

## IMPORTANT DATES TERM 3

**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)

**Thursday 31st August - Friday  
1st September**

Father's Day Stall

**Friday 1st September**

Father's Day Literacy Morning  
and  
Father's Day Raffle Tickets Drawn

**September 4th - 8th**

Foundation - Grade 2  
Swimming Program

**September 11th - 15th**

Grade 3-6 Swimming Program

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE



This week our wonderful foundation students celebrated their first 100 days of school. This was super exciting, and the foundation teaching team made this celebration extra special with many fantastic experiences to enjoy and save as special memories. Thank you to the parents who came along to the Disney Parade on Monday, it was lots of fun. Kids love to dress up, but then again, so do the teachers!

Last week on our curriculum day, our staff team participated in professional learning with our own dedicated wellbeing staff team delivering this PD. The focus was on sharing the 'Berry Street Education Model' for all staff to implement across the school. The learning was impeccable, the staff eagerly participated in all activities, the day was considered a huge success and we all came away with some new and valuable strategies to use in classrooms with students, with our colleagues and families. We are life-long learners at Rockbank PS and value these days when we can all learn together in our classroom.

This week, I attended our Network Principal Forum, and our main topic was NAPLAN DATA, whilst we shared our school data with the network, we also discussed and analysed our Network Data. Over the next few weeks, our school improvement team, team leaders and teachers will delve deeper in the data analysis process using our schools 2023 NAPLAN data. This year, all schools were online for this assessment, and it was also conducted much earlier than previous years. The student reports sent home to families now include 'proficiency standards' in place of the previous 'band levels'. The change to proficiency standards will make it much easier for our students and families to understand.

During this term, we will be able to share several data sets with our school community, these will include NAPLAN, Student Attitudes to School Survey results and hopefully Staff Survey Results. I will be sharing some information, via Seesaw, about the 'Parent, Carer, Guardian Opinion Survey' which opens on 7th August and closes on 8th September, 2023. We will be inviting ALL our families to complete this survey. These results should be available early Term 4.

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# CONTINUATION OF PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Today, we had the first half of our Year 3-6 Athletics carnival. Due to the weather, we decided to postpone the other half of the carnival until next week. This Monday 7th August, our Year 3-6 Athletics carnival will continue between 11:40-1:40. Students are encouraged to wear their house colours again. These events are so special for our students, and it is another opportunity for students to achieve their personal best in events they participate in. Our students have a range of skills and levels in events, and we all admire each one of them for their participation. Most of all we want our students to enjoy the experience and if their families can attend, then that is even more special for them and us.

This term we have had a significant increase in our student enrolments. We now have 380 students and our numbers so far for 2024 are 420, with another 5 months of enrolments available before the first day of 2024. We are desperately waiting to hear news about additional portables and learning spaces, as well as more toilets! Due to the growth and projected numbers, we will need to appoint several new staff in 2024. We are well underway in advertising for staff as well as working on workforce planning for 2024 and class structures. This work has put pressure on across the whole school, I would like to thank our amazing office team, school tours team, our wonderful and welcoming classroom teachers and ES staff. We welcome all our new students and families to Rockbank PS.

During Term 3 & 4, we will have several improvements to our school grounds. These will include 100 new trees to be planted, our new school values mosaic to be installed near room 2 at the front of our school and new garden beds between each portable pair with fruit trees and flowering plants. Additionally, we will have 'concrete engraving' (due in term 4) which includes our school values, house names, games, challenges and tracks for our students to enjoy during breaks. All these projects will add extra colour and sparkle to our school.

I will be taking personal leave for most of Term 4 and I am very happy to announce that Mr Christopher Daxecker, our fabulous Assistant Principal, will be the Acting Principal in my absence. Chris' comprehensive knowledge of the school and where we are currently at in regard to our Annual Implementation Plan as well as the positive relationships with students, staff and families, will enable to school to be led effectively and competently. The school is in very capable hands. Thank you, Mr D and the Rockbank Team.

