

IMPORTANT DATES TERM 3

September 4th - 8th

Foundation - Grade 2
Swimming Program

September 11th - 15th

Grade 3-6 Swimming Program

Thursday 14th September

Footy Colours Day

Friday 15th September

Last Day of Term 3
School Finishes at 2:15pm

Monday 2nd October

First day of Term 4
Students enter classrooms at
8:50am

Tuesday 10th October

Curriculum Day
No Students at School

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Important Reminders:

Sunsmart Schools: Hats are to be worn from 1st September
(new regulations)

Swimming: Week 9 - Juniors / Week 10 - Seniors

Curriculum Day Term 4: Tuesday 10th October



Wow, did we have a wonderful celebration for book week?! Whilst we love to give the students an opportunity to dress up in a costume, it is never compulsory. Thank you to our families for supporting our students with their costumes. I do believe this may be one of the teachers' favourite days of the school year, as their costumes were also fabulous. Thank you to our literacy leaders for organising this event. We hope our students enjoyed reading the shortlisted books we purchased as well as all the other reading activities they participated in.

This week our school council members held a Father's Day stall where students purchased gifts for someone special in their life. We are very fortunate to have our parents plan and support these events, thank you. We also invited fathers to attend a literacy morning in their child/children's classroom today. We were so glad to have you!

Over the last three weeks, we have also appointed two leadership positions using an internal process. We are pleased to announce that Kate Zemunic was appointed Assistant Principal - Curriculum, effective immediately and Chloe Pierce was appointed as Leading Teacher to commence in 2024. Chloe will work 3 days in the classroom and 2 days in the leadership role. This is very exciting for our staff. We have also appointed an additional office administrator who will commence in Week 1 of Term 4.

Last week, Chris Daxecker and I attended the Victorian Principals Association Conference 'Future Schools & Future Leaders.' Over the two-day conference, we engaged with six keynote speakers from a broad range of professions. We enjoyed networking with over 150 other principals and school leaders. Our main take-away from this conference was that our

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CONTINUATION OF PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

world is about to experience another major technology change with Artificial Intelligence (AI) and how this will affect all of our lives, and the lives of future generations, especially in workplaces and education. We have much to learn and embrace as we move into the future. A bit 'shout out' to our maintenance and gardening team. We have had several grounds improvements completed over the last couple of weeks. We now have a covered bike rack area for bikes and scooters. More racks will be ordered. We also have had the cage area near gym covered so we can store our school pushbikes in that space, which will be more accessible than the container. Garden beds have been planted between each of the dual classrooms, some of the trees planted are citrus trees. I would also like to compliment the Community Crusaders Club for their wonderful work in our veggie patch, under the supervision of Miss Kilkenny. It is always exciting to see things grow.

Thank you once again to the families who have taken the time to complete the 'Parent, Carer, Guardian Opinion Survey,' which closes on 8th September, 2023. Your opinion does matter!

We wish Chris Daxecker all the best for his long service leave, we will miss him greatly in our school, for the wonderful work he does and of course his quirky sense of humour. We look forward to his return by the end of Week 1 in Term 4.

We hope you all have a wonderful fortnight.

Krista Barnes
Principal



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IMPORTANT REMINDER



ALL STUDENTS MUST WEAR A
SCHOOL HAT FROM
FRIDAY 1st SEPTEMBER

As part of the **SunSmart policy** students must wear hats from
1st September through to the 31st March

This will be enforced as of Monday 4th September

**School hats can be purchased from
Primary School Wear
in Derrimut**

www.psw.com.au

Legionaire hat: \$16.95

Safety Slouch Hat: \$20.95

Please note that caps are not acceptable



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CELEBRATING OUR ATTENDANCE



2023 Stats at 1/9/23

Number of students with 100% attendance in term 3:
53

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

TERM 3 CLASSROOM STATISTICS

- Foundation**
 - FA - Miss Gregson: 87%
 - FB - Mr Randich: 91%
 - FC - Miss Gabby: 88%
 - FD - Mrs Sharma: 89%
- 1/2s**
 - 1/2A - Miss Pierce: 88%
 - 1/2B - Miss Buttigieg: 92%
 - 1/2C - Miss Bencich: 92%
 - 1/2D - Mrs Kaur: 85%
 - 12/E - Ms Ris: 89%
- 3/4s**
 - 3/4A - Mrs Jones/ Mrs Batra: 92%
 - 3/4B - Miss Bull: 89%
 - 3/4C - Mr White: 86%
 - 3/4D - Ms Kilkenny: 91%
 - 3/4E - Ms Kastanaras: 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.

