



Newsletter

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DIARIES

ISSUE 4

FRIDAY 22ND MARCH

SCIENCE- WORKS EXCURSION

Wednesday 27th
March

(Grades 4—6)

SAUSAGE SIZZLE FUNDRAISER

Friday 29th March

TABLOID SPORTS

Friday 29th March

(Grades Prep—2)

LAST DAY TERM 1

Friday 5th March

(2:30pm finish)

Principal's Message

We have two more weeks until we conclude Term 1. The last day of school will be Friday April 5th and we will dismiss the students at 2.30pm after we have an assembly at 2.15pm. This term has flown and we are all looking forward to a well earned break.

Harmony Day

Today, we celebrated Harmony Day as a school with a parade and activities in the classroom that reflect our cultural diversity. It was wonderful to see so many parents present and to see so many children wearing National Costumes or the colour orange, which is the official colour of Harmony. Harmony Day is in its 20th year and is celebrated to reinforce with children that Australia is a highly successful multicultural society that contains many different nationalities and religions. We can learn a lot from the ways children interact with others, especially in the ways that they don't see race or colour.

Hatching Chicks

Mrs Niemiecki's class has had the privilege of caring for a number of chicks. They have been witnessing them hatching and have been very

excited and proud to be part of this wonderful experience. Check out our Facebook and Instagram accounts to see more photos of this experience.

NAPLAN

Students in Year 3 and Year 5 are currently in preparation for their NAPLAN tests, which will take place in Term 2. NAPLAN is an annual National Test for students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9. They are tested in their ability to complete tasks in Reading, Grammar, Spelling, Writing and Mathematics. The NAPLAN tests are spread over 3 days and students will complete the tests under test conditions. Students may be exempt or withdrawn from NAPLAN if they meet certain criteria. We encourage all of our students to participate in NAPLAN as it gives us some excellent data to help improve student outcomes. If you would like further information, please give me a call or come and see me at the start of Term 2.

Have a great weekend.

Darryl Spiteri

Principal



Thanks Henny Penny Hatching,
we love watching chicks hatch!

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Nerida West
AUSLAN
Specialist Teacher

Meet Our New Staff

Hi everyone!

It's been so lovely starting work at Rockbank Primary School and meeting all the staff and students. Everyone has made me feel so welcome.

I am teaching Auslan here two days a week. I've enjoyed teaching the students new signs

and playing lots of fun games with all the grades.

I have been a classroom teacher for a long time and have taught at a few different schools in the Western suburbs.

In my spare time, I like spending time with my two children and going on lots of long walks

with my Great Dane Scooby. I also play the French horn in a community concert band called Westgate Concert Band.

I'm looking forward to getting to know all the families in the school!

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.

Easter Raffle

Donations Please!

It is almost time for our annual Easter raffle. Being a small school, we are always appreciative of the generosity of our parent and friends.

Any donations (e.g. eggs, baskets etc.) to help make up our raffle prizes, would be much appreciated.



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Angela Mitten

Student Wellbeing
Coordinator



A Word from Wellbeing

Talking with Children about Traumatic Events

When traumatic events happen our instinct can be to shield our children from the effects. This is completely understandable. We want them to grow up believing that the world is good. We also want them to feel safe, and avoiding a discussion isn't necessarily the way to make this happen. Older kids will know when something big has happened, whether you're the one who tells them or not. Knowing something has happened, but not having anybody to explain things, is really scary.

All kids are different. They need different information to feel safe, they look for a different level of detail and they are impacted by different parts of the story. Nobody knows your kids better than you do, so it's important to manage the conversation based on who they are, what they already know, and what it means for them.

The most important question

Whatever their age, there is likely to be one thought at the front of their minds – "What about me?" This is normal and healthy and part of the way they will process what has happened. They need to understand the situation or news in terms of what it means to them and their own safety and well-being. Let this guide your response.

Let them know that what they're feeling makes sense

Whether they feel nothing at all or very deeply, let your kids know that whatever they're feeling is completely okay. If they see that you can accept what they're feeling, it will be easier for them to do the same.

