

## IMPORTANT DATES TERM 2

**Sunday 14th - Saturday  
20th May**  
Education Week

**Tuesday 16th - Friday  
19th May**  
Book Fair

**Wednesday 24th - Friday  
26th May**  
Grade 3/4 Camp

**Monday 29th -  
Wednesday 31st May**  
Grade 5/6 Camp

**Thursday 1st June**  
School Photos

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE



Welcome back to our school community for Term 2. Our first day of Term 2 was a Curriculum Day focussing on Wellbeing, where our staff worked offsite for the day. It was an unusual feeling for the whole staff team to be offsite, it certainly gave us the chance to work on our team building skills and strengthening relationships with new staff and staff who work in different teams. The day was very successful and has given us a great feeling to the start of the term.

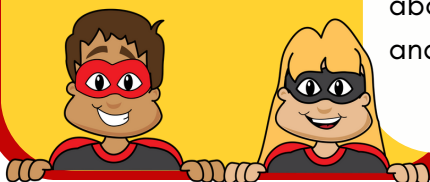
On ANZAC Day, our school was represented by our School Captain, Indy and Miss Gabby at the Caroline Springs RSL Sub Branch Dawn Service. We also had a wonderful ANZAC Day school assembly last Friday with guest speaker Peter Burquest, President of the CS RSL.

Last Wednesday was an exciting day as we welcomed our students back to school. There were so many smiles and happy students (maybe a few happy parents as well), it was a good feeling.

This term we have two additional classrooms. We welcome Ms Lisa Ris, classroom teacher of 1/2E and Ms Tracey Kastanaras, classroom teacher of 3/4E. It was exciting to meet the new classes at the end of the last term when they had their transition session with their new teachers. We now have sixteen classrooms and four specialist classes. We also welcome Mrs Megan Murden, who will work as one of the team teachers in 3/4A on Thursdays and Fridays and also cover 3/4B each Tuesday, when Ms Bull leads the High Ability Program for our students. We also welcome some new casual relief teachers (CRTs), who will become our regulars across the week. Our staff team remains strong, and we are very lucky to fill our staffing vacancies and have regular exceptional CRTs working at Rockbank P.S.

During Term 2, we will have a 3/4 camp and a 5/6 camp. We are very excited about these events as we know that students really enjoy camp experiences, and these memories are often never forgotten in a person's lifetime.

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# CONTINUATION OF PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

We will also commence some additional intervention programs this term focusing on the development of social and emotional skills. The Tutoring Learning Initiative program will continue, although we will have a two-week break mid-term due to our tutoring teacher completing a two-week teaching placement in 3/4C with Mr White.

Term 2 is also a formal reporting term; reports will be uploaded onto Seesaw in Week 9 (last week of term). Families will also meet with teachers, across the term, to discuss and celebrate student's Individual Learning Plans.

We hope you all have a fabulous fortnight.

Krista Barnes  
Principal



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# CELEBRATING OUR ATTENDANCE



## 2023 Stats at 5/5/23

Number of students with 100% attendance in term 2:  
**180**

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

### TERM 2 CLASSROOM STATISTICS



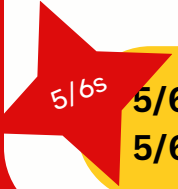
FA - Miss Gregson: 88%  
FB - Mr Randich: 86%  
FC - Miss Gabby: 82%  
FD - Mrs Sharma: 77%



1/2A - Miss Pierce: 91%  
1/2B - Miss Buttigieg: 87%  
1/2C - Miss Bencich: 92%  
1/2D - Mrs Kaur: 84%  
12/E - Ms Ris: 93%



3/4A - Mrs Jones/ Mrs Murden: 82%  
3/4B - Miss Bull: 90%  
3/4C - Mr White: 82%  
3/4D - Ms Kilkenny: 88%  
3/4E - Ms Kastanaras: 92%