5/6s
5/6A - Mr Cassano: 88%
5/6B: Mrs Murden: 91%

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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



BRONZE PRIZES



SILVER 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: 25/8	Week Ending: 1/9
FA (Miss Gregson)	Deen M	Audrey P
FB (Mr Randich)	Tajveer N	Daliya N
FC (Miss Gabby)	Sven F	Ayaan R
FD (Mrs Sharma)	Sukhtab S	August L
1/2A (Miss Pierce)	Sukhmani K	Odhora O
1/2B (Miss Buttigieg)	Edi S	Simon T
1/2C (Miss Bencich)	Addie S	Numa G
1/2D (Mrs Kaur)	Jssleen S	Sulaiman J
1/2E (Ms Ris)	Keon A	Ezekiel A
3/4A (Mrs Jones/Mrs Batra)	Alicia A	Abhayjot S
3/4B (Miss Bull)	Samarpreet K	Harry W
3/4C (Mr White)	Rudveag B	Olivia W
3/4D (Ms Kilkenny)	Name	Manraj S
3/4E (Ms Kastanaras)	Sophia S	Zoraiz B
5/6A (Mr Cassano)	Annabella S	Harvey N
5/6B (Mrs Murden)	Jake B	Milan C
The Arts (Mrs Georgievski)	34D	56B
Auslan (Mr Still)	34C	
Physical Education (Mrs Lehane)	FA	34B
S.T.E.M (Mr Rasmanis)		FB



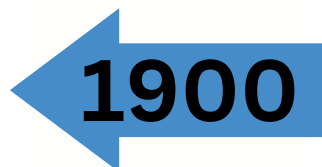
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CELEBRATING OUR SUCCESS

HOUSE POINTS

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



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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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SCHOOL NEWS

Big Childcare will be available for our upcoming Curriculum Day

CURRICULUM DAY
TUESDAY 10TH OCTOBER
NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS

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Our new XAP App

- + Make bookings
- + Record absences
- + Make payments
- + Access all invoices

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Henry Evans
henryevans@gmail.com

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- Family
- Bookings
- Invoices & Statements
- Notifications
- Switch Family
Evans Henry
- Switch Centre
Alpha Early Learning Centre, Healesville
- Log Out

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A WORD FROM WELLBEING

with Ms Nerida West



THE THRIVING KIDS & PARENTS SCHOOLS PROJECT

Rockbank Primary School is lucky enough to be part of the **Thriving Kids and Parents Schools project!**

This gives our parents access to 3 evidence based, online, seminars provided by Triple P. They are:

Power of Positive Parenting

Practical strategies to support children's social and emotional development

Helping your Child to Manage Anxiety

Skills and strategies to support children to manage their emotions and overcome challenges.

Keeping your Child Safe from Bullying

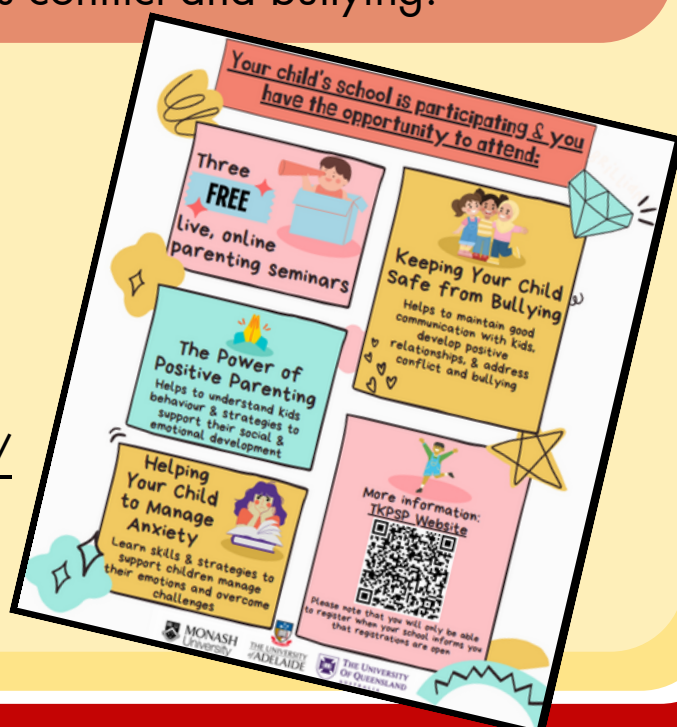
How to maintain good communication with children, develop positive relationships and address conflict and bullying.