Name what you see or hear from them

Saying things like, "Oh, don't worry," or, "Don't be silly – nothing like that will happen here," though said with the best of intentions, can actually make kids worry more. It might also cause them to feel shame, which will only make them shut down. They'll still feel what they're feeling and think what they're thinking, but you just won't find out about it. Let them know that you get their feelings by reflecting back to them – "I can see you're feeling scared. That's completely understandable. It's a frightening thing to happen."

This is an abridged version of a more detailed article about talking with children about trauma. If you would like to read the full article you can find it here:

<https://www.theparentingplace.com/how-to-talk-about/world-trauma/>

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Student Leadership Conference

As part of building the leadership skills of our Student Leadership Team, our School Captains and House Captains went to the Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre for a National Young Leaders Day on March 13th.

The day consisted of presentations, interactive activities discussions and leadership games. The goal is that our student leaders leave the conference with a clear vision, a solid understanding and dozens of ideas for their time as a leader.



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Announcements

March Birthdays

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

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|-----------------|-------------------|----------------|
| Kiarah Pace | Gracy Nguyen | Annalise Romeo |
| Japman Dhaliwal | Aajoy Bains | Karina Simmons |
| Emilee Harrison | Aiden Mwaura | Dylan Koochew |
| Benji Cleghorn | Harman Waraich | |
| Ekam Bhowan | Jaydrien Chand | |
| | Maddison Harrison | |



National Day of Action Against Bullying and Violence



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Tabloid Sports—Grades Prep—2



On Friday 29th March, our Grade Prep—2 students will be participating in tabloid sports activities in session 4 (12:40—1:40pm).

They will enjoy a range of activities including bean bag toss, sack races, relays and basketball shots.

Students are welcome to come to school dressed in their house colours.

Please also remember to ensure students are dressed in appropriate footwear, and have a water bottle.

B.B.Q. Lunch Fundraiser

Special Lunch Orders—Sausage Sizzle



When:	Friday 29th March	
Cost:	Sausage in bread	\$1 each
	Pop Top Drinks	\$1 each

Orders to be clearly written on an envelope with name and class and correct money enclosed and handed to teacher by 9:00am on the 29th.

No Late orders accepted.

All proceeds going towards new playground equipment

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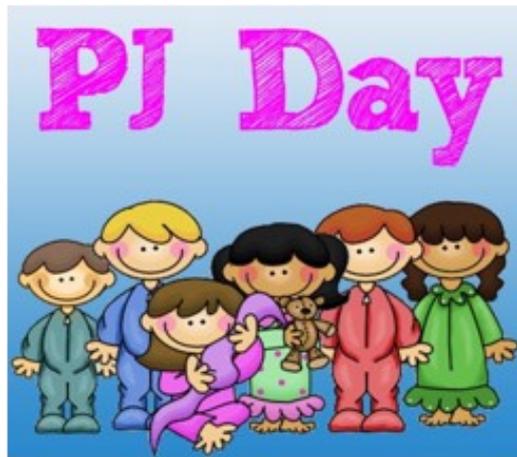
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PJ DAY

On 1st of April we are having a PJ day at Rockbank Primary School. It is a gold coin donation to fundraise for the grade 6 day out. |



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JOIN IN. GET ACTIVE!

PREMIER'S ACTIVE APRIL 2019




Get active this April with our brand new workout videos!
You can also use the new Activity Timer, all available on our Active April app for iOS & Android.

YOUR SCHOOL CAN WIN:

- ▶ Visits from high profile athletes at your school
- ▶ Bike education courses at your school

IT'S FREE & FUN FOR EVERYONE

Aim for 30 minutes of physical activity a day during April. Enjoy great benefits and win awesome prizes for you and your school.

REGISTER TO GET:

- ▶ 10 free passes at your local YMCA or access to a local government recreation facility
- ▶ 30% discount at SEA LIFE Melbourne Aquarium and LEGOLAND Discovery Centre Melbourne
- ▶ One 2 for 1 ticket offer for Otway Fly Treetop Adventures
- ▶ 10% discount at Sovereign Hill
- ▶ 15% discount at Sportsmart in store and online
- ▶ Free experiences at participating Parks Victoria parks
- ▶ 15% discount for a Coasting, Stand Up Paddleboarding session
- ▶ 15% off Rock Up Netball Train and Youth Programs
- ▶ 20% discount for Netball Victoria community clinics
- ▶ One 2 for 1 green fee offer at participating Golf Victoria courses
- ▶ 10% discount on term 2 My Golf Junior Programs
- ▶ Five free group dance lessons at a participating DanceSport Victoria centre
- ▶ One free Cardio Tennis trial at participating Tennis Victoria courts
- ▶ One hour free tennis court hire at Melbourne Park or Albert Reserve
- ▶ Entry into the draw to win tickets to 2020 Australian Open Tennis Finals*

