

Rosanna Primary School

NEWSLETTER

"Strive to Succeed"
Nº 4568

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THURSDAY FEBRUARY 11TH, 2016

CALENDAR

Friday	12 th February	Inter School Sport Rosanna v Heidelberg (Postponed)
Monday	15 th February	School Council Meeting 7.30pm
Friday	19 th February	Inter School Sport Rosanna v Viewbank (Home)

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Dear families and friends,

The 'start up' program in classes has been a fantastic way to begin our learning year. Classes have developed expectations as a team and discussed what good learning and good teaching looks like. Students have worked in areas to share their ideas and have established new friendships and working teams in class. In this way, our value focus for this term of **Cooperation** has already played a big part. Our 'You Can Do It' focus of **Getting Along** is also key. As we build positive relationships between students, teachers and families we ensure that, if issues arise, everyone has someone they feel comfortable talking to and can go to for support. When we feel comfortable and safe, our potential for learning increases. I am sure that we will continue to build positive relationships throughout the year that will result in strong learning experiences.

SCHOOL COUNCIL

Our current School Council will meet for the last time on Monday of next week. During the coming month we will be establishing a new School Council that will operate for the next twelve months. As per *Department of Education and Training* requirements, any school councillors who have served a two year term, or who have been seconded for a one year period, will retire. Retiring school councillors this year are as follows:

Parent Representatives

Danny Steele
Michael Donohue
Craig Lazzarro
Di Carmichael
Con Paraskevatos

DET Representatives

Emily Seing
Lynda Whitechurch

We thank all the above people for their wonderful contribution to Rosanna Primary School and hope that, if eligible, they consider re-nominating for School Council.

Parents of students of our school are now invited to nominate for the 2016-2017 School Council. For more information about the School Council and the election process, please refer to the attachments with this newsletter. All nominations must be on the correct form that is also included with this newsletter.

SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTION TIMELINE

Notice of Election and Call for Nominations (in newsletter & on window)	Thursday, 11 th February, 2016
Close of Nominations	Thursday 18 th February, 2016
Nominations displayed at school and, if number of nominations equals number of vacancies, declare results	Friday 19 th February, 2016
Ballot Paper distributed if more nominations than vacancies are received in either or both categories	Thursday 25 th February, 2016
Counting of votes and declaration of the poll	Friday 4 th March, 2015
Results announced to the community	Friday 4 th March (on window) and Thursday 10 th March (in newsletter)

HEALTH/MEDICAL

The health and wellbeing of students here at Rosanna is very important to us. We work hard to ensure a safe environment and provide strong procedures for first aid. We employ qualified first aiders to staff the first aid room and have excellent communication processes between home and school.

As part of this process we rely on you, as parents, to share health and medical information with us. Sometimes medical information is shared when students first enrol in prep. However, this can quickly become outdated. It is very important for us to know if your child suffers from any medical conditions or is taking any medication (even for a short time). Conditions such as anaphylaxis, allergy and asthma are well managed at our school but, it is essential that we have up to date information from you. If your child has any medical conditions or is taking medication, please contact the school and speak with Michelle Woolacott to ensure that we have all the information we need to support your child.

STUDENT ACCIDENT INSURANCE

We remind families that the Department of Education and Training (DET) does not provide personal accident insurance for students. Parents and guardians are generally responsible for paying the cost of medical treatment for injured students, including any transport costs, unless the injury is caused by the negligence (carelessness) of a Department or school council employee or volunteer.

Student accident insurance policies are available from the private insurance market. These cover a range of medical expenses not covered by Medicare. Please contact the school for details of insurance providers.

TRAFFIC

As mentioned in last week's newsletter, the safety of our students is our highest priority. I thank those people who have taken care to park in the appropriate way, in the appropriate parking areas and also, who use our 2 minute 'drop off zone' correctly. On occasion, a by-law officer from Banyule Council has been at the school issuing fines and infringement notices. Although I don't wish for anyone to have to pay a fine, it is excellent to see the council supporting our quest for a safe traffic environment.

Some reminders:

- **No Parking in the 2 MINUTE drop off zone (kiss and go. If students are not ready for pick up, drive around the block)**
- **Students must wait inside the fence for pick up**
- **No double parking**
- **40kms/hour permanent speed limit around the school**
- **No three point turns or U-turns in our streets (drive around the block).**

TERM CALENDAR

An events calendar for term 1 is included with this week's newsletter. However, we ask that you watch for changes and additions to the calendar. These will be notified via the weekly newsletter and will also be on the school's website at www.rosannaps.vic.edu.au

Heather McIntosh
Principal

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

A reminder that school interview bookings can be made from 6:00pm this evening. A note went home on Monday with details on how bookings can be made. A copy of the letter can be found on our website. Visit <https://www.schoolinterviews.com.au/> and use the code E827G. Those with large families who wish to ensure a booking of their choice, need to book early. Please feel free to speak with our office staff for support if needed.

