



# Newsletter

FOR YOUR  
DIARIES

ISSUE 11

FRIDAY 26TH JULY

## Principal's Message



### DISCO FUNDRAISER

Friday 16th August

### BOOK WEEK

Monday 19th—  
Friday 23rd August

### GRADE 2/3 CAMP

Thursday 22nd—  
Friday 23rd August

Welcome back to another term and haven't we hit the ground running? In the first two weeks of school we've introduced a new 3/4 class, celebrated 100 Days of Prep and had a trip to the zoo for our 4-6 students. In the next few weeks we have our Big Day Out for our P-1 students, overnight camp for our Year 2-3s and an exciting Disco.

#### Parking

A reminder that you need to observe the new signage in relation to parking around our school. Failure to follow these signs could result in fines between \$81-\$161. Please help us to keep our students safe and exercise patience in the car park.

#### Possible Bus Service

I have had a meeting with a local bus company about trying to start up a pick up and drop off service to Woodlea and Thornhill Park. We are currently in the process of working out a suitable route. This will be a service that parents will need to pay for in advance if you would like your children on the bus. More details will be provided once costs have been established.

#### 100 Days of Prep

Congratulations to our Prep students who have just celebrated 100 wonderful days in Prep. It was a lovely day for our Preps who felt like rock stars as they paraded around with their crowns on. I would like to thank the teachers for organising the day and I would like to thank those parents who helped to set up, spent time with the students or brought along some food.

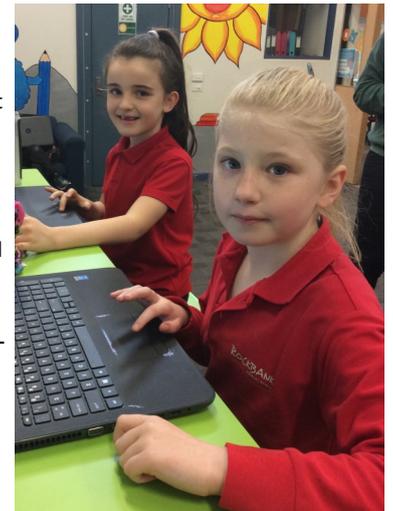
#### Excursions

Please ensure you have returned notes and money for excursions before the deadlines provided. Often, we have to pay for excursions up front and not paying on time may mean that your child will not be able to attend. We thank you for your understanding in this matter.

I hope you have a wonderful weekend.

**Darryl Spiteri**

**Principal**



Mia and Brigid working hard,  
researching their shapes.

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Dylan Koochew  
Fisher House  
Captain

## Meet Our 2019 Student Leaders

Hi—I'm Dylan. I've been at this school since Grade Prep. I've seen lots of teachers come and go. Lots of teachers have had babies.

I have had some leadership

experience before; I was one of the first peer mediators. This position has helped me talk in front of crowds. I have to sometimes present at assembly.

Grade 6 is the best year because we get lots of privileges that the little kids don't get like more excursions, selling ice-creams, and involvement in fundraisers.

### 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 include the family id (e.g. HAR001) and excursion id (e.g. SWIMMING) in the reference field when making a payment.



Our Prep students celebrated 100 days of school on Thursday.

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## A Word from Wellbeing

### Top Tips for Reading Success

A child's success as a reader begins much earlier than their first day of school. A love of reading begins in the home.

Here are some tips for you to share with parents on encouraging reading at home.

#### Create a special reading space

Creating an inviting space to read at home can be easy, fun and cost effective. Pick a quiet corner in your home, the cosier the better. Fill the nook with blankets, pillows and good lighting. Let the kids help decorate it, it can be a fun family activity.

#### Read in front of your kids

Lead by example. It's very important for children to see adults reading.

Pick up a book when you can. Talk to your children about something interesting you've read. Actions speak louder than words.

#### Make a wish list

Encourage your children to update their reading wish list often.

Having a list handy can be helpful when family and friends need some gift inspiration. Also, it will help decrease the amount of unwanted and unused books in your house.

#### Host a book swap party

Have your friends and family around to bring their used books or unwanted presents for a book swap party. This is a great way to save money on new reading material for your little ones.

It's also an easy way to shift books out of your home to make way for new ones!

#### Diversify the reading material

Try to include as much seasonal and diverse reading material as possible.