These are **free** and **interactive**.

They can be done at home, at a time that suits you.

Register via the website:

able.adelaide.edu.au/education/thriving-kids-and-parents/



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CELEBRATING OUR LEARNING

3/4E with Ms Kastanaras

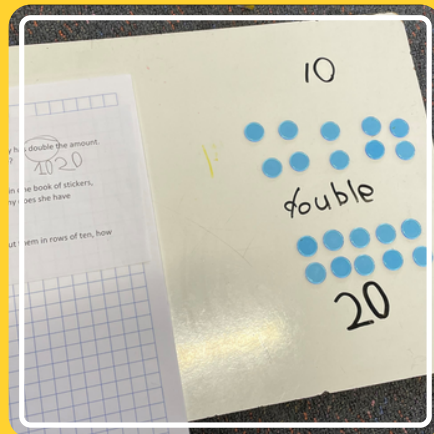
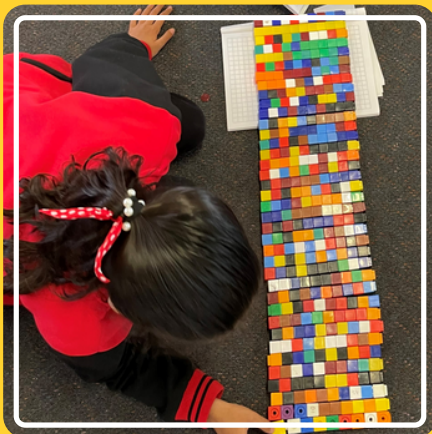
This week in Numeracy, 3/4E used multiplicative strategies to multiply and divide by ten, recognising the patterns in multiplying and dividing.

3/4E math Group One demonstrated this by using unifix blocks and the reasoning that:

"If I know 4 groups of 10 makes 40,
then what is 4 groups of 100 and so on?"

Group One were making groups of 10 with unifix blocks and by the end of the session made a collection of 38 groups of ten.

They showed that they understood this link to multiplication, if you have 38 tens this makes a total of 380.



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CELEBRATING OUR LEARNING

Physical Education (PE) with Mrs Lehane



For most of this term, the students in Years 1-6 have been learning about **Athletics** and refining their running, jumping and throwing skills. This culminated in our 3-6 House Athletics Carnival (with Missen winning the trophy) and 1-2 Athletics Carnivals (with Fisher winning the points).

Students had so much fun dressing in their house colours and participating in different events. Both days were very successful!

Congratulations to the Years 3-6 students who represented Rockbank Primary School at the **District Athletics Carnival**.

The following students came first or second in their event and will go on to compete at the Division level next week.

We wish them the best of luck. Go Rockbank!



Ibrahim – 100m, Long Jump & 10 Boys Relay
Franklin – High Jump & 10 Boys Relay
Bulcha – 100m & 200m
Paolo - Discus

Tiffany – High Jump and hurdles
Guntaj - Discus
Mamadu – 10 Boys Relay
Harry – 10 Boys Relay

Over the past few weeks, students have been learning about **gymnastics**.

They have practised holding their bodies in strong, balanced positions and moving their bodies in different ways to perform skills.

Students have been learning and practising the skill progressions required to do handstands, partner balances, cartwheels and rolls.



