

IMPORTANT DATES TERM 2

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



This last week I have been busy meeting with classroom teachers to conduct mid-year monitoring towards their 'Performance Development Plans'. What a highlight this process has been for me. There is nothing better than seeing how passionate, excited and motivated classroom teachers are when they have the opportunity to share their teaching and learning celebrations and how they manage wellbeing in their classrooms. There was so much to celebrate from our teachers and what is happening in the classrooms and across the school.

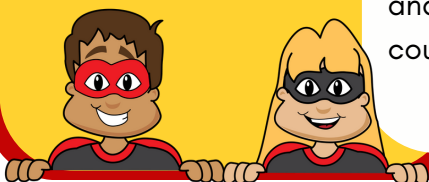
Well done and congratulations, keep up the fantastic work you all do. The Education Support staff and Specialist Teachers have met with Mr Daxecker, and he too, like me, found great joy in this process. We have a strong staff team, who continue to work together to deliver an engaging and successful teaching and learning program. The work of the wellbeing team supports all the students and staff in each of their roles. Well done Rockbank Team.

Last Friday our Foundation students visited the Zoo. What an exciting place to visit and learn more about animals. I believe we had 100% attendance, thank you to our families for supporting our planned excursions. Our 3/4 and 5/6 camps are getting closer. Please return forms by the due date so numbers can be finalised for staff ratios and camp catering and organisation.

Thank you to our wonderful School Council fundraising team, what a fabulous event for our school and mums/special people. There is a lot of work behind the scenes for organising these events, we do appreciate everyone helping out to make it successful as well as raising money for school resources and programs.

On Monday, our School Council met. We finalised our cash budgets and completed a self-assessment of our understanding of how school councils work and operate including the legal requirements and policy governance of school councils. It was an enlightening process, as most of the areas in the school

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CONTINUATION OF PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

council survey scored high, which means, our members believe they have the knowledge and understanding required to operate as an effective school council. The Department of Education provides training in all areas of School Councils and some staff are keen to undertake this training. Thank you everyone for your valued input in this process.

Spread the word: We are accepting Foundation enrolments for 2024! We have arranged four information sessions which will be followed by school tours, two of which were earlier this week. The next two will be on Wednesday 14th June (Week 8). See our social media platforms and Seesaw for more information. This year the Department has brought forward the cut off enrolment date to Friday 28th July, 2023, so if you have a child who will be entering the Foundation year in 2024, please get your enrolment forms into school as soon as possible.

Last week I met with the new Principal of Aintree Secondary School, which will open in 2024 for Year Seven students only. Placement booklets were sent home last week to our Year 6 students, once again, these forms were due back last Friday, so schools can commence summarising the data to inform secondary schools of expected student numbers. We thank our families for getting these forms back to us last week.

On Tuesday, one of our network schools suffered a tragic accident involving a school bus with students on board. We are deeply saddened by this accident and send our thoughts, prayers, best wishes for healing and recovery of all students involved. We also offer our support to the Exford Primary School staff team and community as well as understanding that our own community will have friends and possibly extended family members who may have been affected by this. Take care everyone.

We hope you all have a fabulous fortnight.

Krista Barnes
Principal



We welcomed mother and special people to our Mother's Day numeracy morning



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CELEBRATING OUR ATTENDANCE



2023 Stats at 19/5/23

Number of students with 100% attendance in term 2:
91

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

TERM 2 CLASSROOM STATISTICS



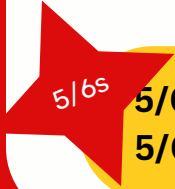
FA - Miss Gregson: 88%
FB - Mr Randich: 92%
FC - Miss Gabby: 88%
FD - Mrs Sharma: 74%



1/2A - Miss Pierce: 86%
1/2B - Miss Buttigieg: 84%
1/2C - Miss Bencich: 91%
1/2D - Mrs Kaur: 88%
12/E - Ms Ris: 89%



3/4A - Mrs Jones/ Mrs Murden: 81%
3/4B - Miss Bull: 86%
3/4C - Mr White: 80%
3/4D - Ms Kilkenny: 87%
3/4E - Ms Kastanaras: 88%



5/6A - Mr Cassano: 84%
5/6B: Ms Ninkovic: 86%



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.



