

## IMPORTANT DATES TERM 4

### Tuesday 31st October

Gr 5/6 Parliament Excursion  
Permission DUE

### Friday 3rd November

Gr 5/6 Parliament Excursion

### Tuesday 7th November

Melbourne Cup Public Holiday  
NO SCHOOL

### Friday 24th November

Slime Run

### Wednesday 6th December

PRESENTATION NIGHT

### Thursday 14th December

Gr 6 GRADUATION

### Wednesday 20th December

Last Day Term 4

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE



Welcome back to Term 4 – Let's make it remarkable!

We hope this message finds you well and filled with anticipation for Term 4! Its hard to believe how swiftly time has flown, but here we are, ready to embark on another exciting chapter in our educational journey. This term, we have a multitude of exciting events, activities and opportunities in store. From academic achievements and extracurricular activities to fostering a sense of community and belonging, we are committed to making Term 4 a memorable experience for all. Our dedicated teachers and staff have been working diligently to ensure that our students, your children, receive the best possible education!

### Mosaic Installation:

The wait is over and definitely worth it. The mosaic shares once more with our community our commitment to instilling our school values of Togetherness, Safety, Learning & Respect. Accompanied by Vicky & Vinnie our mascots on either side, this amazing piece of Artwork I am sure will get a few comments.

### House Points:

When students are on the yard at RPS and exhibit one of the school values, a Yard Token is handed over by a teacher on Yard Duty and the behaviour identified. The student then places the token in their respective House Box. As you walk through the yard you will notice that this box has been upgraded with four very colourful letter boxes representing our Houses. **Continued**



# CONTINUATION OF PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

## **Curriculum Day:**

On Tuesday 10th October, the teachers and staff at RPS were engaged in professional learning from both expertise outside of our school and from within. The main topic areas included discussions of Artificial Intelligence (AI ) and the positive impact it will have on teaching and learning alongside conversations around the Disability and Inclusion Reform that is rolled out within our Network in 2024 and its multitude of benefits in supporting the additional needs of all students. These Curriculum Days are pivotal in building the capacity of our teachers and staff to deliver the best education for your children!

## **Booklists for 2024:**

In preparation for 2024, guidelines for the process involved with Booklists will be communicated through either Compass or Seesaw in the coming weeks. If any questions or concerns are there surrounding booklists, please call reception.

## **Building Works Update:**

The Building works are coming along nicely and accompanied with some nice weather will continue to remain on schedule. With the temporary fence up and in place, workers continue to complete the ground works necessary for the next stage of development.

Please remember that our doors are always open. Whether you have questions, suggestions or just want a chat, we're here for you.

Thank you for your continued trust and support. Here's to a fantastic Term 4!

With gratitude,  
Mr. Chris Daxecker  
Acting Principal



# 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 Melton [www.psw.com.au](http://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



# 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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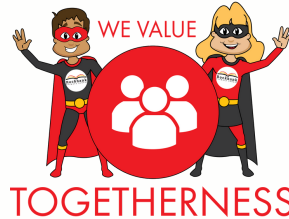
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# CELEBRATING OUR SUCCESS

## 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: 6/10	Week Ending: 13/10
FA (Miss Gregson)	Precious C	Avitaj B
FB (Mr Randich)	Mayabee M	Baani D
FC (Miss Gabby)	Adithi M	Anant D
FD (Mrs Sharma)	Harmannpreet N	Ramy H
1/2A (Miss Pierce)	Rohan H	Sofia G
1/2B (Miss Buttigieg)	Alicia D	Faris W
1/2C (Miss Bencich)	Rohan H	Ayva A
1/2D (Mrs Kaur)	Kidus T	Teertha G
1/2E (Ms Ris)	Ksharaa K	Ecrin B
3/4A (Mrs Jones/Mrs Batra)	Wisdom B	Burak
3/4B (Miss Bull)	Ariel C	Siera S
3/4C (Mr White)	Mehreet K	Ali S
3/4D (Ms Kilkenny)	Dominic H	
3/4E (Ms Kastanaras)	Gargi G	Lisa P
5/6A (Mr Cassano)	Gildon K	Ryan H
5/6B (Mrs Murden)	Monique W	Milan C
The Arts (Mrs Georgievski)	FC	12B
Auslan (Mr Still)	12D	
Physical Education (Mrs Lehane)	34D	
S.T.E.M (Mr Rasmanis)	12E	34E



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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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# A WORD FROM WELLBEING

with Daniel



## INTRODUCING BUTTERFLY BODY BRIGHT

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Butterfly Body Bright is an Australian first, whole of primary school, body image program that promotes positive attitudes and behaviours towards the body, eating and physical activity. The program has been developed by Butterfly Foundation and is strength-based and evidence-informed, supporting our staff, students and families. Early research into the program has shown positive improvements in children's body image.

