approved study or training course
- Actively seeking work
- Recognised volunteering
- Other activities on a case-by-case basis

In two parent families, both parents must engage in recognised activities for at least eight hours per fortnight to receive any subsidy (unless exempt).

Hours of subsidised care will be determined by the parent with the lowest hours of activity (e.g. if one parent is working 50 hours a week and the other is working 20 hours a week – it will be the lower activity that will determine how many hours of subsidised care the family is entitled to).

Hours of activity

Hours of Activity (per fortnight)	Hours of subsidy* (maximum)
Fewer than 8 with income above $66,958 pa	0
Fewer than 8 with income less than $66,958 pa	24
At least 8 but no more than 16	36
More than 16 but no more than 48	72
More than 48	100

*per child

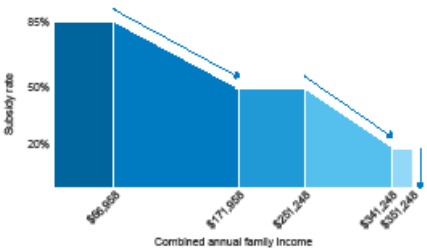
⚠ **Don't underestimate how much activity you do!**

Time taken to travel between your child care service and your place of work, training, study, or other recognised activity is also included.

There are exemptions from the activity test requirements, including:

- 24 hours of subsidised care per fortnight will be available for children from families on a combined family income less than $66,958 pa.
- Families may be entitled to 36 hours of subsidised care per fortnight if the child attends a kindergarten or preschool program at a centre-based day care in the year before they start school (that is two years before grade one of school).

Rates of subsidy



- New hourly rate cap of $10.29 per hour for Outside School Hours Care.
- In most cases, the subsidy will be paid direct to childcare providers, meaning you only pay the difference between the fee charged by your service and the amount subsidised by the government.
- 5 per cent of your weekly Child Care Subsidy entitlement will be withheld by the Government. Following reconciliation of your tax return at the end of the financial year any amount owing to you will be paid as a lump sum by the Government. If you have been paid too much Child Care Subsidy, you will have a debt to repay.

Changes to the annual subsidy cap

- If your combined family income is $186,958 pa or less, there is no annual cap on the amount of subsidy you can receive.
- If your family earns more than this (between $186,958 and $351,248 pa) the cap will be $10,000 per year, per child.

Special circumstances

A new Additional Child Care Subsidy (ACCS) will replace the Special Child Care Benefit, JFA and Grandparent Child Care Benefit. The ACCS provides a higher level of subsidy than the regular Child Care Subsidy, in recognition of the circumstances the child and/or family is facing.

All references to figures may be subject to indexation each financial year.

There are also eligibility requirements to receive Child Care Subsidy for your child (such as immunisation and residency requirements).

Eligibility is explained further at https://www.humanservices.gov.au/individuals/services/centrelink/child-care-subsidy

What have we been learning?

Yellow Learning Community

Yellow Room looked through their writing books to give you a glimpse of their writing and how they use different texts to suit the reader. We hope that you enjoy our work.

Ruby's Wish

Performed at the State theatre on Friday May 11th Ruby's wish is a funny show about a girl named Ruby. Ruby was in the hospital, she had one wish to meet Katie Perry. The characters were hilarious. It was a funny show that made me laugh.

Jake Vella

Ruby's Wish.

Performed at the State theatre on Friday May 11th Ruby's wish is an excellent show. It is about a girl Ruby, she had one wish to meet Katie Perry. The actors made me laugh and laugh.

Jaxon Zammit

Ruby's Wish

Performed at the State theatre on Friday May 11th Ruby's wish is the happy production about a sick little girl named Ruby. She had a wish to meet Katie Perry. It was set at a hospital. Ruby was very sick and she is a puppet. She lost her tooth so she flew up in a paper crane and hung her tooth up in the sky so she got her wish. Ruby's Wish cast are funny, talented, professional and hilarious. People were doing Aus-land on the side.

Madison Courtice

What have we been learning?

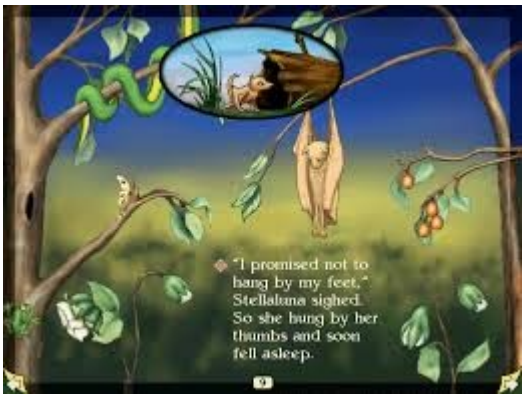
Yellow Learning Community

Stellauna by Jaskrian Kaur

It was a dark, dark night when Stellaluna and her Mum were flying. Suddenly! an owl appeared. Stellaluna was scared, her Mum dropped Stellaluna into a birds nest and she had to eat bugs. She found a tree, her Mum smelled her, it was Stellaluna.

Stellaluna by Indie Drake – Leaf

The bat was lost and she wanted her Mum but there was an owl and she was lost. She found her Mum and her Mum smelled her .



Stellaluna by Sehaj Kaur

It was a dark night and Stellaluna found her mother.