

IMPORTANT DATES TERM 3

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

Thursday 14th September

Footy Colours Day

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE



We have very exciting news for our school community, and we are super proud to be sharing this with you all this week. This week we received confirmation from the Victorian School Building Authority (VSBA), that we have been allocated a Mod10, double story portable, which consists of 4 classrooms, a new specialist classroom and two toilet blocks, one for students and one for staff. This was incredible news to receive, as we are growing so fast and have outgrown our existing building and facilities. I met with the project manager and his team on Thursday to discuss the commencement of this project and when the project will be completed. By the end of term three, we will once again have temporary fencing erected in our school grounds around all the planned areas for the new buildings. The project will commence shortly after the fencing is installed and will continue in term 4 and the holiday period. All buildings should be completed by term 1, 2024.

As our school continues to grow, so does our need for new staffing as we complete workforce planning for 2024. We have had great success and are relieved to have appointed six classroom teachers in the last week and two additional Education Support (ES) staff. We will continue to recruit for the remainder of this year, to ensure we have enough classroom teachers to start the 2024 school year with the number of student enrolments we are projecting. As you would be aware, staffing in schools is becoming more challenging every term. We have been unable to secure Casual Relief Teachers (CRTs) to cover our staff absences for most of this term, therefore, we are having to split classes on most days. We understand this is not ideal for students or staff, however, our school is still managing to stay on top of this situation by also using our learning specialists and wellbeing staff to cover classes where possible. We do need to thank our students for the way in which they accept these changes, we are certainly developing resilience in our young children. Please support your teachers, they are working very hard to manage their own classes and at times with additional students, we are very thankful to our fabulous team of teachers and ES staff.

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CONTINUATION OF PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

At times, the pressure of the influx of enrolments across our school has also placed pressure on our admin team. They too, are trying their best to manage everyday operations plus the additional work load. There are times where leadership and office staff are having to jump in and cover each other's roles to support the priorities within our school. Your patience and understanding is really appreciated to support every staff member across our school. It has been lovely to hear some parents sharing positive comments to their child's classroom teacher as well as the appreciative comments our office team are receiving. Thank you.

We will be transitioning our current school management system, Xuno, to a new system called COMPASS. This system is used in 98% of high schools and 70% of primary schools. The system will improve all office and administration tasks as well as provide a high level of communication and administration options for our families to utilise. We have commenced training and this transition will occur sometime in Term 4. This will allow us to ensure that we have sorted all glitches prior to the new school year, 2024. We will provide more information as we develop and complete training modules. During this process, our office team will be conducting an audit of all enrolment documentation as required when transitioning to this new system. Some families may be contacted if certain documentation is not held at our school i.e. immunisation records. If you receive notification of any missing information such as emergency contacts and email addresses or missing documentation, you will be asked to supply that information/documents to the school within the week, as we cannot hold up this process.

IMPORTANT REMINDER: PARENT, CARER, GUARDIAN OPINION SURVEY

Thank you to our families who have already completed this survey. There are still a large number of families who have not yet completed the survey and we really want to hear from you. We would appreciate you taking some time to share your views of our school, especially as we move into the 'School Review' in 2024.

We hope you all have a wonderful fortnight.

Krista Barnes
Principal



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CELEBRATING OUR ATTENDANCE



2023 Stats at 18/8/23

Number of students with 100% attendance in term 3:
84

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

TERM 3



FA - Miss Gregson: 86%
FB - Mr Randich: 90%
FC - Miss Gabby: 88%
FD - Mrs Sharma: 91%

CLASSROOM STATISTICS



1/2A - Miss Pierce: 89%
1/2B - Miss Buttigieg: 92%
1/2C - Miss Bencich: 93%
1/2D - Mrs Kaur: 87%
12/E - Ms Ris: 89%

3/4A - Mrs Jones/ Mrs Batra: 91%
3/4B - Miss Bull: 90%
3/4C - Mr White: 86%
3/4D - Ms Kilkenny: 92%
3/4E - Ms Kastanaras: 92%



5/6A - Mr Cassano: 87%
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.



