



# Newsletter

ISSUE 9

FRIDAY 23RD JULY

## FOR YOUR DIARIES

**UNTIL TUESDAY  
27TH JULY**

Remote Learning

**TUESDAY 10TH  
AUGUST**

School Photos

**FRIDAY 13TH  
AUGUST**

Kaboom Sport

Whole School Event

## Principal's Message

Once again I would like to thank all members of the Rockbank Community for your continued dedication to ensuring that all of our students are receiving the best possible education despite the ongoing setbacks we have faced during this pandemic. I am truly grateful to be associated with such a resilient and understanding community. We hope to be back at school on Wednesday next week and back into our routines.

### Parent Opinion Survey

You may have noticed that the Parent Opinion Survey link has been sent via SeeSaw by Mr Daxecker. This is an annual survey that gives us data that enables us to do things better at the school and to continue doing things that you like. We take all of this data seriously and discuss parts of it with our teachers and leadership team. We have been making a concerted effort to try and maintain an increased level of communication with parents since the last survey and we are trying hard to ensure we are not over communicating, which would only cause parents to 'switch off.' Another example of how surveys influence decision making is where we have used significant resources to setup our Wellbeing Centre and social skills programs. Three or four years ago parents had expressed concerns that bullying was an issue and there was little support for their children when they had been victims of bullying. The Wellbeing Centre was established to support students who feel they need a safe space and someone to talk to, as well as providing students who might have difficulty controlling their emotions to regulate

their own behaviour. The establishment of a range of social skills programs also enabled students to feel supported and develop the necessary skills to cope with similar situations in the future. We have invited all parents to participate in the survey and we would like to see as many responses as possible whether you think we are doing a great job or there is something you think we could be doing better. We know there are always things we can do to improve and we also know that there are things we are doing exceptionally well.

### Camp

Camp was meant to go ahead for our Year 5/6 students on Monday next week. Unfortunately, due to his latest lockdown it has had to be postponed. Teachers are trying everything they can to reschedule the camp, but as you can imagine it is difficult to have to fit in schools who have had spots booked in the two previous lockdowns. We are currently seeking alternatives to ensure that this program will go ahead at some stage in the year. Fingers crossed we will have a solution to you soon.

### Future potential onsite restrictions

I would anticipate that we will return to some stricter restrictions when we return from remote learning on Wednesday. This will most likely include going back to the 'kiss and drop' process we had in place just before the end of term 2. Our students are now used to these processes and are perfectly capable of finding their own



classrooms in the morning. More information about these restrictions will be communicated before we return to school through SeeSaw.

### 5 year anniversary

The start of this term has marked my 5 year anniversary as Principal of this great school. In reflecting on the work that has been done over that time I am confident that the service that our staff are providing to the community and our students is of a high quality. I would like to thank all the parents and students who have been part of my journey over the past 5 years and look forward to continuing to make a difference in this community.

### Curriculum Day Cancelled

The Curriculum Day set for next Friday 30th July has been cancelled due to the remote learning period being extended. We may have it later in the term, but we did not feel it would be fair to families to ask for another student free day after being in remote learning for 2 weeks.

Regards,

Darryl Spiteri

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# School News



Ragini Gupta  
Education Support

## Meet Our New Staff

Hi,

My name is Ragini and I am a new Education Support member at Rockbank Primary School. I am really grateful to the school for giving me the opportunity to work here and looking forward to getting to know everyone so I can build strong relationships with staff, students, parents and the community.

I have been in Australia for the last 13 years and have worked in various fields. I have been working with children for the last 3 years and am very pleased

for choosing this career. I am enjoying my job by being with children and giving my best support in their learning, development and growth. I am a mother to a 9 years old boy and always love to spend my quality time with him as well as my husband. In my spare time I love doing cooking, painting, going for walks and catching up with friends.

I am looking forward to working with all of you and the children. I will try my best to support the school with best of my abilities.



Congratulations to 12B who achieved the best attendance for term 2. They were awarded with a class BBQ with Mr. Spiteri.