Broaden your child's horizons with books based on different cultures. It's also a good idea to try have books or magazines based on topics they're learning in school.

#### Keep Reading to Your Children

Once your child has started school continue to read to them. Many parents think that it is the child's time to read now that they are at school. Children benefit immensely from continuing to hear fluent, adult reading and also enjoy the snuggly routine of sharing a story together.

Most of all try to cultivate a love of learning and literature. It is life enriching on so many levels to enjoy and develop good reading habits.

*Angela Mitten*

*Student Wellbeing Coordinator*



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## Social Skills



Every day during 1st or 2nd break, an Education Support staff member runs an outside activity.

This can include: skipping, knitting, dancing, basketball, fitness group & giant games.

The aim is to give students a variety of activities to do and to keep them active at break times.

Many students participate in these activities; they can learn new skills, and mix with different students that they otherwise might not have had the opportunity to.



Nakita, Emilee and Anneliese enjoying the skipping activity



Music days are always a winner!



Grooving to some beats during dance club.

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## School Fundraising



ROCKBANK PRIMARY SCHOOL



FUNDRAISER DISCO

**This year we have a professional DJ**

**DJ Jords**

We will be holding a disco on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> August from 6.00pm – 8.00pm in the hall.

**All students and family welcome.**

\$10.00 per person – Includes entry, a drink, packet of chips and two glow sticks.

Drinks, Glow sticks and packets of chips will be available for purchase on the night \$1.00 each.

Payment can be paid prior to disco

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## School Production

Auditions were recently held for our School Production. We are excited to announce the complete cast for our production of Sing a Song of Sixpence at Quin Auditorium, Thursday October 31st, 2019.

### Sing a Song of Sixpence Cast

Character	Student	Grade
Narrator 1	Maddison Harrison	46A
Narrator 2	Nakita Davies	46B
Aunt	Mia Harris	46A
Uncle	Nate Bezzina	46B
Beadle	Ethan Jahoo	46A
Gilligren	Lerraine Linning	46A
Messenger	Tejay Debono	46A
Old Woman	Sophie McDonough	46A
Carter 1	Tanveer Bajwa	46A
Carter 2	Seth Savea	46A
Farmer	Dylan Koochew	46B
Farmer's Wife	Chezney Sigg	34A
Farmer's Child	Mia Middling	23B
Miller	Marija Arsova	46B
Guard 1	Osman El Houli	46B
Guard 2	Ash Aulakh	46A
Servant 1	Anneliese Kolak	46B
Servant 2	Madison Courtice	23B
Chef	Irae Savea	46B
Butler	Karina Simmons	46B
King	Aiden Mwaura	46B
Queen	Annalise Romeo	46B
Chancellor	Kirra Courtice	46A
Lord 1	Jackson Courtice	P1C
Lady 1	Avleen Nagra	P1C
Lord 2	Ekamveer Singh	23A
Lady 2	Arshpreet Guraya	23B

Blackbirds	Tanvi Rayabarapu	46A
	Tanya Rayabarapu	46B
	Abhijay Talluri	
	Mia Bosworth	
	Zakk Etemovic	
	Kiarah Pace	34A
	Alannah Sparshott	
	Marisa McMullen	
	Jasnoor Singh	
	Sanjana Ramachander	
Jujhar Singh		
Sukham Thakur		
Jasmeen Behniwal		
Jacintia Cameron		
Edward Munroe		
James Bloor		
Parwaan Aulakh	23A	
Gwyneth Munroe		
Ivy Spooner		
Jasmeen Kaur		
Inayat Kaur		
Gracy Nguyen	23B	
Jaskiran Kaur		
Cason Milne		
Manreet Kaur		
Charlotte Smith	P1A	



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## Cold & Flu Season

The Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) advise that influenza is increasing throughout Victoria. Schools are also reporting higher rates of students affected by influenza.

Responding to students affected by influenza:



- Students with cold or flu-like symptoms should seek medical attention. Common flu-like symptoms include a high fever, a cough, a runny nose, loss of appetite, body aches and feeling extremely weak and tired. Diagnosis should only be made by a medical practitioner.
- Any students with colds or flu-like symptoms should limit contact with others and stay at home until their symptoms have passed.
- If a student becomes ill at school with these symptoms, we will contact the family and arrange to pick up the student.
- Good general hygiene is the best defence against infection. We encourage students to wash their hands regularly. We ask that they cover their nose and mouth when sneezing and coughing.