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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ATTENDANCE



LATE ARRIVALS

They are only missing just...	that equals...	which is...	over 13 years of schooling, that's...
10 minutes a day	50 minutes of learning each week	1.5 weeks per year	half a year of school.
20 minutes a day	1 hour and 40 minutes per week	2.5 weeks	a whole year of school
30 minutes a day	half a day of learning a week	4 weeks a year	1.5 years of learning
1 hour each day	1 whole day of learning each week	a term	Over 2.5 years

The best learning time is the start of the school day and every minute counts.



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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: 12th May	Week Ending: 19th May
FA (Miss Gregson)	Leon T	Natania C
FB (Mr Randich)	Baani D	Levi K
FC (Miss Gabby)	Liam A	Aria W
FD (Mrs Sharma)	Koa M	Paysen W
1/2A (Miss Pierce)	Harvey C	Zain S
1/2B (Miss Buttigieg)	Nivan J	Jazzman B
1/2C (Miss Bencich)	Ajay D	Taanush P
1/2D (Mrs Kaur)	Tosh N	Mustafa A
1/2E (Ms Ris)	Eyoel A	Ezekiel A
3/4A (Mrs Jones/Mrs Murden)	Rajbir B	Xylah M
3/4B (Miss Bull)	Ariel C	Noah C
3/4C (Mr White)	Ankita K	Gamachis G
3/4D (Ms Kilkenny)	Rask G	Alina D
3/4E (Ms Kastanaras)	Hargun V	Indriel E
5/6A (Mr Cassano)	Adonis K	Khushmeet P
5/6B (Ms Ninkovic)	Milan R	Faith T
The Arts (Mrs Georgievski)	34A	56A
Auslan (Mr Still)	12A	FC
Physical Education (Mrs Lehane)	56B	12B
S.T.E.M (Mr Rasmanis)	FA	12E



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CELEBRATING OUR SUCCESS

HOUSE POINTS

Students receive house point tokens for demonstrating our school values while out in the yard.



