

## IMPORTANT DATES TERM 2

### MONDAY 24TH APRIL

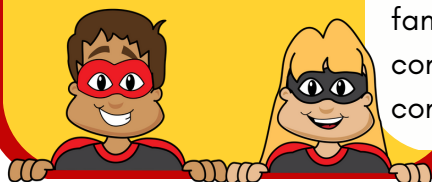
Curriculum Day  
(No school for students)

### TUESDAY 25TH APRIL

ANZAC Day Public Holiday  
(No school)

### WEDNESDAY 26TH APRIL

Term 2 begins for  
students  
(everyone back at school)



## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE



I am very pleased to inform our community that Term One has been a fantastic start to our 2023 school year. Our students have been engaged from day one, thanks to the staff for the work they prepare and deliver each day for our wonderful students. We thank our families for their ongoing support across the term for the successful education of their children.

During Term One, we have continued to receive new enrolments and new families, we welcome them all. Whilst this has pushed the school to enrolment capacity, our students and staff have really worked well together as classes sizes continued to grow. I would like to say a huge thank you to those wonderful students who have welcomed our new students into our school with positivity and friendship.

Whilst our student numbers have increased, so has our staffing, we welcomed four new ES staff and appointed two new teachers for the start of Term Two. Given the staff shortages across our sector and workforce, we are very fortunate to have secured additional staff.

We also experienced NAPLAN in Term One, a whole term earlier than previous years. The work that goes into preparing students, training staff and the administering of this assessment certainly increased all our workloads. Well done again to the Year 3s & 5s and our all staff.

Our Foundation team completed one on one assessments with students, whilst their parents were supported by our ES team to complete processes for a successful start to primary school education. Our new families attended the welcome to our school presentation in Term Four, 2022, followed by a 'Foundation Celebration,' which also included another presentation for our families. Teachers have made themselves available morning and afternoon to speak to families, we see this as a wonderful opportunity for teachers and families to build relationships, share celebrations and of course discuss any concerns. Formal 'Parent Feedback Sessions' will commence in Term Two and continue across each term.

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# CONTINUATION OF PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

We celebrated 'Cultural & Diversity Week' in style. The staff really enjoyed coming together with students and families for our dress up parade. Our students also completed many activities to support this valuable message as well as some Bollywood dancing.

Our School Council welcomed a new parent member, and we farewelled one of our valued council members as their two-year term concluded. The role of the School Council is vital to our school and decision making. After nominations were completed, Lyn Courtice will continue to be our School Council President. Thank you all for being a part of our committee for 2023.

Our 2023 Annual Implementation Plan (AIP) was endorsed in March for the 2023 year. We also completed and had endorsed our 2022 School Annual Report. Once this report passes the DE quality assurance process, this report will then be uploaded onto our website for our community to view.

I would like to continue to remind our community about how serious schools are about safety, whether that is safety of students from the carpark or when they are on school grounds. We can maintain high levels of safety when our community work with us. We also wish our students and their families a safe and enjoyable holiday, whether they are staying local, having a holiday and even travelling overseas.

Term Two will be a short term, nine weeks only. Our school has a curriculum day on Monday 24th April, 2023, this is followed by a public holiday for ANZAC Day on Tuesday 25th April, 2023. Students will not commence school until Wednesday the 26th April. We will have a total of 16 classrooms commencing in Term 2.

Please enjoy the time with your children over the holiday break, we will look forward to seeing them all return on Wednesday 26th April with smiling faces and stories to share. Thank you for the support the community continues to provide to our school for the education of their child/children.

We hope you all have a fabulous holiday.

Krista Barnes  
Principal



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# CELEBRATING OUR ATTENDANCE



## 2023 Stats at 6/4/23

Number of students with 100% attendance in term 1:

**43**

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

## TERM 1 CLASSROOM STATISTICS

Foundation

FA - Miss Gregson: 91%  
FB - Mr Randich: 94%  
FC - Miss Gabby: 93%  
FD - Ms Sharma: 86%

1/2s

1/2A - Ms Pierce: 89%  
1/2B - Ms Buttigieg: 89%  
1/2C - Ms Bencich: 92%  
1/2D - Ms Kaur: 81%

3/4A - Ms Jones/ Ms Kastanaras: 87%  
3/4B - Ms Bull: 90%  
3/4C - Mr White: 80%  
3/4D - Ms Kilkenny: 88%

3/4s

5/6s

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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CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING STUDENTS WHO WERE AT SCHOOL EVERY DAY IN MARCH!

