



Newsletter

FOR YOUR
DIARIES

ISSUE 14

FRIDAY 6TH SEPTEMBER

Principal's Message

PREP/I BIG NIGHT OUT

Friday 6th
September

LAST DAY TERM 3

Friday 20th
September

(2:30pm finish)

FIRST DAY TERM 4

Monday 7th
October

It has been a really busy couple of weeks since the last newsletter. We've had Father's Day, Book Week and the 2/3 Camp to Campaspe Downs.

Father's Day Morning

It was wonderful to see so many Fathers, Uncles and Grandads here last week for our Father's Day Literacy morning. We had over 65 parents here for the morning in which students shared a book with their guests. Some of the students taught their Dads how to play in the Gaga Pit and how to play Dodgeball. It was a fantastic morning and I thank all those who attended and the staff who made it happen. I would also like to thank all the parents who helped with the Father's Day stall. A special mention to Lyn Courtice who worked with Sharon A to organise the stall.

Book Week Parade

On Wednesday we had an amazing Book Parade to celebrate Book Week. Students came as Superheroes, Supervillains,

Unicorns and other characters from their favourite books. I would like to thank all the students for their participation, all the parents for helping their children to be prepared for the day and to Mrs Niemiecki for organising Book Week activities.

Campaspe Downs

I travelled with 36 of our Year 2/3 students to Campaspe Downs in Kyneton for our recent overnight camp. The students participated in the Possum Glider, Flying Fox, Archery and Low Ropes. It was a wonderful experience for all of our students. A huge thank you to Ragini, Rita, Mrs Lehane and Miss Bull for their attendance at camp.

Hats

Term 4 will be a term where students are required to wear hats in the yard. If they do not have a hat they will be unable to play and will need to stay under designated shade areas. Hats are available for purchase at the office with both the old and new



logo. Broad brimmed Hats with the old logo are available at a discounted price, but only come in a couple of sizes. Baseball Caps and non-school hats will not be permitted.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Darryl Spiteri
Principal



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Japji Kaur
Prep/I Blue
Class Captain

Meet Our 2019 Student Leaders

Hello, I'm Japji. I'm 6 years old and I love being the blue room class captain because I love solving

problems. I love Miss Bull and I love Rockbank Primary School. I like to play with my sister.

When I am at school I love writing and drawing the most and I like to play with my friends.

REMINDERS FROM THE OFFICE

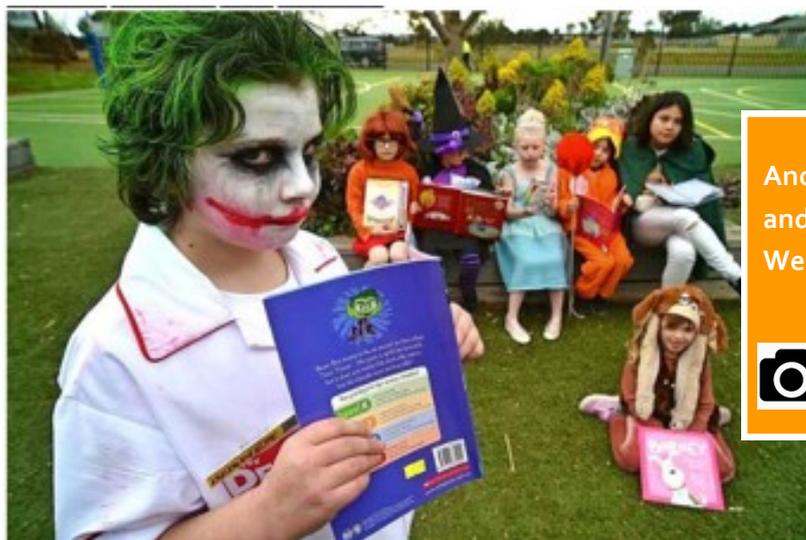
Bank Account details for direct deposits

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.

Characters come to life



Another great photo and article in the Star Weekly this week.



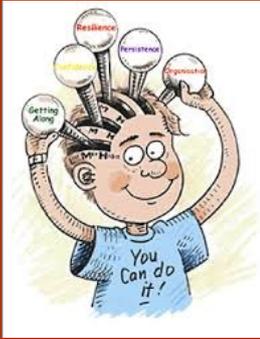
Joe Mastroianni

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Social Skills



Many students that we work with can find it difficult to concentrate for long periods of time. When the student gets fatigued from all of the effort that they have put into concentration it can cause negative behaviours to emerge in the classroom. To reduce the amount of incidences in the classroom these students may be given a “brain break”.

Brain breaks are for a short period of time. They can occur either inside the classroom, in the Education Support office, or outside of the classroom. Some students need a physical activity to help them, while others need more of a sensory activity. Some of these activities may include:

- Playing a ball game with a friend
- Using therapy putty or play dough
- Playing a quiet educational game
- Using kinetic sand
- Colouring in.



Alex loves the sensory benefits of kinetic sand.

The activities that the students engage in at these times are not only physically rewarding, but also educational. They work on gross motor skills, fine motor skills, and cognitive reasoning.

