


SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Tuesday 8 December 2015

Newsletter No. 40

Wednesday 9 December	Grade 6 Graduation Evening at Eltham Community Centre	
Friday 11 December	9.10am Prep – Grade 2 Sports Morning, School Oval	
Monday 14 December	Carols @ Twilight here at RPS 5.30pm – 7pm	
Thursday 17 December	Grades 5 & 6 Funfields	
Friday 18 December	12.45pm Assembly	
Friday 18 December	1.30pm Term 4 Ends	
Friday 29 January 2016	All students start school 9am Grades 1-6, 9.30am Preps 2016	

PARENT HELPERS MORNING TEA

Thankyou to all our wonderful parent helpers who help us in so many ways here at RPS and thank you to everyone who was able to attend our morning tea, and thank you to the choir for their Christmas medley

VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS

2016 Voluntary Contributions payments paid this year are certainly appreciated, thank you. We would like parents to pick up their children's individual bags of stationery on Thursday 28th January 2016, from the office between 9am – 2pm. School uniform orders will also be ready for pick up that day.

SCHOOL PAYMENTS

Grade 5 & 6 students who have not paid for Funfields will not be able to attend the excursion, so please settle outstanding accounts this week. Some families also owe for other excursions and activities, please finalise these accounts this week, including the recent grade 5 and 6 Leadership incursion.

The money owing to school once again exceeds \$8,000 in outstanding debts, so if families could please clear all amounts owing this week that would be most appreciated. Families who owe 'large' amounts to RPS (see recently mailed statements) are strongly encouraged to set up a regular weekly direct deposit payment plan through their bank, to the school official account, over summer, to clear all 2015 outstanding debts before school starts up again in 2016.

END OF YEAR

Our school year is quickly coming to a close, with the next couple of weeks looking quite busy with the winding up of another active school year.

Wednesday 9th December is Grade 6 Graduation at Eltham Community Centre and our grade 6s are certainly looking forward to the evening. Our parents organising committee do a fabulous job and I thank them for their wonderful support.

Most of our grade 6s will attend their year 7 Orientation Day Tuesday 7th December, with students next year attending Eltham High (14), St Helena Secondary College (4), Warrandyte High (4), Ivanhoe Grammar (2), Viewbank Secondary (1), Whitefriars College (1), Catholic Ladies College (3) and Mountain Creek State High QLD (1). We wish them all the very best.

END OF YEAR

Children will meet their 2016 teachers on Friday. Student Reports and their Learning Journals will also be sent home that day. The staff do a marvellous job arranging class groups for the following year and I thank them for their time and energy in what is a very complex procedure.

Our structure for 2016 will be eight grades: Preps, 1, 2 x 2/3, 3/4, 4/5, 2 x 5/6, with Art, PE and LOTE our three specialist areas and Carmel's Keyboards/Piano Program offering private music lessons. We have kept some grade level groups as a large group rather than say, have 3 or 4 grade 4 girls in each of the two classes. We also have across the school 16 more boys than girls in our total 2016 enrolment of 206.

This week also sees the 2016 teacher teams involved in detailed planning for next year. The planning ensures consistency across the classes and with our very successful numeracy zones operating again next year, the opportunity for children to work with a wide range of students and a variety of teachers.

Geoff Whyte, Principal

RPS bank account details

ANZ Eltham

BSB: 013 308

Account Name: Research Primary School Council Official Account

Account Number: 254090034

Please ensure you use a detailed description as a reference, so we can identify your deposit.

A payment slip is attached to this newsletter if you would prefer to pay via MasterCard, Visa, cheque or cash.

Please ensure you place payment in a sealed named envelope and send to the school office.

CAROLS @ TWILIGHT



We would like to invite your family to help us celebrate Christmas and a fantastic year of learning on Monday 14 December from 5.30pm – 7pm. Come along to the school oval, BYO picnic tea and drinks if you would like (no other food or drinks will be available), bring a chair or rug and sit down to listen to Christmas songs & carols performed by each class and a performance by our Christmas Choir. All students need to be accompanied by an adult and can wear free dress with a Christmas theme.

Julie Minarelli

VALUES AWARDS

Congratulations to our Values Awards winners which reflect our RPS Values of **R**espect, **E**xcellence, **S**ense of Fun, **E**quality, **A**chievement, **R**esponsibility, **C**o-operation and **H**onesty.