First Aid

St John's First Aid visited our school today. Students learned the importance of staying safe in dangerous situations as well as some basic first aid strategies in case of emergency. A special thanks to our three presenters who left us a little more prepared to respond to first aid issues.

School Dental Program

On Monday 21 March, students will participate in a special educational session with Schools Dental. Each session will go for approximately 30 minutes and provide information on how to maintain healthy oral hygiene and dental care. Over the final week of school the School Dental Team will provide simple dental checkups for students.

Please stay tuned to next week's newsletter to learn more about how your family may choose to be a part of the program.

Bike Education

As the year gathers momentum our roads seem to be reaching busier heights. A reminder to students to travel safely on the roads and footpaths and be respectful of other road users and pedestrians.

Lawn Mowers

Please let us know if you are able to help out by joining our roster of 1/2 parents who are mowing our lawns this term! Many hands lighten the load for everyone.

Jeff Jackson

Jeff Jackson
Assistant Principal

School Crossings Victoria Inc.



Is your Lollipop person the sweetest?

Nominate your Lollipop person for the 2015/2016 School Crossing Supervisor of the year award.

Pick up a nomination form online at
www.schoolcrossingsvictoria.com.au.

Your support of this program will help ensure your School Crossing Supervisor is shown the appreciation they deserve for their commitment to the ongoing safety of our children.

CSEF 2016

Do you have a **Health Care Card** that was current on Day 1 of Term 1?

If so, you will be eligible for assistance from the Government for **\$125.00 per child**.

Please read the information further into this newsletter and call into the office to complete the application form. Remember to bring your card with you as it needs to be photocopied.

Thankyou,
Julie Smith

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK



Congratulations: Charlie D, Abdullahi J, Elise W, Harper E, Elise P, Amelia W, Adnaan A, Bella-Mia B, Alannah G, Natasha L, Jasmine A, Sumaya A, Sanithu D, Salma A, all students in 1/2S, 1/2W & all students from Art.

ADVANCE AUSTRALIA FAIR

Advance Australia Fair (The National Anthem of Australia) was composed by Peter Dodds McCormick sometime around the turn of this century. There are five verses in all but we sing verse one.

*Australians all let us rejoice,
For we are young and free;
We've golden soil and wealth for
toil,
Our home is girt by sea;
Our land abounds in Nature's gifts
Of beauty rich and rare;
In history's page, let every stage
Advance Australia Fair!
In joyful strains then let us sing,
"Advance Australia Fair!"*



FIRST AID

Ill and injured children are given the maximum of care and attention possible by staff who have first aid qualifications. If necessary, parents will be contacted to collect children for further treatment.

If your child requires medication to be administered, then a note explaining the dosage and time of administration needs to be sent to the office. The medication is to remain in the first aid room.



SAFETY

We want to keep your child **SAFE** at school. To do this we need your help.

1. Please observe **ALL TRAFFIC SIGNS AROUND THE STREETS**.
2. Cyclists **MUST** wear **HELMETS**.
3. **USE SCHOOL CROSSINGS**.
4. Instruct your child to report to the office if you are not there to collect your child from school.
Children should NOT WAIT OUTSIDE GATES.
5. Explain to your child about the dangers of talking to strangers.
YOU MUST PLAY YOUR PART TO HELP US KEEP YOUR CHILD SAFE!

NOTES

Please check your child's bag every day for any notes and Thursday for the School Newsletter.

NEWSLETTER ARTICLES

Please note that the deadline for Newsletter advertisements is Wednesday, 12 noon. Thank you.

Welcome to another exciting year of School Banking for 2016



Remember **Tuesday** is our school banking day and Happy Banking!

Carla School Banking Coordinator

LIBRARY NEWS

A small number of students still have overdue library books from last year, so if any library books have shown up at home over the holiday period, could you please return them to the library as soon as possible.

Students have commenced borrowing in the library this week. To protect the library books from damage, it is preferable that students bring a library bag with them when they borrow.

We are looking for parent volunteers in the library to help with shelving throughout the year. If you are interested in helping, please fill in the following tear off slip and return it to school or complete the form via Tiqbiz. We will be in touch with you over the next few weeks.