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MEET OUR TEAM: EDUCATION SUPPORT

EMILY SHANNON

EDUCATION SUPPORT

Hi my name is Emily Shannon and I'm an ES at Rockbank Primary School. I have recently started within the last couple of months and I am loving being part of the school!

My partner and I have 2 beautiful maltese shih tzu's. Benni is 2 years old and Finn is 5 months old. They both love going for long walks and playing with their favourite toys around the house. They are the most important thing to us and we love them dearly.

I love spending time with my friends and eating lots of different foods while finding new restaurants. Benni and Finn also take up most of our time, keeping them entertained and giving them lots of cuddles everyday!



DAHNIELLE FOX

EDUCATION SUPPORT

I started at Rockbank Primary School in January 2023.

I live in the Macedon Ranges and have two children, who are 9 and 10 years old.

I am currently studying a degree in Child Youth Counselling and plan to specialise in the area of ADHD and Autism when I complete my degree.

I have worked in the Community Sector of Welfare for the last 20 years and hold a deep passion for helping children reach their full potential in all aspects of their development.



BEDAWRA ADIB

EDUCATION SUPPORT

Hello Rockbank Community,

I am Bedawra Adib. Following the south Asian tradition, friends and family also like to call me Dora. I live in Rockbank, close to school just the other side of the rail track with my husband and daughter.

We came to Melbourne last year from the heart-shaped island of Tasmania. I used to work in a school in Tasmania as an ES as well, I loved doing math and science problems with the Grade 5 and 6 students.

I love music and travelling. When we lived in Tasmania, camping and hiking were a ritual on the holidays except in winter. I have been to Malaysia, India and Bangladesh. We love going to Cairns so much we are planning go there again soon. I love to cook for my family and friends my favourite dish to make is Biryani which is a popular rice dish from my home country.

I love working at Rockbank Primary school and this year I have had the opportunity to work with the 1 / 2 students with Miss Bencich and Miss Ris.

Come and say hello to me if you see me the yard 😊



MELTON CITY COUNCIL VACATION CARE

Vacation Care Program - Spring 18 – 28 September 2023



Program Details

Who

The program is open to all primary school aged children.

Program Hours

7:00am – 6.00pm. Monday to Friday, school holidays.

Location

Bridge Road Children's & Community Centre
260 Bridge Road, Strathulloh.

Cost

\$85.55 per day **prior** to Child Care Subsidy (CCS) being applied. Excursions and Incursions may incur an additional cost. We have many FREE activities; however, some Excursions may cost \$38 and Incursions \$26.

Enrolment Opens

8.00am Friday, 25th August 2023

Enrolments Close

5.00pm Friday, 8th September 2023

Bookings submitted after this date will only be accepted at Supervisor's discretion and incur a \$22 late enrolment fee

Reminder... absences are charged unless you notify us in advance.

Contact

Email: vacationcareprogram@melton.vic.gov.au

Vacation Care Supervisor Mobile: 0401 709 351 (Wednesday and Friday during term & Monday - Friday during School Holiday Program)

Program Mobile: 0413 480 812 (During School Holiday Program)

Website: www.melton.vic.gov.au/vacationcare

Monday, 18th Sept. – Spring Into Spring

Spring into Spring with park play, making bug rings and caterpillar leaves. We will also make and play fruit salad and make scones for afternoon tea.

Tuesday, 19th Sept. – Let's get potting Free Bunnings Incursion

Bunnings is coming to visit us where we will decorate a pot plant and plant a flower. We will be enjoying indoor, outdoor play and baking choc banana bread for afternoon tea.

Wednesday, 20th Sept. – Ballarat Wildlife Park Excursion \$36.80

Bring your gum boots, rain jackets, gloves, scarfs, and beanies today! We are departing **1030am sharp** and taking a coach bus to Ballarat Wildlife Park where we will listen to animal presentations, see the animals, and feed the kangaroos. **Departing Ballarat Wildlife Park at 330pm and arriving back at Bridge Road Children's and Community Centre at 430pm.**

Thursday, 21st Sept. – Watercolour Fun

Join us today to try our artistic hands are water colour painting. We will making our own watercolour bookmarks and watercolour paintings. As well as enjoying indoor/outdoor play and baking cupcakes for afternoon tea.

