



# Newsletter

ISSUE 7

FRIDAY 20TH MAY

## FOR YOUR DIARIES

**MONDAY 23RD—  
FRIDAY 27TH  
MAY**

Education Week

**THURSDAY 2ND  
JUNE**

School Photo Day

**MONDAY 13TH  
JUNE**

Queens Birthday  
Public Holiday

**WEDNESDAY  
15TH—FRIDAY  
17TH JUNE**

Grade 5/6 Camp

## Principal's Message



Week Four at Rockbank Primary School has been extra awesome for our Year 3/4 team. On Wednesday, we packed them up and sent them off on their 2022 school camp at Halls Gap. A big thank you to the teachers for all the planning and work for our school camp. Well done to Lucy Bull who has led her team to provide some amazing experiences for your children to enjoy whilst on camp. How exciting for the students to be taking Lenny, Therapy dog on camp with them. We hope you all have an amazing time.

### NAPLAN

Last week, we conducted NAPLAN testing for the Year 3 and 5 students. I was very proud of the effort the students demonstrated in all testing sessions. This was another example of great teamwork from the staff who manage the administration of NAPLAN testing and to our students for trying their very best. We only have a small number of students who will need to do some catch-up tests by the end of this week.

### Interschool Sport

Last Friday Rockbank PS hosted the Interschool Sports Round. Setting up and preparing for these events is really important to ensure the event runs smoothly. Thank you to our PE teacher, Mrs Carly Lehane and teachers for supporting the students and this event. It really is fantastic to see

schools coming together again and students mixing with each other.

### Staff Shortages

As mentioned at least week's assembly, we are experiencing a shortage of teachers on some days at school. We are trying our best to place CRT in classes, however, as you can imagine, there is also a great shortage of CRT staff to call on. At times, we will need to split classes across the school. Some schools across Victoria have had to resort back to online learning due to critical staff shortages. I am very thankful we are managing so far with minimal disruptions; however, we also know that this can change very quickly. We really do appreciate your understanding of this situation in our school and across our region.

### Covid Cases

This week family were sent a letter regarding some changes to the requirements of conducting RATs. I hope that everyone has had the chance to read this communication.

Please be assured we are continuing practising good hand hygiene and social distancing between staff and students where possible. Whilst masks are not mandatory, some staff and students are choosing to wear them as a possible preventative measure. If your child tests positive, please follow instructions that have been forwarded home last term or if

you have received a notification letter, then all the information can be accessed through that. We have plenty of RAT kits in stock at school, please contact the school should you require additional kits if your child is symptomatic. Thank you to our community for reporting positive cases on the 'portal' link and follow up to our school.

### School Photos

All families should have received the School Photos information. School Photos are scheduled for 2nd June. Please ensure you follow the instructions and complete the form online.

### Voting

The Australian Electoral Commission have selected Rockbank Primary School as a voting location for our local electorate. The school gymnasium will be open for Voting for the Federal Election this Saturday, 21st May, 2022 from 8am – 6pm.

### Car Park / drop off and pick up

Just a reminder to enter the carpark slowly and to remain patient as we direct traffic. Being always considerate to others, will ensure a much safer environment for your children and staff who are trying to assist in this process.

I hope you all have a fantastic two weeks.

Krista Barnes

Principal

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## Meet Our Student Leaders



Guru C  
Vice Captain

Hi my name is Guru, I am a vice captain at Rockbank Primary School. My favourite things to do are play soccer, basketball and just sports. I am 11years old and I am happy to be a vice captain at Rockbank Primary School. I have been at this school for four years, lots of my friends have left since then. My birthday is in December and this is my last year at this school and this is one of my first times writing something for the newsletter. I love playing Roblox with my friends and I recently got a MacBook so I play on that. I have enjoyed my time at Rockbank and I am excited to go to high school.



Samerawit B  
Vice Captain

Hi my name is Sammer and I'm in grade 6. I'm a Vice Captain at this school and I really enjoy being a Vice captain cause I don't do jobs in the middle of class unlike school captains.

My age is currently 11 and my birthday is in November. My favourite things to do are to play Netball and Tennis, eating food and chatting with my best friend Jasmeen. I am grateful to be a vice captain on my last year of primary school. I'm looking forward to high school although I'm not sure what high school I'm going to.

I'm looking forward to learning and help leading the school.

Lenny uses the Buddy Bench to help us find friends to play with.



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# A Word From Wellbeing



Christopher Daxecker  
Vice Principal



## Wellbeing: SWPBS

Over the past years, Rockbank Primary School has and continues to be dedicated to our students, staff and wider communities Mental Health & Wellbeing. A framework that supports this to become reality at our school is that of the School Wide Positive Behaviour Support system. A dedicated team consisting of staff from across the school implement evidence based practices to promote a safe and inclusive learning environment. You may have heard of Vicky & Vinnie or DOJO in the classroom, or possibly know our School values or have visited the Wellbeing Space. These are all areas that are envisioned and actioned by the SWPBS team. I would like to recognise and congratulate this team and the hard work and dedication of all our staff and students to successfully as a school be awarded the **BRONZE AWARD** in 2021! What a great achievement!