Art – Luke 23K

Charlie 2K
Lasenya 1S
Eloise 34W

Mathias 2K
Luca 1A
Bridie 23K

Finley 2K
Shiloh 45S
Pia 23K

Nathan PB
Kaeden 45S
Pippa 6M

Ted PB
Molly 34W
Zara 6M

PHYSICAL EDUCATION NEWS

PREP - GRADE 2 SPORTS MORNING

This Friday, 11th December, is our annual Prep to Grade 2 Sports morning. The students will rotate around various novelty events and culminate in running races on the oval beside the BER building. Parents are welcome to attend to cheer on their child. As this is a fun day, the students can wear casual dress but please ensure your child has sunscreen on before school, a hat, wears suitable clothing for running and runners. The sports day will begin approx. 9.10 – 11.30 am. (Break at 10.30 – 11.00)

LIBRARY NEWS

BORROWED LIBRARY BOOKS

Thankyou to everyone who has returned their library books however there are a lot still to be brought back. If you are cleaning out your library shelves over the holidays the library would love any kids books you no longer need. Suitable books will be added to our collection or kept for the next fete. Just drop them at the library.

Joy Pagon

SCHOOL BANKING



School banking is on Wednesday.

Rebecca 0433 439 962

Tomorrow, Wednesday 9th December, will be the last chance to bank this year.

School banking will then resume on Wednesday 3rd February. Please remember that reward ordering is now closed but reward tokens can be carried over into the New Year.

All yellow wallets need to be placed into your child's classroom bank bag first thing in the morning to ensure their deposit is processed. All money should be secured in the Velcro pocket. If your child would like to join the program and open their very own bank account please go online to:
<https://www.commbank.com.au/personal/accounts/savings-accounts/youthsaver/apply-online.html>

PARENTS GROUP NEWS

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

In our Christmas Raffle this year you'll again have the chance to win some fabulous prizes including 1st prize Foam Training Surfboard & Sports Pack, 2nd prize Ripstik Razor Skateboard & Sports Pack, 3rd prize Body Board & Water Sports Pack and much more. We would like to make up some of our famous hampers to be part of our raffle prizes so we are asking, next time you're in your local supermarket or store, please pick up an item or two to contribute, such as: food, alcohol, books, cards, toys, giftware or stationery. Hamper items need to be bought in to the office by **Friday 11th December**. Raffle tickets have been sent home and the completed stubs, with money, will need to be returned by Thursday 17th December. The raffle will be drawn at the assembly on the last day of school, Friday 18th December. Once again thank you for your support.



CANTEEN

Monday	Tuesday	Thursday	Friday
	8 December After School Sales 3.30 – 4pm Sharon N	10 December After School Sales 3.30 – 4pm Aristeia P	11 December 9-11.30 Pauline M S 11:30-1:50 Jacqui R 11:30-1:50 Clara S
14 December Countersales Only 12.30-1.30 Mandy G	15 December After School Sales 3.30 – 4pm Sharon N	17 December Canteen Closed Cleaning working bee	18 December Canteen closed Last day of term 2015
			29 January 2016 Canteen closed First day of term 2016

STOCK LEVELS

With only one and a half weeks left of Term 4 the canteen is running out of some items on the pricelist. Items currently out of stock until next year are: Mac & Cheese, Hawaiian Pizza and Choc Chip Muffin.

SPECIAL LUNCH DAYS

We're looking for one or two people to take over the running of the Special Lunch Days next year. There are usually four a year and the position consists of sending out order forms, collating orders and money, placing the food order with suppliers and running the canteen on the actual day with volunteer helpers. Have a think over the holidays and please contact Penny for more information or if you have any questions.

Penny Love 0421 088 672

CHESS TOURNAMENT – KANGAROO GROUND

Last Thursday students from RPS attended the Northern Star Chess Tournament at Kangaroo Ground Primary School. Well done to the team who placed third overall on the day. Thank you to the parents who transported, supported and looked after the children. A big thank for all her wonderful chess work over the year to Mary-Lynn Griffith.



OSHC NEWS



CHRISTMAS AT OSHCLUB

Christmas is here and for all the children at OSHClub it is a very special time. Below are all the reasons why the children love Christmas at OSHClub and why you all need to join us. Hope to see you all soon.

Raffy	<i>'It's very festive and fun'.</i>
Amelie	<i>'I love the Christmas games'.</i>
Eloise	<i>'I love putting up the tree'.</i>
Scarlett	<i>'I love making the Christmas decorations.'</i>
Leila	<i>'I love the parties'.</i>
Oscar	<i>'I like the activities and playing with my friends.'</i>
Alyssa	<i>'I like hanging out with Sienna at OSHClub.'</i>
Sienna	<i>'I love hanging out and catching up with Alyssa and friends.'</i>
Lily	<i>'I love hanging out with my friends.'</i>
Madison	<i>'I love the food and the fun activities.'</i>

Have a great week. Kind regards, Jenni

This Week's Activities

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Before Care Activities	Dancing	Aussie Christmas Scene	Christmas Wish List	Christmas Play	OSHClub's Got Talent
After Care Activities	Decorate our ginger bread house	Volleyball	Music/Creative Music	Backyard Cricket	Talent Show

Parent Information

OSHC program phone: 0427 793 936

OSHClub Head Office: 03 85649000

Coordinator: Jenni Tzivakis

Assistant: Carly Mills

All families must be enrolled to attend the program, remember this is free!! Please create an account online at www.oshclub.com.au all bookings and cancellations can also be managed via your online account. For on the day bookings please contact the Coordinator directly, at the program.