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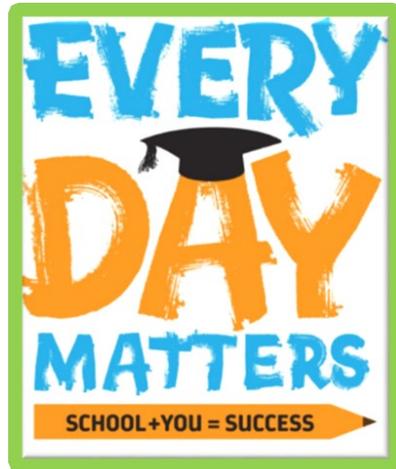
# A Word from Wellbeing



Christopher Daxecker

Assistant Principal/  
Primary Welfare

## Attendance Matters



### Do a few days off really matter?

Non-attendance has both an academic and a social impact. There is a well-documented correlation between absences and achievement, which demonstrates that *every day matters*. And while every day matters, there are reasons for absences which impact differently. To provide examples of the two extremes, a student who is absent for a week to compete in elite sports will likely be given materials in advance and the support to catch up on missed work. In contrast, a student who truant is unlikely to enjoy those same supports and, instead, may develop anxiety about returning to school.

It's also important to note that impacts of absenteeism are cumulative. Patterns of absence in the primary years often continue and grow in secondary school.

### Why is it so important to attend every day?

Learning is a progressive activity; each day's lessons build upon those of the previous day(s).

Reading the material and completing work independently does not compensate for direct interaction with the teacher.

Many classes use discussions, demonstrations, experiments and participation as part of the daily learning activities, and these cannot be made up by those who are absent.

### Some Strategies to Improve Punctuality

**Bedtime routines** – packing school bag ready for the next day, getting to bed earlier, setting a time for a television, iPad, computer, mobile phone and other devices to be turned off

**Morning routines** – setting the alarm earlier, no television until ready for school (and maybe not even then), having breakfast before leaving home, so no need to call in at the shop, meeting a reliable friend to walk to school with.

### Punctuality Matters Too!

**Missed minutes = missed learning = missed opportunities!**

Being frequently late for school means lost learning:

- o Arriving 5 minutes late every day adds up to over 3 days lost each year.
- o Arriving 15 minutes late every day is the same as being absent for 2 weeks a year.
- o Arriving 30 minutes late every day is the same as being absent for 19 days a year.

Look forward to seeing your smile at the front gate – Mr. Daxecker.

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Hello mathematicians,

Chris Daxecker and I, would like to invite parents/carers to join us on WebEx this Monday, 26<sup>th</sup> July at 10am, for short presentation on how to further support your child with numeracy at home. As this subject can sometimes be daunting for individuals of all ages, we hope to provide games and opportunities where students and families can embrace maths in all aspects and practice different skills at home. The more confidence students have in this area, the more likely they are to take risks and explore different ways of thinking.

We will be reviewing what topics students in each cohort are learning this term and providing games which can be adjusted to encourage students of all ages, to strengthen their number sense. Games are great opportunities for young people to practice using the four operations: addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division and practice problem solving.

If you are unable to join us, this session will be recorded and posted on Seesaw for you to refer to at a more convenient time.

The WebEx details for this sessions are listed below.

Monday, Jul 26, 2021 10:00 am | 30 minutes

Meeting number: 165 405 9146

Password: maths

Hopefully we can see you all on Monday!

Chris Daxecker and Renee Andrews



**MAKE IT  
REAL AND FUN**



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150th Anniversary – 1868-2018

# Meet Our New House Mascots



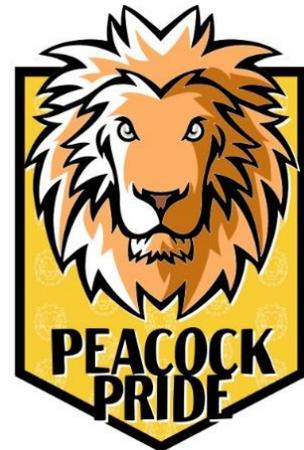
Fisher is named after the Fisher family who were also a prominent family in the Rockbank area who had children at the school. Foxes are prevalent in the Rockbank area. They are survivors that still thrive despite the ongoing growth in the surrounding suburbs and new estates.



Harrison house is named after the Harrison family who have been members of the Rockbank community for over 100 Years. Hawks are strong predatory birds. The Brown Goshawk can be found in the Melton area and is easily recognisable by short rounded wings and a long tail.



