



Newsletter

ISSUE 18

FRIDAY 11TH DECEMBER

FOR YOUR DIARIES

TUESDAY 15TH DECEMBER

Grade 4—6
Presentation night and
Grade 6 graduation

FRIDAY 18TH DECEMBER

Last day school 2020
(1:30pm finish)

THURSDAY 28TH JANUARY

First Day School 2021
(for students)

Principal's Message

Well done to everyone. We have finally made it to the end of what can only be described as one of the strangest years we will ever encounter.

Parking

Quite a few parents have approached me and told me that they have received a parking ticket for parking illegally at the front of the school. I am informed that parking on the nature strip is an offence and will incur a fine, as will parking where there are no standing or no parking signs. Parking on the road side is permitted, provided it is not where there are no standing signs. Melton City Council suggests that you park in the neighbouring streets and walk to school to avoid fines and congestion.

I am unable to contest parking fines on your behalf. If that is something you feel is necessary you can contact the Melton City Council.

Awards & Graduation

Thank you to the 120 or so parents who attended our Year Prep-3 Awards morning on Wednesday. It was a lovely morning to acknowledge all the hard work of our students and to congratulate our Preps on finishing their first year of school.

We look forward to seeing our community come together again on Tuesday evening at 5pm to celebrate

the achievements of our Year 4-6 students and to congratulate our Graduating Year 6s as they move on to High School.

Step Up Day

On Tuesday we had our Step Up day for 2021. All the students who are staying at Rockbank PS in 2021 met their teachers and spent the day with their new classmates.

Farewell

At the end of 2020 we say farewell to a number of staff members who will be moving on to other endeavours. We thank Vicky Brne, Amanda Donoghue, Nicole Healy, Sarah Green and Sean Galofaro for their hard work at our school this year and wish them every success for the future.

Welcome

We welcome Chloe Pierce, Nick Randich and Shenae Coffey to Rockbank in 2021. They were all present for Step Up Day and had an opportunity to spend the day with their new grades. I'm sure you will all make them feel welcome in 2021.

Thank you

I would just like to end the year with a huge thank you to the entire community for all the amazing work you have done to get through this very difficult year. We have asked a lot of you and you have rightly asked a lot



of us as a school and I think we have all ensured that students at Rockbank have received the best possible year.

Last day of school

School will finish at 1.30pm on Friday 18th December. Please ensure you arrive on time to pick up your children on this day as it can cause distress to your children if they are forgotten. We will finish the year with our traditional tribute to our Year 6s, so it would be great to see lots of people at pick up time on this day.

To those of you leaving us and going to new schools, we thank you for spending time with us here at Rockbank and hope that the memories that were created here are lasting and precious.

Stay safe and have a wonderful holiday. We look forward to seeing all of our Rockbank students in 2021.

Darryl Spiteri

Nurture. Believe. Achieve.

EST 1868

School News

Our Grade 4—6 Class Captains



Elit Mwamba, 46A

Meet Our Student Leaders

Hello! My names Elit and I'm the Class Captain of 46A. My role as a leader is to make sure the class is having an enjoyable time while learning! Although I have not been able to fulfil all my roles as a leader, I still enjoy being Class Captain. I enjoy playing outside with friends, learning in the class and in general just having a good time!

Elit 46A



Daniel Farrugia, 46B

Hi I'm Daniel Farrugia I'm 46B's class captain. This year has been a fun year even though we spent half it at home doing online learning. This past term at school has been fun painting the bollards and just being with my friends and teacher. I'm looking forward to high school, making new friends, and meeting my new teachers. I've been at Rockbank primary school since prep - it's been a fun 7 years and I'll miss it.

Daniel, 46B



Emilee Harrison, 46C

I was happy to be class captain this year because it was my last year. I am sad that I didn't get to do my role more this year, as much as I wanted to. But I am grateful that I was chosen. Thankyou for reading.

Emillee, 46C

Nurture. Believe. Achieve.

EST 1868

A Word from Wellbeing



SCHOOLS

Supporting your friends

You and your friends are **most likely to turn to each other for support** before seeking out an adult or service provider. You and your friends can support each other by:

- contacting 000 if a friend needs urgent assistance or is at risk of harming themselves or others
- reaching out to a friend, offering support and letting them know you care
- letting your friend know you may need to tell a trusted adult about your concerns.

Having these types of conversations can be difficult. Information on how to support a friend is available on the headspace website: [How to help a friend going through a tough time](#).