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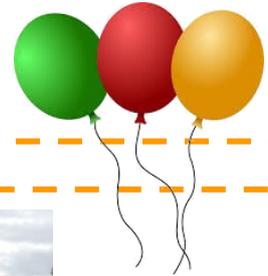


## Announcements

### July Birthdays

Happy birthday to the following students who celebrate a birthday in July.

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|--------------------|---------------|------------------|
| Charlee Debono     | Jai Pomare    | Eli Rodger-Blyth |
| Mia Emery          | Jacob Balshaw | Nate Bezzina     |
| Sukhman Singh Sohi | Avleen Nagra  | Damian Skelaj    |
| Jujhar Tamber      | Sukham Thakur | Lionor Selman    |
| Seth Savea         | Joshua Davies | Andy Cameron     |
| T.J. Harris        | Tejay Debono  |                  |
| Alok Thind         |               |                  |



Our grade 4 –6 students getting ready for their zoo excursion this morning.

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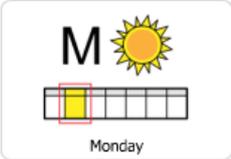
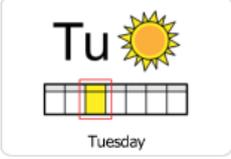
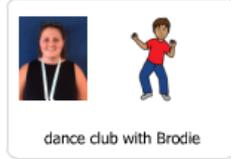
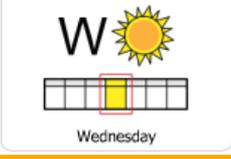
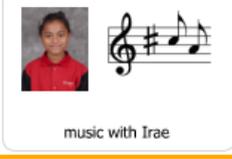
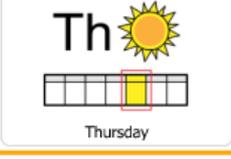
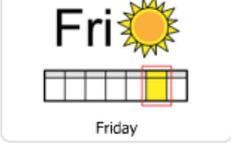
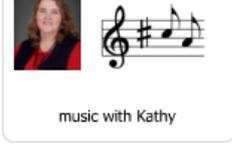
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## School Wide Positive Behaviour Support

As part of supporting students during break times, our House captains and Education Support staff run active activities during each break.

**Break time activities**  
Term 3 2019

Day	Break 1	Break 2
 Monday	 basketball with Nate	 Grades 4 - 6 skipping & knitting with Rita
 Tuesday	 basketball with Thai	 dance club with Brodie
 Wednesday	 music with Irae	 giant games with Sharon
 Thursday	 knockout with Dylan	 Grades prep - 3 skipping with Diane
 Friday	 music with Kathy	 volleyball with Nancy

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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.

<b>Missen</b>	<b>4570</b>
<b>Peacock</b>	<b>3330</b>
<b>Fisher</b>	<b>3500</b>
<b>Harrison</b>	<b>1910</b>

## 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.

19th July



**Guneet Grang**  
Harrison House

26th July



**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 : 19th July	Week Ending: 26th July
Prep/1 Yellow Miss Mundie	Jay Kilpatrick	Ashmeen Dhillon
Prep/1 Blue Miss Bull	Ekam Batth	Izzy Charlton-Crennan
Prep/1 Purple Miss Lane	Nicola Castillo	George Taufa
2/3 Orange Mrs Niemiecki	Dylan Wupper	
2/3 Green Mrs Lehane	Anayat Kaur	
3/4 Red Miss West/Ms Carmichael	Marisa McMullen	Tripjot Saini
4—6 Gold Miss Zemunic	Harman Gill	
4—6 Silver Miss Bencich	Talen Drake	Jamie Mayhew

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**EVERY  
SCHOOL DAY  
COUNTS**

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



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

## 2019 stats at 25/072019

<p><b>Our Goal:</b></p> <p>All students will have at least <b>95%</b> attendance all year .</p>	<p><b>Current school wide student average:</b></p> <p><b>88%</b> </p>
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**Number of students with 100% attendance in term 3**