Missen is named after the Missen family who were very active in establishing farms within the Rockbank area in the 1860s. They had several students at the school and many family members were part of the School Council. The Missen family had several farming businesses which included the breeding of draught and pace horses. Mustangs are wild horses, which would have been around during the early farming periods in Rockbank and surrounding towns.



Peacock is named after the Peacock family who were prominent members of the Rockbank community in the 1950s. The Lion represents leadership and has been chosen to represent the Rockbank Lion Park that was once a feature on Ballarat Rd beside the Marine Store just after the Werribee exit on the highway. If you look closely you can still see the old toilet block and fence that was part of the park at the time.

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150th Anniversary – 1868-2018

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## Book Week 2021

There will be an upcoming dress up day for Book Week on **Tuesday 24th August.**



The theme for this year is 'Old Worlds, New Worlds, Other Worlds'. Students can dress up as their favourite book character for the day, it does not necessarily have to match the theme of Book Week, there is also no expectation for you to go out and purchase a costume for your child. On this day students will have the opportunity to take part in a dress up parade with the whole school as well as participate in a range of Book Week classroom activities.

Any questions please contact your child's classroom teacher.



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our classroom  
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## Rockbank Primary School

For your contribution to The Kids' Cancer Project through your Yellow Day Fundraiser

✦ \$400 ✦

24 June 2021

*Col R.*

Col Reynolds OAM  
Founder - The Kids' Cancer Project



Helping kids with cancer through research

<https://www.thekidscancerproject.org.au/>

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## Announcements

### July Birthdays

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

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|----------|------------|
| Lukas D  | Jai P      |
| Jujhar S | Jacob B    |
| Abbey H  | Jayinder B |
| T.J. H   | Gurneet K  |
| Seth S   | Eli R-B    |
| Alicia A | Yuvaan S   |
| Alok T   | Nadia K    |

Andy C



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Your school photography day has been rescheduled to:

**Tuesday, 10th August 2021**

**ORDER ONLINE AT [WWW.SCHOOLPIX.COM.AU](http://WWW.SCHOOLPIX.COM.AU)**

Orders close Thursday 12th of August

Sibling orders must be placed prior to 8am on photo day.

If you already placed an order you don't need to do anything. It will be processed and delivered once photography is complete.

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## Our School Wide Positive Behaviour Support Focus

THE KEY FEATURES

### 05 Acknowledging Expected Behaviours



Not all students are encouraged by the same things or in the same ways. A menu of strategies to encourage students include social attention, adult attention, specific positive feedback, privileges and tangibles.

#### Our school wide tangible reinforcers include:

- WEEKLY STUDENT OF THE WEEK NOMINATED BY CLASSROOM TEACHER, PRESENTED AT ASSEMBLY AND INCLUDED IN FORTNIGHTLY NEWSLETTER.



- CLASSROOM DOJO - ENCOURAGING STUDENTS TO DISPLAY CLASSROOM EXPECTATIONS. DOJO POINTS CAN BE CASHED IN AT THE SWPBS SHOP.



- YARD TOKENS - HANDED OUT BY ANY STAFF MEMBER ON YARD DUTY WHEN THEY 'CATCH' A STUDENT FOLLOWING OUR SCHOOL VALUES.



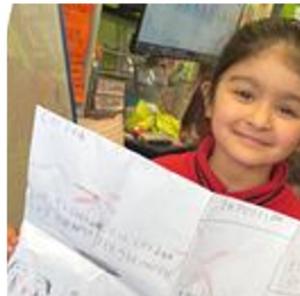
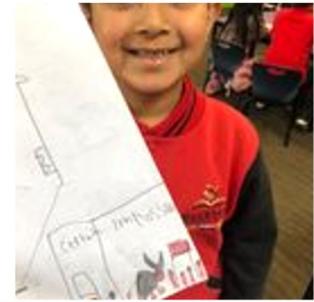
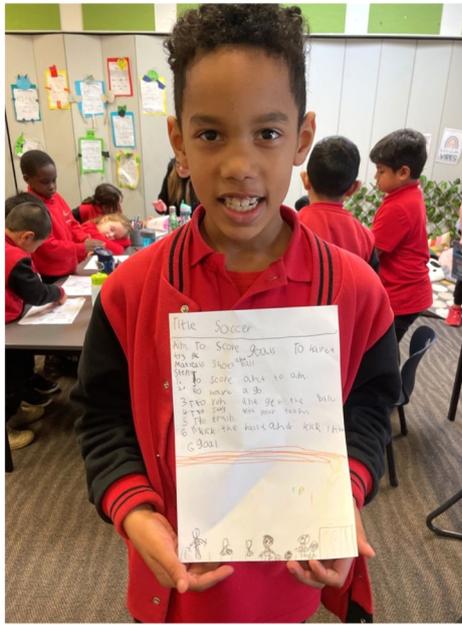
- ATTENDANCE ROCKY - ROCKY RECOGNISES STUDENTS AND CLASSES WHO COME TO SCHOOL EVERY DAY, AND ON TIME.