FA	FB	FC	FD
Avitaj B	Simon C	Ashbir B	Auggie L
Drake C	Sinit G	Chanu D	Sehaj S
Natania C	Dilawar I	Chiemaan D	Indy T
Prithvi PM	Levi K	Tiffany E	
Hirva P	Lukas M	Sven F	
Rowan P	Lincoln S	Azlaan H	
Ariana S	Tarj S		

12A	12B	12C
Atahlia B	Jazzman B	Sinana A
Harvey C	Bassam I	Ajay D
Prisa K	Gurneet J	Arsema F
Analía L	Keron K	Aayan K
Tai M	Julian L	Amy N
Katherine P	Jaden L	Aarvi P
Mehreen S	Jyliana P	Hiyabeil S
Vismaya V	Edi S	Maddy S
Ezekiel W		Lilith S
		Prisha T
	<b>12D</b>	
	Jenson C	
	Avelyn D	
	Joyjeet H	
	Haneen Z	

34A	34B	34C	34D
Rajbir B	Monet A	Isabella C	Nicola C
Amreen C	Raif A	Harvir D	Ajong D
Samarvir D	Caleb A	Kasper E	Alina D
Ayaan D	Amelie C-F	Zack G	Evangeline L
Indriel E	Ariel C	Keerat K	Annaya M
Xylah M	Samairah D		Japmann S
Phoenix S	Gerssam F		Manraj S
Ruby S	Rosie W		
Tulouna U			Viaan S
Joe Y			Preeya T

56A	56B
TJB	Hamreet B
Alex C	Aarav C
Jackson C	Ezekiel E
Lilah G	Eshaal H
Israel M	Aisha N
Mia M	Tiffany N
Harvey N	Moksha P
Xavier R	
Vansh S	



FOR EACH MONTH THAT YOU ARE AT SCHOOL EVERY DAY, YOU WILL RECEIVE ONE BADGE. COLLECT THEM ALL!

# CELEBRATING OUR ATTENDANCE

A huge CONGRATULATIONS to

# FB

for achieving the highest attendance  
across the school in Term 1!



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# CELEBRATING OUR ATTENDANCE



Jenson C. 12D  
Phoenix S. 34A

Aroa P. 34B  
Paolo C. 56B  
Gerssam F. 34B  
Sophia S. 34D

Rudra S. 12A  
Aarav K. 34C  
Lukas D. 34A  
Koda V. 34B  
Kasper E. 34C  
Dana G. 34D

# WELL DONE

**CELEBRATING OUR ATTENDANCE**

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

**Rocky**

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!

**BRONZE PRIZES**

**SILVER PRIZES**

**GOLD PRIZES**

# 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	Kye S	Prithvi P
FB - Mr Randich	Ash K	Anaisha D
FC - Miss Gabby	Rahma B	Ashbir B
FD - Mrs Sharma	Harsirt K	Sehaj S
1/2A - Miss Pierce	Jay B	Ecrin B
1/2B - Miss Buttigieg	Amyra R	Anay V
1/2C - Miss Bencich	Hiyabeil S	Indy T
1/2D - Mrs Kaur	Joyjeet H	Sulaiman J
3/4A - Mrs Jones/Ms Kastanaras	Harkirt S	Kau Ariki I
3/4B - Miss Bull	Jaymee W	Prabhsi N
3/4C - Mr White	Brodie Mc	Gamachis G
3/4D - Ms Kilkenny	Nicola C	Kyra P
5/6A - Mr Cassano	Israel Mc	Imogen S
5/6B - Ms Ninkovic	Indiana D	Hamreet B
The Arts - Mrs Georgievski	34C	FA
Auslan - Mr Still	FD	FB
Physical Education - Mrs Lehane	12A	
S.T.E.M - Mr Rasmanis		3/4C



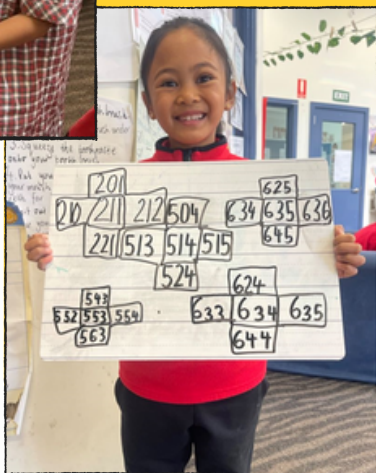
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# CELEBRATING OUR LEARNING

In numeracy we have been learning about numbers to 100. We have been practicing counting forwards and backwards, before and after numbers, ten more, ten less and skip counting from different numbers. Here are some photos of students in 1/2A working hard on their counting goals.

