



Newsletter

FOR YOUR
DIARIES

ISSUE 1

FRIDAY 8TH FEBRUARY,

LABOUR DAY

Monday 11th
February

MPSSA SUMMER SPORTS

Friday 22nd
February

(Grades 4- 6)

MPSSA SUMMER SPORTS

Friday 1st March

(Grades 4- 6)

Principal's Message

I would like to welcome everyone to 2019. We have had an amazing start to the school year. Our 35 Preps have settled in very well and they are on their way to becoming wonderful and inquisitive learners.

Our current enrolment sits at just over 160 students, which is nearly 100 more than when I started in this role in the middle of 2016.

This year we are focusing on our School Wide Positive Behaviour Support (SWPBS) framework and teaching students about our expectations in Term 1. Putting things in context, we teach literacy and numeracy in a way that if students don't understand something we provide them with scaffolds to improve. Yet, when a child makes a poor choice we punish behaviours and expect different results next time. Where is the teaching of these skills? Why don't we use the same approach as we would where people are learning any other skill? SWPBS will enable us to correct behaviours and focus on positivity and growth mindset. Consequences will still be present for poor choices, but the teaching and support after such events will help to provide a point of refer-

ence when faced with the same situation, ultimately correcting the behavior.

Parent Info Afternoon

We will have a Parent Information Afternoon on Thursday 21st February from 3.30pm. Each teaching team will present the expectations of each year level and you will be able to ask the teachers questions. Each session will run for about 20 minutes and will be repeated to enable parents to visit more than one session if you have children in multiple grades. More information for this will be available soon.

School Council

We are now taking School Council Nominations at the Office. Parents on School Council meet once a month to discuss school operations, support school activities and help with decision making. All parents are welcome to nominate for School Council. See Sharon or myself in the Office for more information.

After School Care

We are in danger of losing our After School Care Program as people are not currently engaging



Grade 1 students enjoying their learning

with the service. We had about 5 students in the program last year and need this to increase if we are to continue to provide the service. Camp Australia may also offer Before School Programs to those of you who need it, but there are currently no families asking for this, which means it is not available.

Have a great weekend.

Darryl Spiteri

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Jazmin Bencich
Grade 4—6
Classroom Teacher

Meet Our New Staff

Hello my name is Jazmin Bencich and this year I have the pleasure to be teaching 46B also known as the Silver room. I would like to say a huge thank you to the teachers, families and students of Rockbank for making me feel so welcome! I have been extremely lucky to be back teach-

ing at Rockbank after my short few weeks last year. As its only my second year of teaching I still have lots of new knowledge to learn and can't wait to share all my ideas with the school community. One of my passions aside from teaching is to travel. In saying that

over the Christmas Holidays I had a white wintry start to my new year in Paris. I adore my little puppy Milo, as you will all soon find out. I am very excited for this year and can't wait to see all our students learn and grow!

REMINDERS FROM THE OFFICE

Bank Account details for direct deposits

We encourage any payments to be made via direct deposit,.

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

Please make sure you put your child's name and what payment is for in the description part of deposit.

Celebrating Birthdays

We encourage birthday celebrations involving food to take place outside of school hours, but recognise there are times when this cannot occur. If you decide to bring treats to school to celebrate your child's birthday, we ask that the ingredients be provided please. ***We also ask that only individual cakes, like cupcakes, muffins etc., or individual lolly bags be provided.***



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Angela Mitten

Student Wellbeing
Coordinator



A Word from Wellbeing

Managing Separation Anxiety

Many children begin the school year with a sense of excitement about what the New Year might bring. Some children, however, do struggle with change, and separation anxiety can occur at this time. This is a time when children are getting used to new friends, new routines, new teachers and even a new school. Sometimes children who have previously had no worries about going to school can suddenly become clingy and teary. Here are some tips to help manage separation anxiety.

