



Newsletter

ISSUE 2

FRIDAY 21ST FEBRUARY

FOR YOUR DIARIES

MPPSA SUMMER SPORTS

Friday 28th February
(grades 4—6)

MPPSA SUMMER SPORTS

Friday 6th March
(grades 4—6)

LABOUR DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY

Monday 9th March
(no school)

Principal's Message

We are nearly half way through Term 1. I have been extremely impressed with the work that has been going on in each classroom and I very much enjoy having students bring their work to my office to receive acknowledgement for their efforts.

Parent Information Night

We had our annual parent information yesterday afternoon and it was very well attended, however we did notice that several families were not present. Please ensure you are familiar with the procedures and expectations at our school as the information session allows us to set the scene for the year. Parent meetings will begin next week and are a very important piece in your child's learning at Rockbank Primary School. Teachers will have sent out notes for you to book times for this. We expect that parents will meet with teachers at least 4 times over the year to discuss Individual Learning Plans and individualised student goals.

Excursion Notes

Often, we will send out messages and notes for excursions or Interschool Sport activities. Each note has a deadline on it and it is expected that notes and money are returned by the date. Unfortunately, many notes are not returned on time,

which may jeopardise our ability to actually participate in the activity. We often have to pay up front, which means we may have to offer positions to other students to ensure the activity takes place. **To avoid disappointment please ensure notes are in by the due date.**

SeeSaw

Many parents are already on the SeeSaw app and are receiving regular posts from the classroom teachers. It has been a delight to see so many wonderful things happening in the classrooms. If you are not yet on the app, please see your child's classroom teacher.

New School in 2020

There will be a new school opening in Aintree in 2020. At this stage the school will be called Rockbank North Primary School. This is a brand new school that is separate to ours. We will not be moving over to the new school. We will continue to operate at our current site. Students who live in the zone of the new school are eligible to go to that school, but you are more than welcome to stay with us as you are already enrolled at our school. If you need more information on this, please come and see me.

Have a great weekend.



Darryl Spiteri
Principal



Our great prep/1 students enjoyed a fireman visit this week.

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Meet Our New Staff



Miss Andrews
F1B Classroom
Teacher

Hello everyone!

I am ecstatic to be apart of the Rockbank Primary School team and am extremely grateful for the warm welcome from staff, students and parents/carers.

Before I began teaching at Rockbank PS, I spent my 20's travelling around the world to Africa, Asia, Europe and the Americas. I love adventure and stepping outside my comfort zone. This has led to my love of rock climbing, even though I am scared of heights. Learning about the amazing history and culture

each country has to offer has been an incredible experience.

I have a passion for food and love chocolate cookies, cupcakes and brownies. My favourite things to do in my spare time are cooking, trying new restaurants, playing games, camping and catching up with friends and family.

During my tertiary education, I have participated in a study tour to China where we observed and taught primary, secondary and tertiary students. We were

completely absorbed into the Chinese culture and were blown away by their incredible hospitality, cuisine and dedication to fitness. I have completed placement in a school teaching Food Technology for students with a disability as well as spending two years completing placement as a classroom teacher for Year 3 and Year 6.

I have a passion for learning and always want to be the best person I can be which I hope to pass onto my students to help them flourish.

Thank you everyone for your support. I'm excited for the year ahead.

Kind regards,
Miss Andrews

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.

Subway Orders

We work with Subway to provide Subway lunches orders once per week, each Friday. An order form needs to be completed and handed to the classroom teacher with correct money (No change will be given) by each Wednesday morning. Order forms can be downloaded from our website, or are available at the school office.

Please note that we can not accept late orders.



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Christopher Daxecker
Assistant Principal/
Primary Welfare

A Word from Wellbeing

We are pleased to announce our Peer Mediators for the year of 2020.

Students that are chosen for this role are trained to support their peers in the yard and the yard duty teacher. Some of their duties may include helping students solve problems, running activities in the yard and working with the yard duty teacher to acknowledge positive play in the yard.



Mia Bosworth



**Sanjana
Ramachander**



Dolce Cantaro



Chezney Sigg



**Saai Palanivel
Raja**



**Madison
Courtice**

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Announcements

February Birthdays



**Happy birthday to the following students
who celebrate a birthday in February**

Jasmeen Behniwal	Sukhmani Kaur	
Sarah Farrugia	Saanvitha Vudathu	Hutch Faleauto
Bella West	Mason Coe	Harnoor Bhullar
Aish Aravinthan	Atharv Jindal	Sofia Penalosa
Alannah Sparshott	Japjit Kaur	Navya Chauhan
Aydin Nihat	Akshita Bojja	Jacob Parker
Aryavir Singh	Rukeesh Pratheepan	Mackenzie Parker
Eswar Malikireddy	Shyla Adhikari	Tyler West
Japneet Kaur	Jackson Mading	Gwyneth Munroe