In 2022, we continue our journey and have been engaging with Professional Learning around Classroom Systems. This is a set of instructional practices and strategies that enhance the quality pedagogies we already have in place. In introducing the team for 2022, please see the familiar faces below.



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## Numeracy @ RBPS

At Rockbank Primary School our students are exposed to a range of different supports and strategies to give them the best opportunities to develop their mathematics and numeracy skills. To give you an insight into some of these strategies please find below some that you may already be familiar with and some that you may not. I urge you to ask questions of your child's classroom teacher if you are unfamiliar with any of these or simply want to know more.

**Problem-based learning (PBL)** is a student centred approach in which students learn about a subject by working in groups to solve an open-ended problem. This problem is what drives the motivation and the learning.



**Essential Assessment** is a leading provider of a unique Numeracy assessment model that delivers a whole school approach to summative and formative assessment for Australian schools. Pre-Assess Your Students.

**ESSENTIALASSESSMENT**  
Assessment and Curriculum made easy

RBPS has engaged over the years with Nicole & Jessica from *NJC Consultants*. They provide professional learning for all staff to build their capacity in the teaching and learning of Mathematics. They are also in the classroom with students as they enhance our teacher's capacity in allowing students to reach their full potential.



All of these strategies combined on an ongoing basis, provide our students with the best learning opportunities in Mathematics!

## NUMBER TALKS

**Number talks** are short, daily exercises aimed at building conceptual meaning around numbers. They encourage students to visualize problem solving, calculate quickly, use higher level thinking, and be flexible in the math strategies.

**Mathletics**

**Mathletics** is the only comprehensive mathematics program that provides instant access to thousands of digital and physical activities for practice, fluency and critical thinking in one place.

**Seesaw**

**Seesaw** is a platform for student engagement that inspires students of all ages to do their best. Students use creative tools to take pictures, draw, record videos and more to capture learning in a portfolio. At RBPS SeeSaw is used for real time sharing of students moving towards reaching their independent learning goals (ILP's).

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## Education Week



This year, Education Week runs from 22–28 May. The theme, ‘150 Years of Public Education’ commemorates the past, celebrates the present and imagines the future of education in Victoria.

Education Week is an opportunity for our school to highlight our education journey.

This year, Rockbank Primary School is 154 years old. A Mr Smith owned 103 acres beside the previous site of the school. He donated one acre of his land for the new Rockbank school (New Cambridge) to be built in 1868. It was built of bluestone that was carted by locals. The new school brought new families to the area and the school was well attended.

George Missen acquired the property to the east and south of Mr Smith’s. Missen later opened the Rose & Crown Hotel in Rockbank. (*Source—Shire of Melton Heritage Study—Volume 5*)

Rockbank Primary School will be celebrating Education Week by running a number of activities throughout the week that highlight 150 years of public education as well as celebrate our own rich history.

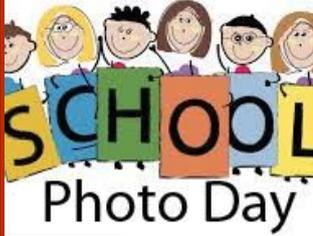
For more information and to access the calendar of free activities, visit [Education Week 2022](#).



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## School Photos



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[WWW.SCHOOLPIX.COM.AU](http://WWW.SCHOOLPIX.COM.AU)

# SCHOOL PHOTO DAY

**Thursday 2nd June, 2022**

**Photo Day Tips**

**DRESS:** Clean & tidy, full school uniform  
Grade 6's in graduation tops

**HAIR:** Neat & swept off face

*Please ensure students are at school on time*



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## Cold & Flu Season



A resurgence of influenza (the flu) is expected this winter. Schools are at risk of higher rates of students and staff affected by flu and COVID-19.

### Flu vaccinations

Flu vaccinations can be booked through GPs and pharmacies, many of which can also provide COVID-19 vaccinations.

Flu vaccination is recommended for everyone aged 6 months and over.

Some people are more at risk of complications from flu and are eligible for free vaccination as part of the National Immunisation Program.

### COVID-19 vaccinations

COVID-19 vaccines are available and free to everyone aged 5 years and over in Australia.

They can be booked through the COVID-19 hotline on [1800 675 398](tel:1800675398) or through participating GPs, pharmacies and community health services.

## Be a Soapy Hero

How to...  
wash your hands



WASH YOUR HANDS  
TO GET RID OF GERRY THE GERM

It  
only takes  
**20**  
seconds!



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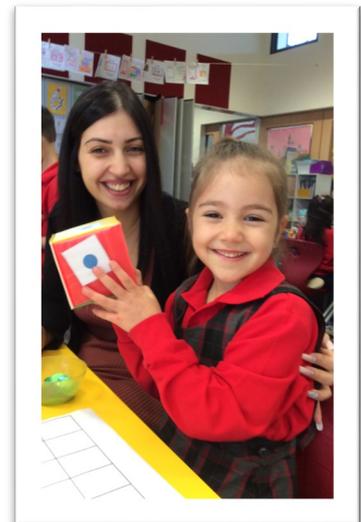
## Mother's Day Event & Raffle



We celebrated Mother's Day this year by inviting our Prep—Grade 4 mums (the 5/6 students were busy at Interschool Sports) to join their child's classroom for the first hour on the 6th May for their numeracy lesson.