290

270



530

310



LEARNERS



RESPECTFUL



TOGETHERNESS



SAFE

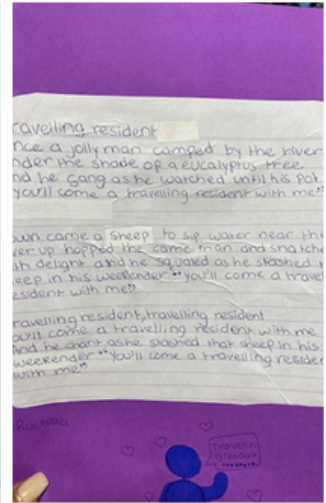
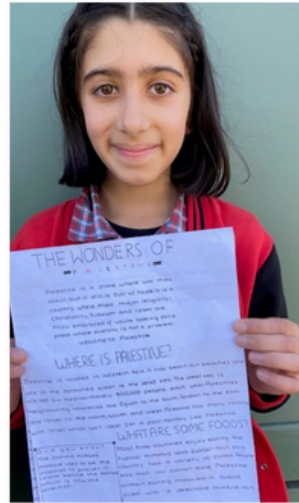
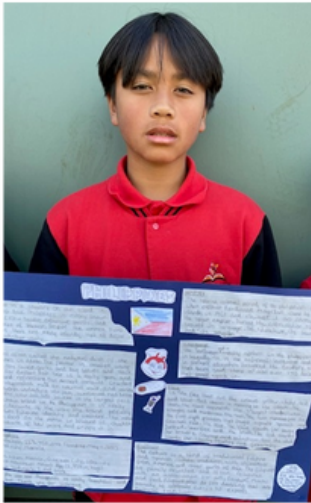
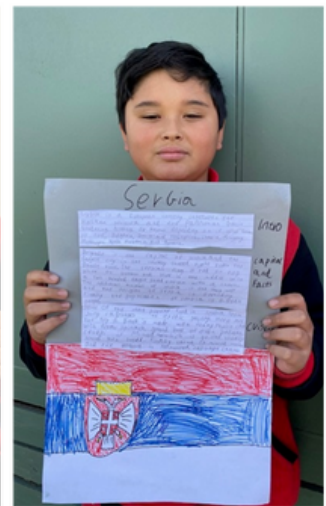
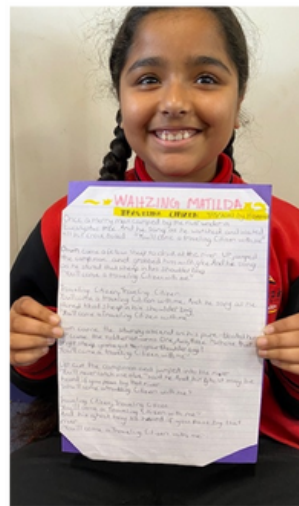
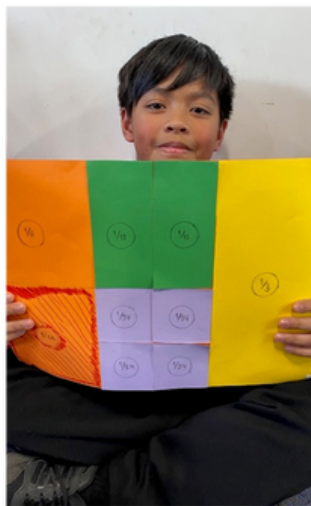
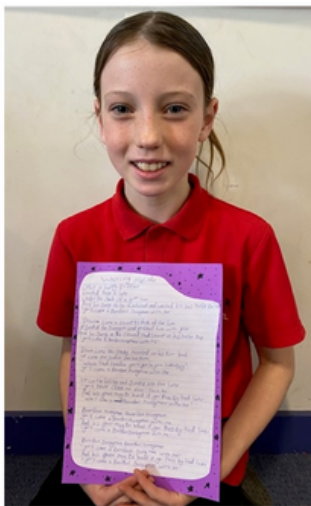
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CELEBRATING OUR LEARNING

5/6B with Ms Ninkovic

For our poetry unit, 5/6B Students have done an amazing job when choosing vocabulary and recreating 'The Waltzing Matilda.' For our Information Text unit, students looked at different countries around the globe and researched, recorded key informed, planned, drafted and published their Information texts. In our fractions unit, students have been learning about equivalent fractions and finding different ways to explain their reasoning. All students are working really hard. Thank you and keep it up 5/6B!



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MEET OUR TEAM: GRADE 3/4S

TAYLER JONES

3/4A

Hi everyone,

My name is Tayler Jones and I am the classroom teacher in 3/4A Monday to Wednesday. This is my 7th year being a teacher and I love it more every year.

I have two small children who keep me very busy when I am not at work! I also like playing netball, watching sports (very passionate Sharkies supporter in the NRL), and spending time with my family.

I love dumplings and hot chips, and hate coriander!

Make sure you come and say hello if you see me in that yard. I'm looking forward to a wonderful year here at Rockbank!



MEGAN MURDEN

3/4A

Hi,
I'm Megan Murden.



I've been teaching since 2016 and have taught at a wide variety of schools including overseas.

I had a baby last year which is why I am happy to be part time teaching in 3-4A this year!

LUCY BULL

3/4B

Hi everyone!

My name is Miss Bull and I am one of the Grade 3/4 teachers this year. This is my fifth year being a teacher at Rockbank and I love it here! I have taught at two other schools and one of them was all the way overseas in London.

When I am not at school I am spending time with my family and friends, reading lots of books, cooking or sleeping!

My favourite thing about Rockbank is the beautiful community we have here and how everyone looks after each other.

I'm looking forward to another fantastic year here!



KATE KILKENNY

3/4D

Howdy all,

My name is Miss Kilkenny and this is my second year here at Rockbank PS as a grade 3/4 teacher.