5/6A - Mr Cassano: 88%  
5/6B: Ms Ninkovic: 89%



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



## SILVER PRIZES



## BRONZE PRIZES



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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: 5th May
FA (Miss Gregson)	Anna D
FB (Mr Randich)	Inaaya J
FC (Miss Gabby)	Azlaan H
FD (Mrs Sharma)	Rishaan N
1/2A (Miss Pierce)	Mehreen S
1/2B (Miss Buttigieg)	Tehzeeb P
1/2C (Miss Bencich)	Lilith S
1/2D (Mrs Kaur)	Jovan S
1/2E (Ms Ris)	Hailee B
3/4A (Mrs Jones/Mrs Murden)	Abbey H
3/4B (Miss Bull)	Siera S
3/4C (Mr White)	Adan G
3/4D (Ms Kilkenny)	Peter S
3/4E (Ms Kastanaras)	Alia R
5/6A (Mr Cassano)	Imogen S
5/6B (Ms Ninkovic)	Marcus S
The Arts (Mrs Georgievski)	12 B
Auslan (Mr Still)	12 E
Physical Education (Mrs Lehane)	56 A
S.T.E.M (Mr Rasmanis)	Jordan B



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# CELEBRATING OUR LEARNING

Look at us GO!

We had the highest attendance in Term 1. We had a delicious pizza lunch; it was so much fun!

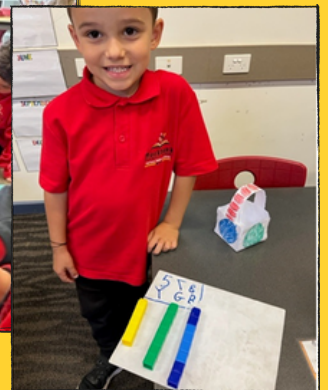
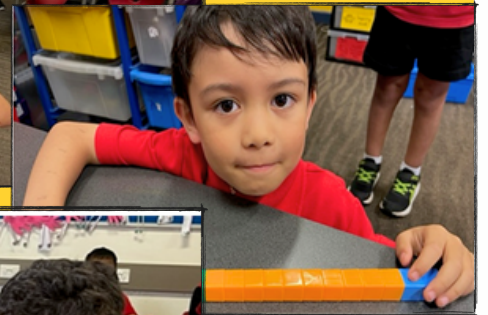
Now we are counting to 10 and beyond. Concrete materials help us see our number bonds.

In writing we have spent time recounting the past and in reading we are decoding new words to make meaning; what a blast?!

Finally, during Inquiry we worked with our 5/6 buddies, who helped us learn about special people in the community.

Don't be scared to come in and say hi anytime but for now from Foundation B it's time to say bye!

## FA with Mr Randich



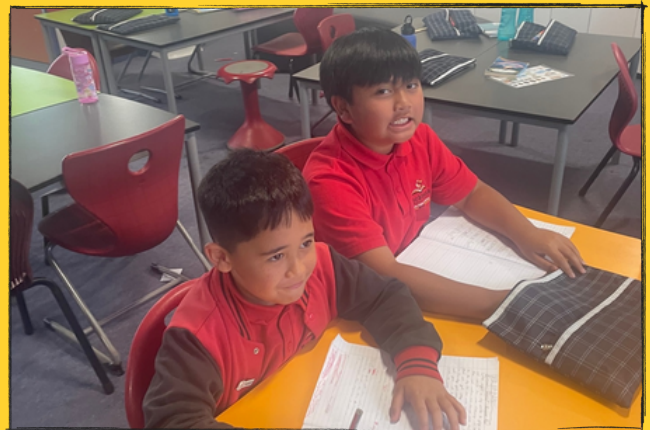
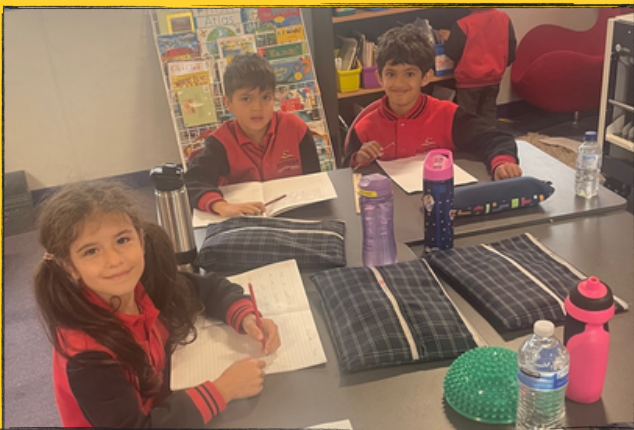
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# CELEBRATING OUR LEARNING