Register today – activeapril.vic.gov.au

Follow us on:   

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*2020 Australian Open Tennis Finals tickets are subject to availability. Tickets are available for purchase from the 2020 Open Tennis website.

*Not eligible for Victorian Government's Closing Hours Allowance.

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School Wide Positive Behaviour Support

Responding to Inappropriate Behaviour

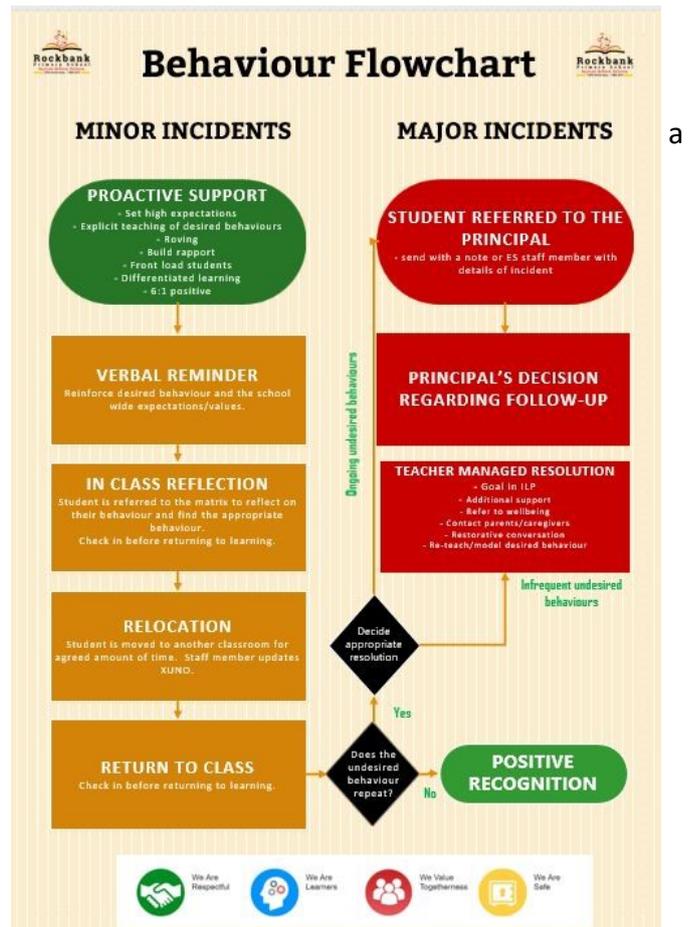
“Punishing students doesn’t teach them the right way to act”

George Sugai, 2005

At Rockbank Primary School, we have developed a continuum of procedures for discouraging inappropriate behaviour that focuses on teaching, helping students to learn the desired behaviour and when to appropriately use them.

One of the most effective approaches is to view inappropriate behaviour as teaching opportunity to clarify and re-teach expectations.

Our behaviour flowchart begins with making a distinction between behaviours that are serious enough for to warrant an office referral and those which can and should be managed by staff within the context of the classroom setting.



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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	10790
Peacock	8710
Fisher	11170
Harrison	8570

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.

15th March



Imogen Silva
Missen House

22nd March



Alex Ibrahim
Fisher House

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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 : 15th March	Week Ending: 22nd March
Prep/1 Yellow Miss Mundie	Sukhman Singh	Mia Marin
Prep/1 Blue Miss Bull	Ruby Singh	Silvia Bojevaska
Prep/1 Purple Miss Lane	Davinder Guraya	Avleen Nagra
2/3 Orange Mrs Niemiecki	Sukham Thakur	Jacob Balshaw
2/3 Green Mrs Lehane	Lionor Selman	Tripjot Saini
4—6 Gold Miss Zemunic	Sophie McDonough	
4—6 Silver Miss Bencich	Karina Simmons	Anneliese Kolak