1. Be organised yourself so you can start the day calmly.
2. Model a sense of calm and confidence to your child. Tune in to yourself and check your own level of anxiety. Children are very perceptive and will sense how you feel.
3. Children will generally be less fearful when they know what to expect. Explain what the morning routine will be and stick to it. Read the school newsletter and stay in touch with Flexibuzz and SeeSaw so you can keep up to date with school events and expectations.
4. We promote a Growth Mindset at Rockbank. Growth Mindset is knowing that change and trying new things can be difficult but with persistence we
 - grow our skills and can handle more complex challenges.
5. When it is time to go:
 - Do not tell your child that you are leaving and then hang around as this can prolong the period of anxiety for your child.
 - Say goodbye and tell your child you will be back to pick him/her up when school finishes.
 - Resist the urge to sneak away without saying goodbye.
 - Resist the urge to hover outside and peek through windows. If you are concerned you can always call the school later to ask if your child has settled.
 - Help your child to make connections with other children by inviting children that your child enjoys spending time with to play out-of-school hours.
 - Children need to attend school regularly in order to form positive relationships at school. While it might seem easier to keep them home on occasion, this may also set up patterns of avoidance.
 - If your child is upset, please let a staff member know. We have lots of strategies in place to support students who are worried in the mornings. We try and provide students with a 'warm' start to the day so they feel safe and secure at Rockbank PS.

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Announcements

January Birthdays

Happy birthday to the following students who celebrated a birthday in January:



Masson Beardmore
Deluca Romeo
Sehaj Kaur
Jaxon Zammit
Fathehveer Cheema

Kevin Dindyal
Jasleen Kaur
Silvia Bosevska
Jake Vella



Attendance

A reminder our school day start at 8:50am and the students are dismissed at 3:15pm each day.

It is important to be at school and on time every day.

- If a student arrives after 9.00am, they are to come to the office for a late pass before going to class.
- If students are picked up prior to 3:15pm, please advise us prior, and they will be marked as leaving school early.
- If your child is going to be absent from school please call the office on 9747 1210 between 8:30am and 8:50am. Alternatively, you can utilise the FlexiBuzz app to advise of your child's absence.



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Parent/Teacher Forums

We will be having a meet and greet for parents/carers on Thursday 21st February after school .

This is an opportunity to meet your child's classroom teacher and get some information about what the school year will look like for each learning community.

Further information and details will be in a letter home next week.

Financial Assistance

The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF) helps ensure that no student will miss out on the opportunity to join their classmates for important, educational and fun activities.

To be eligible for the fund, a parent or legal guardian must:

- a) Be a holder of a Veterans Affairs Gold Card or be an eligible Centrelink Health Care Card or Pensioner Concession Card holder, OR
- b) Be a temporary foster parent, and;
- c) Submit an application to the school as soon as possible.

Please see the office for forms and further information.

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School Wide Positive Behaviour Support

Rockbank Primary School takes a whole-school approach to creating a positive, safe and supportive school climate in which all students, including students with additional needs, can learn and develop. We follow a School Wide Positive Behaviour Support (SWPBS) model.

One of the essential features of this model is to clarify expected behaviours. We proactively teach these behaviours and most importantly, they show students how they can be successful.

Below is our school matrix which outlines our school wide expectations.



Our School Wide Expectations

2019

	LEARNING TIME	COMMUNICATION	OUTSIDE
 <small>WE ARE RESPECTFUL</small>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use learning time to learn • Use manners • Hand up to speak • Focus on yourself 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inside voice • Use kind words • Listen to others 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use the bins • Follow the game rules • On time to class • Equipment away
 <small>WE ARE LEARNERS</small>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use a growth mindset • Be ready for learning • Allow others to learn • ICT is for learning 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ask for help • Share ideas • Be present 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use break times for toilet • Use break times for drink • On time to class • Music means break time is over
 <small>WE VALUE TOGETHERNESS</small>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All voices are heard • Respect different opinions • Include others 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use people's names • Use kind tone • Listen to others 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Line up calmly and quietly • Use Buddy Bench • Include others • Use kind words
 <small>WE ARE SAFE</small>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hands and feet to self • Be where staff can see • Leave with permission • Use furniture appropriately 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use kind words • Permission before posting online • Keep personal details offline • Speak up if you feel unsafe 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Be where staff can see you • Hands and feet to self • Speak up if you feel unsafe