## 12A with Miss Pierce



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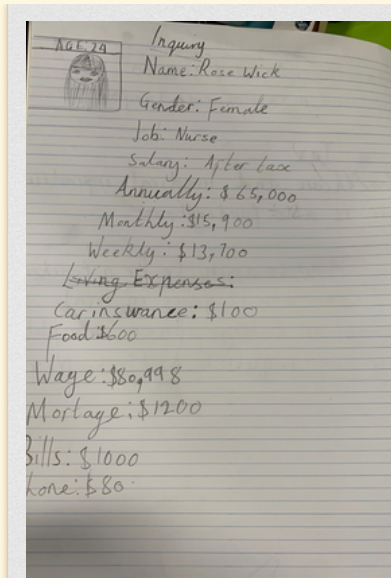
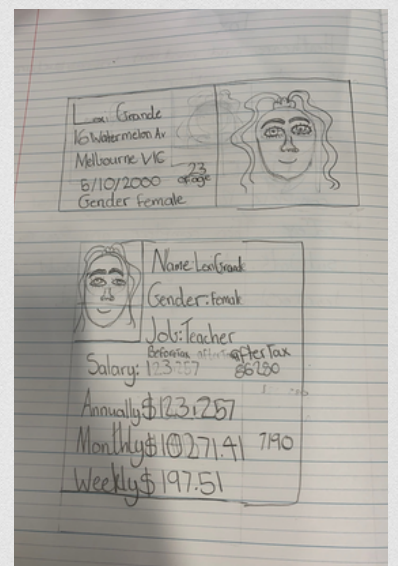
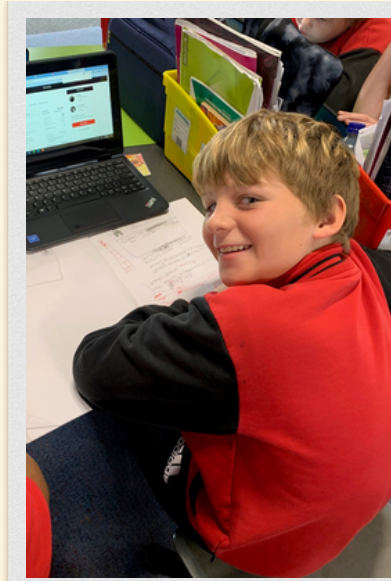
# CELEBRATING OUR LEARNING

## 56A with Mr Cassano

In Grade 5/6 A students over the course of this term in Inquiry have been studying 'Economics.'

They have been researching different jobs and their pay as well as tax. Students had a project to complete as seen in the photos, where they needed to create a character using an I.D as well as a spreadsheet of earnings and expenditure.

Grade 5/6 A had a great time learning about this unit in Term 1!



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# A WORD FROM WELLBEING

## Resilience

Resilience ... it's a familiar word, isn't it? But what does it really mean?

When we talk about resilience, we're talking about a child's ability to cope with ups and downs, and bounce back from the



*Mrs Nevada West*

challenges they experience during childhood - for example moving home, changing schools, studying for an exam or dealing with the death of a loved one. Building resilience helps children not only to deal with current difficulties that are a part of everyday life, but also to develop the basic skills and habits that will help them deal with challenges later in life, during adolescence and adulthood.

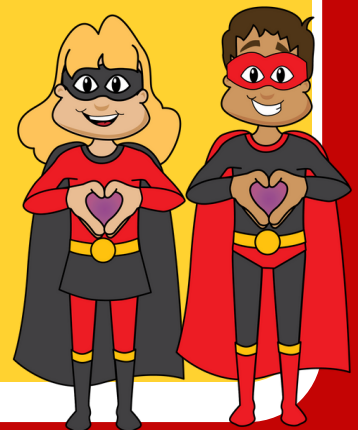
Resilience is important for children's mental health. Children with greater resilience are better able to manage stress, which is a common response to difficult events. Stress is a risk factor for mental health conditions such as anxiety and depression, if the level of stress is severe or ongoing.

How can I build resilience in my child?

Current research shows that there are 5 areas that offer the best chance for building resilience in children. Four of these are listed below and the fifth is to educate people about resilience.