Michelle
Library Coordinator

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Library Volunteers

Parent's Name _____

Name of eldest child at RPS

Grade of eldest child

Phone/email contact _____

**Thankyou,
Michelle**

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SPORTS NEWS

Heidelberg PS will be on camp tomorrow so all teams will remain at school for training.

The Macleod College Sport's program will begin tomorrow for all children not involved in sporting teams. Children will be walking to Macleod at 9.05 am and will be returning to school at 11.00 am.



TO ORDER BAT TENNIS BATS

The school provides Bat Tennis Bats for all children in the Bat Tennis team. However, some children have shown an interest in purchasing their own. The bats cost \$21.00 each.

If you would like to purchase a bat, please complete the tear-off slip at the end of this Newsletter and return with money to the office. Please feel free to contact me if you have any queries.

KELLI LAMBERT, Sport Co-ordinator.

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ROSANNA PRIMARY SCHOOL BAT TENNIS BAT ORDER

I wish to order _____
bats @ \$21.00 each.



Total Amount enclosed: _____

Child's Name: _____

Grade: _____

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SWIMMING TRIALS

The Heidelberg District Sports Association Swimming Trials will be held on

Thursday, 25th

February at Northcote Aquatic Recreation Centre, from 9.30am – 12.30pm.

Children aged between 9 and 13 have the opportunity to compete at the trials in the following events:-

50 metres freestyle

50 metres backstroke

50 metres breaststroke

50 metres butterfly

Please be aware that teachers **will not** be supervising this activity. Therefore, parents are responsible for transporting and supervising their own children on the day. Children are only allowed to participate in 2 events. If you would like your child to compete, please complete the tear-off slip and return to the office by **Wednesday, 17th February**.



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ROSANNA PRIMARY SCHOOL SWIMMING TRIALS

Name: _____

D.O.B: _____ Grade: _____

Event/s (please tick)

- ☐ **50 metres freestyle**
- ☐ **50 metres backstroke**
- ☐ **50 metres breaststroke**
- ☐ **50 metres butterfly**

I understand that I have to transport and supervise my child on the day. (Thursday, 25th February 2016)

Signed: _____

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**Kelli Lambert
Sports Coordinator**

Lala  **Music**

Lala Music is taking new enrolments for Term One.

Lala Music offers children from Grades 3 to 6 to play a musical instrument in a fun musical environment in group lessons at your school, during school hours.

Once your child has reached a level they will be able to join the school band.

Lala music offers tuition with a range of instruments including:

*Clarinet, Saxophone, Flute, Trumpet, Trombone ,
Keyboard and Percussion/ Drum Kit.*

If you would like your child to learn an instrument and you are not sure which instrument to choose, Olivia is taking bookings to meet you and your child/children to discuss which instrument is best. Also, Olivia can help you hire or purchase an instrument and get your child ready to start making music this term.

Please call Olivia on 0419131868 or email lalamusic2@yahoo.com.au to make a booking.

GUITAR LESSONS WITH EZEKIEL

Ezekiel is a professional multi-instrumentalist based in Greensborough. He has been an actively performing musician since the age of 14 and began teaching at the age of 16, and is now taking enrolments for Term 1 at Rosanna Primary School.

With a focus on building skills and competency on guitar, balanced with foundational music theory knowledge, parents can expect to see their children;

- Grow in confidence, and competence on the guitar
- Develop a practical and applicable understanding of music theory
- Nurture a beneficial unity of their right brain creativity with their left brain analytical skills.
- Most importantly, have FUN!

Lessons are 30 minutes in duration and cost \$30.
Lesson content will include technique, aural skills, music theory and the implementation and oversight of a tailored practice routine.
Lessons are booked term in advance, and there will be at least 8 lessons in a 10 week term, and 9 lessons in an 11 week term.

To find out more and secure a spot, please contact Ezekiel:

ezekielfenn@gmail.com
0447 747 796

CANTEEN NEWS

This week's grade 5 helpers are James S and Jimmy C.
Thanks boys for all your fantastic assistance.

Canteen Volunteer Roster

Name

Phone number

Day(s) preferred

How often per term

Any queries, please don't hesitate to contact me in the Canteen between the hours of 10.00am – 2.30pm.

Many thanks!

**Sharon Hunter
CANTEEN MANAGER**

Friends of Rosanna Primary School



FORPS meeting

Wednesday 17th February
9.15am in staff room

Please come along and join us. All help for our annual fundraising activities is greatly appreciated and we'd love to hear your ideas or suggestions for our year ahead.

We're a very friendly committee who work hard for our school community, so come along and join us...

RPS MOVIE NIGHT

Save the date - Friday 18th March!
Time and movie to be advised.

Come along with a picnic to our green oval and enjoy a movie under the stars with our school community.