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Specialist Timetable

Day	Subject	Notes
Monday	Art (Prep/1) STEM (Prep—3)	Please ensure Prep/1 students have an art smock or old clothing to wear above their uniform.
Tuesday	Art (2—6) STEM (4—6)	
Wednesday	P.E. (Prep—3) AUSLAN (Prep—6)	Please ensure Prep—3 students have appropriate footwear for P.E.
Thursday	P.E. (4—6) AUSLAN (Prep/1)	Please ensure grade 4—6 students have appropriate footwear for P.E.
Friday	There are no specialist classes on Friday's.	



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FlexiBuzz

We use the FlexiBuzz App to send instant messages, newsletters and notices. This app will help our school keep you fully informed and up to date with newsletters, notices, news and events.

Downloading is easy ...

iPhone and iPad. Go to the Apple App Store and search FlexiBuzz.

Android smartphone and tablet. Go to Google play and search FlexiBuzz.

For existing users, please ensure you are connected to the correct user groups for 2019.



Icy Poles

Icy poles and ice creams are sold every Wednesday & Friday from our school canteen at 11:10am.

They are \$1

Uniform



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

Hats are compulsory in Terms 1 & 4.

Our uniform supplier is PSW Quality Apparel in Westwood Drive, Deer Park. Beanies and caps are also available for purchase at our school office.

All stock AT PSW with our old school logo is now 50% off.



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SEESAW



Seesaw

Seesaw is a digital portfolio that captures student learning. Students can use photos, videos, drawings, text notes, links to show what they know.

Each student has been sent home with an invite to Seesaw, with a unique QR code. Please follow the instructions to connect.

If you have not seen, or lost your QR code, please see the front office to organise a new one.

SCHOOL TIMES



The school yard is supervised from 8.30am and students should not be in the school grounds before this time. At 8.50am the bell rings and children make their way inside to their classroom to get organised for the start of lessons. Children are expected to be punctual and to be ready to start the day at 9am when the second bell is rung. School is dismissed at 3:15pm

Between 9am and 3:15pm is learning time for all students. We ask that parents drop off and pick up their children at the outside classroom door and not be in the classrooms during learning time.

If you need to speak with a teacher, please make a time to see them outside learning hours.

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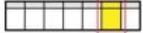
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Break Time Activities

One of a number of strategies we use to set our students up for success during break times outside, is giving them the opportunity to join planned active activities. These activities are run by our Student Leaders and Education Support staff.



Break time activities
2019

Day	Break 1	Break 2
<p>M </p>  <p>Monday</p>	  <p>basketball with Nate</p>	  <p>Grades 4 - 6 skipping with Rita</p>
<p>Tu </p>  <p>Tuesday</p>		  <p>fitness club with Brodie</p>
<p>W </p>  <p>Wednesday</p>	  <p>netball with Irae</p>	  <p>giant games with Sharon</p>
<p>Th </p>  <p>Thursday</p>	  <p>knockout with Dylan</p>	  <p>Grades prep - 3 skipping with Diane</p>
<p>Fri </p>  <p>Friday</p>	  <p>music with Kathy</p>	  <p>team games with Thai</p>

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Notes Home

Please remember to ask your child each night if there are any letters or notes from school.

Often, our correspondence home will be asking for payments or parent consent by a certain date. Any payments need to be in the provided envelope with your child's details. As per our Events Policy, late submissions cannot be accepted.

'Late submissions will not

be accepted as it takes significant time and effort to organise and approve events. The office needs to complete a range of administrative and financial tasks that enable the correct Student Permission Form to be ready for distribution to families.'

We thank all our families in advance for your adherence and understanding of this process.