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: 11th August	Week Ending: 18th August
FA (Miss Gregson)	Precious C	Anna D
FB (Mr Randich)	Daliya N	Banni K
FC (Miss Gabby)	Lincoln J	Liam A
FD (Mrs Sharma)	Aasna P	Harsirt K
1/2A (Miss Pierce)	Jay B	Marchelle A
1/2B (Miss Buttigieg)	Sukhnaaj R	Preshu P
1/2C (Miss Bencich)	Prisha T	Audree A
1/2D (Mrs Kaur)	Hasrat S	Adam C
1/2E (Ms Ris)	Sophia K	Elly W
3/4A (Mrs Jones/Mrs Batra)	Kaiden W	Ayaan D
3/4B (Miss Bull)	Rosie W	Oliver S
3/4C (Mr White)	Rukeesh P	Dahamdi P
3/4D (Ms Kilkenny)	Dom H	Dallesh B
3/4E (Ms Kastanaras)	Aayan P	Seerat G
5/6A (Mr Cassano)	Autumn C	Raymond T
5/6B (Mrs Murden)	Desyre T	Indie D
The Arts (Mrs Georgievski)	34E	12E
Auslan (Mr Still)	34A	34E
Physical Education (Mrs Lehane)	FC	FD
S.T.E.M (Mr Rasmanis)	12B	



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CELEBRATING OUR SUCCESS

HOUSE POINTS

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



1190

967



1560

1162



LEARNERS



RESPECTFUL



TOGETHERNESS



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A WORD FROM WELLBEING

with Ms Nerida West



WHAT DOES CYBERBULLYING LOOK LIKE?

(from esafety.gov.au)

- hurtful messages, comments or images
- messages, posts or comments that say someone will do something mean
- leaving you out or ignoring you online
- spreading lies about you online
- creating fake online profiles in someone's name to trick you
- sharing something online that can hurt you or make you feel bad, like a picture you don't want anyone to see
- threatening to share something online that will hurt you or make you feel bad
- making you feel very sad, very scared or very upset

REMEMBER

- no one deserves to be hurt online
- be kind to yourself — it's not your fault
- cyberbullying can make you feel very alone and scared, but there is help available



WHAT TO DO

1. Get help from a trusted adult — or call Kids Helpline
2. Get help from the police if you are in immediate serious danger.
3. Try not to say anything back — it could make things worse.
4. Keep evidence — an adult can help you take screenshots or keep a journal in case you need evidence to report it. See our videos on [how to take screenshots](#).
5. Block or report them — most games and apps have a way to block or report someone. See [The eSafety Guide](#) for links.
6. Report to eSafety — you can [report cyberbullying to us](#). We can help to remove bullying content and get you help and support.

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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 hands in a prayer or meditation gesture, symbolizing care and support.

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 for more information.

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



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CHILDREN'S BOOK WEEK

August 21-25

READ & GROW Inspire



Our annual dress
up day and parade
is scheduled for
Friday 25th August

More details to
come!



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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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SCHOOL NEWS

WHOLE SCHOOL PYJAMA DAY

GRADE 6
FUNDRAISER

Thursday 31st August



Gold coin
donation



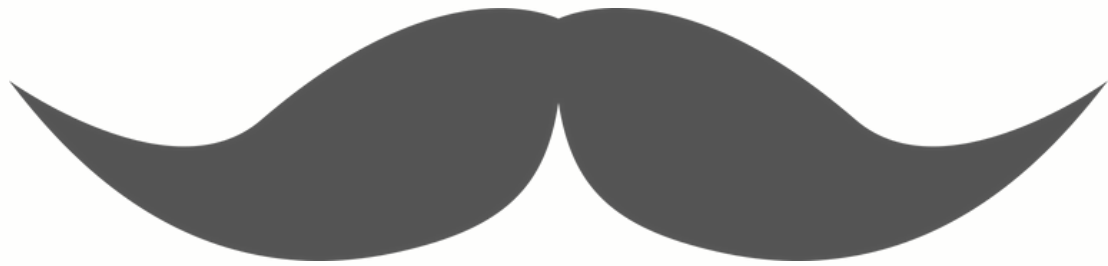
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SCHOOL NEWS: FATHER'S DAY

FATHER'S DAY

AT ROCKBANK PRIMARY SCHOOL



FATHER'S DAY STALL

Thursday 31st August and Friday 1st September

Gifts priced between \$1 and \$10

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

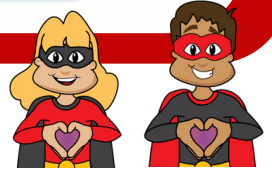
Friday 1st September

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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SCHOOL NEWS: FOOTY COLOURS DAY

FOOTY COLOURS DAY!

Fight Cancer
Foundation™

THURSDAY 14TH SEPTEMBER

Fight Cancer Foundation's Footy Colours Day is a national fundraising event in September where thousands of Australians come together to show their support for kids with cancer.

