

## IMPORTANT DATES TERM 2

**Wednesday 26th July**

Curriculum Day  
(No students at school)

**Friday 28th July**

2024 Prep/Foundation  
Enrolments Due

**Monday 31st July - Wednesday  
2nd August**

100 Days of School Celebrations  
(Foundation Students)

**Friday 4th August**

Grade 3-6 Athletics Day

**Friday 11th August**

Tree Planting Day

**Thursday 17th August**

Foundation Grandparents Day

**Friday 18th August**

Grade 1/2 Tabloid Sports

**Thursday 31st August**

Whole School Pyjama Day  
(Grade 6 Fundraiser)

**Friday 1st September**

Father's Day Literacy Morning

**September 4th - 15th**

Swimming Program



## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Welcome back to our school community. We hope you enjoyed your holiday break with your children and that they are feeling re-energised for Term 3. We welcome back our staff team and thank them for the work they have completed over the holidays in preparation for their students.



### IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

#### **CURRICULUM DAY ON WEDNESDAY 26.7.23 – STUDENTS DO NOT ATTEND**

#### **2024 Prep Enrolments are due by Friday 28 JULY, 2023.**

Term 3 is a ten-week term with swimming in the final two weeks. Juniors swim in Week 9 and Seniors will go in Week 10. If you are a parent of a junior student, it is highly recommended that you spend some time with your child/children to practise getting undressed and dressed independently, without adult assistance, in preparation for swimming. This will be of great help for them to build independence and have success in our swimming program.

Last term we farewelled two staff members, Ms Ninkovic, 5/6 teacher and Nici, one of our ES team. Ms Ninkovic has been extremely helpful in coming back as a CRT, and filling in as the 1/2A classroom teacher for weeks 1 & 2. Nici has decided to move into the Allied Health industry and complete further studies/training. Ms Murden is now the full time 5/6 classroom teacher and Mrs Batra will work two days in the 3/4A classroom. We thank our students and families for the positive support you give to our school during these changes.

This week, we received 2023 NAPLAN results and have forwarded the student reports of all Year 3 & 5 students to their families this week. We say congratulations to our students who completed NAPLAN. Whilst this is a national assessment conducted across Australia, it is also one assessment out of many that your child completes in a year. Over the next few weeks, our school and network of schools will start to analyse the NAPLAN data to provide insights into where we can improve student learning and to celebrate student results.

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# CONTINUATION OF PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

The Education Department now has been rolling out the 'Disability & Inclusion (D&I) Reform' across Victorian schools in a staggered approach. Rockbank PS will implement this reform in 2024. The Leadership team are participating in Professional Learning around the D & I rollout this term to understand how we will successfully transition from existing programs to the new reform. By the end of this year, we will have developed a D&I team of staff to lead, manage and work in this area. In Term 4, we will start to share more information about this reform with our school community. We are looking forward to this reform as it is the change schools needed to improve the manner in which we support students with additional needs. Families would have received the Year Level Term Newsletters from school, please take the time to read these informative documents, which are developed to share what your child/children are learning during the term.

Our enrolments are continuing to increase, our current numbers are now 371, with several students commencing in the next few weeks.

We hope you all have a wonderful fortnight.

Krista Barnes  
Principal



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# 2024

## Foundation (Prep) Enrolments



# DUE

# FRIDAY 28TH JULY



Rockbank PS  
Enrolment Form



Department of  
Education 2024  
Foundation Enrolment  
Information Pack

For more  
information,  
please contact  
our office on  
03 9747 1210

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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 21/7/23

Number of students with 100% attendance in term 3:  
**226**

### TERM 3



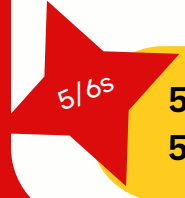
FA - Miss Gregson: 94%  
FB - Mr Randich: 94%  
FC - Miss Gabby: 89%  
FD - Mrs Sharma: 96%

### CLASSROOM STATISTICS



1/2A - Miss Pierce: 95%  
1/2B - Miss Buttigieg: 91%  
1/2C - Miss Bencich: 92%  
1/2D - Mrs Kaur: 92%  
12/E - Ms Ris: 97%

3/4A - Mrs Jones/ Mrs Batra: 91%  
3/4B - Miss Bull: 87%  
3/4C - Mr White: 90%  
3/4D - Ms Kilkenny: 93%  
3/4E - Ms Kastanaras: 94%



5/6A - Mr Cassano: 85%  
5/6B: Mrs Murden: 90%



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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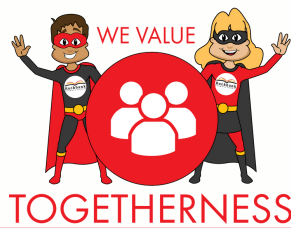
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# CELEBRATING OUR SUCCESS

