

## IMPORTANT DATES TERMS 1 & 2

### MONDAY 27TH MARCH

Leadership Excursion

### FRIDAY 31ST MARCH

Curriculum Day

(No school for students)

### SUNDAY 2ND APRIL

Daylight Savings Ends

### THURSDAY 6TH APRIL

Casual Dress Day &

Last Day of Term 1

2:15pm finish

### MONDAY 24TH APRIL

Curriculum Day

(No school for students)

### TUESDAY 25TH APRIL

ANZAC Day Public Holiday

(No school)

### WEDNESDAY 26TH APRIL

Term 2 begins for

students

(everyone back at school)

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE



This week we celebrate 'Cultural & Diversity Week' at RPS. This event is highly regarded by staff who strongly advocate for each and every student that attends our school as equals and respected for their individuality. Whilst we celebrate diversity at Rockbank every day, it is lovely to see some additional and special activities planned to highlight the importance of our different cultures and respecting our students and families from different backgrounds and cultures. You may have noticed that we have some new signposts at the front of our school. These are a welcome and timely addition to demonstrate how we embrace our student and family cultures at RPS. These signs are displaying the very many and varied languages we currently have in our school (maybe not the latest arrivals) and each sign says welcome/hello in native languages. I know the students are loving them and we hope our families feel proud to be included.

I would like to congratulate our Year 3 & 5 students for their effort and dedication when completing NAPLAN assessments. We ask that you try your best and we were very proud of the way you worked through each of the four assessments. Well done! Thanks to the teachers for the fabulous preparation of students for these assessments and running each of the sessions. We only have a few students for catch up and NAPLAN 2023 test window closes off next Monday afternoon. Thank you to the leadership team for the organisation and implementation of NAPLAN. Great job.

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# CONTINUATION OF PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Our priority focus on Attendance seems to be improving daily attendance, late arrivals and early pick-ups. Thank you to our families who are contacting school and using the attendance line to register your child's absence by the start of the day. We are very proud of our new badges and the students are loving them. I am looking forward to seeing some of our students winning the amazing prizes for their fabulous attendance records.

Last week I met with our student leadership team, school and vice captains and house captains. We discussed the purpose and the content of our meetings. I am looking forward to working with these amazing school leaders as we continue to improve our school.

Our portable buildings are nearly completed and staffing and new classes are currently being developed. We will be providing more information and contacting families by mid next week. We are still experiencing a steady flow of new enrolments and we envisage this to continue across the whole year.

This week our 2023 Annual Implementation Plan (AIP) was endorsed by our School Council President, Mrs Lyn Courtice. This plan drives our decision making and guides us with the school improvement plan and aligns to our School Strategic Plan. We have our school council meeting next week and I will also be presenting our 2022 School Annual Report for their endorsement. Once finalised all these documents will be uploaded on our website for families to access.

We will have one more newsletter in week 11, which will be uploaded by Thursday 6th April, 2023.

Curriculum day: Friday 31st March - students do not attend school

End of Term 1: Thursday 6th April - school finishes early: 2:15pm

We hope you all have a fabulous fortnight.

Krista Barnes  
Principal



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# CELEBRATING OUR ATTENDANCE



COME TO  
SCHOOL EVERY  
DAY  
(AND ON TIME!)  
AND BE  
RECOGNISED  
FOR YOUR  
GREAT  
ACHIEVEMENT!

## 2023 Stats at 24/3/23

Number of students with 100% attendance so far in term 1:  
**51**

### TERM 1 CLASSROOM STATISTICS



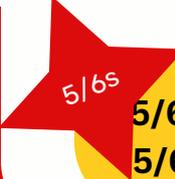
FA - Ms Gregson: 90%  
FB - Mr Randich: 94%  
FC - Miss Gabby: 93%  
FD - Ms Sharma: 87%



1/2A - Ms Pierce: 88%  
1/2B - Ms Buttigieg: 88%  
1/2C - Ms Bencich: 93%  
1/2D - Ms Kaur: 81%



3/4A - Ms Jones/ Ms Kastanaras: 87%  
3/4B - Ms Bull: 88%  
3/4C - Mr White: 78%  
3/4D - Ms Kilkenny: 87%



5/6A - Mr Cassano: 85%  
5/6B: Ms Ninkovic: 87%



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.

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# CELEBRATING OUR ATTENDANCE



# Rocky

Each Friday, the class with the best attendance gets Rocky to look after for the entire following week!



There are **10** attendance badges to collect featuring our very own Vicki and Vinny!

For each month that you are at school every day, you will receive one badge.

**COLLECT ALL 10!**

## TERMLY PRIZES!

With excellent attendance, you can go into the draw to win epic prizes each term!