We are excited to have registered for Butterfly Body Bright and look forward to working towards being more Body Bright as a school community so that together we can support our students to feel confident and *bright* in their bodies.

In future newsletters we will highlight some tips for being Body Bright at home from the 6 Body Bright themes. In the meantime you might be interested in the **FREE** resources at [www.butterflybodybright.org.au/families](http://www.butterflybodybright.org.au/families)

Body image starts developing during childhood.

Body image is the thoughts, feelings and attitudes we hold about our body and how we look, and it is influenced by many things.

Butterfly Body  
Bright is a  
program of



For more information about the program visit [www.butterflybodybright.org.au](http://www.butterflybodybright.org.au)

# MEET OUR TEAM: NEW STAFF

## **BEC W** ADMIN

My name is Rebecca but I'm happy for you to call me Bec. I will be working with Cathy in the office and I will be there to greet you at the office. I joined Rockbank this term after working at another P-12 school as an attendance officer.

When I'm not working I love spending time with my 3 children aged 16, 10 and 5 and my husband. As a mum of 3 life outside work consists of lots of sporting commitments as my children love to play Netball, Football and Cricket. We also love to get to the MCG to watch the Mighty Tigers when time permits.

During holidays we love going away in our caravan. We love to stay at different places in Victoria and interstate. We have one pet, a cat, and one day would love to add a dog to our family.

Thank you everyone for welcoming me to the Rockbank Primary School community.



## **MEL RICHARDSON** TEACHER

Hello! I first came to Rockbank PS from my previous DE role to discuss the high enrolment numbers and the possibility of a double story portable and now I'm back and looking forward to working with everyone again.

On a personal note, I live in Gisborne, living in the same street I grew up in! I have a partner who, as a carpenter, continues to fix my house (love it!) and when the opportunity arises travel the countryside, 3 teenage kids who keep me guessing about what to do as a parent (but at least I don't have to make them lunches!), and a wolfhound cross called Patch. It's been a warm welcome since I got back to RPS and you have made me feel a big (although short in stature!) part of the team which I am so grateful for.

I hope to learn as much from you all during my time at RPS.



## **JANAE SALIBA** EDUCATION SUPPORT

Hello, my name is Janae and I am a new Education Support worker at Rockbank Primary School. Since I was young I have wanted to be a teacher and I am now currently studying the Bachelor of Primary Education and am due to complete this in 2025.

I have lived in Point Cook since I was young but have just recently bought a house with my partner closer to Rockbank. When I am not at work, I like to spend time with my family, and I love to go shopping with friends. My partner and I have also bought a dog recently who is now nearly 2 years old, and his name is Rocco.

Rocco and I go on a daily walk in the mornings before work and he loves it.

I am very excited to be apart of teaching the future generations and look forward to meeting all the students at Rockbank Primary School.



## **KAROLINA SELETI** EDUCATION SUPPORT

Hello! My name is Karolina Seleti and I am an ES Aide here at Rockbank Primary School. I joined the RPS Community in August of this year and am very excited to be here. I am lucky enough to be working across two wonderful classes, with such amazing students in 34C and 34D.

I have worked as a Teacher Aide for many years but this is the first time I have worked in a Primary School!

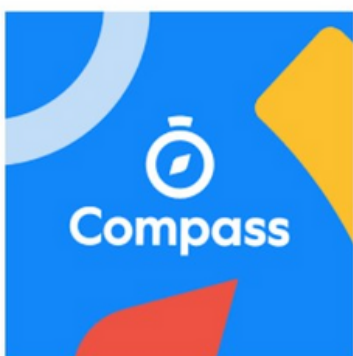
When I am not working you will find me spending my time with my husband and three children, usually rushing from one basketball game to another, creating memories outdoors on some adventure together or making my scented candles and bath salts.





