



Ripplebrook Primary School

NEWSLETTER

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DATES TO REMEMBER

July 2019:

- Tues 30th Flying Start Program Starts
Tues 30th Afternoon - Book Fair Opens

August 2019:

- Fri 2nd RPS Book Week Dress Up Day
Afternoon – Book Fair Closes
Fri 9th Celebrate Jeans for Genes Day
Gold coin donation to wear
Jeans to School. School
uniform tops still to be worn.
Tues 6th 3/4 Hoop Time
Extra-Curricular Option
Tues 20th 3/4 Dirty Beasts Excursion
Fri 23rd Student Free Day
Tues 27th 5/6 Hoop Time
Thurs 29th Grade 4, 5 & 6
Science in a Suitcase Incursion

From the Principal ...

WELCOME BACK

I'd like to take this opportunity to welcome back everyone to Ripplebrook Primary School as we commence third term. We trust everyone's batteries are re-charged and ready for the term ahead, with a variety of extra-curricular activities such as swimming, sleepover, 3/4 & 5/6 Hoop Time, just to name a few. It was lovely to catch up with everyone over the last few days and hear about how they spent the school holidays. It is always nice to hear students speak passionately about what they enjoy. It would be great to have all students arrive before 9.00am so they are ready for learning at the start of the school day.

MORNING ROUTINE CHANGES

Beginning next Monday, classroom teachers will be in their classrooms preparing for the day from 8.45am. We are requesting that students enter their classrooms and prepare and set up for the day between 8.45 – 8.58am. Once they have completed their responsibilities they can then leave the classroom and enter the schoolyard where they will be supervised by a

teacher. This change will allow the RPS reading instructional model to be more productive and less disruptive. Your support in making this change would be greatly appreciated.

FLYING START PROGRAM

Next Tuesday, our Prep Transition 'Flying Start Program' is launched. The program is open to pre-schoolers (4 or 5 years old) who are making Ripplebrook Primary School their school of choice in 2020. The **Flying Start for Prep** is a transitional kinder-school program, structured using developmentally appropriate activities for children, involving lots of talking and play opportunities both inside and outside. The **Flying Start** class gradually builds confidence with reading, writing and

Be Responsible

Be Respectful

Be Resilient

Be Safe

Be an Active Learner



number through directed play based developmental and language experience activities. Playing, chanting, rhymes, stories, singing, art and physical movement form the basis for class activities and interaction. Social and emotional skill development is greatly enhanced along the way through daily opportunities to chat, play and interact with others. Research shows that children who are 'school ready' make the best progress throughout their school careers. Through the **Flying Start for Prep** program, your child will be given the time to develop school readiness skills in a positive and caring, unhurried environment. Your child will feel safe, confident and happy in a small class with a dedicated and enthusiastic team of teaching professionals guiding them along the way.

We are committed to building a strong and productive educational partnership with all our parents. If you have anyone that maybe interested in finding out more information or would like to participate, please encourage him or her to see me or Melissa ASAP.

SCHOOL REVIEW UPDATE

On Friday we have sent home a Parent Feedback Survey with the eldest child from each family. Your feedback as a parent is hugely important to us as an education setting and we would love for your contribution to be included in the data being assessed for our school review. Both positive and constructive comments are welcome.

Thanks to the 4 parents that attended the parent forum on either Wednesday morning or Friday afternoon last week. It was a great opportunity to share the schools data for the last 3 years and hear their reflections of the school.

WET WEATHER

We expect more wet and wintery conditions ahead in coming weeks. The school grounds can be very wet and sloppy when we get rain. Parents/Guardians are asked to provide a change of clothes (pants, socks etc.) if they expect their child is likely to get wet/muddy. Our supplies in the office are depleted at this time. All students should be coming to school with a black jacket and jumper to wear outside. It is fantastic to see more children wearing boots and bringing along coats, scarves, slippers etc to keep themselves warm at school. Please try to have children come to school wearing school uniform. If students are not in uniform then a note is required.

NEW STUDENT

Welcome to Saskia Ledger who joins us as a Grade 5 student in Mrs Hill's class. We hope that you enjoy your journey with us at Ripplebrook primary School.

PARENTS IN PARTNERSHIP - 2019 PARENT OPINION SURVEY

The 2019 Parent Opinion Survey will be available for parents to complete online from 22nd July to 11th August 2019. The survey seeks parent opinion on measures of school climate, student engagement, and effective teaching practice known to influence student engagement and student outcomes.



All Victorian schools are required to participate in the survey, which contributes to parent engagement and assists with school planning and improvement. On Monday, you were notified by email from Melissa A Seal inviting you to complete the survey. Please check your email inbox.