There will be BBQ Sausage Sizzle, popcorn and drinks available on the night.

This is a great event for all families and a terrific way to meet new people.

FORPS COMMITTEE CONTACT Nicole Maslin – 0403 230 412
nicolemaslin@optusnet.com.au



BEFORE SCHOOL CARE/ AFTER SCHOOL CARE PROGRAM

It has been a big week! It seems we've increased in numbers in before school care, and our numbers continue to remain steady at aftercare. But this could change, once we begin welcoming preps to future programs.

Last week, we had fun with our theme - Australian animals. Some children did the following art and crafts: - Jumping Kangaroos and Bumble Bees. Popular indoor activities last week were: - Darts, Dress ups and Performing, free painting, Puzzles, Lego, Connector Straws, Chess and playing with cars. Most popular sporting activities were: - cricket, basketball and tennis. Children seemed to enjoy the following group games (as selected by the children): - 40:40 home base, Octopus and The Night in the Museum.

UPDATING ENROLMENTS:

Could parents ensure all their children's enrolments have been updated. Please update medical conditions (allergies, asthma etc.), any changes to addresses, phone numbers and year levels, cultural details, dietary requirements, emergency contact details, custody orders and parent's details. This information can be updated online at www.oshclub.com.au. Please log into your account and update this information. If you require any assistance with enrolling or opening an account, please contact our head office team on the number below.

NOTE: For all custody orders, we do require a copy onsite. For the safety of your children, we need to be aware of such orders, so we can ensure your child is picked up by the correct parties as stipulated.

UPDATE BOOKINGS: As all bookings from last year do not carry onto this year, **please ensure you update your child's bookings online at www.oshclub.com.au and enter your account.** This is important, as not only do we need to **know numbers for the catering of food**, but to ensure **we're aware your child arrives safely at the service.**

Term 1 2016 – Week 3. Pirates and Mermaids.

FEB	Mon. 15 th	Tue. 16 th	Wed. 17 th
Before Care Activities	Art & Craft. Pirate Hats.	Game: Fruit salad.	Art & Craft. Make Seahorses
After Care Activities	Game: Ship, shark and shore.	Art and Craft. Pirate Hats.	Game: Save the King.
	Thurs. 18 th	Fri. 19 th	
Before Care Activities	Game: Children's choice	Finish up Friday.	
After Care Activities	Art & Craft. Pirate ship	Finish up Friday.	

Direct Rosanna OSHClub phone no: 0427 966 146

Adam (Mon- BSC & ASC. Wed- Fri –BSC & ASC)

Assistant: Fariba (Mon-Fri – BSC & ASC)

OSHClub Head Office: (03) 85649000. Hours: - 9am-6pm

All families must be enrolled to attend the program, remember this is free!

You can cancel your booking within 24 hours, and you will not be charged for the session.

Community News

Want to try tennis?

Get started today with a **FREE** intro

- Kids hot shots tennis lesson
- Other lessons available
- Mon, Tues, Wed & Fri 4pm
- 50% off first 5 Adult Lessons
- Saturdays 9am to 11am
- Squads, Private lessons



- Contact us to organise your FREE lesson time
Ashleigh 0422 240 269 or ashleigh@vidatennis.com.au
- Sign Up online
www.vidatennis.com.au/free-intro-tennis-lesson
- Veneto Tennis Club 191 Bulleen Road Bulleen





movies

ON THE MOVE

free

Cinderella

ACTIVITIES FROM 6.30pm

Sat 13th February, 6.30pm-10.30pm



LOCATION
Ivanhoe Park
Lower Heidelberg Rd, Ivanhoe East

- FREE children's activities, including face painting, start from 6.30pm
- Movie starts from 8.15pm
- BYO seating and blanket
- BYO picnic
- Sausage sizzle

- Meet your local Councillor Jenny Mulholland and our 'Out and About' team
- Accessible event
- No bookings required

Face painting



MORE INFORMATION

www.banyule.vic.gov.au or call us on 9490 4222

HOOKIN2HOCKEY

WWW.HOOKIN2HOCKEY.HOCKEY.ORG.AU

CLUB: Northern District Hockey League



CONTACT NAME: Erika Newbegin **CONTACT NUMBER:** 0419 888 050

LOCATION: Greensborough Hockey Club, Plenty Park, Memorial Drive, Plenty, VIC, 3090

START DATE: Monday, 15th February 2016 **TIME:** 6.00pm

EMAIL: juniors@greensboroughhockeyclub.com **WEB:** www.greensboroughhockeyclub.com.au

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION excludes 14th March (Labour Day Holiday)



St John's Primary FETE HEIDELBERG

AWESOME RIDES
CARNIVAL GAMES
DELICIOUS FOOD
ENTERTAINMENT
and MUCH MORE

HAUNTED HOUSE

LASER TAG

COME JOIN US FOR A FUN AND EXCITING FAMILY DAY

SATURDAY 5TH MARCH, 2016

11AM - 4PM

ST JOHN'S PRIMARY SCHOOL
55 CAPE STREET, HEIDELBERG

THANKS TO OUR MAJOR SPONSORS:

Eltham Wildcats

Basketball Club

Winter 2016 Domestic Registrations!