Click on the following links to get more information:

- [build good relationships with others including adults and peers](#)
- [build their independence](#)
- [learn to identify, express and manage their emotions](#)
- [build their confidence by taking on personal challenges](#)



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# MEET OUR TEAM: LEADERSHIP

## MS BARNES PRINCIPAL



My name is Krista Barnes and I am proud to be your school principal.

This picture captures everything that I love in my life, family, Maia, my therapy dog and my work.

I have lived in country and rural Victoria, Sydney, NSW, Perth and Kellerberrin in WA. I have had many exciting careers before I joined the Education Department. I am a proud third generation soldier, my family seems to be drawn to community service vocations including police force, ambulance service and allied health.

I have two adult children and my sweet granddaughter. I love the country and the beach. I love animals and have owned many dogs and horses. I am a regular ocean swimmer throughout the year. I am a lifelong learner and children continue to bring me the most joy in my life.

## MR DAXECKER ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

Hello Rockbank Community!

I would like to share with you an insight into a little bit more about me, Mr. Daxecker. You might even find you have the same interests as me, but to do so ... keep reading :)



Nationality: Austrian

Favourite Food: Chicken Schnitzel

Favourite Colour: Orange

Favourite Animal: Sloth

Favourite Children's Book: One Fish, Two Fish, Red Fish, Blue Fish by Dr. Seuss.

All of my spare time I spend with my beautiful family where we go to every park we can find, eat lots of ice cream and go on adventures to places we have never been before. Oh, the places you will go!

## MS ZEMUNIC LEARNING SPECIALIST

Hi everyone!

My name is Kate Zemunic. I am really enjoying my role as a Learning Specialist at Rockbank where I work with the teachers in various ways to support the learning of our students. On a personal level, I love to keep fit and healthy, particularly through running. I've completed several ultramarathons including a 100km event. It helps me keep positive in all aspects of my life.



## MS WEST LEARNING SPECIALIST

I am really excited to be the Learning Specialist in Wellbeing this year. I have worked at many schools and different year levels over my years of teaching. I started at Rockbank Primary School in 2019 as an Auslan teacher. I was very grateful when Mr Still took over that role! I love my job in the Wellbeing room, helping students when they need a brain break or need help to regulate their emotions.

In my spare time, I enjoy spending time with my family and walking my dog, Honey. Something you may not know about me is that I play French Horn in a band called 'Westgate Concert Band'. I started this in High School and have continued on because I enjoy playing music with others.



# MEET OUR TEAM: FOUNDATION

## MISS GREGSON

FA



My name is Miss Gregson. I have been teaching at Rockbank Primary for 2 years! I have also worked in early learning settings for many years, I absolutely love watching young people grow and learn! Here is a little more about me! My favourite colour is purple. My favourite number is 13. I love to sing. I love literacy. I love learning. I look forward to learning more about you and I can't wait to have a new class full of amazing young people!

## MR RANDICH

FB/TEAM LEADER

My Name is Mr. Nick Randich. I am 34 years old. I have been teaching for 9 years and in that time, I have taught all year levels. Before I became a teacher, I worked for Hugo Boss and Build-A-Bear. I love travelling overseas, watching anime (particularly Pokémon) and cooking for my family and three puppies - Betty, Baxter and Bentley. I think Mr. Bean is the funniest character in the world and my favourite cars are Mini Coopers.



## MISS GABBY

FC

Hello new Foundation families! My name is Miss Gabby Calidonna and I am so excited to start my first year of teaching here at Rockbank Primary. My hobbies include reading, travelling and watching movies with my family. My favourite colour is pink, my favourite food is chocolate and I love anything and everything Disney! I have two little girls myself who are also in school. I cannot wait to start the amazing year that will be 2023!



## MRS SHARMA

FD



My name is Mrs. Roseleen Sharma. I am 40 years old and I have a Fiji Indian background. I am born in Fiji, but my ancestors were from India. I live in Cairnlea with my husband and two children. My son is 19 years old, he has started first year of university. My daughter is 17 years old, she is in year 11. My favourite things to do is spend time with my family. I have been teaching for over 5 years. At my previous schools, I have taught Year 1, Year 3, EAL and Intervention program. I am a positive person who has an enthusiastic outlook on life. I love my job and I get a great sense of achievement from seeing my students develop and grow as individuals. If I can have a positive impact on students' future, I feel I am doing my job well. I am looking forward working with you and your children this year.