## GOLD PRIZES



## BRONZE PRIZES



## SILVER PRIZES



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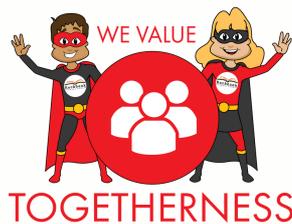
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# CELEBRATING OUR SUCCESS

## 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/Teacher	Week Ending:	Week Ending:
FA - Miss Gregson	Precious C	Avitaj B
FB - Mr Randich	Simon C	Mehtab S
FC - Miss Gabby	Parnika G	Chiemaan D
FD - Mrs Sharma	Abhay V	Ryan K
1/2A - Miss Pierce	Ezekiel W	Knox B
1/2B - Miss Buttigieg	Jyliana P	Alicia D
1/2C - Miss Bencich	Ayva A	Rohan W
1/2D - Mrs Kaur	Samrath M	Kidus T
3/4A - Mrs Jones/Ms Kastanaras	Mamadu J	Xylah Mc
3/4B - Miss Bull	Caleb A	Samairah D
3/4C - Mr White	Cooper H	Soham K
3/4D - Ms Kilkenny	Viaan S	Annaya M
5/6A - Mr Cassano	Brooklyn B	Miley W
5/6B - Ms Ninkovic	Paolo C	Desyre T
The Arts - Mrs Georgievski	Johanna B	FC
Auslan - Mr Still	Ruchika P	3/4B
Physical Education - Mrs Lehane	Adithi M	1/2C
S.T.E.M - Mr Rasmanis	Ezekiel W	3/4D



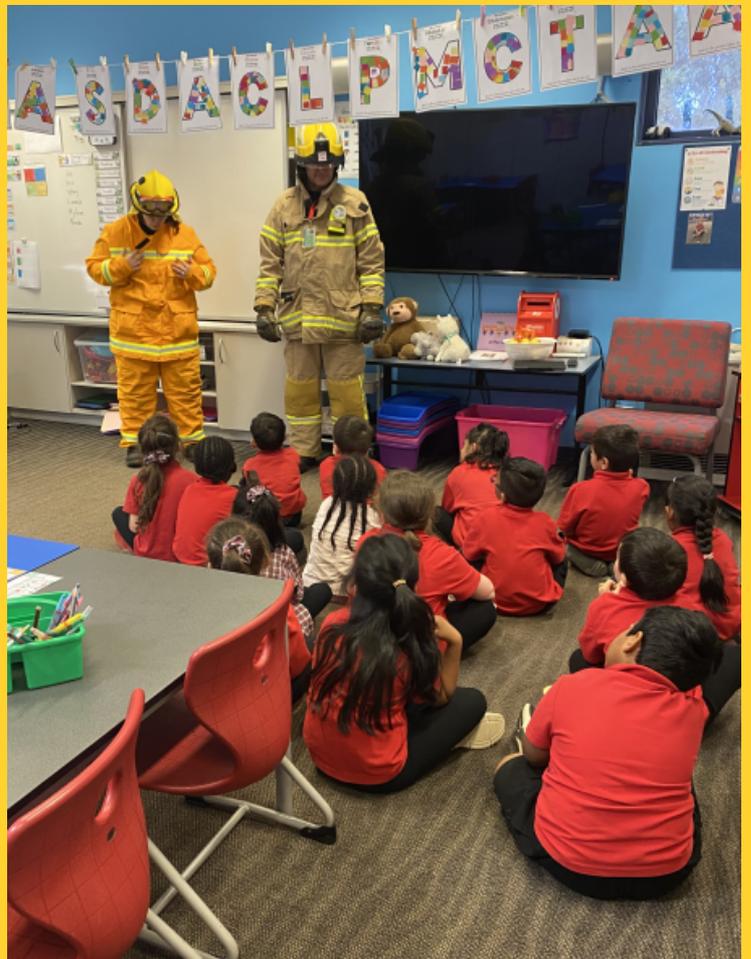
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# CELEBRATING OUR LEARNING

This week in Foundation we have been learning all about personal safety. This included a visit from the Rockbank Fire Brigade. The students absolutely loved learning about how to keep safe in an emergency. We were also able to go out and have a look at the fire truck, listen to the sirens and spray the hose!

## FC with Miss Gabby



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# CELEBRATING OUR LEARNING

## 3/4A with Mrs Jones & Ms Kastanaras

Hi Rockbank Community!

This week in 3/4A we are celebrating Cultural Diversity and sharing with our class all the amazing places our families are from.

On Tuesday, we put on our dancing shoes and learnt some groovy Bollywood dance moves.

We have also had an opportunity to wear our cultural clothes to show our peers in our whole school parade and have been getting creative by making paper lanterns to decorate our classroom, as well as a special display for our front office. So make sure to go check them out!



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# A WORD FROM WELLBEING

## Eating Time at School

Students at Rockbank have at least 10 minutes to eat inside at 11am and then another five minutes at 1.40. Many classes have a fruit snack around 10am as well. Some of the older classes will allow students to snack on fruit/vegetables throughout the day.



*Mrs Nevada West*

### What do I do if my child doesn't eat their lunch?

Ask your child why they didn't eat. Are they busy or distracted? Do they want some different options in their lunch box? Did they run out of time? Once you know the reason, you can make changes.

Encourage your child to eat their food at the allocated time but then offer any uneaten food as afternoon tea (as long as it's not perishable and been kept cold).

### How to pack a healthy kids lunch box

- A carbohydrate-based** food such as bread, pasta, rice, potatoes or couscous is a good starting point to fill hungry tummies.
- Yoghurt and cheese are high in protein and a **good source of calcium**.
- High-protein foods** such as lean meat, egg, tinned tuna, tofu and baked beans are good fillings for sandwiches, or for adding to pasta or rice salad.
- Water** is best for keeping kids hydrated, although milk is good too. Drinks with added sugar (cordial, 'fruit drinks' and fizzy drinks) are best avoided.
- Pack easy to eat **fruit and veg** such as fruit salad, pre-peeled oranges or mandarins, seedless grapes, cherry tomatoes or snow peas.
- Add **pre-packaged snacks** occasionally (not all are healthy enough to include regularly).



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