## 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: Date	Week Ending: 14/7	Week Ending: Date
FA (Miss Gregson)	Anaya G	Evelyn K	Mansahib C
FB (Mr Randich)	Sinit G	Levi K	Simon C
FC (Miss Gabby)	Ashbir B	Lincoln J	Aria W
FD (Mrs Sharma)	Noah T	Sehaj S	
1/2A (Miss Pierce)	Nicholas B	Nicholas B	Marchelle M
1/2B (Miss Buttigieg)	Felamata G	Fatimah F	Musa W
1/2C (Miss Bencich)	Mutugi N	Avjot S	Bohdi G
1/2D (Mrs Kaur)	Yusuf A	Leroy K	Lorraine C
1/2E (Ms Ris)	Luca P	Easher S	Anish R
3/4A (Mrs Jones/Mrs Batra)	Kaiden W	Brittany H	Reetisha P
3/4B (Miss Bull)	Sarah S		Preya S
3/4C (Mr White)		Lulu N	Ellyza E
3/4D (Ms Kilkenny)	Evangeline L	Eamon W	Xavier B
3/4E (Ms Kastanaras)		Joe Y	Maisha R
5/6A (Mr Cassano)	Bulcha G	Deng D	Gio P
5/6B (Mrs Murden)	56B	Guntaj H	Faith T
The Arts (Mrs Georgievski)	34A	34C	FD
Auslan (Mr Still)		56B	34D
Physical Education (Mrs Lehane)	12D	56C	34A
S.T.E.M (Mr Rasmanis)		FB	34A



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# CELEBRATING OUR SUCCESS

## HOUSE POINTS

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



250

230



410

200



LEARNERS



RESPECTFUL



TOGETHERNESS



SAFE

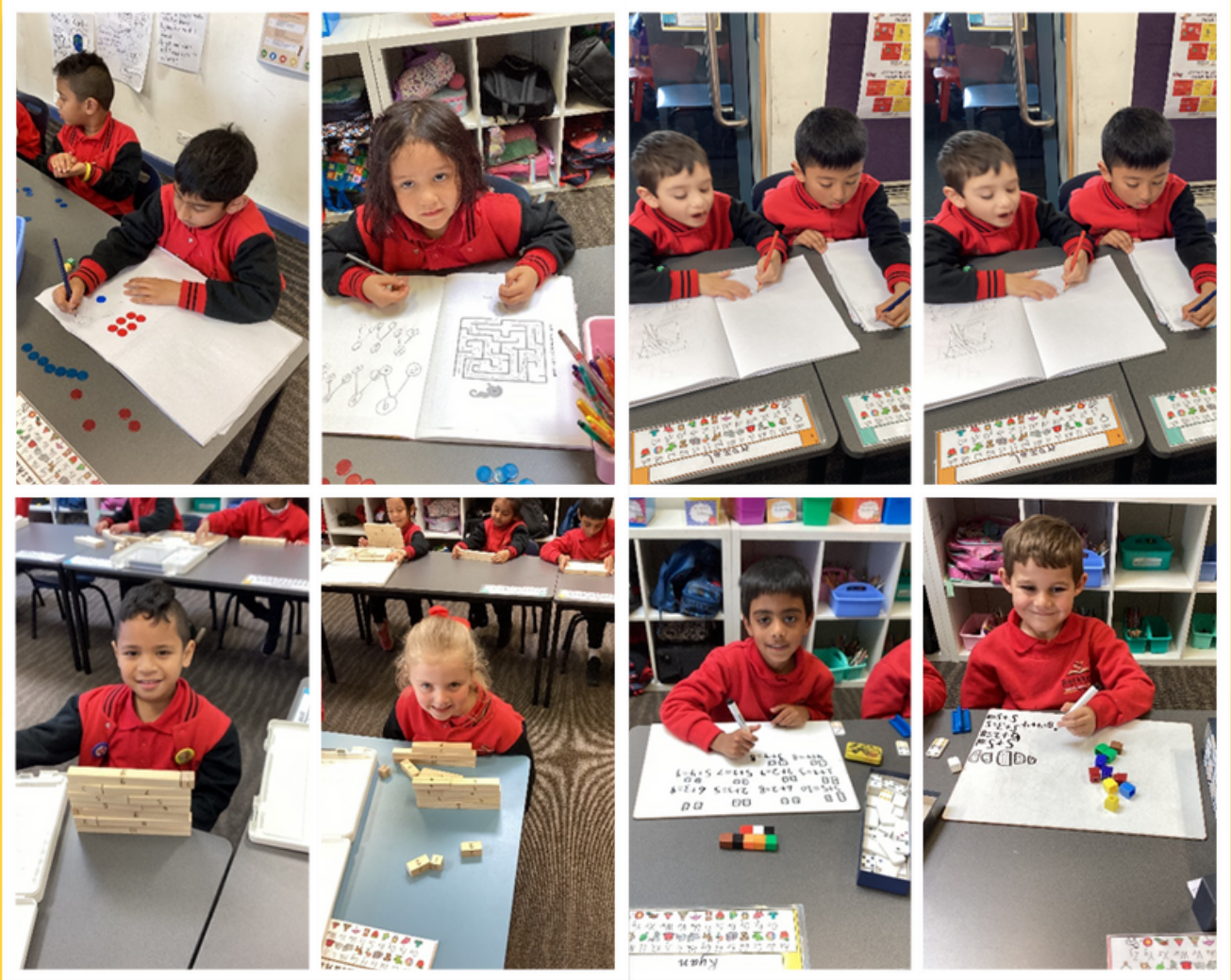
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# CELEBRATING OUR LEARNING