The program is as follows:

Before School Care: Fee \$5.42 to \$8.93 (full fee \$17.85) 7.00am to 8.50am

After School Care: Fee \$5.93 to \$11.68 (Full fee \$23.35) 3:30pm to 6:30pm

*Families can apply for Child Care Benefit and the 50% Child Care Rebate. The CCR is not means tested which means just about all working or studying parents are eligible to receive it. Call 13 6143 to register.

COMMUNITY NEWS

GRADE 6 JACKET - LOST

Grade 6 Jacket misplaced on the Grade 5 6 Market Day Friday 13 November, Ben G. Last seen on the back of a chair at the Fruit Ninja Stall. Please check at home in case it was accidentally picked up and bring in to the school office. Thank you, **Heather Goldie**.

GUITAR & AMP FOR SALE

¾ bass guitar + amp, guitar stand, softcase, music stand and book – perfect for beginners, ideal Christmas present; Phoenix ¾ bass, VGC, maple neck, chrome hardware, dark blue gloss finish, Sanick BA 10 amp bass amp. Package \$200. **Bryon 0419 318 389**

COME AND TRY GIRLS FOOTY

Research Junior Football Club will be holding girls' football training sessions over the next 2 Sundays (13 and 20 December) from 10.30am-12noon on the Research Primary School oval. Any girls aged 10 and up are invited to come along and join in. You are welcome to bring your friends too! We had our first girls' team this year at RJFC and all the girls had a great time learning new skills, making new friends and capped off the season by winning the Premiership. If you have any questions please contact **John Girdlestone 0419 105 220 Coach RJFC**

MUSIC LESSONS IN ELTHAM

Piano (Keyboard), Flute, Saxophone, Oboe, Clarinet, Recorder, Singing -

- Classical A.M.E.B and popular styles
- Improvisation, jazz, song writing
- Music technology - recording, arranging
- Recording studio available for demos etc.

Lessons available in Eltham, for further details please contact Martin 0408 163 355 martincox33@gmail.com or visit our website www.martinsmusic.com.au **Martin 0408 163 355**

MAKERS MARKETS

Beautiful gifts galore, including soft toys, soaps, bread, candles, wooden toys, felted creations, hand dyed wool, cards, gift bags, lollies, cakes, skin care products, ceramics and more! All goods are hand crafted, handmade or home grown and made locally. Friday 18 December 4pm-8pm Twilight Christmas Market at Wattle Place, Main Road, Hurstbridge 3099.

More information 9433 3792 or email living.learning@nillumbik.vic.gov.au

ELTHAM COMMUNITY ART & CRAFT MARKET

Eltham Community Art/ Craft Market will be held on Sunday December the 20th. We will be at Library Place an extra hour, from 8.30 am – 1.30 pm. Come along and check out the creative gifts, handmade by the stall holders; furniture, cards, candles and soaps, Christmas cakes, textiles, flowers and plants, breads and honey. Check out the market on face book or visit www.elthammarket.com.au

FLETCHERS COLOURING-IN COMPETITION

Fletchers (Estate Agent in Eltham) are running a Christmas Colouring-In Competition and entry forms are available from the school office. Prizes are 1st: Child's Bike (\$229), 2nd: Skaterz Party Voucher (\$200), 3rd: 4 Movie Tickets. Completed forms need to be returned to Fletchers, 951 Main Rd, Eltham by Friday 18th December. Winners will be notified on Tuesday 22nd December. **Prue Fletcher, Fletchers**

SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

Bookings for Eltham Leisure Centre School Holiday Program 2016 and Swimming Lesson Holiday Programs are now open for children aged 5 – 12yrs. Loads of fun, games & activities and much more. For further information please call **9439 2266 Eltham Leisure Centre** **Ann Jackson**

BUNNINGS ELTHAM CHRISTMAS FAMILY NIGHT

Bunnings Eltham Christmas family night, Thursday 10th December - 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm

Christmas Craft

Colouring Competition

Silent Disco

Jumping Castle

Balloon Art

Glitter Tatts

Gift Wrapping

BBQ Supper

Bookings essential: (03) 9430 0100 or via our website www.bunnings.com.au/eltham Look at our website for further information and other in-store activities. **Bunnings Eltham**