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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 21/03/2019

<p>Our Goal:</p> <p>All students will have at least 95% attendance all year .</p>	<p>Current school wide student average:</p> <p>88% </p>
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Number of students with **100% attendance** so far in term 1

22

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)	88%
Yellow (Prep/1)	88%
Purple (Prep/1)	88%
Green (2/3)	85%
Orange (2/3)	89%
Silver (4-6)	88%
Gold (4-6)	87%

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

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Kids Dance Classes

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AGED 2+ IN ALL STYLES OF
DANCE: JAZZ, BALLET, TAP & ACRO
FREE TRIAL
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SCHOOL HALL

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MELTON CHRISTIAN COLLEGE
STEADFAST AND STRONG

OPEN DAY

SATURDAY 30 MARCH, 2019
10AM - 2PM

Please register your attendance online at
www.mcc.vic.edu.au/enrolments

EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST NOW OPEN FOR 2021

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Vacation Care Program Autumn 2019



Program Details

Who

The program is open to all primary school aged children.

Program Hours

6.30am – 6.30pm.

Monday to Friday, during school holidays.

Location

Bridge Road Children's & Community Centre
260 Bridge Road, Strathtulloh.

Cost

\$70 per day (prior to Child Care Subsidy being applied)
Excursions and Incursions will incur an additional cost.

Enrolment Opens

8.30am Tuesday, 12 March 2019

Enrolments Close

5.00pm Friday, 30 March 2019

Bookings submitted after this date will only be accepted at Supervisor's discretion and incur a \$21 late enrolment fee

Contact

E: vacationcareprogram@melton.vic.gov.au
Ph: 9747 7200 Website: melton.vic.gov.au



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Monday, 8 April

Autumn Life

Discover nature's ever changing colours.

Tuesday, 9 April

Ballarat Eureka Centre

Excursion Charge \$32

Depart 9am Return 3pm

Join a guided tour and learn about the history of the Eureka Stockade

Wednesday, 10 April

Music Mayhem

Disco, Disco, Disco. Time to move and make some noise.

Thursday, 11 April

Dinosaur Dig

Incursion Charge \$22

Become a paleontologist and dig for your own dinosaur bones.

Friday, 12 April

Sports Day

Funny relays and active circuits. Team work is a must today.

Monday, 15 April

Discover Science

Incursion Charge \$22

Make your own bouncy ball, giant bubbles and enjoy a visit from our Library staff.

Tuesday, 16 April

Surfs Up

The Rip Curl Pro is on at Bells so let's learn more about surfing. Waves not included.

Wednesday, 17 April

Edgars Mission Farm

Excursion Charge \$32

Depart 9am Return 3pm

Visit the farm that is rescuing farm animals in need of sanctuary.

Thursday, 18 April

Hopping Bunnies

Activities aplenty to lead us into the Easter long weekend.

Friday, 19 April

Program Closed – Good Friday Public Holiday

* Activities are subject to change

BOOK EARLY! Don't miss out!

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What have we been learning?

Yellow—Prep/1 Classroom

Yellow room enjoyed their trip to Werribee Zoo and wrote a wall story together about their experiences.



On Friday we lined up and got on the bus.

The bus took us to the Werribee Zoo.

We had a snack and a little look at the animals.

Then we had a lesson about habitats.

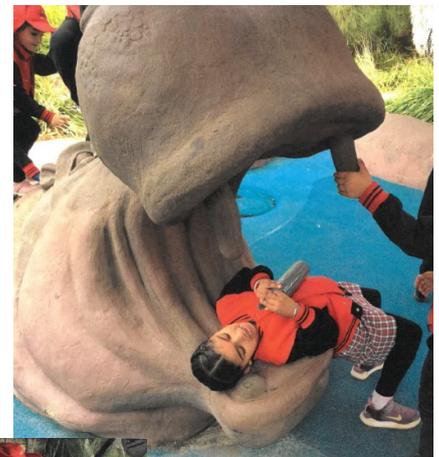
After that it was lunch time.

After another look around we went on the Safari Bus. We saw ostriches, camels, giraffes and rhinos.

We got to choose between a little play or more looking.

We got back on the bus and came back to school.

What an adventure!



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