Register Online Today

◇ Early Bird Offer (\$10 off!) Pay by February 13th



◇ New players to the club receive \$10 off!

◇ Community level for Boys and Girls for 50 years!

◇ Experienced coaching staff

◇ Play with your friends

◇ A large range of teams and grades to allow for all experience levels

For More information and to register please head to our website
www.elthamwildcats.basketball.net.au - Junior Competition-> Competition Info
 Contact the Club on 9439 5686
 Or email emily@elthamwildcats.net.au

SUNDAY, MARCH 6TH 2016

LOWER PLENTY PRIMARY SCHOOL

CAR BOOT SALE



TO BOOK A STALL
CALL LPPS
(03) 9435 2585
\$20 EARLY BIRD
\$25 AFTER 27/2/2016

Everyone is

Welcome to

our friendly School Fete!

HUGE JUMPY CASTLE & SLIDE
HOME MADE BREAKFAST & BBQ
COFFEE & CAKES - PLANTS & CRAFTS
HEAPS OF KIDS ACTIVITIES



Celebrating 50 Years

Providing excellence in Education for the community

SATURDAY 27 FEBRUARY 2016

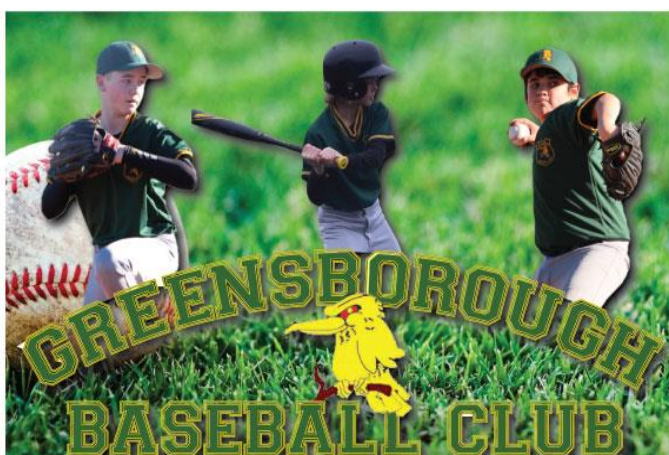
VENUE – NEVIN PARADE, VIEWBANK

TIME – 11 AM TO 5 PM

OFFICIAL CEREMONY – 2 PM IN GYMNASIUM

- Come and meet past and present school friends, teachers and community leaders
- Re-kindle your school day memories with visual reminders from each decade
- See the huge changes over the years to buildings, grounds, equipment and learning areas
- Visit the vibrant learning environment that serves the children of today and see the children perform for your entertainment

Bring along any memorabilia that relates to your school years to share with others



**COME AND TRY DAY
SATURDAY 5TH OF MARCH
10AM TO 1PM**

- BOYS AND GIRLS FROM 6-17 YEARS
- SENIORS [ALL AGES]
- FREE HOT DOG AND DRINK
- GAMES AND ACTIVITIES

ENQUIRIES :
SHARON 0403354276

GREENSBOROUGH BASEBALL CLUB
ELDER STREET RESERVE
CNR MANFRD AND ELDER ST
WATSONIA



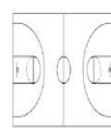
Term 1 2016

BUILDING A PATH FOR JUNIOR SPORT

ONLY \$90 for the whole term at Rosanna Primary School

Basketball

Dribble, Pass, shoot hoops these are the skills you will learn to master



\$90

When: Thursday	Time: 3:40-4:40pm
Classes commence: 11th Feb	Where: Rosanna Primary School
Classes conclude: 24th March	Who: Prep – Year 4

AFL

You will learn to become a master of Pass, Run, Mark and Kicking goals!



\$90

When: Thursday	Time: 3:40-4:40pm
Classes commence: 11th Feb	Where: Rosanna Primary School
Classes conclude: 24th March	Who: Prep – Year 4

Dance

Step to the beat in a number of sequences to learn a choreographed dance routine!



