

FOR YOUR DIARIES

'GO PINK' BREAST CANCER FUNDRAISER

Wednesday 24th June

LAST DAY TERM 2

Friday 26th June

(early finish, see
Principal's Message)

FIRST DAY TERM 3

Monday 13th July

Principal's Message



We have made it to the end of what historically has been one of the most difficult terms of schooling in the last 70 years. Apart from the World Wars and the Spanish Flu in the early 1900s, this pandemic is certainly something we will be glad to see the end of. This is one of those situations where our students will be telling stories of the Coronavirus to their Grandchildren. It is a truly significant moment in history that cannot be underplayed.

On behalf of the Rockbank Primary School community, I would like to thank everyone for their contributions to making this time a success.

I thank the teachers for their work with remote learning and the way they transitioned seamlessly back into the classroom.

I thank the Education Support Staff for their ability to assist many of our students who would have otherwise found this period more difficult than it already was.

I thank the Office staff for their constant messages of reassurance to parents and staff and ensuring the school continued to have some form of 'normality' through what has been a challenging period.

I thank parents for their contributions to remote learning. We know you are not teachers and we appreciate all that you have done to help your children. For some of you it was even more difficult when you

had your own work to complete from home. Further to that, I cannot thank you all enough for the way you have transitioned your children back to school. You have listened to all the advice around restrictions and have exercised patience when doing pick ups and drops off.

Finally, I would like to thank the students. You have been amazingly resilient in this time and you have shown that not being physically at school does not have to stop your learning. I have been wonderfully impressed with your writing, reading, maths tasks, STEM photos and videos, participation in PE, Art and Auslan and your attendance at Zoom meetings. You truly have shown amazing resilience through this whole situation. You have also come back to school like champions. You have slotted back into the routine of school without complaint and have shown remarkable behaviour and commitment to your school work.

As you are aware, this is not over so we still need to remain vigilant and follow the advice of the Chief Health Officer. I continue to ask you to do what is necessary to keep all of our Community safe. Enjoy your holiday, it is well deserved.

Mid-Year Learning Summary

A Learning Summary will be sent out on Wednesday to highlight the growth that students have made over the first half of the year. Given the disruption with remote learning,

we did not feel comfortable providing curriculum progress in reports. As an alternative, we have supplied a summary of learning completed so far this year and an indication of growth in learning. There will also be an updated Individual Learning Plan. This acknowledges that all students have grown in some way. Our usual reports and Individual Learning Plans will be provided in the second half of the year.

End of Term

Friday is the last day of Term 2. In keeping with our staggered finishes:

- Year F-1 students, plus any older siblings will finish at 2.10pm.
- Year 2-3 students will finish at 2.20pm and
- 4-6s will finish at 2.30pm.

Darryl Spiteri

Principal

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Meet Our New Staff



Vanessa McKinley
Specialist Teacher
S.T.E.M.

Hi Rockbank P.S. community,
My name is Vanessa McKinley and I am the STEM teacher for 2020. I live in Ballarat and have three children of my own, two adult boys and a ten year old daughter. I enjoy gardening and taking my dogs for

walks. Before teaching at Rockbank I taught high school Science for 14 years, I love all things about Science! My most favourite thing is seeing student's faces light up when they are doing experiments or making something new. My area of special interest is

teaching and learning about the environment, I think we live on a pretty spectacular planet. I look forward to sharing some fun STEM lessons with you in terms three and four.

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.



National Breast Cancer Foundation



Join our tribe and take action against breast cancer.

When: Wednesday 24th June

Dress in pink and bring a gold coin donation.

All donations go to the National Breast Cancer Foundation; Australia's leading national body funding game-changing breast cancer research with money raised entirely by the Australian public.

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Christopher Daxecker
Assistant Principal/
Primary Welfare

A Word from Wellbeing



Celebrating our Educational Support Staff at Rockbank Primary School.

At Rockbank Primary School we have the best ES support, gardeners, office staff and people in the whole school. **Thankyou** for helping us, making us feel happy and putting us in a good mood. You are always smiling and laughing. Brodie, thankyou or making us laugh and being such a good person. Rita, your one of the best around and somehow you find a way to make us all smile. Sean, seeing you in a new pair of shoes is hilarious and watching you dance for us makes us laugh. Sharon Kenshole, well your hands down the best wellbeing lady and you always say 'Hello'. Sharon Alton, when our parents call the office to say we won't be at school, you are always understanding. Sarah, you help all the younger kids get through their issues and you make them feel safe. Kathy you always have the best playtime activities and you smile all the time. Claire, you are like the nice lady of a fairy tale, you make us feel happy. Garry, you keep our school clean and make us laugh. Lastly, Diane your there when we want to talk and you listen to what we have to say. **Thankyou** for all that you have done for us, the students at Rockbank Primary School – Sophie Ellis

'**Thankyou** for keeping the school safe' – Andy Cameron

'**Thankyou** for always helping me and talking to me about funny things' – Adam Minawieh

'**Thankyou** for helping me learn things and playing with me' – Eamon Willis

'**Thankyou** for being kind and helping me when I need it' - Emilee Harrison

'**Thankyou** for building things in our school to make it look better' – Ayyah Minawieh

'**Thankyou** for being organised and organising camp' – Alex Ibrahim

'**Thankyou** for never giving up on us' – Irae Savea



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Announcements

June Birthdays

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

Riyansh Gupta

Rudraksh Sayal

Jay Kilpatrick

Ananya Nallajerla

Armaan Singh

Gayansa Hewage

Preeya Tishler

Oliver Swasbrick

Ethan Anyiam

Morgan Pandey

Ashpan Aulakh

Chloe Neal

Shree Kirpan

Ashmeen Dhillon

Edward Keoheuangpraseut

Ivy Spooner



Subway Lunches—back from Term 3

Subway lunch orders are back from Term 3.

