



# Newsletter

ISSUE 18

FRIDAY 10TH DECEMBER

## FOR YOUR DIARIES

### MONDAY 13TH DECEMBER

Grade 5/6  
Presentations &  
Graduation

### TUESDAY 14TH DECEMBER

Grade 3/4  
Presentations

### FRIDAY 17TH DECEMBER

Last Day of School  
Year

*(1:30pm finish)*

### MONDAY 31ST JANUARY

First day 2022 School  
Year

## Principal's Message



We have finally made it through another tough twelve months with just 5 days to go. I cannot help but be proud of the resolve shown by all involved at our school and want to thank all the staff, parents and students on persisting through this year to get to the end. We hope to be back to normal as much as possible in 2022 as we look forward to more exciting events and activities. We also look forward to concentrating on student achievement and ensuring that students are making the necessary growth at our school. Our teachers are working hard next week to prepare for 2022 to ensure we maximise learning for all.

#### Kaboom Sports

Our students participated in a soggy version of Kaboom Sports on Wednesday, which is a tabloid sports activity. The students had a great time at the event despite the weather. The event was supposed to go for two hours, but was unfortunately cut short. As a result we have re-booked them for next year and will be providing the event at a reduced cost to students.

Further to this we had a BBQ and drink for each student that was supplied by Woolworths Tarneit with the assistance of the Bloor family. We thank them for their assistance and

we thank Mrs Georgievski and Ms West for their organisation of the day.

#### Reports

Reports will be sent out via SeeSaw next week. We are no longer printing reports. Our reports this semester will focus on literacy and numeracy. All Specialist subjects will also be reported on and any inquiry areas that have been covered over the course of the year. It has been very difficult to ascertain student achievement this year due to remote learning. We hope to return to our regular reporting processes using Individual Learning Plans and SeeSaw posts in 2022 to give parents real-time access to student progress.

#### New portables

It has been confirmed that we will be receiving two new relocatable buildings to start the new year. One will be an art room and the other will be a double classroom. This is a welcome addition to our school considering we will be close to 300 students again next year.

#### Step Up Day

On Tuesday we had our Step Up Day for 2022. We have 53 Preps ready to start next year and we had many other students who will be joining us in 2022 at the school on the day. We also welcomed Miss Gregson to Prep, Miss Willis to Year 1/2 and Miss Kilkenny to Year 3/4. We also welcome Janelle Fry as an Integration Aide.

#### End of Year

We will be finishing at 1.30pm on Friday 17th December. Please ensure you pick your children up on time. We will be sending any children not picked up by 1.50pm to after school care.

#### Start of year

School will start on Monday 31st January in 2022. Our Year Prep students will also start on this day. Preps will also have Wednesday and Thursday off school for the first two weeks for testing.

On behalf of the staff at Rockbank Primary School I would like to thank everyone for their efforts in 2021. It was another tough year and we got through it well. I wish all families a wonderful break and hope you have a chance to get away or just relax and spend time with family. It's about time we all caught up on the moments we have missed and reconnect with our family and friends.

Stay safe and we hope to see you all back and ready to go on Monday 31st January for the 2022 year.

Merry Christmas to all and a Happy New Year.

Darryl Spiteri  
Principal

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# A Word From Wellbeing



Christopher Daxecker

Assistant Principal/  
Primary Welfare



## WELLBEING: Ideas and support over the school holidays

It has been a big year for all our students, our families and our wider Rockbank community. Please find below a few tips to continue looking after your mental health and wellbeing over the school holidays and services to reach out to if you need support.

Actions to support positive mental health over the school holidays:

- ✓ Exercise boosts mood and mental health – make it fun!
- ✓ Nourish your brain by eating healthily – it will also improve your mood
- ✓ Prioritise sleep to support mental and emotional wellbeing
- ✓ Explore relaxation techniques and coping strategies
- ✓ Stay in touch and catch up with friends and loved ones
- ✓ Make time to do things you enjoy
- ✓ Practice positive self-talk – and remember you are not alone
- ✓ Seek professional help if needed.