We also held our Mother's Day stall over 2 days and had our yearly Mother's Day raffle.

We hope everyone had a wonderful Mother's Day.



### THANKS FOR YOUR DONATIONS

- Anytime Fitness                      3 month membership
- Ms Peacock, Eynesbury            \$100 voucher
- Aintree Food & Wine                \$100 voucher
- Woodlea Coles                         \$ 20 voucher

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## Announcements

### May Birthdays

Happy birthday to the following students who celebrate a birthday in

May:

- |           |               |
|-----------|---------------|
| Rubea T   | Isabella C    |
| Isaac McM | Nicholas B    |
| Nobel M   | Stephanie A   |
| Nicola C  | Rajbir B      |
| Aradhya A | Amelie C-F    |
| Hargun V  | Hossannah K M |
| Yuvraj S  | Eamon W       |
| Jasleen K |               |



## 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>1370</b>
<b>Peacock</b>	<b>1260</b>
<b>Fisher</b>	<b>1390</b>
<b>Harrison</b>	<b>920</b>

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**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.

## 2022 stats at 19/05/2022

<p><b>Our Goal:</b></p> <p>All students will have at least <b>95%</b> attendance all year .</p>	<p><b>Current school wide student average:</b></p> <p><b>83%</b> </p>
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**Number of students with 100% attendance so far in term 2**

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

Term 2 Classroom statistics	
FA—Miss Gregson	77.3%
FB—Miss Bencich	80.5%
FC—Miss Lane	75.5%
12A—Miss Pierce	77.1%
12B—Miss Magnano	89.3%
12C—Miss Andrews	82.1%
12D—Mrs Willis	77.5%
12E—Mr Randich	78.4%
12F—Ms Ninkovic	87.0%
34A—Miss Bull	87.9%
34B—Mr White	91.3%
34C—Mrs Kilkenny	85.4%
56A—Miss West	87.7%
56B—Miss Zemunic	91.6%

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

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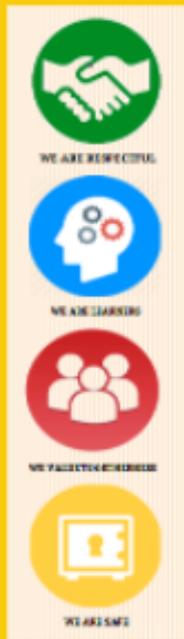


## School Wide Positive Behaviour Support

THE KEY FEATURES

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### Clarifying Expected Behaviours



Defining school-wide expectations allows us to proactively teach success, and to address any inappropriate behaviour that may occur across any school setting.



OUR SCHOOL MATRIX CREATES A VISION OF A SUCCESSFUL STUDENT ACROSS ALL SETTINGS, CLASSROOM AND NON CLASSROOM. IT COMMUNICATES A POSITIVE MESSAGE TO STUDENTS, STAFF & COMMUNITY AND ALIGNS STAFF THROUGH USE OF CONSISTENT LANGUAGE.

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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:	
	13th May	20th May
FA—Miss Gregson	Aayan K	Hailee B
FB—Miss Bencich	Yarna H	
FC—Miss Lane	Divisha S	Niu U
12A—Miss Pierce	Sarah S	Miles C
12B—Miss Magnano	Joy Y	Rukeesh P
12C—Miss Andrews	Isam A	Aarvi P
12D—Mrs Willis	Kashindi K	Rajbir B
12E—Mr Randich	Steven T	Keon A
12F—Ms Ninkovic	Ksharaa K	
34A—Miss Bull	Ruby S	Harry W
34B—Mr White	Japmann S	Deng D
34C—Ms Kilkenny	Kyra T	Mahad S
56A—Ms West	Jasmeen K	TJ B
56B—Miss Zemunic	Khushmeet P	Cruz K
PE—Mrs Lehane	Atahlia B (12E)	Brigid V (56A)
The Arts—Mrs Georgievski	Ksharaa K (12F)	
Auslan—Mr Still	Sukhraj H (34C)	Guru C (56A)

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# Our Learning This Week



WE ARE RESPECTFUL

By Ms West and 5/6A

**Q. What time do you have to be in the classroom in the morning?**

*A. The first bell goes at 8.50*

**Q. What do you do when the music starts at break time?**

*A. Start moving to class.*

**Q. The best time to go to the toilet is....**

*A. During Break times.*

**Q. The music is playing, how long do I have to get a drink?**

*A. 3 minutes*

**Q. The music is finished and the bell has gone. Should I still get a drink?**

*A. No*

**Q. You should be lining up by the time the bell rings. True/False?**

*A. True*



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