Subway provide lunch orders once per week, each Friday.

Please ensure orders are placed in a sealed envelope containing order form and correct money (no change will be given) and handed to the classroom teacher by each Wednesday morning. Envelopes are to have students names, class, amount and 'subway' written on the front.

Please note that we cannot accept late orders.

Subway order forms are available for download and printing from our school website and on FlexiBuzz.

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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 LEARNERS



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- Use a growth mindset
- Be ready for learning
- Allow others to learn
- ICT is for learning

- Ask for help
- Share ideas
- Be present

- Use break times for toilet
- Use break times for drink
- On time to class
- Music means break time is over



We Are Respectful



We Are Learners



We Value Togetherness



We Are Safe

Celebrating our Successes

House Points—Term 2

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	790
Peacock	1500
Fisher	770
Harrison	1160

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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:	Week Ending:
	12th June	19th June
F1A Miss Lane	Athan Nguyen	Salesi Taufaa
F1B Miss Andrews	Khlood Ibrahim	Lucy Ingram
F1C Miss Bull	Amelia Pace	Dana Gray
F1D Miss Bencich	Lukas Drozd	Mason Coe
F1E Miss Donoghue	Japneet Kaur	Jaisan Grewal
23A Mrs Lehane	Aanya Gajjar	Aarav Chouhan
23B Ms Healy	Sukhmani Kaur	
23C Ms Ninkovic	Daniella Zambrano	Jett Johnston
46A Miss Zemunic	Tristan Cutting	Ayvah Minawieh
46B Miss Brne	Lionor Selman	Jujhar Tamber
46C Miss West	Thai Vella	Jacob Balshaw

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eSafety Tips for Parents

Unwanted contact and grooming

A guide for parents and carers

Socialising online can be a great way for children to build friendships, but it can also put them at risk.

Unwanted contact is any type of online communication that your child finds unpleasant or confronting, or that leads them into a situation where they might do something they regret. This can happen even if they initially welcomed the contact. It can come from strangers, online 'friends' your child has not met face-to-face, or from someone they actually know.

At worst, it can involve 'grooming' a child — building a relationship with a child in order to sexually abuse them. This abuse can happen in a physical meeting, but it increasingly occurs online when young people are tricked or persuaded into sexual activity on webcams or into sending sexual images.

THINGS YOU CAN DO

Make accounts private

Delete contacts they don't talk to

Report and block

Delete requests from strangers

Age Restrictions for Social Media Platforms

action for children



Visit <https://www.esafety.gov.au/parents/big-issues/unwanted-contact> for more information.

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School Uniform



Please remember all students are required to wear The Rockbank Primary School uniform. Our uniform supplier is PSW Quality Apparel in Westwood Drive, Deer Park.



L/S Polo Shirt
Sml EMB - Rockbank PS
\$30.50



Trackpants - Straight Leg
Unbadged
\$29.95



S/S Pique Plain Polo Shirt
Sml EMB - Rockbank PS
\$28.50

School beanies and hats are available for purchase at the school office



Box Pleat Skirt
Unbadged
\$63.95



Box Pleat Tunic
Unbadged
\$55.95



Princess Full Placket Dress
Unbadged
\$51.95



Bomber Jacket - Contrast Sleeve
Sml EMB - Rockbank PS
\$48.95



Polar Fleece Vest
Sml EMB - Rockbank PS
\$43.95



Crew Neck Windcheater
Sml EMB - Rockbank PS
\$33.95

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TIMBER TOP COMMUNITY CENTRE

ENVIRONMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY PROJECT



EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

In the last survey conducted by Melton City Council, the community from Rockbank and Aintree requested for a project focussing on Environment and Sustainability.

We are now inviting residents who have fabulous ideas and are interested in designing and owning an Environment and Sustainability project in the local area. We want to hear from you. The details for contact are given below!

COMMUNITY LEARNING AND ACTIVATION OFFICER:

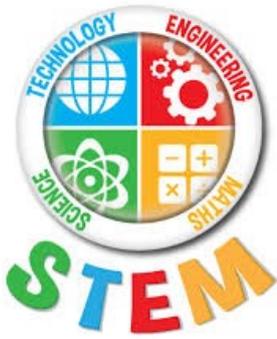
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Our Learning This Week



by Mrs McKinley and 46B

In STEM, 4/6B have been learning about the forces that affect flight, including gravity and air resistance. Over the last week they have made paper helicopters, using their knowledge of forces and modifying their designs to create the ultimate gliding machine. We also discussed the recent SpaceX Dragon Endeavour launch and docking to the International Space Station. Students watched some live footage of Earth from



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