Even though it may seem like the student is being “rewarded” for negative behaviour, they are actually learning the skills to cope with stress, frustration, anxiety and fatigue. This generally helps in the classroom because students return to the room feeling calmer, relaxed, and ready to learn.

Kathy McPake

Education Support



Jackson and Imogen enjoy the 3-d puzzle. The puzzle helps them build their critical thinking and problem solving skills.

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School Production

Tickets are now available for our School Production on 31st October.

All tickets are \$20 each. *(Students are not required to purchase a ticket)*



This year's production is at the Quin Auditorium, Braybrook and will be allocated seating.

This means you'll need to get in quick to ensure that you'll get the best seats to experience this wonderful production.

Book at trybooking –



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School Wide Positive Behaviour Support

We strive to support all students by teaching and promoting positive behaviours school wide. We have four expectations which are enforced in all areas of the school on a daily basis.



We Are Respectful



We Are Learners



We Value Togetherness



We Are Safe

When the expectations are met, students have an opportunity to receive recognition for their efforts through our reward and recognition program.

These expectations can also be supported at home:

- Ask your child to tell you the four school expectations
- Ask for an example of each way they can demonstrate these rules at home or in the community
- Discuss with your child ways that they can demonstrate these rules at home or in the community

Here is an example:

We Are Respectful



School: Use the bins



Home: Keep room tidy



Community: Keep neighbourhood clean

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Anaphylaxis Awareness



Rockbank Primary School is concerned about the safety and well-being of all our students. Many of you will know someone who is affected by anaphylaxis, a life threatening allergic reaction. Our school does its best to be an allergy aware school. Staff have had training in severe allergy management and we have implemented lots of strategies to help keep students at risk of anaphylaxis as safe as we can.

We now have 3 students who live with the risk of anaphylaxis to foods. Whilst these children are being taught to care for themselves at an age appropriate level, we ask that you help us educate your child on the importance of **not sharing food with others, washing hands after eating and calling out to an adult if they think their friend with allergies is sick.**

With increased awareness and understanding of anaphylaxis, you will be able to help protect those around you. A food allergy is an immune system response to a normally harmless food protein that the body believes is harmful. When the individual eats food containing that protein, the immune system releases massive amounts of chemicals, triggering symptoms that can affect a person's breathing, gastrointestinal tract, skin, and/or heart.

Anaphylaxis is the most severe form of allergic reaction and is potentially life-threatening. It must be treated as a medical emergency, requiring immediate treatment and urgent medical attention. It is estimated that up to 400,000 (2%) Australians, including 1 in 20 children suffer from food allergies and some of them will experience a life-threatening (anaphylactic) reaction.



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Announcements

September Birthdays

Happy birthday to the following students who celebrate a birthday in September

Monique West	Miah Zammit	Daniel Farrugia
Ishmeet Kaur	Avinoor Kaur	Mia Bosworth
Pars Aulakh	Ekamjit Singh	Varnika Varnika
Navjit Singh	Ayvah Minawieh	Angad Cheema
Maddison Wellington	Nakita Davies	Gurshan Lidher
Ekamveer Singh	Maya Kularathna	
Chezney Sigg	Isabel Ingram	
Haragam Singh	Gurleen Kailey	



2020 Enrolments

We are now taking enrolments for 2020. If you know of anyone who is within our Designated Neighbourhood Area (Rockbank township and all new estates within Rockbank area including Woodlea, Bridgefield and Thornhill Park) who have children who may be attending next year, could you please get them to come down to the school and get an enrolment form? We have been receiving many enquiries for next year, so we are anticipating another significant increase in numbers.

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Celebrating Our Successes

House Points—Term 3

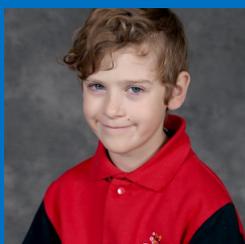
Following our school values in the classroom, and the yard, is acknowledged with House Points. Our House Captains tally the results at the end of each week.

Missen	12,700
Peacock	9,150
Fisher	12,310
Harrison	9,210

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.

30th August



Edward Munroe
Harrison House

6th September



Alina Dugumovic
Harrison House

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Celebrating our Successes



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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 : 30th August	Week Ending: 6th September
Prep/1 Yellow Miss Mundie	Lincoln Faleauto	Vihaan Bajja
Prep/1 Blue Miss Bull	Pehar Arora	Sehaj Masoun
Prep/1 Purple Miss Lane	Navleen Grewal	Charlotte Smith
2/3 Orange Mrs Niemiecki	Ivy Spooner	Indiana Drake-Leaf
2/3 Green Mrs Lehane	Madison Courtice	
3/4 Red Miss West/Ms Carmichael	Jasmeen Behniwal	Alex Ibrahim
4—6 Gold Miss Zemunic	Ash Aulakh	Sophie McDonough
4—6 Silver Miss Bencich		Annalise Romeo

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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 05/09/2019

Our Goal: All students will have at least 95% attendance all year .	Current school wide student average: 88%
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Number of students with 100% attendance in term 3
25
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)	85%
Yellow (Prep/1)	86%
Purple (Prep/1)	93%
Green (2/3)	89%
Orange (2/3)	83%
Red (3/4)	86%
Silver (4-6)	89%
Gold (4-6)	89%

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

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Vacation Care Program Spring 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, Strathulloh.