## FD with Mrs Sharma

In numeracy, we are learning that parts make a whole. Students are using counters, bond blocks, dominoes and unifix cubes to solve part-part-whole. When working in pairs, students must take turns showing three ways to make -teen numbers.



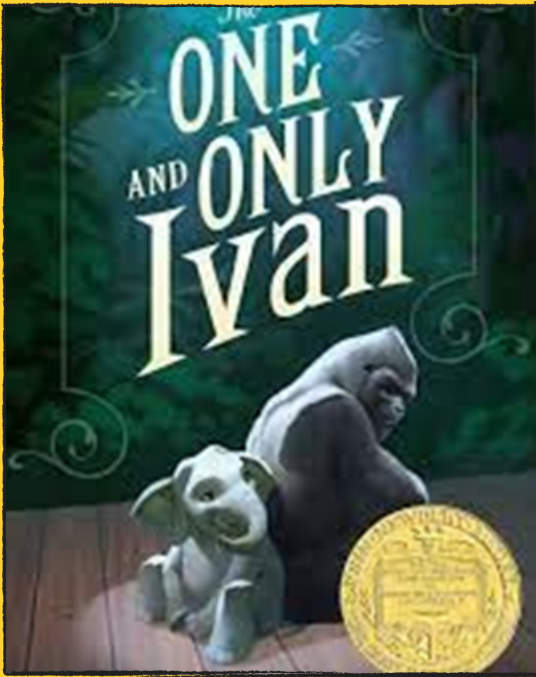
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# CELEBRATING OUR LEARNING