We hope you all have a wonderful fortnight.

Krista Barnes  
Principal



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# HAPPY PRINCIPAL'S DAY

Ms Barnes and  
Mr Daxecker



From the entire Rockbank PS community,  
thank you for the wonderful work you do.

We appreciate you!



# CELEBRATING OUR ATTENDANCE



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

## 2023 Stats at 4/8/23

Number of students with 100% attendance in term 3:  
**155**

### TERM 3



FA - Miss Gregson: 91%  
FB - Mr Randich: 90%  
FC - Miss Gabby: 90%  
FD - Mrs Sharma: 96%

### CLASSROOM STATISTICS



1/2A - Miss Pierce: 94%  
1/2B - Miss Buttigieg: 92%  
1/2C - Miss Bencich: 92%  
1/2D - Mrs Kaur: 91%  
12/E - Ms Ris: 92%

3/4A - Mrs Jones/ Mrs Batra: 93%  
3/4B - Miss Bull: 89%  
3/4C - Mr White: 89%  
3/4D - Ms Kilkenny: 94%  
3/4E - Ms Kastanaras: 94%



5/6A - Mr Cassano: 88%  
5/6B: Mrs Murden: 92%



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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# REMINDER: 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: 28th July	Week Ending: 4th August
FA (Miss Gregson)	Leon T	Natania C
FB (Mr Randich)	Lincoln S	Divjot K
FC (Miss Gabby)	Marcilas H	Chiemaan D
FD (Mrs Sharma)		Elena S
1/2A (Miss Pierce)	Nikhil M	Sofia G
1/2B (Miss Buttigieg)	Hamsini B	Shalom F
1/2C (Miss Bencich)	Maddy S	Aarvi P
1/2D (Mrs Kaur)		Avelyn K
1/2E (Ms Ris)	Yuvraj B	Prisa K
3/4A (Mrs Jones/Mrs Batra)	Kau Ariki I	Alera A
3/4B (Miss Bull)	Franklin C	Tulouna U
3/4C (Mr White)		Cooper M
3/4D (Ms Kilkenny)	Ajong D	
3/4E (Ms Kastanaras)	Kasper E	Sharon B
5/6A (Mr Cassano)	Alex C	T.J. B
5/6B (Mrs Murden)	Andrea U	Gian P
The Arts (Mrs Georgievski)	12C	34B
Auslan (Mr Still)	FA	
Physical Education (Mrs Lehane)	34B	12A
S.T.E.M (Mr Rasmanis)	56A	



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# CELEBRATING OUR SUCCESS

## HOUSE POINTS

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



480

530



940

640



LEARNERS



RESPECTFUL



TOGETHERNESS



SAFE

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# CELEBRATING 100 DAYS OF SCHOOL

This week, our foundation students celebrated 100 days of school and they celebrated all week!

On Monday they dressed up in Disney costumes, performed a song and paraded for their families and the school community!

On Tuesday they had a delicious pancake breakfast and buddy activity.

On Wednesday they went to the cinemas to see Elemental.

On Thursday they completed a range of writing and maths tasks centred around the concept of 100!

And on Friday they performed as a cohort at assembly!

The foundation team are immensely proud of all of our students and we can't wait to see them continuing to learn and grow throughout this year and the years beyond!



Excursion to Hoyts to see Disney's Elemental



# A WORD FROM WELLBEING

with Ms Nerida West



## HOW TO GET THE MOST OUT OF GAMING

(from [esafety.gov.au](https://www.esafety.gov.au))

Gaming can be a great way to relax and unwind. You can explore new worlds with other gamers, team up and play in multiplayer games.

### But gaming has downsides:

You can start spending so much time online that it stops you from doing your homework, meeting up with your friends or spending time with your family.

Other gamers might bully you or make you feel uncomfortable.

### ARE YOU GAMING TOO MUCH?

That's because many games are designed to keep you playing for as long as possible.