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We have seen some wonderful work submitted during remote learning.



## 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.

<b>Missen</b>	<b>90</b>
<b>Peacock</b>	<b>50</b>
<b>Fisher</b>	<b>40</b>
<b>Harrison</b>	<b>160</b>

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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: 16th July	Week Ending: 23rd July
F1A Miss Lane	Melina Y	Mehtaab S
F1B Miss Bencich	Eamon W	Shlok K
F1C Miss Coffey	Taanush P	
12A Miss Pierce	Cooper M	Soham K
12B Miss Magnano	Dante P Q	Isam M
12C Miss Bull	Noah G	Kyra P
12D Miss Andrews	Refah A	Belle W
34A Ms Ninkovic	Maddison M	Braydan B
34B Mr White	Melody Y	Monique W
56A Mr Randich	Aiden M	Akanksha P
56B Miss West	Hailee P	Jasmeen K
56C Miss Zemunic	Hady M	Aekam B
P.E. Mrs K (for Mrs Lehane)	Scarlette (F1C)	
The Arts Mrs Georgievski	Tulouna U (12A)	Jacintia C (56C)
Auslan Mr Still	Scarlette T (F1C)	Ryan C (34A)

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# Attendance

**EVERY  
SCHOOL DAY  
COUNTS**

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



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.

## 2021 term 3 stats at 23/07/2021

<p><b>Our Goal:</b></p> <p>95% school wide attendance average</p>	<p><b>Current school wide student average:</b></p> <p><b>89%</b> </p>
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**Number of students with 100% attendance so far in term 3**

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

Term 3 Classroom statistics	
F1A—Miss Lane	90%
F1B—Miss Bencich	85%
F1C—Miss Coffey	88%
12A—Miss Pierce	87%
12B—Miss Magnano	93%
12C—Miss Bull	92%
12D—Miss Andrews	92%
34A—Ms Ninkovic	90%
34B—Mr White	83%
56A—Mr Randich	90%
56B—Miss West	87%
56C—Miss Zemunic	89%

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

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**EYNESBURY**  
**WINTER**  
*Festival*

**NEW DATES!**  
**25 JUNE - 25 JULY**

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**MARKETS DJ'S**  
**PERFORMERS IGLOO'S**  
**OUTDOOR CINEMA**  
**ICE RINK**  
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**25 JUNE - 25 JULY**