Smiling Mind gives you tips on looking after yourself, understanding and managing emotions, being mindful, being kind to yourself, navigating uncertainty and preparing for change. You may find that these actions are not enough to look after your mental health. Here are some signs you may need some support.

Signs that you or someone you know may need mental health support. Keep an eye out and seek professional help for changes that last two or more weeks such as:

- ✓ Loss of interest or involvement in activities normally enjoyed
- ✓ Feeling 'low', unusually stressed or worried
- ✓ Ordinary things get harder
- ✓ Being easily irritated or angry
- ✓ Taking more dangerous risks
- ✓ Withdrawal or feeling overwhelmed
- ✓ Difficulties with concentration and motivation
- ✓ Having a lot of negative thoughts
- ✓ Changing in sleeping and eating

A range of different resources and activities you can do for yourself and for you children can be found by clicking on the following link.

[mindfulness resources and activities for students](#)



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## MATHEMATICS @ Rockbank Primary School:

### The learning never stops!



School holidays are all about relaxing, enjoying a well-earned break and having a good time with family and friends. But, believe it or not, school holidays can also be a great opportunity to practice maths skills with your child. Now I'm talking about making maths fun! Below are some great practical ideas and fun activities you and your child will enjoy.

#### For school-age kids

Play the license plate game! This is an all-time favourite – there are so many variants to play it, your kids will never get bored in the car again! This is a great game as you can adapt the game to your child's math level.

- ✓ While driving, kids have to spot on license plates each number from 0 to any pre-determined number in order (e.g. 0-10 for younger kids, 0-999 for older kids).
- ✓ Kids can also find which numbers are odd and which ones are even. As an extension, they can point out which ones are prime.
- ✓ Another way to play is for kids to try to make up the largest number from a license plate by rearranging the numbers.
- ✓ According to math level, kids can add, subtract, multiply, or divide all numbers in a license plate. If you have more than one child, see who can do it faster.
- ✓ For an extra challenge, ask them to use the numbers in a license plate to make the number 24 by using any combination of the orders of operation.

#### Board Games

Playing games with the family is a great opportunity to practice math skills! There are so many different board games that involve math skills – these are some of my favourites:

- Bingo, Snakes and ladders, Uno, Monopoly, Battleship, Yahtzee, Risk.
- At the end of the day, no matter what board game you play, if you make your child keep track of the score, they will be doing math.

#### Making Sense of Time

Making up a schedule for the day which includes the start and end time for each activity. Ask your kids to predict how long routine activities will take, such as a walk to the park, a drive to the local shops, etc.

#### For older kids

Encourage your kids to buy wisely. For example, if you are planning on buying them a phone, ask them to explore different phone plans and show you which plan is the most economical and why. When purchasing discounted clothing, ask them to tell you an estimated price before you buy it.

When at the grocery store, ask them to analyse different product costs and select the best options (e.g. look at the price of toilet paper per sheet rather than the price of the whole package). And ask them to predict the total to be paid while waiting at the register.

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## 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.



We tackled some miserable weather, but still had a great time on Kaboom Sports day.



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**CHRISTMAS RAFFLE**  
**TICKETS = \$1.00 EACH**  
**DRAWN 17<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2021**  
Prizes can be viewed in the office



## School Sports Victoria Cricket Development



From 22nd—26th November, **Jujhar Singh Tamber** represented Rockbank Primary School in School Sports Victoria Cricket Development Camp. He was the top spin bowler in the camp. Congratulation Jujhar from all the staff and students at RPS.

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## School Term Dates For 2026—2030 Released

The Education and Training Reform Regulations 2017 require the Minister for Education to determine the days on which a government school is required to be open for attendance by students.

The Minister for Education has set the term dates for 2026-2030.

Setting school dates well in advance assists with school planning and ensures the school community knows the days Victorian government schools are open for student instruction.