## 3/4D with Ms Kilkenny

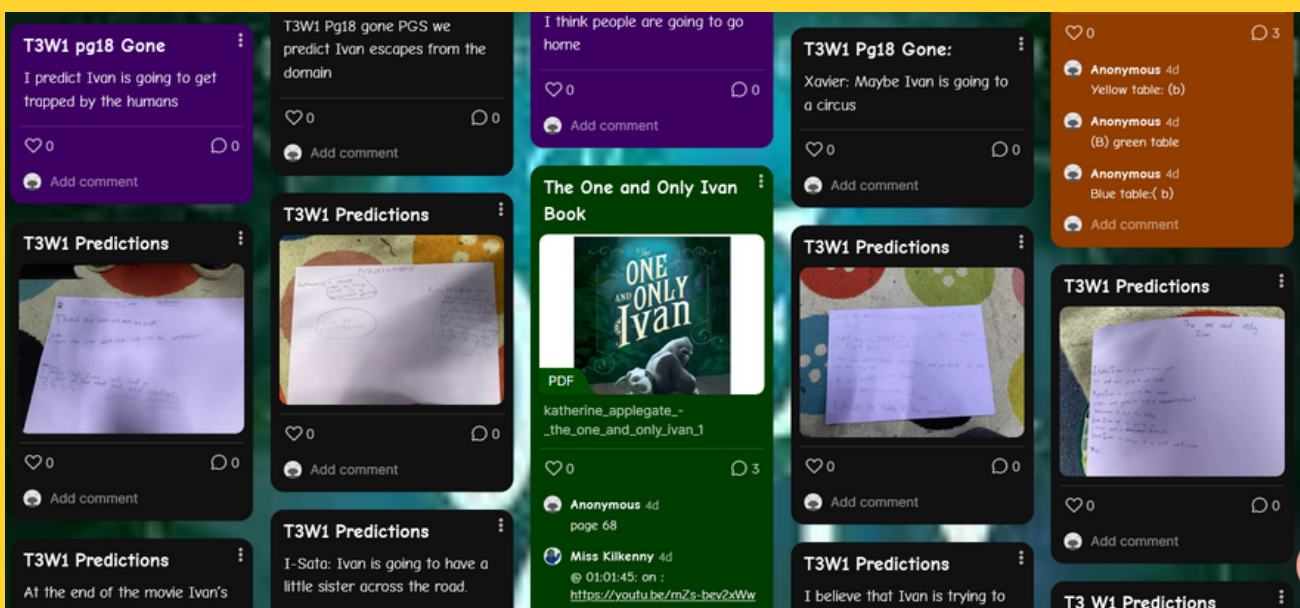


Have you ever read *The One and Only Ivan*? Because this term, we in 34D are reading *The One and Only Ivan*.

We have been using a QR code to join a padlet for Q (question) and A (answers).

We have been using an Audio book to listen to as well. We have also been predicting and analysing the text.

**Written by Alina and Japman of 34D**



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# MEET OUR TEAM: ADMIN

## SHARON ALTON BUSINESS MANAGER

Hi, my name is Sharon Alton, I am the Business Manager for our school. My job is to manage all the school finances, staffing, payroll, budgets, paying bills, ordering, etc.

I am married with two grown up children and a beautiful granddaughter. I have another grandchild on the way! I love to travel, catch up with friends, garden and go to the Football.

I love working at Rockbank Primary and have been working here for over 18 years. When I first started at RPS we only had 47 students and 6 staff – 3 teachers, 2 ES staff, Principal and myself.

We now have 370 students and over 50 staff and the school is still growing. Exciting times ahead!



## CATHY WHEELAHAN ADMINISTRATION

Hi, my name is Cathy Wheelahan, I have been working in the office at Rockbank Primary School since Term 4 2022. I have loved meeting all of our students and families and look forward to sharing in your educational journey.

I have a son named Mason who is 11 years old, he keeps me very busy attending his football and cricket games. My husband's name is Brian and he is a Primary School teacher. We have a Cavoodle named Archie that gets lots of cuddles from us!

We love travelling, exploring new places and going on adventures together, we love AFL footy and spending our summers in Bright. If you are ever late or you are feeling sick I will be here to help. Pop past the Office to say hi!



# MEET OUR TEAM



## KAMIA BATRA 3/4A

Hi! My name is Kamia Batra. I am the classroom teacher for 3/4A along with Mrs Jones.

My husband is my whole and sole support while I am pursuing my teaching degree. I have two lovely daughters who inspire me to do my best in whatever I am doing.

This is my first year of teaching. I am really enjoying the environment and the support provided by the school staff which enhances my daily learning. I strongly believe that continuous learning is the minimum requirement for success in any field.

I love to go on road trips with my family while munching little snacks and enjoying sightseeing.

# MEET OUR TEAM



## 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.



# A WORD FROM WELLBEING

with Ms Nerida West



## Mental Health & Social Media

How to look after your mental wellbeing on social media (from [esafety.gov.au](https://www.esafety.gov.au))

### 1. Choose how and when you chat

Group chats are a good way to talk with close friends, but being available 24/7 can be stressful.

- Take a break from the conversation by muting notifications on WhatsApp or choosing one of the privacy settings on Snapchat.

### 2. Think about the impact your story might have

Sharing online is a great way to express yourself but posting personal or confronting content can hurt you and others.

- Think about who will see your story and whether they will respect your post – especially if it contains personal information, like how you are feeling. You can change your settings to close friends only on Instagram for example, to control who sees the information.
- When you live stream and share content like an Instagram Reel, work out what you might do if people respond in a negative way. Consider what could happen if the content is reposted.

### 3. Choose what appears in your feed

Scrolling through YouTube or Tik Tok can be a great way to relieve stress and even learn new skills, but some material could make you feel uncomfortable.

- Be aware of the type of content that might upset you.
- Limit the amount of distressing content that you see. You can hide content on Snapchat or flag videos as not interested on Tik Tok to stop stories appearing in your feed.

### 4. Keep it positive

Use the resources on social networks to help you and others maintain a healthy state of mind.

- Look out for safety and wellbeing tips. Tik Tok tips offers technical and mental health advice for staying safe and Snapchat provides wellbeing support.
- Check how much time you spend looking at negative news or 'doomscrolling'. Try swapping your news time for more positive content instead.

Parents, please note that the minimum age for most social media is 13

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# SCHOOL NEWS

# WHOLE SCHOOL PYJAMA DAY

GRADE 6  
FUNDRAISER



Gold coin donation

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