## 3/4A with Miss Bull

“3/4B has come back from holidays refreshed and ready to learn! We are starting lots of exciting new topics and are really looking forward to camp in a few weeks! Here we are doing some group work for information texts, looking at language features and word types”



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# MEET OUR TEAM: GRADE 1/2S

## MISS PIERCE

### 1/2A

Hi everyone,

My name is Chloe Pierce, and I am currently a grade ½ teacher. This is my third year at Rockbank Primary School and I love teaching at this wonderful school. Before I became a teacher, I worked as a gymnastics coach! Something you may not know about me is I am an identical twin. In my spare time I love to spend time with my family and friends and walk my two gorgeous dogs Izzy and Marley! I look forward to a year filled with fun, learning and lots of adventure!



## MISS BUTTEGIEG

### 1/2B

Hey everyone!

My name is Stephanie Buttigieg, also know as Ms B. This is my first year teaching here at Rockbank Primary School. I am very excited being here and have really been enjoying teaching my 1/2 students. I am also one of the Phonics Leaders and have enjoyed rolling out this new program.

I live at home with my beautiful dog Marla. My favourite things to do, is being active, which includes a lot of running, Pilates and Gym classes. I also enjoy spending time with my partner, family and friends and enjoy going out for hikes, road trips and coffee/brunch catch ups. I have run a couple of half marathons and am now training for a full Marathon.

I have done a lot of travelling all over Europe and hoping I get to go on another holiday soon to Japan or New Zealand.

I am looking forward to working with you and your children this year.



## MISS BENCICH

### 1/2C & TEAM LEADER

Hello! As you all would know I am Miss Jazmin Bencich, I am currently teaching 1/2C. I have been a teacher for 6 years now and I have loved every moment and seeing the smiling faces each and every day.

Some things about me:

**Nationality:** Slovenian

**Favourite Food:** Salt and Vinegar Chips (yumyum)

**Favourite Colour:** Pink

**Favourite Animal:** Giraffe

**Favourite Children's Book:** Mrs Honey's Hat

In my spare time when I am not working, I love to be with my little fluff ball of a dog Chino and spend time with my family. I love to travel and have been to Europe 7 times and hopefully one day again soon. I am currently building a house which is such an exciting process to go through! Don't forget to come and see me in the yard to say hello!



## MRS KAUR

### 1/2D

Hi, my name is Navdeep Kaur and I'm the classroom teacher for 1/2D. This is my first year of teaching at Rockbank Primary School and I'm loving my time here. I enjoy spending time with my family and love doing road trips in my free time. I am looking forward to spending my time at Rockbank with you all.



## MS RIS

### 1/2E

Hello! My name is Lisa Ris and this is my first term at Rockbank Primary School. I am so excited to get to know everyone. I have been a teacher for 3 years and prior to this, worked with children whom have additional needs within various childcare centres. I have two beautiful cats, who I may talk about a little too much and I enjoy relaxing with my family on the weekends.





# MEET OUR TEAM

## GETHSI VERMA WELLBEING

My name is Gethsi (rhymes with Betsy, or you can call me Gets). I have been working at the best school in the world, Rockbank Primary School, for two years. My background is in psychology, counselling, and social work, and I have worked with families and students for around 15 years.

I have two very cute daughters that are half Sri Lankan, a quarter Asian, and a quarter European. I love exploring new places and trying new cuisines, including snails and chicken feet. I have travelled to 19 countries and I collect fridge magnets everywhere I go.

I'm here to help create a safe and healthy school environment, and that starts with our wellbeing. So if you ever need someone to talk to or some extra support, I am here Monday to Thursday. Please come and say hi when you see me.