The 2026-2030 term dates are based on these criteria:

- \* there are four school terms
- \* the school year is 200 days
- \* the Australia Day holiday occurs before students return to school
- \* the first term vacation is to coincide with Easter
- \* that, as far as possible, a consistent pattern be maintained from one five-year block to the next.

More information is on the Department's website: [School term dates and holidays](#)



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## Announcements

### November Birthdays

Happy birthday to the following students who celebrate a birthday in

#### December:

- |           |           |
|-----------|-----------|
| Pavi D    | Alyssa L  |
| Mason McD | Aaliyah P |
| Liam T    | Olivia W  |
| Keerat K  | Guru C    |
| Hayden V  | Atahlia B |
| Adam M    | Vansh S   |
| Taanush P | Talouna U |
| Jett D    | Ajong D   |
| Faris W   | Alina D   |
| Japmann S | Lilith S  |



Amelia & Kiarah had some very creative Christmas Trees on Crazy Hair Day.



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## Enrolments

Enrolments now open for 2022. See our website for enrolment information and forms or contact the school office.

**Enrolments Open For 2022**

**Enrol Now**

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## 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.

Our winning house for the year will be announced at next week's assembly.

<b>Missen</b>	<b>550</b>
<b>Peacock</b>	<b>410</b>
<b>Fisher</b>	<b>730</b>
<b>Harrison</b>	<b>760</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: 3rd December	Week Ending: 10th December
F1A Miss Lane	Sehaj K T	
F1B Miss Bencich	Arya S	All students of F1B
F1C Miss Coffey	Prisha T	Cooper H
12A Miss Pierce	Kaitlyn S	Manraj S
12B Miss Magnano	Rian J	Aaradhya S
12C Miss Bull	Meti B	Noah G
12D Miss Andrews	Chloe N	Jospeh K M
34A Mrs Lehane	Ryan C	Angad C
34B Mr White	Lumande K	Andrew U
56A Mr Randich	Madison C	Mercy T
56B Miss West	Guru C	Sammer B
56C Miss Zemunic	Posh K	Lachie H
Auslan Mr Still	Keerat K (12C)	
PE Mr Still	Varnika P (34A)	
The Arts MRs Georgievski	Sarah F (34B)	Maddy S (F1A)

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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 4 stats at 10/12/2021

<p><b>Our Goal:</b></p> <p>95% school wide attendance average</p>	<p><b>Current school wide student average:</b></p> <p><b>80%</b> </p>
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**Number of students with 100% attendance so far in term 4**  
  

# 12

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

Term 4 Classroom statistics	
F1A—Miss Lane	72%
F1B—Miss Bencich	76%
F1C—Miss Coffey	83%
12A—Miss Pierce	80%
12B—Miss Magnano	83%
12C—Miss Bull	85%
12D—Miss Andrews	83%
34A—Mrs Lehane	80%
34B—Mr White	82%
56A—Mr Randich	72%
56B—Miss West	78%
56C—Miss Zemunic	87%

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

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# Attendance

**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

Japmann S (12A)

Isam A(12B)

Elora A(12B)

Angela Y(12B)

Zoraiz B(12C)

Keerat K(12C)

Aarav P(12C)

Lasal L (34B)

Messi M (56B)

Elnathan A (56C)

Hady M (56C)

Teertha G (F1C)

## Classroom Achievement

Congratulations to  
56C for achieving  
87% attendance in  
Term 4.

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

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# Our Learning This Week



By Miss Pierce 12A

In 1/2A we show the school values of respect and safety when we attend our school assembly each Friday.

We show the school values by:

- entering and exiting assembly quietly
- listening to the speaker
- singing and signing to the national anthem
- taking our hats off for the national anthem
- clapping to celebrate the achievement of others



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# Community News

EYNESBURY  
**SUMMER  
 FESTIVAL**  
 WHAT'S ON



**25 JUNE - 25 JULY**

## FESTIVAL SCHEDULE

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

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

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