\$90

When: Thursday	Time: Lunchtime
Classes commence: 4th Feb	Where: Rosanna Primary School
Classes conclude: 17th March	Who: Prep – Year 4

Cost: \$90 per program.

ENROL ONLINE:

WWW.BIG5SPORTS.COM.AU

Alternatively, Call the Office at 0422 043 853

Please do NOT leave enrolment forms at the school office.

TENNIS COACHING at Macleod Tennis Club

- 17 years coaching experience in Macleod/Rosanna area
- Group, semi-private and private lessons available Monday-Sunday including MLC Tennis Hot Shots
 - Squad Training
- Mums Program run Monday-Friday during day
 - Very competitive prices
- Coaching also available at Macleod YMCA

ROSANNA PS SPECIAL

TERM 1 2016 - 1/2 PRICE OFFER **+ FREE RACQUET!**

If you enrol a new pupil into Wright Tennis lessons for 2016, the pupil will receive lessons for half price for Term 1, plus a free junior racquet. Bookings essential. Offer ends February 26, 2016.

* Conditions apply.



Andrew Wright
TA Club Professional Coach

COACHING • RACQUETS • RE-STRINGS • ACCESSORIES

Address: 6/15 Cooley Ave Macleod 3085

Mobile: 0421 064 459 Email: wright_tennis@bigpond.com

KEEP THIS PART
RETURN WITH
PART



KEEP THIS PART RETURN THIS PART

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Coach: Jim Cannon, PhD (UMelb), Dip Ed (UMelb) Email: jimphd2000@gmail.com

RETURNING STUDENTS: Please do NOT fill in this form unless updating your details

Payment Options: Please circle payment method used:

***EFT** (JF Cannon, 037-138 56-4211) with name, school and date in description eg “**J BROWN RPS T1**”

Email

RPS

Term	
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3	
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Rosanna Primary Term Planner - Term 1 2016

Week 1			Week 6		
M			M	29/2	
T		Australia Day	T	1/3	
W	27/1	Teachers commence – pupil free day	W	2/3	No school for prep students Young Leaders Day
T	28/1	Pupil Free Day	T	3/3	
F	29/1	Y1-6 students commence	F	4/3	Sport v Banyule (home)

Week 2			Week 7		
M	1/2	Preps commence	M	7/3	
T	2/2	Lala music promotion for Y3-6 10:00am	T	8/3	
W	3/2	No school for prep students	W	9/3	No school for prep students
T	4/2		T	10/3	
F	5/2	Sport v Macleod (away)	F	11/3	

Week 3			Week 8		
M	8/2		M	14/3	Labour Day Public Holiday
T	9/2	School Nurse - Preps Safer Internet Day	T	15/3	Start Smart Sessions 1-6
W	10/2	No school for prep students	W	16/3	Preps commence full time Start Smart Sessions 1-6
T	11/2	School Nurse - Preps St John's First Aid for students	T	17/3	
F	12/2		F	18/3	Start Smart Sessions 1-6 Sport v Golf Links (home)

Week 4			Week 9		
M	15/2	School Council	M	21/3	Dental Van Introduction to classes School Council AGM Harmony Day
T	16/2		T	22/3	Dental Van appointments
W	17/2	No school for prep students	W	23/3	Dental Van appointments Canteen Hot X Buns morning tea
T	18/2		T	24/3	Dental Van appointments
F	19/2	Sport v Viewbank (home)	F	25/3	Good Friday Public Holiday

Week 5					
M	22/2	Curriculum Day: Inquiry Learning			
T	23/2				
W	24/2	No school for prep students Parent Teacher Interviews			
T	25/2	District Swimming			
F	26/2	Sport v Charles LaTrobe (home)			

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

Every Victorian child should have access to the world of learning opportunities that exist beyond the classroom. The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund helps ensure that no student will miss out on the opportunity to join their classmates for important, educational and fun activities. It is part of making Victoria the Education State and the Government's commitment to breaking the link between a student's background and their outcomes.

CAMPS, SPORTS & EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF)

School camps provide children with inspiring experiences in the great outdoors, excursions encourage a deeper understanding of how the world works and sports teach teamwork, discipline and leadership. All are part of a healthy curriculum.

CSEF will be provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. A special consideration category also exists for asylum seeker and refugee families. The allowance is paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

The annual CSEF amount per student is:

- \$125 for primary school students
- \$225 for secondary school students.

HOW TO APPLY

Contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

MORE INFORMATION

For the CSEF application closing dates and more information about the fund visit www.education.vic.gov.au/csef



Online Grooming

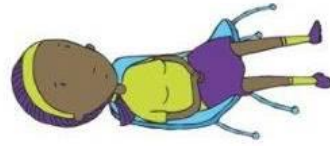
Young people are quick to embrace and explore the online world, but parents should be aware of the risks.