Parking

Our car park is very busy at school drop off and pick up times; it is important that everyone drives slowly and maintains calm when picking up children. We want all our students to be safe. If you live nearby, please consider walking to school or try carpooling if walking is not an option.

Also, we have three drop off and pick up spaces at the very front of the school. These are **not** parking spaces. They are drop off spaces only – parents must remain in their car and move on quickly to allow for a smooth flow of traffic.



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Celebrating Our Successes

House Points—Term 1

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	1910
Peacock	1210
Fisher	1930
Harrison	1690

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



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.

Class	Week Ending : 1st February	Week Ending: 8th February
Prep/1 Yellow Miss Mundie	Eli Rodger-Blyth	Haragam Singh
Prep/1 Blue Miss Bull	Annabella Swasbrick	Ojusvee Goel
Prep/1 Purple Miss Lane	Jackson Courtice	Damian Skelaj
2/3 Orange Mrs Niemiecki	Noah Houli	Braydan Bloor
2/3 Green Mrs Lehane	Alexander Ibrahim	Gracy Nguyen
4—6 Gold Miss Zemunic	Mia Harris	
4—6 Silver Miss Bencich	Aiden Mwaura	Osman El-Houli

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**EVERY
SCHOOL DAY
COUNTS**

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



If your child is sick or absent, you are required to notify the school as soon as possible on the day of absence, by FlexiBuzz or phone.

2019 stats at 07/02/2019

<p>Our Goal:</p> <p>All students will have at least 95% attendance all year .</p>	<p>Current school wide student average:</p> <p>82% </p>
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Number of students with **100% attendance** so far in term 1

90

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

Year to date classroom statistics

Blue (Prep/1)	67%
Yellow (Prep/1)	76%
Purple (Prep/1)	76%
Green (2/3)	77%
Orange (2/3)	87%
Silver (4-6)	95%
Gold (4-6)	94%

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

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Social Media



www.rockbankps.vic.edu.au



<https://www.facebook.com/RockbankPS/>



<https://twitter.com/RockbankPrimary>



<https://www.instagram.com/rockbankps/>

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**FOSTER CARE
INFORMATION SESSION
THURSDAY 7TH
FEBRUARY 6.30PM**



**DO YOU HAVE ROOM IN YOUR HEART
FOR A CHILD IN NEED?**

Please call Anglicare Victoria

9396 7400

Carer.info@anglicarevic.org.au

**BETTER
TOMORROWS**

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Calling all primary school aged kids to join in for Athletic sprints.

Term 1 2019 is time for kids to roll up their sleeves and run...and run!

Great way to build your stamina, fitness and develop team spirit!

Also make new friends while learning the techniques that make a good runner!

This program is for 8-12 years old & supported by Reclink Australia.

BOOK EARLY! Don't miss out!

DETAILS:

WHEN:
Monday 11 Feb -1 April

TIME:
3.30pm -4.30pm

WHERE:
Ian Cowie Reserve, Westcott Parade
Rockbank

COST:

Free

BOOK ONLINE:
Meltonlearning.com.au

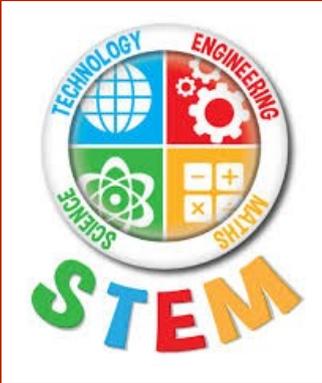
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What have we been learning?



S.T.E.M.

STEM is an approach to learning and development that integrates the areas of science, technology, engineering and mathematics.

Through STEM, students develop key skills including:

- problem solving
- creativity
- critical analysis
- teamwork
- independent thinking
- initiative
- communication
- digital literacy

The frequent progression in technology are changing the way students learn, connect and interact every day. The skills that are developed and harnessed, by students through STEM provide them with the support to succeed at school and beyond.

STEM as a subject empowers students with the skills to succeed and adapt to this changing world.



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