# SCHOOL NEWS

## COMPASS HAS ARRIVED AT RPS!!!



Wouldn't it be great if all of your child's information was available in one place? If communication was as simple as the click of a few buttons? If payment and consent for events could be made from your phone? We thought so too, so we have made the change from Xuno to Compass. Stay in-the-loop with automated school updates via SMS, email and push notification. Never worry about misplacing a note, report or permission slip again.

**Compass will GO LIVE to our school community  
Monday 17th October**

**Parents/Carers will receive an email with setup  
instructions**



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# SCHOOL NEWS

## 2024 FOUNDATION ORIENTATION

We wish to take this opportunity to welcome you and your families to the Rockbank Primary School Community in 2024.

As part of our 'Make the Move to School' program, your child is invited to attend three transition sessions with our staff, to help them prepare for a typical day in Foundation.

Day 1: Friday 13th October between 9:00am – 11:00am

Day 2: Friday 27th October between 9:00am – 11:00am

Day 3: Friday 10th November between 9:00am – 11:00am

Our teachers will facilitate Reading, Writing, Mathematics and Social Skill activities to assess various skills, which will inform our placement of your child into classes for 2024. It is important to keep in mind that the teacher who will be present in the classroom on the day of these session, may not necessarily be your child's actual classroom teacher. We encourage you to send your child to school on the transition days with a drink bottle, snacks and sun smart hat in a small bag. We would love for you to send your child to as many sessions as you can!



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# SCHOOL NEWS

## 2024 SLIME RUN - FRIDAY 24TH NOVEMBER

Fundraising packs will go home with students from Monday 16th October  
Fundraising closes Friday 17th November  
Prizes can be ordered Friday 24th November



### SLIME YOUR WAY TO SUCCESS WITH THE SLIME SPECTACULAR® SCHOOL RUN 4 FUN

Exclusive to Australian Fundraising, participants will have the slime of their life with our Slime Spectacular School Run 4 Fun! Dodging the slime blasters set up around your fun run track, participants will be drenched in five colours of vibrant, non-toxic slime!

You won't be short on slime, receiving a huge 1 litre of non-toxic slime per participant! Each sachet of slime powder makes 50L of water-based slime, meaning you can easily set up dozens of stations around your track, or even a slime pit!

Giving you the greatest value for money, the Slime Spectacular is raising big profits out of sheer excitement. Are you ready to have the slime of your life?

- ✓ 1 LITRE OF NON-TOXIC SLIME PER PARTICIPANT
- ✓ FREE RAINBOW SUNGLASSES AND HEADBANDS FOR EVERY PARTICIPANT
- ✓ FREE SLIME BLASTERS
- ✓ CASHLESS FUNDRAISER WITH CYBERSAFE, ONLINE FUNDRAISING
- ✓ NO UP-FRONT COST TO YOUR SCHOOL OR GROUP!
- ✓ FREE ONLINE FUNDRAISING PLATFORM FEES AND NO CREDIT CARD AND TRANSACTION FEES

\*Your profit is based on your organisation being able to claim back the GST on our invoice



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# 2024 Foundation (Prep) Enrolments NOW DUE



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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# REMINDERS

## MORNING MUNCHIES



Each morning, students arriving between 8:30am and 8:50am are welcome to grab something for breakfast as they pass the Dojo Shop.

If they've already had a nice, healthy start to the day, they are even welcome to grab a snack for later!

### FOLLOW US ON SOCIAL MEDIA

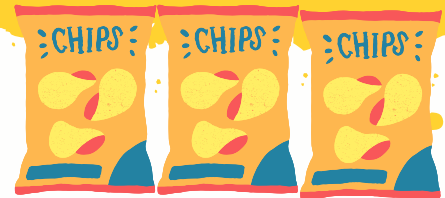
To stay informed and up-to-date with the latest news from Rockbank PS, follow us on social media!



## GRADE 6 FUNDRAISER

Packets of chips will be sold from our school canteen **every Monday at 11:10am**

**PACKETS ARE \$1 EACH**



## ICY POLES

Icy poles are sold every **Wednesday and Friday** from our school canteen at **11:10am**

**ICY POLES ARE \$2 EACH**



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