This year the survey will again be conducted online by ORIMA Research Pty Ltd and will only take 15 minutes to complete. The survey can be accessed via desktop computer, laptop, tablet or mobile at any convenient time within the dates specified. Your time in completing this would be most appreciated. All responses to the survey are anonymous. If you do not have on-line access to a device, you may come the school office and use a computer that will be set up for this purpose. The survey results will be reported back to our school at the end of September and will be communicated to parents through the Newsletter, at School Council and through our 2019 Annual Report to the School Community

LATE ARRIVALS TO SCHOOL

It is so important that your child arrives at school on time every day to ensure that their learning opportunities are fully maximised. Last week there were a large number of students late to school! Those interruptions are not fair to the teacher, to the other students in the class and to your child if they are the cause of the interruption. Our goal is to continue reducing late arrivals of our students/your children to school. We aim to work together with our community to improve students' learning by ensuring students attend on time. Your support in this would be greatly appreciated.

Kind Regards,

Liz Alderson

FROM THE OFFICE

Please, please, please – **check** your children's **school diary**. Classroom teachers use the diary to communicate between the classroom and home when needed and all correspondence from the office is sent home through school diaries.

Year Level	Notice Home	Went Out	Return By	Cost Involved
Grades 3/4	WGAC Excursion	19/07/2019	Thurs 25/07	\$18
Whole School	RPS Feedback Survey	19/07/2019	Thurs 25/07	-
Whole School	Parent Opinion Survey - Online	22/07/2019	Sun 11/08	-
Whole School	Swimming Program Permission	23/07/2019	Fri 23/08	\$90
Whole School	Camp Payment Info & Permission	23/07/2019	Forms - ASAP Costs - 7/10	\$380 in Full



MEAL DEAL

Orders and money must be in on Thursday morning. If your child is absent on the Thursday and would like a meal deal lunch on the Friday, please be certain to contact the school Thursday morning to order as we purchase to exact numbers.

This week our meal deal is an egg & bacon roll with a choc wedge as the treat.

Week	Date	Lunch	Treat	Parent Helpers (2)
2	26 th July	Egg & Bacon Roll	Choc Wedge	Jo Van Den Corput
3	2 nd August			
4	9 th August			Bakery
5	16 th August			
6	23 rd August	Staff Planning Day – Student Free Day		
7	30 th August			Bakery
8	6 th September			
9	13 th Sept			
10	20 th Sept	Whole School Sleepover – End of Term 3		

REFLECTIONS – FROM THE CHAPLAIN

There is a time and season for everything in our lives.

There is a time for happiness and a time for sadness; a time to rest and a time to be active; a time to celebrate and a time to grieve; a time to laugh and a time to be serious; a time to speak up and a time to be silent; a time to be challenged and a time for peace.

Whatever season you and your family are in, be kind to yourselves and also seek support where there is a need. If you are unsure about how to access support, please ask and I can look at support options for you.

Leanne Griffiths
Chaplain



BOOK FAIR

Book Fair has arrived! Over the next week, we will be setting up book fair and students will have the opportunity to see what is on offer to purchase prior to the fair being opened. Book fair will run from the library (classroom next to the general office) between 3:00pm - 3:30pm Tuesday 30th July through to Friday 2nd August and 8:30am - 9:00am Wednesday 31st July through to Friday 2nd of August. Book Fair can accommodate both cash (correct change would be best) and EFTPOS, but EFTPOS is our preferred option. If you are able to help with the running of Book Fair, please see Melissa in the office at your earliest convenience.

RPS BOOK WEEK DRESS-UP DAY

Next Friday 2nd of August is Ripplebrook Primary School's Book Week Dress-Up and Activity Day. Students have the opportunity to dress up as their favourite book character. On the day, students will begin with a whole school parade on the basketball court following our 'war cry'. We encourage parents to hang around and check out our costumes. For the remainder of the day students will move around the school doing book themed activities, the day will finish with our visiting author, Spider Lee, who will run a whole school activity.




JEANS FOR GENES DAY

Friday the 2nd of August is the Jeans for Genes charity organisation date. Unfortunately, we have overlapped this date with our Ripplebrook Book Week Dress Up Day. As a result, we will celebrate Genes for Jeans day on Friday 9th August. Remember to wear your jeans on Friday 9th August and bring along a gold coin to help raise funds for genetic research.

MILO TUESDAYS

From next week (Tuesday 30th July) we will have, warm milos available at lunchtime. Milo will cost \$1. Please bring your \$1 coin in on Tuesday morning to your classroom where they will be collected and students will have their hand stamped to allow them to receive a milo at lunchtime. Any questions please speak to Melissa in the office.

THUMBS UP

-  To Shane, Merryn, Logan, Mason & Aidan for looking after the roosters over the school holidays.
-  To Mrs Rees for looking after the chickens over the holidays.
-  To parents for prompt pick-ups on Tuesday's and Thursday's when our staff attend meetings from 3:30pm.