Cost

\$72.50 per day (prior to Child Care Subsidy being applied)
Excursions and Incursions will incur an additional cost.

Enrolment Opens

8.30am Monday, 26 August 2019

Enrolments Close

5.00pm Friday, 13 September 2019

Bookings submitted after this date will only be accepted at Supervisor's discretion and incur a \$22 late enrolment fee

Contact

E: vacationcareprogram@melton.vic.gov.au

Ph: 9747 7200

Website: melton.vic.gov.au/vacationcare

Monday, 23 September

Vacation Care's Got Talent

You've got talent, and we want to see it! An active day of performing and showcasing everyone's individuality.

Tuesday, 24 September

Sculpt It

It's time for hands on fun; sculpting, shaping and creating.

Wednesday, 25 September

Day at the Movies

Excursion Charge \$33.60
Depart 8:00am Return 3pm

Let's head to Village Cinemas Sunshine to watch a movie.

Thursday, 26 September

Footy Finals

Incursion Charge \$23
A special appearance from an AFL player. Bring something to get autographed and wear your favourite team colours (any code).

Friday, 27 September

Program Closed- AFL Grand Final Friday Public Holiday

Monday, 30 September

Spring into Spring

The flowers are blooming and the sun is shining. Let's decorate inside and out to make it look like Spring.

Tuesday, 1 October

Pet Day

What's your favourite animal? Let's learn about how to be responsible pet owners.

Wednesday, 2 October

Roller Skating

Excursion Charge \$33.50
Depart 8:00am Return 3pm

Get your skates on and get ready to roll. Don't forget to wear socks.

Thursday, 3 October

Clowning Around

Incursion Charge \$23
Wear your silliest outfit today as we clown around at The Ultimate Balloon Twisting Workshop.

Friday, 4 October

World Space Week

It's the start of World Space Week! We'll have out of this world fun exploring our solar system and beyond.

* Activities are subject to change

BOOK EARLY! Don't miss out!



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Yoga for Kids!

School Holiday Activity

This class is ideal for teaching young kids to become calm, controlled, coordinated and disciplined.

The kids gain awareness about their bodies.

They develop greater balance and the ability to consciously relax.

This class is ideal for 5-12 years old.

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL

DETAILS

WHEN

Wednesday 25 Sept

TIME

10.30-11.30am

WHERE

The Pavilion, Frontier Park
Frontier Ave, Aintree

COST

Free

BOOKINGS

www.meltonlearning.com.au
Phone: 0439 327 716



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Linking Rockbank

Linking Rockbank community members
with one another and with the
surrounding areas

**FREE BBQ
in the Park**

Monday September 23
12pm - 2pm

Stewart Crescent Park
Rockbank

Want to know more?



healthpromotion@djhs.org.au



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facebook.com/healthpromotionatdjhs



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& FOR FURTHER INFORMATION



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Get Activated Stay Motivated



Get Activated Stay Motivated is a fun and exciting holiday activity for kids aged between 1 and 12.

Kids get a chance to participate at a range of sports and other activities in one morning, all in the one place!

COST: \$7 per child

To register: search 'Get Activated Stay Motivated' on www.melton.vic.gov.au OR

Melton: www.melton.vic.gov.au/GetActivatedMelton

Caroline Springs: www.melton.vic.gov.au/GetActivatedCarolineSprings

For more information Contact:

leisurecentreproms@melton.vic.gov.au | Phone: 9747 7200

CAROLINE SPRINGS:

WHEN:
Wednesday 25th September

TIME:
10 am – 12 pm; registrations at 9.30 am

WHERE:
Caroline Springs Leisure Centre
9-19 The Parade, Caroline Springs
Café open from 9.30 am

MELTON:

WHEN:
Wednesday 2nd October

TIME:
10 am – 12 pm; registrations at 9.30 am

WHERE:
Melton Indoor Recreation Centre
161 Coburns Rd Melton



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What have we been learning?

Grade 2-3 students



Last Thursday Grade 2-3 went on a 1 night camp. As soon as we got there, we unpacked the bus. We got our suitcase and went in our cabin. Chezney and I were with Mia, Brigid, Indie, Ivy, Isabelle and Ayvah.

We unpacked our suitcases and had a shower. Then we did some activities. The activities we did were possum glider, flying fox, low ropes, archery and more.

The first activity I did was low ropes and Chezney did Possum Glider. After that we had lunch and went to the sports hall. We played some games then went to bed. The next day we woke up early and had Breakfast. After breakfast, we went to the sports hall and played lots of fun games. Then we packed our bags and went back to school.

It was really fun at camp. I can't wait for next year's camp!



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