Mental health support

- **Your local GP** can provide you with additional support
- **headspace Counselling:** Victorian Government secondary school students, including those who have just finished schooling, can access counselling services from headspace. During the holidays, you can self-refer by calling your [local headspace centre](#).
- **ehespace:** 1800 650 890 www.headspace.org.au/ehespace
- **Kids Helpline:** 1800 551 800 www.kidshelpline.com.au
- **Lifeline:** 13 11 14 www.lifeline.org.au
- **Beyond Blue:** 1300 224 636 www.beyondblue.org.au
- **Head to Help:** 1800 595 212 www.headtohelp.org.au
- **Suicide Call Back Service:** 1300 659 467 www.suicidecallbackservice.org.au
- **Contacting 000** if you need urgent assistance.

Self-harm and suicide prevention resources

- [Getting a mental health care plan](#) (ReachOut)
- [What you need to know about self-harm](#) (headspace)
- [How to help when someone is suicidal](#) (SANE Australia)

Family violence support and resources

- **Safe Steps:** 1800 015 188 www.safesteps.org.au
- **1800RESPECT:** 1800 737 732 www.1800respect.org.au
- **What's okay at home:** www.woah.org.au
- [Family violence support](#)

Eastern Victoria bushfires: first anniversary

We are also approaching the first anniversary of the 2019-2020 summer Eastern Victoria bushfires. The anniversary may trigger worry or anxiety levels that are similar to what was experienced during the event. For more information:

- **Emerging Minds:** [Traumatic events: anniversaries and other triggers](#)
- **Trauma and Grief Network:** [Understanding and managing anniversary reactions](#)

Mental health resources

- [Mental Health Toolkit](#)
- [Understanding mental health – fact sheet](#) (Orygen)
- [Learn how to handle tough times](#) (headspace)
- [Get into life \(to keep your headspace healthy\)](#) (headspace)

Nurture. Believe. Achieve.

EST 1868

School News



This is a COVIDSafe school

This school has a COVIDSafe Plan to maintain the safety of all staff and students during Term 4.

The four pillars of the COVIDSafe Plan are:



Reinforcing COVIDSafe behaviours



Creating COVIDSafe spaces



Promoting COVIDSafe activities



Responding to coronavirus (COVID-19) risk

Drink Bottles

Students should bring their own water bottle for use at school, as students should not drink directly from drinking fountains at this time. Taps may be used to refill water bottles.



Nurture. Believe. Achieve.

EST 1868

School News

End of Year Raffle

Money raised will be going towards new playground equipment

\$1 per ticket

To be drawn 18th December, 2020

Please see the office if you need more tickets.



Final Week For Subway Lunches

Please note: There will be no Subway orders next week, our last week of school.



Nurture. Believe. Achieve.

EST 1868

School News

Moving Schools?



Let us know as soon as you have confirmed placement at your new school.

We are now planning our classes and structure for next year.

As part of this planning, we need to have a good understanding of our student numbers.

It is important if you are planning on moving your child to another school next year, that you let us know as soon as you can.

Once you have confirmed placement at your new school, please advise us immediately so we can organise transfer of details.



Sun Smart

Excessive exposure to the sun's ultraviolet (UV) radiation can cause health problems including sunburn, damage to skin and eyes, and an increased risk of skin cancer.

We are a SunSmart school and hats are recommended from mid-August to the end of April and are compulsory in terms 1 & 4. Children must have them on whenever they are outside. Students who are not wearing a school hat will be asked to sit in the shade where they are protected from the sun. We also encourage students to bring and apply their own SPF30 (or higher) broad spectrum, water-resistant sunscreen daily.

School hats are available to purchase through our uniform supplier, PSW Quality Apparel in Westwood Drive, Deer Park (click and collect or delivery)



Nurture. Believe. Achieve.

EST 1868

School News



Announcements

November Birthdays

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

- | | | |
|--------------------|-----------------|--------------------|
| Pavi Dhandi | Avreen Kaur | Iian Ahmed |
| Lucy Ingram | Ashveer Singh | Jaisan Grewal |
| Evan Rai | Aaliyah Prakash | Arnav Gupta |
| Geraldene Sang Yum | Daniel Faleauto | Emmanuel Benjamin |
| Hayden Vella | Olivia West | Jackson Green |
| Jett Davies | Guru Chouhan | Alina Dugomovic |
| Agampreet Bhatoo | Mitra Suragoni | Evelyn Rose Jestin |
| Alish Kalyan | | |



Prep—3 Presentation Morning



Nurture. Believe. Achieve.