**WEAR YOUR
FOOTY COLOURS TO HELP
KIDS FIGHT CANCER.**

Gold Coin Donation 

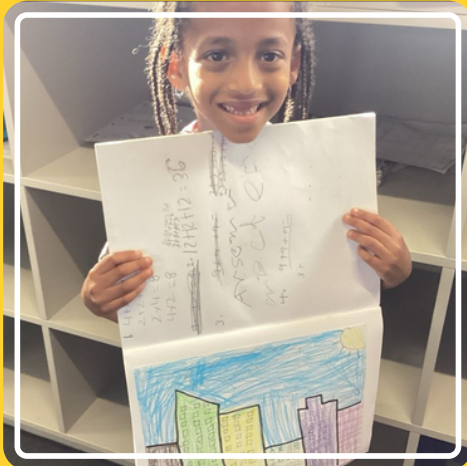
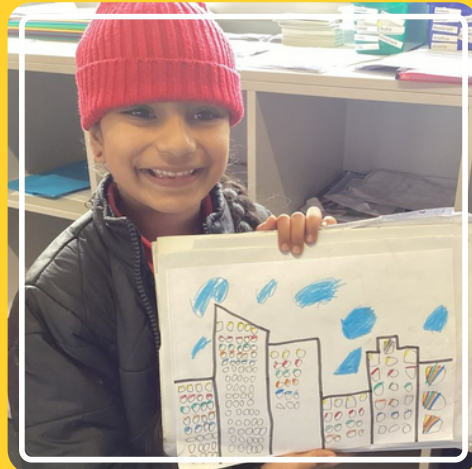
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CELEBRATING OUR LEARNING

1/2E with Miss Ris

In 1/2E we have been learning all about arrays. To assist us with this concept, we made array cities! This included a city scape that we added different windows to. Some had only 4 windows, while other buildings had over 40. Once we had created our city, we then took out our math books and counted how many columns and rows each building had. We placed these into a repeated addition. From there, we found out how we could turn these into times tables. Some students had 3 columns and 4 rows and found that this could be recorded at 3×4 or 4×3 .



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CELEBRATING OUR LEARNING

AUSLAN with Mr Still



Here is FB singing and signing the song Five Little Monkeys. We learnt how to sign various animals last term and I like to teach different songs with the topics students are learning. We used a green screen to create this video!



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MEET OUR TEAM: EDUCATION SUPPORT

TALINGA MAKIRA EDUCATION SUPPORT

Hello, my name is Talinga.

This is my first year in Education Support but I've worked in the Community Services sector for over 20 years.

I enjoy making connections with people and helping people to achieve their goals.

Some of my favorite things to do are; playing with my pomeranian Saint, going on adventures with my husband a 2 boys and unwinding in a relaxing bath at the end of the day.



RITA RAMSAY EDUCATION SUPPORT

Hi my name is Rita Ramsay.

I have worked at Rockbank Primary School for 20 years. I have 2 grown up sons who used to be students at Rockbank Primary School when it was located on the freeway.

I have worked in every level over the years and I love seeing past students returning to our school with their own children now.

This year I am supporting students in FD with Ms Sharma and also 12D with Ms Kaur

I love to travel with my family and explore different countries. My favorite place is Hawaii.



RAJDEEP KAUR SIDHU EDUCATION SUPPORT

Hi everyone! My name is Rajdeep Sidhu. I work in both 3/4A and 3/4E as an education support worker. This is my first year working at Rockbank Primary and I can already say I am really enjoying my time being part of the Rockbank community. I am married and have two beautiful children who keeps me busy all the time. I love spending time with my family and watching movies on the weekends. I love listening to music and going out for walks as well as cycling whenever I have time for myself.

I love working in a school as no single day at work is the same and helping students & their families is the most rewarding job I can think of. I really admire our student's endless energy, creativity, honesty and curiosity that they bring to our school everyday.



MICHELLE WILSON EDUCATION SUPPORT

Hi, my name is Michelle I am one of the ES at Rockbank Primary School.

This is my first year working at RPS and I enjoy seeing the children's faces when they succeed or achieve the goals that they have been working hard towards.

I work alongside Miss Gregson in FA and Miss Bull in 3/4B.

Outside of school I am a mum of four who loves to watch all my children play sports and spend time with family.



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LUNCHTIME CLUBS: CHOIR

Choir is on Monday and Thursday at Lunch (first break). On Mondays Mr. Still joins us too!

In choir this term we are learning the song "Part of your world" from the Disney film "The Little Mermaid".

We spend time warming up our bodies and our voices to perform songs together. We learn, sing, dance and play with peers from all different age groups. The students have also been practising their reading and listening skills through learning the lyrics to the songs. It has been so much fun to see the students make connections and have fun together while singing!

Choir is open from students from Foundation all the way to year 6. We can't wait to perform in front of the school later this term! It's never too late to come and learn, all are welcome!



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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.



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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