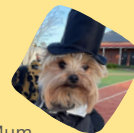


I have been a teacher since 2016 and feel so lucky to do something I love as my career. I have only worked at 1 other school, however ran children's diabetes camps with Diabetes Victoria for 22 years. I lived at Falls Creek for a snow season and also spent a year working on Hamilton Island.

When I am not at school, I enjoy seeing live music, reading loads of fabulous books and spending time near Mansfield at my caravan. I am so super lucky to have just recently completed a Berry Street Master class and also started the ROCKBANK COMMUNITY CRUSADERS. We meet twice a week at the second break to make the school a better place through Gardening and Sustainability projects.

I'm so excited to meet you all and see all the amazing adventures that this year will bring!

LENNY KILKENNY



Woof Woof, aka Hello

my name is Lenny Roy Kilkenny, I am a Rockbank PS Therapy Dog with my Mum Miss Kilkenny. This is my second year at Rockbank and I work Monday, Wednesday and Friday. I am most excited when all of the Rockbank students arrive in the morning but I get a little nervous when travelling in the car. I enjoy listening to all of the stories people read to me in the classroom and I am the best at helping people feel comfortable at school. My favorite things about Rockbank PS is all of the pats I get, the space to run around and meeting so many great people. See you soon Love Lenny Roy Kilkenny.

JUSTIN WHITE

3/4C

Hello Everyone! My name is Mr White from 34C.

I love to see students learn and grow and the happiness it brings when they achieve something that they thought they couldn't do.

I spent many years programming machines in a factory before deciding to do something completely different and become a teacher.

I have 5 children of my own at home ranging from ages 15 to 2 so busy after hours with my own small classroom at home.

My interests include reading, history and karate.



TRACEY KASTANARAS

3/4E

Hello,

My name is Tracey Kastanaras, but most of the students know me as Mrs K. I have been working as a casual relief teacher at Rockbank PS for a while now and know most of the students across the school. I am now teaching the new 34E class. I am a mother of two girls (9 and 13 years old). I have too many animals; one sausage dog, one cat, three chickens as well as two horses. On the weekends I love to bake cakes and cookies with my children even though the kitchen can get incredibly messy and most of the cookie dough is eaten before it even gets baked in the oven! I am passionate about how children learn and believe that every child deserves an education where they are supported, guided and encouraged to try their personal best. I love to inspire a creative and investigative understanding of the world around us and discover how our students are connected through their stories.

Thank you
namaste
Tracey Kastanaras



A WORD FROM WELLBEING

Welcome to the Wellbeing Room!

The Wellbeing Room is a space for students when they are feeling like they are not in the right mindset for learning.

This happens for a variety of reasons.



Mrs Nevada West

Students might come to the wellbeing room because they:

- had an argument with a friend at break time.
- lost a game in class and become upset.
- felt frustrated by the work they were doing.
- feel nervous or overwhelmed
- need to get some energy out in order to concentrate better
- need a quiet space to think
- are being a supportive friend.

Students come with their teacher's permission for 5-10 minutes. There are a variety of activities they can choose from including; kinetic sand, chalk drawing, lego, marble towers and sensory toys.

At the end of the time, the students return to class Ready to Learn. Rockbank Primary School is very fortunate to have this supervised space where students can proactively spend time regulating their emotions in order to do their best learning.

Please feel free to pop in and say hi if you are around the school.



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2024

Foundation (Prep)
Enrolments
are now



OPEN

Please submit your
enrolment application
by **Friday July 28th 2023**



Rockbank PS
Enrolment Form



Department of Education
2024 Foundation Enrolment
Information Pack

Information Sessions and Tours

Wednesday
14th June

9:00-10:00am
and
2:00-3:00pm

Please contact the front office on
9747 1210 to register

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SPECIAL FUNDRAISER



STAND WITH US AS WE STAND WITH

EXFORD PRIMARY SCHOOL

Crazy Hair Day

Friday June 2nd

Gold Coin Donation

All funds raised will be donated to Exford Primary School



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