What is online 'grooming'?

Online 'grooming' is where an adult sexual predator tries to lower a young person's inhibitions, or heighten their curiosity regarding sex, with the aim of eventually meeting them in person for the purposes of sexual activity.

The process may start with sending pornographic images to 'normalise' the discussion of sexual activities, and then move to requests for naked images or to perform a sex act on a webcam.

This can take place via all forms of digital technologies. Social media, gaming sites, email, instant messaging programs, forums and chat rooms with a young person and gain their trust.



Who is at risk?

Online predators will focus on those who are vulnerable. Social networking sites are designed to share personal information, providing a way for online offenders to 'target' those who make themselves vulnerable, for example, by not having privacy settings in place.

Young people are naturally curious and will engage in online discussions about things that they would not openly discuss in the real world.

Children may make poor decisions about allowing people into their online lives, believing that those who are 'nice' online will be the same in the real world. Teenagers are particularly at risk because they often use the computer unsupervised and are more likely than younger children to seek out and participate in online discussions about sexual activity.



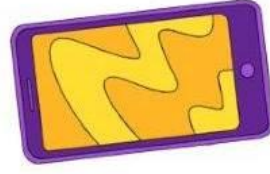
Online Grooming

What to do

It is very important to talk to your child about these issues, so that they know that you are aware of things they may confront in their online lives. Let them know:

- they can tell you about any problems they are having or if someone online makes them feel uncomfortable
- it is OK to trust their instincts
- if something feels odd or strange then it probably is
- 'Good friends' don't make them do things that make them feel uncomfortable.

Check that your child has all the security settings in place for social networking sites to protect their online privacy.



Warning signs

Signs your child could be at risk include:

- You find pornography on your child's computer. Online predators may send pornographic images in order to 'normalise' their requests for pictures.
- Your child is receiving or making calls to numbers that you don't recognise.
- Your child is spending an increasing and/or an excessive amount of time online.
- Your child is receiving unexplained gifts (mobile phones or extra credit vouchers are common).
- Your child is becoming withdrawn and there is a distinct change in their behaviour.
- Your child is becoming more secretive in what they are doing online and is trying to 'hide' what they are doing online.
- There are people on your child's 'friends' list that you do not know and your child has never met offline.

Police Assistance

If you are at all concerned about the possibility of your child being the victim of an online sexual predator please contact the police for advice and assistance.

If you believe your or any child is in immediate danger please phone **000**.

If you are concerned about online behaviour involving the sexual exploitation of a child you can report it online to the Australian Federal Police, www.afp.gov.au.

What is a school council and what does it do?

All government schools in Victoria have a school council. They are legally constituted bodies that are given powers to set the key directions of a school within statewide guidelines. In doing this, a school council is able to directly influence the quality of education that the school provides for its students.

Who is on the school council?

For most school councils, there are three possible categories of membership:

- A mandated elected Parent category – more than one-third of the total members must be from this category. Department of Education and Training (DET) employees can be Parent members at their child's school as long as they are not engaged in work at the school.
- A mandated elected DET employee category – members of this category may make up no more than one-third of the total membership of school council. The principal of the school is automatically one of these members.
- An optional Community member category – members are co-opted by a decision of the council because of their special skills, interests or experiences. DET employees are not eligible to be Community members.

Generally, the term of office for all members is two years. The term of office of half the members expires each year, creating vacancies for the annual school council elections.

Why is Parent membership so important?

Parents on school councils provide important viewpoints and have valuable skills that can help shape the direction of the school.

Those parents who become active on a school council find their involvement satisfying in itself and may also find that their children feel a greater sense of belonging.

How can you become involved?

The most obvious way is to vote in the elections, which are held in Term 1 each year. However, ballots are only held if more people nominate as candidates than there are positions vacant.

In view of this, you might seriously consider

- standing for election as a member of the school council
- encouraging another person to stand for election.

Do I need special experience to be on school council?

No. What you do need is an interest in your child's school and the desire to work in partnership with others to help shape the school's future.

What do you need to do to stand for election?

The principal will issue a Notice of Election and Call for Nominations following the commencement of Term 1 each year. All school council elections must be completed by the end of March unless the usual time line has been varied by the Minister.

If you decide to stand for election, you can arrange for someone to nominate you as a candidate or you can nominate yourself in the Parent category.

DET employees whose child is enrolled in a school in which they are not engaged in work are eligible to nominate for parent membership of the school council at that school.