## FESTIVAL SCHEDULE

**OPEN 7 DAYS**  
**MON - WED 12PM - 9PM**    **THURS - FRI 12PM - 10PM**  
**SAT 10AM - 10PM**    **SUN 10AM - 9PM**

<p><b>FRI 25</b></p> <p><b>OPENING DAY</b> Ice rink, jumping castle &amp; more From 5pm</p>		<p><b>SAT 26</b></p>	<p><b>SUN 27</b></p> <p><b>EYNESBURY WINTER MARKETS</b> From 9am</p> <p><b>BAND/LIVE MUSIC</b> From 2pm</p>			
<p><b>MON 28</b></p> <p><b>TREAT DAY</b> Free babycinos/mini choccie &amp; jumping castle Until 4pm</p>	<p><b>TUES 29</b></p> <p><b>PIZZA NIGHT</b> Buy 2 pizzas and a nutella calzone for \$35 All day</p>	<p><b>WED 30</b></p> <p><b>TRIVIA NIGHT</b> Winter Special From 6.30pm</p> <p><i>*Special*</i> Bonus hour on ice – buy 1 hour ticket &amp; get an another hour free</p>	<p><b>THURS 1</b></p> <p><b>DATE NIGHT</b> Drink specials at Ms Peacock From 6.30pm</p>	<p><b>FRI 2</b></p> <p><b>RNB SKATE NIGHT</b> DJ From 6pm</p>	<p><b>SAT 3</b></p> <p><b>KIDS DAY</b> Face painting, balloonist, bubble man plus all the winter festival activities From 12pm</p>	<p><b>SUN 4</b></p> <p><b>BAND/LIVE MUSIC</b> From 2pm</p>
<p><b>MON 5</b></p> <p><b>TREAT DAY</b> Free babycinos/mini choccie &amp; jumping castle Until 4pm</p> <p><i>*Special*</i> Bonus hour on ice – buy 1 hour ticket &amp; get an another hour free</p>	<p><b>TUES 6</b></p> <p><b>PIZZA NIGHT</b> Buy 2 pizzas and a nutella calzone for \$35 All day</p> <p><i>*Special*</i> Bonus hour on ice – buy 1 hour ticket &amp; get an another hour free</p>	<p><b>WED 7</b></p> <p><b>MOVIE NIGHT</b> Blades of Glory From 5pm</p>	<p><b>THURS 8</b></p> <p><b>DATE NIGHT</b> Drink specials at Ms Peacock From 6.30pm</p>	<p><b>FRI 9</b></p> <p><b>RNB SKATE NIGHT</b> DJ From 6pm</p>	<p><b>SAT 10</b></p> <p><b>WINTER SOLSTICE</b> From 5pm</p>	<p><b>SUN 11</b></p> <p><b>BAND/LIVE MUSIC</b> From 2pm</p>
<p><b>MON 12</b></p> <p><b>TREAT DAY</b> Free babycinos/mini choccie &amp; jumping castle Until 4pm</p>	<p><b>TUES 13</b></p> <p><b>PIZZA NIGHT</b> Buy 2 pizzas and a nutella calzone for \$35 All day</p>	<p><b>WED 14</b></p> <p><b>MOVIE NIGHT</b> Home Alone From 5pm</p>	<p><b>THURS 15</b></p> <p><b>DATE NIGHT</b> Drink specials at Ms Peacock From 6.30pm</p>	<p><b>FRI 16</b></p> <p><b>RNB SKATE NIGHT</b> DJ From 6pm</p>	<p><b>SAT 17</b></p> <p><b>MOVIE NIGHT</b> Mighty Ducks From 5pm</p>	<p><b>SUN 18</b></p> <p><b>BAND/LIVE MUSIC</b> From 2pm</p>
<p><b>MON 19</b></p> <p><b>TREAT DAY</b> Free babycinos/mini choccie &amp; jumping castle Until 4pm</p>	<p><b>TUES 20</b></p> <p><b>PIZZA NIGHT</b> Buy 2 pizzas and a nutella calzone for \$35 All day</p>	<p><b>WED 21</b></p> <p><b>MOVIE NIGHT</b> Frozen From 5pm</p>	<p><b>THURS 22</b></p> <p><b>DATE NIGHT</b> Drink specials at Ms Peacock From 6.30pm</p>	<p><b>FRI 23</b></p> <p><b>RNB SKATE NIGHT</b> DJ From 6pm</p>	<p><b>SAT 24</b></p> <p><b>KIDS DAY</b> Face painting, balloonist, bubble man plus all the winter festival activities From 12pm</p>	<p><b>SUN 25</b></p> <p><b>BAND/LIVE MUSIC</b> From 2pm</p>

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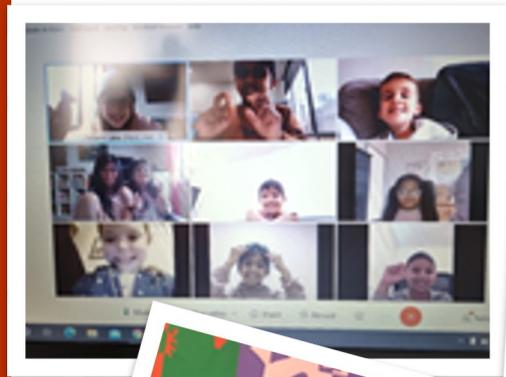
# Our Learning This Week

**By Mr Still - Auslan.**

We value togetherness during learning time

At Rockbank Primary School we learn different subjects and topics. During learning time we:

- make sure all voices are heard
- respect different opinions
- include others



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