EST 1868

School News

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 SAFE

Communication

Learning Time

Outside



We Are Respectful



We Are Learners



We Value Togetherness



We Are Safe

House Points

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

Missen	550
Peacock	800
Fisher	870
Harrison	920

Nurture. Believe. Achieve.

EST 1868

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:	Week Ending:
	4th December	11th December
F1A Miss Lane	Athan Nguyen	Alina Dugumovic
F1B Miss Andrews	Eamon Willis	Prabjot Singh
F1C Miss Bull	Abbey Harrison	Junior Benjamin
F1D Miss Bencich	Ekam Singh	
F1E Miss Donoghue	Morgan Pandey	
23A Mrs Lehane	Manvir Anand	Mason Sim
23B Ms Healy	Annabella Swasbrick	Anayat Kaur
23C Ms Ninkovic	Varnika Varnika	Guneet Grang
23D Miss Magnano	Gurshan Lidher	Vihaan Reddy Bojja
46A Miss Zemunic	Ayvah Minawieh	Annalise Romeo
46B Miss Brne	Akshita Bojja	Manreet Kaur
46C Miss West	Akanksha Prakash	Jai Pomare

Nurture. Believe. Achieve.

EST 1868

It's Not OK To Be Away

**EVERY
SCHOOL DAY
COUNTS**



If your child is sick or absent, you are required to notify the school as soon as possible on the day of absence by phone.

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

2020 term 4 stats at 11/12/2020

Our Goal: All students will have at least 95% in term 4 .	Current school wide student average: 88% 
--	---

Number of students with 100% attendance in term 4

44

See the next page of newsletter for names of students to go into prize draw.



Term 4 Classroom statistics

F1A—Miss Lane	91%
F1B—Miss Andrews	82%
F1C—Miss Bull	87%
F1D—Miss Bencich	90%
F1E—Miss Donoghue	86%
23A—Mrs Lehane	88%
23B—Ms Healy	88%
23C—Ms Ninkovic	88%
23D Miss Magnano	89%
46A—Miss Zemunic	85%
46B—Miss Brne	91%
46C—Miss West	88%

Class with highest attendance will be recognised with a class celebration with Mr Spiteri next week.

Nurture. Believe. Achieve.

EST 1868

It's Not OK To Be Away

EVERY
SCHOOL DAY
COUNTS

**Congratulations to the following class,
and individual students, for their great
attendance in Term 4.**



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

Individual Achievements

Avi Kaur	Wasi Shah
Isabel Ingram	Aashdeep Singh
William Kolak	Anneliese Kolak
Vansh Sheth	Chezney Sigg
Jaskiran Kaur	Charlotte Sim
Chris Benjamin	Maddison Wellington
Rian Jusufi	Sehaj Randha Kaur
Saanvi Gundu	Saanvitha Vudathu
Hailey Ramos	Harman Waraich
Harmudi Ibrahim	Junior Benjamin
Gurnoor Singh	Charlie Foran
Tristan Cutting	Dana Gray
Mika Roque	Shabadjot Sekhon
Guru Chouhan	Eyoel Ashenafi
Arshpreet Guraya	Ruby Singh
Waad Ibrahim	Luis Alejandrino
Seth Savea	Adrielle Apalisok
Isabella Cutting	Elora Ashenafi
Davinder Guraya	Ryan Singh
Emmanuel Benjamin	Jujhar Singh
Alera Allan	Phoenix Sbriglio
Damian Skelaj	Seerat Waraich

Classroom Achievement

**Congratulations to
F1A & 46B for
achieving 91%
attendance in Term 4.**

**They will be
recognised with a
class celebration next
week with Mr Spiteri.**

Nurture. Believe. Achieve.

EST 1868

Community News



Join Scouts Free Today!

Scouting is coming to Aintree!

Scouting is a great opportunity for young people aged 5-25 to learn new skills, make great friends and have heaps of fun! It's an adventure program that encourages life skills such as leadership, resilience, confidence and working well with others.

We will be holding a parent information session on December 15. For more information or to register your interest, please email Kym.Ham@scoutsvictoria.com.au



1800 SCOUTS
scoutsvictoria.com.au

Scouting is free till march 2021

Nurture. Believe. Achieve.

EST 1868

Our Learning This Week



By Mrs Georgievski

At Rockbank P.S we are safe in the classroom. We like working in small groups in Drama class. These pictures show grades 4/6s working in small groups to practise their bullying role plays.



BULLYING. NO WAY!



Nurture. Believe. Achieve.

EST 1868