If you think you might be gaming too much, talking with a trusted adult can really help.

### Ask your mum, dad or carer to go through this checklist with you:

1. Do you find it hard to get to sleep at night?
2. Are you not getting your homework done?
3. Do you get really annoyed when someone interrupts you when you are gaming?
4. Are you always indoors?

### WHAT TO DO

If you answered yes to any of these questions, you could be gaming too much.

- Talk to your mum, dad, carer or a trusted adult about ways to spend less time gaming.
- Talk to someone at Kids Helpline 1800 55 1800.

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# THE THRIVING KIDS & PARENTS SCHOOL PROJECT



## THE THRIVING KIDS & PARENTS SCHOOLS PROJECT

Your child's school is participating & you have the opportunity to attend:

Three  
**FREE**  
Live, online  
parenting seminars

An illustration of a child looking through a telescope, symbolizing discovery or looking forward.

Keeping Your Child  
Safe from Bullying

Helps to maintain good communication with kids, develop positive relationships, & address conflict and bullying

An illustration of three children, two girls and one boy, standing together and smiling.

The Power of  
Positive Parenting

Helps to understand kids behaviour & strategies to support their social & emotional development

An illustration of a hand holding a flame, symbolizing power or passion.

Helping  
Your Child  
to Manage  
Anxiety

Learn skills & strategies to support children manage their emotions and overcome challenges

An illustration of a girl sitting and reading a book, symbolizing learning and focus.

More information:  
TKPSP Website

A QR code that, when scanned, likely leads to the TKPSP website.

Please note that you will only be able to register when your school informs you that registrations are open



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# SCHOOL NEWS: BOOK WEEK

## CHILDREN'S BOOK WEEK

IS COMING SOON

READ GROW Inspire



THE CHILDREN'S  
BOOK COUNCIL  
OF AUSTRALIA

SINCE 1945 — YOUR CONNECTION TO STORY

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# NATIONAL DAY OF ACTION AGAINST BULLYING

## BULLYING. NO WAY!

Bullying. No Way! has produced a range of handy fact sheets for schools, families and the public.

[CLICK HERE!](#)

Congratulations Mutugi from 1/2C who has won our poster competition promoting the National Day of Action Against Bullying. His poster has been featured on the next page.

Thank you Mutugi for including the very important information that bullying can be physical, verbal, social and cyber.

**The National Day of Action Against Bullying will be on Friday 18th August.**

This years theme is ***Growing Connections.***

On this day, students will complete activities about this very important topic in their classes.

**If you are the victim of bullying, confide in a trusted adult.**

You can also seek help through the following organisations:

**Kids Helpline** online support as well as offering a 24/7 telephone and online counselling and support service for young people aged 5–25 years (Free call 1800 55 1800)

**ReachOut.com**, There is a youth version of this program, where your child can access information on bullying and peer support.

**Raising Kids Network**, online information: [Bullying in kids & pre-teens: how to help](#)

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# NATIONAL DAY OF ACTION AGAINST BULLYING

STOP BULLYING M<sup>o</sup>TU 9/1  
PHYSICAL VERBAL SOCIAL CYBER  
12c



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# SCHOOL NEWS: SCHOOL PHOTOS

## SCHOOLPIX ARE RETURNING TO ROCKBANK PRIMARY SCHOOL

On **Tuesday 22nd August**, SchoolPix will return to take portrait photos of **new students** and **students who were absent** on photo day.

No class photos will be taken on the day.

If this was your child, you don't need to do anything! Their photo will be taken on this day and you will receive information that explains how to order these photos.

Sibling photos will also be taken.

Please note that this is only for students new to RPS and students who were absent on photo day.

Please contact Ms West if you have any questions about this.



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# REMINDER: SCHOOL FEES

We wish to advise that  
**School Fees are now due.**

First child: \$150.00

2nd Child: \$112.50

3rd Child: \$75.00

4th Child: Free

Please pay via BPAY or cash.  
If you do not have your BPAY details  
please contact the office.