FUZZ BOOM READ 1 December 2015 to 1 February 2016

Read as many books as you can about anything you want as part of our **Summer Reading Club**. All children aged 3–12 can join up and read books to be in the running for an iPad and other great prizes. Sign up at any branch or online, grab a reading kit and discover all the activities on offer. **Yarra Plenty Library**

ROADRUNNER TEE BALL SMASH

Starts Friday January 29 at Glenauburn Park, Lower Plenty. For boys and girls aged 5 – 12 years. More information available through our website www.research.baseball.com.au or by calling AJ 0423 782 970

Roadrunner Tee Ball Smash

A KING IS BORN

Eltham Baptist Church (46 Nyora Rd, Eltham) presents A King is Born, a free carols service for the community. 6pm Wednesday, 23rd December. Bring a picnic rug and food for this outdoor event (the event will be held inside high winds or rain). Petting zoo running between 5pm - 6pm. Visit our website for more information www.elthambaptist.net



ELTHAM
SWIMMING SCHOOL

We have highly trained and experienced staff, but what makes them special is that they each love to teach children how to swim. So let's get ready for summer, for further information on our programs please visit our website www.elthamswim.com.au or call 9439 8271

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RESEARCH PRIMARY SCHOOL PAYMENT SLIP

(Please return your payment in a named envelope to the school office)

Please tick one Cash ☐ Cheque ☐ Mastercard ☐ VISA (\$10 minimum for credit card payments)

Card Number

Expiry Date

Amount

_____/____/____

\$.....

Cardholders Name..... Date:

Cardholders Signature.....

Payment for: _____ Child's Name & Grade: _____



RESEARCH PRIMARY SCHOOL

SUBJECT CONTRIBUTION, FACILITIES CONTRIBUTION AND BUILDING FUND DONATION 2016

SUBJECT CONTRIBUTION

Our voluntary subject contribution helps fund library books and materials, new take home books, science and maths equipment, computer software, art supplies, physical education and sports equipment.

Class requisites used throughout the year by all students are also covered including cover paper, photocopying costs and paper, computer consumables, laminating materials, glue, publishing paper, binders, paint, coloured paper, graph paper, display books, stickers, tape, book boxes, and class sets of text books.

Depending on the grade level of your child, this contribution includes items such as: take-home book cover, exercise books, crayons, coloured pencils, document wallets, loose leaf A4 refills, plastic pockets, manilla folders, pens, HB pencils, office pads, glue sticks, pencil sharpener, eraser, ruler, scissors, project markers and a school diary for senior students.

\$200

FACILITIES and OPERATIONS CONTRIBUTION

This is a voluntary contribution to help cover the operating costs incurred by the school, to improve our educational facilities and equipment, as well as assist with grounds development.

\$ 60

BUILDING FUND

This is an ATO tax deductible donation, with funds used to improve the school's buildings.

\$ 40

TOTAL:

\$300

Could parents please collect their child's individual supplies on Thursday 28th January 2016 between 9am and 2pm.



RESEARCH PRIMARY SCHOOL

**SUBJECT CONTRIBUTION, FACILITIES and OPERATIONS
CONTRIBUTION AND BUILDING FUND DONATION FOR 2016
PAYMENT DETAILS**

**PLEASE COMPLETE THIS FORM AND
RETURN WITH YOUR PAYMENT
BY 27 JANUARY 2016**

Payments made in 2015 are both accepted and appreciated

**COULD PARENTS PLEASE COLLECT THEIR CHILD'S
INDIVIDUAL SUPPLIES ON
THURSDAY 28th JANUARY 2016
between 9am and 2pm**

FAMILY NAME:

	CHILD'S NAME	GRADE LEVEL 2016	SUBJECT CONTRIB'N \$	FACILITIES and OPERATIONS \$	BUILDING FUND \$	TOTAL \$ 300
1 st Child			\$200	\$60	\$40	\$
2 nd Child			\$200	\$60	\$40	\$
3 rd Child			\$200	\$60	\$40	\$
4 th Child			\$200	\$60	\$40	\$

RESEARCH PRIMARY SCHOOL PAYMENT SLIP

Amount \$.....

(please tick one)

Cash ☐

Cheque ☐

Mastercard ☐

Visa ☐

(please do not mail cash)

(payable to
Research Primary School)

Card No: _ _ _ _ _

Cardholders Name..... Expiry Date _ _ / _ _

Cardholders Signature..... Date

Please return this form to the school office or mail to
The School Council, Research Primary School, 1570 Main Road, Research 3095
by **27 January 2016**. Payments made in 2015 are most welcome.