## BRENDAN GARVEY SPEECH THERAPIST

Brendan started with Rockbank in term 4 2022, and works as speech support to improve children's reading, writing and talking.

After seven years experience in special needs care in low socio-economic areas, and four years rehabilitating serious juvenile offenders, Brendan has moved into speech after studying English and Foreign Correspondency at the University of Tasmania.

When he's not here, Brendan is in private clinic with his high-needs case load, studying, or at home in Brunswick, yelling at his favourite NBA team.



## DANIEL BEESON WELLBEING

Hello all! Daniel Beeson here. I come to Rockbank having worked in schools, youth justice centres and running my own life coaching business for the last 7 years. I started working as a volunteer 8 years ago, running a boxing and boot camp program for vulnerable teens. That blossomed into my career today. I am continuing my volunteer work this year as it is something that I'm most passionate about.

I have developed multiple wellbeing and mindset trainings, and programs in schools across Victoria, and worked with some of the most challenged young people in the state. This year I am based at Rockbank where I am implementing strategies, coaching and trainings for young people, teachers, and parents. I have worked with well over 500 young people over the years.

My background is working with the subconscious brain, to educate people in triggers, patterns and behaviours they may be experiencing. My job is to create awareness for others, so that they may have a different experience moving forward.

I am excited to expand the great work the whole school is doing out to the parents and guardians. My goal is to share the amazing work the teachers and staff are doing with you all, so that we can continue the growth and development of your child beyond just the classroom.

My passion is being active and out in nature. I have spent the last year training for my first marathon, and then ultra marathon, which I completed in March. I enjoy watching sports and eating donuts. Strawberry iced, and custard are my favourite, in case you were wondering...

I look forward to connecting with you all over the year to work together at building a better future for your children.



# A WORD FROM WELLBEING

## Feedback

How much feedback are you actually picking up on with your child?

Looking at feedback across all levels, from students, through to teachers and parents is helping us develop and implement more strategies to help the young person's growth, and create more student voice and choice.

This week the focus is around feedback at home. There is so much feedback coming in every day. Through verbal and body language, to gestures, responses, and the "not so obvious" feedback, like them choosing not to share things with you, which may have happened that day.

It's about consciously making an effort to pick up on what your child may be saying, or perhaps not saying through the above feedback avenues. Ask yourself, how regularly do I open up a conversation more than just asking "how your day was" with your child? Are they giving you 1-2-word answers? Or, are you being curious as to what was the highlight of the day for them, and just as importantly, asking what was the biggest challenge for you today?

As the adolescent brain develops, it takes on millions of pieces of information, which will form a set of beliefs to live by as they get older. It is vital to set up space to celebrate both positive, and challenging things throughout the day. The biggest growth and development will always come from the challenges and perceived "negative" events they face daily.

Another way is to set up a nightly ritual to ask what mistakes did you make today? Teaching them that it's ok to make mistakes, as they are always a learning opportunity. It's a great way for them to learn to problem solve, and deal with adversity in life.

Lastly, what is the unconscious feedback your child may be presenting? Does your child's behaviour change heading to school, or after school? How about when they are about to go back to school, after holidays? Are they excited, or more closed off during any of those periods?

These are great times to pick up things, and open up conversations around what may be affecting them both positively and negatively around school.

If you would like more support around this, please contact the wellbeing team.



*Mr Daniel Beeson*

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# SCHOOL NEWS



## Mother's Day

AT ROCKBANK PRIMARY SCHOOL

### *Mother's Day Stall*

**Thursday 11th** and **Friday 12th May**

Gifts are priced between \$2 and \$15

### *Mother's Day Raffle*

Drawn at Assembly on **Friday 12th May** at 2:45pm

Raffle tickets are \$1 each

Kindly return raffle tickets and money to the office by

**9:00am on Friday 12th May**

### *Mother's Day Morning*

Mothers (or a special woman in your child's life), you are invited to visit your child's classroom for a numeracy activity on

**Monday 15th May**

9:00-9:45am



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