**90**

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

Term 3 classroom statistics	
Blue (Prep/1)	79%
Yellow (Prep/1)	86%
Purple (Prep/1)	93%
Green (2/3)	88%
Orange (2/3)	78%
Red (3/4)	93%
Silver (4-6)	94%
Gold (4-6)	93%

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

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# Community News

The poster features three polaroid-style photos on the left: a child hanging from a tree branch with the text 'we play', a group of children sitting on the floor with an adult and a dog with the text 'we learn', and a sunset over a landscape with the text 'we belong'. On the right, a red shopping bag graphic contains the event title: 'NATIONAL ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER CHILDREN'S DAY'. Below the bag, a yellow box provides event details: 'Saturday 3rd August 11am-2pm Melton Community Hall 238 High St, Melton'. A list of activities includes 'Welcome to Country', 'Smoking Ceremony', 'Cultural activities', 'Melton Junior Football Club', 'Western Bulldogs', 'Animal Farm', 'Melbourne Victory Soccer Clinic', 'Raffle Prizes', 'Children's Day Show Bags', 'Face painting', 'Art & craft', 'Jumping Castle', 'Stalls', and 'FREE BBQ Lunch'. A green circle at the bottom right contains contact information: 'For more info contact Mac Woodman 9742 1000 wbecomm@vacca.org'. At the bottom, a row of logos lists supporters: VACCA, Kirribio, Council of St Laurence, Melton, The Salvation Army, djerriwarrh health services, NorthWestern District Health, and MacKillop Family Services.

**NATIONAL ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER CHILDREN'S DAY**

**Saturday 3rd August**  
11am-2pm  
Melton Community Hall  
238 High St, Melton

Welcome to Country • Smoking Ceremony  
• Cultural activities • Melton Junior Football Club • Western Bulldogs • Animal Farm • Melbourne Victory Soccer Clinic • Raffle Prizes • Children's Day Show Bags • Face painting • Art & craft • Jumping Castle • Stalls • FREE BBQ Lunch

...and more!

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# What have we been learning?

## Yellow—Prep/1 classroom

Yellow Room have been working on creating their own persuasive texts after reading the book 'I Want An Iguana'.

We thought and thought about what we wanted and the reasons why we should get what we wanted. Here are a few examples of our first attempts at this type of text.

Dear Mummy  
Please give me a little kitten.  
They are cute and funny.  
From your beautiful girl  
Love Mia  
And her name is Fluffy.

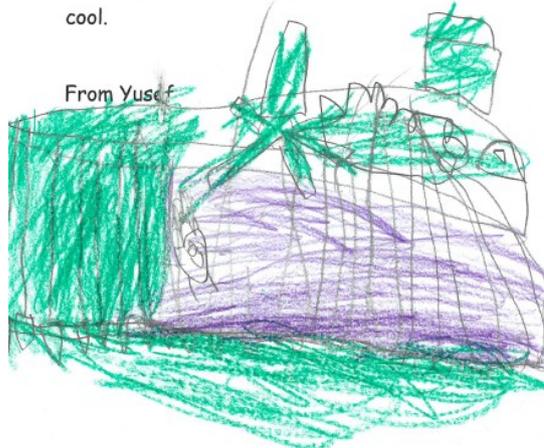


Dear Mum and Dad  
I want a pet fish.  
I will clean his fish tank.  
And I love Mum and Dad.  
And I be good and I will do my reading.  
From your loving son  
Haragam

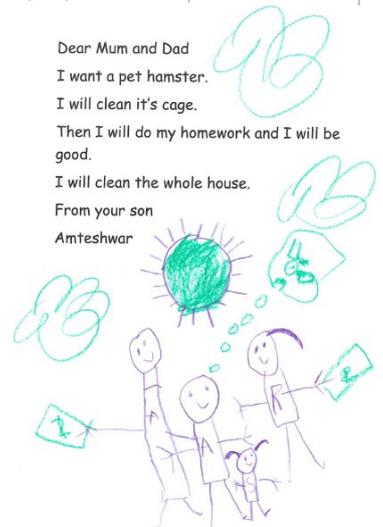


Dear Mum I want a mansion.  
Please Mum I want a mansion. It will be cool.

From Yusuf



Dear Mum and Dad  
I want a pet hamster.  
I will clean it's cage.  
Then I will do my homework and I will be good.  
I will clean the whole house.  
From your son  
Amteshwar



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