Once the nomination form is completed, return it to the principal within the time stated on the Notice of Election. You will receive a Nomination Form Receipt in the mail following the receipt of your completed nomination.

Generally, if there are more nominations received than there are vacancies on council, a ballot will be conducted during the two weeks after the call for nominations has closed.

Remember

- Ask at the school for help if you would like to stand for election and are not sure what to do
- Consider standing for election to council this year
- Be sure to vote in the elections.

Contact Heather McIntosh (Principal) for more information

Schedule 4: Notice of election and call for nominations

An election is to be conducted for members of the School Council of Rosanna Primary School.

Nomination forms may be obtained from the school and must be lodged by 4.00 pm on 18/02/2016.

The ballot will close at 4.00 pm on 03/03/2016.

Following the closing of nominations a list of the nominations received will be posted at the school. The terms of office, membership categories and number of positions in each membership category open for election are as follows:

MEMBERSHIP CATEGORY	TERM OF OFFICE	NUMBER OF POSITIONS
Parent member	From the day after the date of the declaration of the poll in 2016 to and inclusive of the date of the declaration of the poll in 2018	5
DET employee member	From the day after the date of the declaration of the poll in 2016 to and inclusive of the date of the declaration of the poll in 2018	2

If the number of nominations is less than the number of vacancies, a notice to that effect and calling for further nominations will be posted in a prominent position at the school.



Heather McIntosh
Principal



School Council Elections

Schedule 5A: Self-nomination Form for Parent Member Category

I wish to declare my candidacy for an elected position as a parent member on the Rosanna Primary School Council.

Name: _____

Residential address: _____

Contact phone: _____

Email: _____

I am the parent/guardian of _____, who is/are currently enrolled at this school.

I am an employee of the Department of Education and Training:

Yes / No (please circle)

I am prepared to serve as a Parent member of the above named school council. I hereby declare that I am not:

- an undischarged bankrupt
- of unsound mind
- currently serving a sentence for an indictable offence
- a registered offender within the meaning of the *Sex Offenders Registration Act 2004*.

Signature of Candidate: _____ Date: _____

You will be notified when your nomination has been received.

Personal information provided in this form is collected as part of the school council election nomination process. The information may be used to determine your eligibility as a candidate. Your personal information may be disclosed as a result of inspection prior to the commencement of voting or at any time up to one year from the declaration of the poll.

Your name will be included in a list of school council candidates and nominators (where applicable) posted in a prominent position at the school and for candidates, on a ballot paper (where applicable).

Further, the name, membership category, gender, term of office, office held (if any) of school council members and notification of whether the member is an employee of the Department will be forwarded to the Department of Education and Training by the principal by 30 April each year as a record of council membership and may be used for statistical purposes.

You can access your personal information by contacting the principal on 9457 2592.

If you choose not to give some or all of the information requested, your nomination may not be accepted. If you have any queries about the school council nomination process, please contact the principal.



School Council Elections

Schedule 5B: Nomination Form for Parent Member Category

I wish to nominate _____ for an elected position as a parent member on the Rosanna Primary School Council.

Candidate's Details:

Name: _____

Residential address: _____

Contact phone: _____

Email: _____

I am the parent/guardian of _____, who is/are currently enrolled at this school.

The person I have nominated is the parent/guardian of _____, who is/are currently enrolled at this school.

The person I have nominated is an employee of the Department of Education and Training:

Yes / No (please circle)

Name of Nominator: _____

Signature of Nominator: _____ Date: _____

Candidate to Complete:

I accept the nomination and I am prepared to serve as a Parent member of the above named school council. I hereby declare that I am not:

- an undischarged bankrupt
- of unsound mind
- currently serving a sentence for an indictable offence
- a registered offender within the meaning of the *Sex Offenders Registration Act 2004*.

Signature of Candidate: _____ Date: _____

You will be notified when your nomination has been received.

Personal information provided in this form is collected as part of the school council election nomination process. The information may be used to determine your eligibility as a candidate and to nominate. Your personal information may be disclosed as a result of inspection prior to the commencement of voting or at any time up to one year from the declaration of the poll. Your name will be included in a list of school council candidates and nominators (where applicable) posted in a prominent position at the school and for candidates, on a ballot paper (where applicable). Further, the name, membership category, gender, term of office, office held (if any) of school council members and notification of whether the member is an employee of the Department will be forwarded to the Department of Education and Training by the principal by 30 April each year as a record of council membership and may be used for statistical purposes. You can access your personal information by contacting the principal on 9457 2592. If you choose not to give some or all of the information requested, your nomination may not be accepted. If you have any queries about the school council nomination process, please contact the principal.