Friday, 22nd Sept. – Fitness Fri -Yay

Don't let our name scare you, it may be fitness Fri-Yay but it will be fun fitness. Join us for some dancing games, group games, fitness bingo and lots of laughs. We will also enjoy some park play and baking lemon squares for afternoon tea.

Monday, 25th Sept. – Big M Day

Did you know the rumour that Big M was invented in Melton?! Come join us today to learn about the history of Big M and try our own hand at making our own version of Big M's, we may even get a little wild and make it a thickshake?! We will also be decorating our own mugs to take home.

Tuesday, 26th Sept. – Xplosion Bowling \$36.80

Are you ready to bowl? Come join us as we on a coach bus to Xplosion bowling in Melton. We will play one game of bowling and have fun in the arcade. If it is not raining, then we will go have lunch and walk at Melton's Botanic Gardens. **Departing at 11am and arriving back at 2pm. Please remember to wear runners as this is required to bowl.**

Wednesday, 27th Sept. – Build Your own adventure

Today we are splitting into groups and going around on adventures with our friends. We will visit hamma bead land, scratch art heaven, shield making and writing our first ever Melton Vacation Care Book.

Thursday, 28th Sept. – Footy Mania Incursion \$25.25

Are you excited for a day of footy favourites?! We will go over to the oval to kick around the footy, we might even play number footy. We are painting our faces in our footy colours, and we have a jumping castle coming. Our afternoon tea will be all footy favourites, hot dogs, and pies.

Friday, 29th Sept. – CLOSED Public Holiday.

* Activities are subject to change



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BOOK EARLY! Don't miss out!



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MELTON CITY COUNCIL VACATION CARE



Vacation Care - Spring 2023

SEP 18 th – SEP 29 th Costs	Mon 18 th	Tues 19 th	Wed 20 th	Thurs 21 st	Fri 22 nd	Mon 25 th	Tues 26 th	Wed 27 th	Thurs 28 th	Fri 29 th
Activities Daily fee \$85.55	Spring into Spring	Let's get potting Bunnings FREE Incursion	Ballarat Wildlife Park Excursion	Watercolour Fun	Fitness Fri-Yay	Big M Day	Xplosion Bowling Excursion	Build Your own adventure	Footy Mania Incursion	
+ Incursion \$26 + Excursion \$38										

Please tick (✓) the dates you would like to book for your child/ren

Child 1 Name:	Date of Birth:										
Days attending	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Child 2 Name:	Date of Birth:										
Days attending	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

*Activities may change without notice. Parent/guardian cancellation may still incur fees.

Booking Agreement	
I, _____	(Parent/Guardian print name)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> declare that I am a person with lawful authority for the child referred to in this Booking Sheet understand that the statement provided to me before the program is an estimate only, based on current information provided to the Service by the Department of Human Services (DHS). If there are any changes to my family circumstances or income it is my responsibility to inform the DHS. A final statement will be provided after the completion of the program, which will indicate accurate charges agree that I am liable to pay fees for all successfully booked days and in addition the associated incursion or excursion costs, by the due date for payment, regardless of whether my child actually attends the days booked, and understand that failure to do so will result in my booked days being cancelled I have read and acknowledge the above excursions/incursions details, costs and will be sent via email the risk assessment which covers specific detail such as ratios, transport, water risks, location drop off/pick up, arrival and departure times, seatbelts, number of staff and children, accounting for children (roll call and headcounts), etc. before the commencement of the program. I give permission for my child/ren named to participate in the above excursions/incursions as indicated and understand this is a program based (see dates above) authority. I will give at least 2 days' notice of cancellation of any excursion/incursion, otherwise fees may apply. understand cancellations can only be made up until the enrolment close date (as specified on the Activity Flyer), and that cancellations after the enrolment close date will only be accepted at the discretion of program management understand and accept that a late enrolment fee of \$22.50 will be incurred for enrolments after the enrolment close date (as specified on the Activity Flyer) agree to pay a late fee of \$5 for the first 5 minutes and \$1 per minute per child, for each child if I collect my child(ren) after 6.00pm. 	
Parent/Guardian Signature _____	Date _____

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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