Every Day Counts

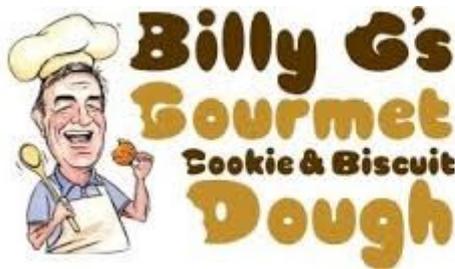


**Remember, going to school every day
is the single most important part of your child's
education. Students learn new things at school
every day. Missing school puts them behind.**

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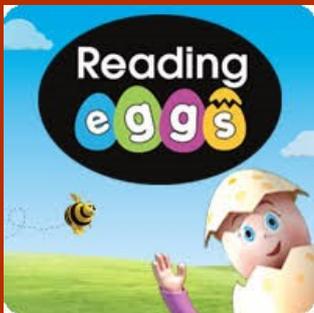
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Don't forget to place your orders for our Billy G's Gourmet Cookie Dough school fundraiser.

All profits raised will go towards new playground equipment.

Final orders due by this Monday 24/02/2020



Reading Eggs

Learning to read is one of the most important skills your child will learn. ABC Reading eggs supports each child's learning by offering **individual, one-on-one lessons**. The online lessons allow your child to **progress at their own rate**, gradually building their reading confidence.

Mathletics

Mathletics is the perfect solution to help support maths learning at home. **Hundreds of hours of activities, tutorials and curriculum content** to support the needs **of the individual learner**. It is ideal if you looking for something extra for your child to do **outside of the classroom** .



Passwords for Reading Eggs and Mathletics have been sent home for all students. They are a perfect support for home learning. If you have not received a password, please see your classroom teacher.

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OUTSIDE SCHOOL HOURS CARE



Big Childcare is excited to be partnering with Rockbank Primary School from 29 January 2020, to offer fantastic Outside School Hours Care to families who require this service for their children. Our team will be providing Before School, After School and Curriculum Day Care onsite at your school.

Our educators focus on the individual needs and interests of children, by offering stimulating activities such as craft, cooking, gardening, sports activities, indoor/outdoor play and much more... We are committed to ensuring that children in our care have fun and enjoy being part of an engaging and safe program.

Big Childcare will operate before school, where breakfast is provided prior to 8am and after school, where a healthy but tasty afternoon snack is on offer.

BIG SAVINGS

If you are interested in using our service, please contact Centrelink on 136 150 ASAP to learn more about how child care through Big Childcare could cost you less, through the government's Child Care Subsidy or visit www.humanservices.gov.au/individuals/services/centrelink/child-care-subsidy.

BEFORE CARE
6.30AM to 8.30AM
\$20.00

AFTER CARE
3.15PM to 6.30PM
\$22.00

Add \$2.00 extra for a casual booking
Pricing before CCS discount



MORE INFORMATION COMING SOON...

More information about our service will be available in coming days... but until then please also visit us on Facebook www.facebook.com/bigchildcare/

enrolments@bigchildcare.com | 8682 9400 | bigchildcare.com

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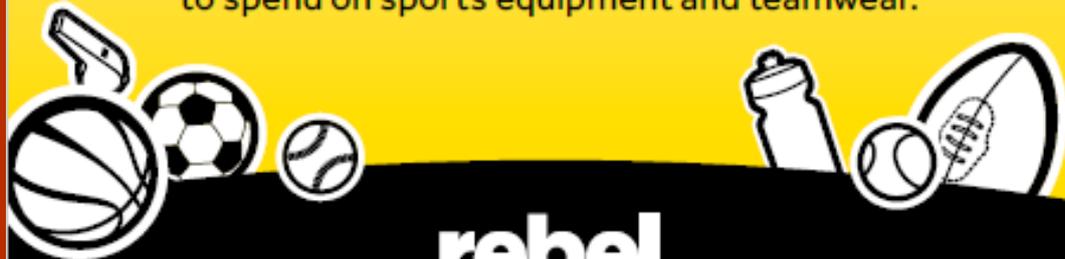
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to our club next time you shop at rebel

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Our Values Focus

As part of our SWPBS model at Rockbank Primary School, we teach our school wide expectations. Teaching is more than the initial instruction alone; we provide frequent opportunities for practice in the relevant context. As part of this focus, we have a concentrated focus on specific expected behaviours each fortnight. **Over the next fortnight, our values focus is:**



**WE ARE
RESPECTFUL**
during
communication

- Inside voice
- Use kind words
- Listen to others



We Are Respectful



We Are Learners



We Value Togetherness



We Are Safe

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	4180
Peacock	12,400
Fisher	10,500
Harrison	7780

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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: 14th February	Week Ending: 21st February
F1A Miss Lane	Samreet Kaur	Nicola Castillo
F1B Miss Andrews	Srijeet Subedi	Alera Allan
F1C Miss Bull	Samairah Diwan	Amelia Pace
F1D Miss Bencich	Daniel Faleauto	Xavier Stankus
F1E Miss Donoghue	Ryan Singh	Davinder Guraya
23A Mrs Lehane	Mehtaab Gill	Yuvraj Banga
23B Ms Healy	Jacob Nguyen	Anayat Kaur
23C Ms Ninkovic	Eswar Malikreddy	Tyler West
46A Miss Zemunic	Ash Aulakh	
46B Miss Brne	Aash Singh	Sanjana Ramachander
46C Miss West	Hayden Vella	James Bloor

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**EVERY
SCHOOL DAY
COUNTS**

It's Not OK To Be Away



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.