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# SCHOOL NEWS

# WHOLE SCHOOL PYJAMA DAY

GRADE 6  
FUNDRAISER

Thursday 31st August



Gold coin  
donation



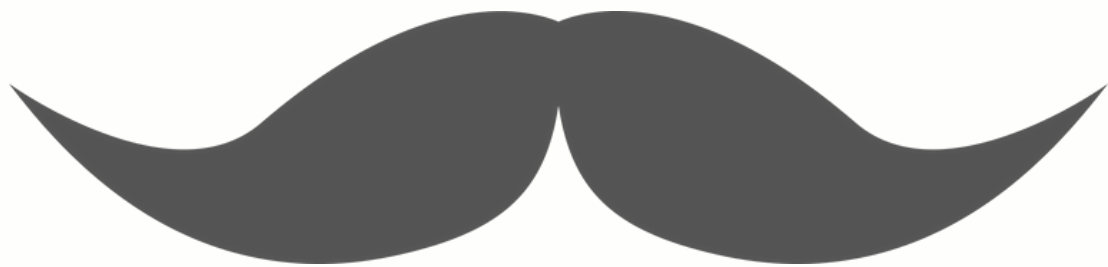
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# SCHOOL NEWS: FATHER'S DAY

## FATHER'S DAY

AT ROCKBANK PRIMARY SCHOOL



### FATHER'S DAY STALL

Thursday 31st August and Friday 1st September

Gift prices TBC

### FATHER'S DAY RAFFLE

Drawn at Assembly on Friday 1st September

Raffle tickets are \$1 each

Kindly return raffle tickets and money to the office by 9:00am on Friday 1st September

### FATHER'S DAY MORNING

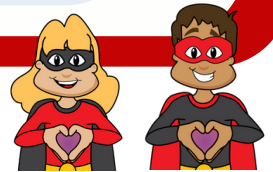
Friday 1st September

9:00-9:45am

Fathers (or a special person in your child's life), are invited to visit your child's classroom for a literacy activity

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# CELEBRATING OUR LEARNING

## FA with Miss Gregson

In FA we have been doing reading groups as a form of literacy rotation. The students are split into groups based on their reading capabilities and participate in multiple activities to develop their ability to recognise letters and their corresponding sounds. We are now working towards learning digraphs and letter blends. We practise segmenting and blending 2-4 letter words in multiple activities. Students have also been matching words and/or sentences to pictures, connecting rhyming words and using iPads to engage on Epic and Reading Eggs.

I also run guided reading groups to support students to build confidence in reading aloud and focusing on touching the words as we read.

FA have been so engaged in their learning tasks which is evident in the photographs. These tasks have evidently progressed the students reading and letter/sound knowledge.