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



2020 stats at 20/02/2020

<p>Our Goal:</p> <p>All students will have at least 95% attendance all year .</p>	<p>Current school wide student average:</p> <p>81% </p>
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Number of students with 100% attendance so far in term 1

89

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

Term 1 Classroom statistics

F1A—Miss Lane	65%
F1B—Miss Andrews	85%
F1C—Miss Bull	82%
F1D—Miss Bencich	79%
F1E—Miss Donoghue	88%
23A—Mrs Lehane	89%
23B—Ms Healy	83%
23C—Ms Ninkovic	80%
46A—Miss Zemunic	78%
46B—Miss Brne	74%
46C—Miss West	83%

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

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School/Community News

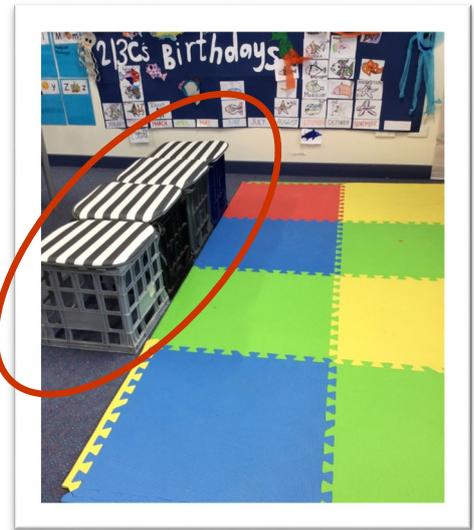


Donations Please

Everyone loves the reading corner in 23C!

Miss Ninkovic and her class have worked together to create a wonderful space. The seats have been made using milk crates donated by students in the class.

They would love a few more seats. ***If anyone has any milk crates at home they are willing to donate, please drop them at the office.*** It would be much appreciated.



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FREE BBQ

Monday, March 16
5pm - 6pm

Stewart Crescent Reserve
Rockbank

Extended to February 21

Linking Rockbank Logo Design Competition

Do you love art, drawing or design? If so, why not design a logo for Linking Rockbank? You could win a \$50 gift card!

Competition Closes February 14

Any enquiries contact 8746 1508 or submit your entry to:

✉ healthpromotion@djhs.org.au

📘 facebook.com/groups/linkingrockbank
facebook.com/healthpromotionatdjhs

Free Frosty Fruit Fridays

Come along to the Stewart Crescent Reserve in Rockbank at 4pm on February 7th, 14th, 21st or 28th to collect a free frosty fruit or zooper dooper icy pole.



ROCKBANK STATION
COMMUNITY MOSAIC SIGN
WILL BE INSTALLED SOON!

KEEP A LOOK OUT FOR THE
OPENING EVENT FLYER.

Email: healthpromotion@djhs.org.au
Phone: 8746 1508



FREE
February
and March

Mt Atkinson ART GROUP

All Welcome 1st and 3rd Monday of the month

Register your interest: mnoismith@edmundrice.org or 0466 597 145

Mt Atkinson Art Group
1st and 3rd Monday each month
10 am to 12:30 pm

BYO lunch if you wish to stay on
for lunch, 12:30pm to 1:30pm

Upcoming dates

February 17
March 2, 16
April 6, 20
May 4, 18

Transport available.
Bookings required.

Mt Atkinson Community Centre
121-179 Greigs Rd, Truganina.

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



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MINDS MATTER



MENTAL HEALTH FORUM FOR FAMILIES

SUITABLE FOR FAMILIES WITH YOUNG CHILDREN AND THOSE STARTING THEIR PARENTING JOURNEY

HEAR JAMILA RIZVI'S EXPERIENCE OF MOTHERHOOD AS WELL PRACTICAL TIPS AND INFORMATION FROM MENTAL HEALTH EXPERTS

FEATURING

- Jamila Rizvi – Author, Presenter, Speaker, Mum
- Professional speakers
- Expo showcasing local service providers working in mental health and parenting support

Registration essential!

To register visit: <http://bit.ly/MHFHF>

Thursday
27 February, 2020
5-8pm

Fraser Rise Community Centre
46 City Vista Court, Fraser Rise

Expo 5-6pm (light supper served)
Forum 6pm sharp

Families of all types are very welcome

This event is family friendly. You are welcome to have your baby with you during the forum and there will be free activities for children aged 2-8. Bookings essential via registration.



FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT MELTON CITY COUNCIL ON 9747 7200 OR [SOCIALPLANNINGPROJECTS@MELTON.VIC.GOV.AU](mailto:socialplanningprojects@melton.vic.gov.au)

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Our Values Focus



We are Respectful: Communication

by Miss Brne and 46B

At Rockbank Primary School, we are learning how to be respectful when we communicate with each other. The students in 46B compared respectful and disrespectful communication, and discussed how our actions can affect others. Treat others how you want to be treated!



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