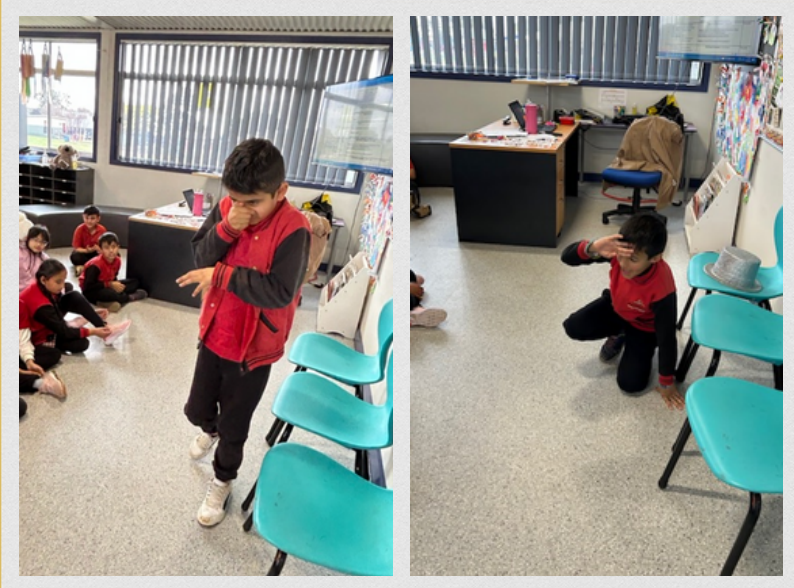


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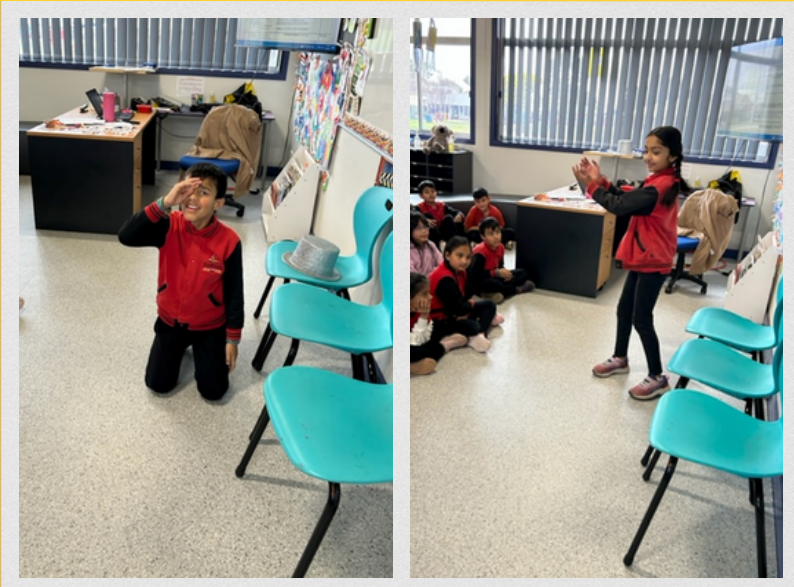
# CELEBRATING OUR LEARNING

## The Arts with Mrs Georgievski



Students in grade 3/4 have been learning about mime in drama.

In this week's lesson, students were required to bring the environment into play when making acting choices.



Students communicated by only using movements, gestures and facial expressions.

The audience were required to guess what was communicated by the actor/actress.

34E during their mime activities

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# MEET OUR TEAM: EDUCATION SUPPORT

## JADE ALLAN EDUCATION SUPPORT

Hi, my name is Jade and I am one of the ES at Rockbank Primary School, currently working alongside 34C and 34D. This is my first year at this school, as I only completed my certificate last year. Seeing the children achieve their goals, big or small, is something that makes my day each day.

When I am not at school, you will see me spending time with my four beautiful children making many memories or just relaxing at home. If you see me out in the yard, come and say hi!



## KATHY MCPAKE EDUCATION SUPPORT

Hi, my name is Kathy McPake. I have worked at Rockbank Primary School for 8 ½ years across the Foundation to Grade 3/4 classes. When I first started at Rockbank there was a total of 67 students across four classrooms, so the school has changed substantially since then. This year I am working in Foundation with Mr Randich in FB. I enjoy my job and love seeing the growth that the students make over the year.

I have three grown up sons aged 22, 25, and 28. In my spare time at home, I love reading, listening to music, and going to the movies. One of my favourite books is the Harry Potter series.



## HARPREET KAUR EDUCATION SUPPORT

Hi, My name is Harpreet Kaur. I am working as a Multicultural Aide at RSP mainly with Foundation and 1-2 students. This is my second year in this school, and I am privileged to have this opportunity of helping my community by supporting EAL students in their learning. I love to motivate my students and make learning a comfortable and enjoyable experience for them. I truly believe that students success begins with making them comfortable in the classroom.

Outside of school, I love spending time with my family and enjoy my kids' playtime.



# IN OUR COMMUNITY



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- Disability & Learning Difficulty Support
- Behaviour Management
- Social & Communication Skills
- Mental Health & Wellbeing

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