



Ripplebrook Primary School

NEWSLETTER

Issue: 11 Date: Wednesday 14th August 2019

DATES TO REMEMBER

August 2019:

- Tuesday 20th 3/4 Dirty Beasts Excursion
Friday 23rd Student Free Day
Tuesday 27th 5/6 Hoop Time – Extra-curricular
Thursday 29th Father's Day Stall - \$8
Grade 4/5 & 6 – Science Incursion
Friday 30th Father's Day Celebration Breakfast
8am – Ripplebrook Primary School

September 2019:

- Monday 9th Swimming Program Begins
Thursday 19th Swimming Program Ends
Sleepover – From 5pm
Friday 20th End of Term
Early Dismissal – 12:30pm

October 2019:

- Monday 7th Term 4 Begins
Thursday 17th Whole School Production

From the Principal ...

CURRICULUM DAY

Don't forget that we have our 3rd planned curriculum day on Friday 23rd August. I have a full day of professional learning planned for all the staff. So enjoy a long weekend!

PLANNING FOR 2020

Our flying start students are settling in well and getting into the school groove! I have thoroughly enjoyed visiting them in their room and seeing their smiling faces around in the yard. We have also had confirmation of our grade 6 secondary school preferences. So at this stage of the year, we are planning for 2020 and it would be greatly appreciated if you are not going to be part of our school community in 2020 that you let me know as soon as possible. The information helps us plan accurately for the 2020 school year. Information will be held in the strictest of confidence.

PARENTLINE

Parenting is not always easy. From time to time, all families can benefit from extra support. Parentline is a Department service. Parentline is a confidential and anonymous phone counselling service for parents and carers of children and teenagers in Victoria. They offer counselling, information and support. A qualified and professional counsellor will be available to: discuss any issues that impact on parenting and parent/carer-child relationships, assist with developing strategies for positive parenting and personal coping, promote and contribute to the resilience and wellbeing of families and support the linking of families with their local community resources and services.

Kind Regards,

Liz Alderson



Our School Values - Be Responsible - Be Respectful - Be Resilient - Be Safe - Be an Active Learner



REFLECTIONS – FROM THE CHAPLIAN

Depending on our values, beliefs, culture and background we may have very different views and perspectives of situations. However, there are some core values we can agree on such as, being respectful, listening to each other, having healthy discussions, being open-minded, compromising, showing empathy and setting boundaries.

As adults, we often assist children to practise such values. For example, when a child is playing with a box of toys and doesn't want to share, we encourage them to think about their own needs as well as the needs of the other child, in order to come to a resolution where both of the children's needs are met. They can then work alongside each other or work together.

Since joining the Ripplebrook family, it has been really encouraging to learn the positive values that Ripplebrook Primary School upholds within the school, including; **Be Respectful, Be Responsible, Be Resilient, Be Safe and Be an Active Learner.**

It is also encouraging to see families, children and teachers practising these values on a daily basis. Our human nature often sees us struggle to maintain positive values and we need to work on these values throughout our life. However, with practise and commitment, these values can become second nature to us.

Well done to everyone who has been practising positive values – keep up the good work!

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	OVERDUE	\$18
Whole School	Parent Opinion Survey – Online	22/07/2019	Sun 18/08	-
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
Whole School	Whole School Sleep Over	14/08/19	30/08	\$10
Whole School	Father's Day Stall Envelopes	14/08/19	27/08	\$8



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 we have no meal deal as I had no volunteers to prepare. There are still several weeks of this term that we have no assistance. If you would like to help by preparing a meal deal on a Friday, please see Melissa in the office. The students look forward to something different each Friday.

Week	Date	Lunch	Treat	Parent Helpers (2)
5	16 th August	No Meal Deal		
6	23 rd August	Staff Planning Day – Student Free Day		
7	30 th August	Not Yet Known	Surprise	Bakery
8	6 th September			
9	13 th Sept			
10	20 th Sept	Whole School Sleepover – End of Term 3		

JEANS FOR GENES DAY

On Friday 9th of August we celebrated Jeans for Genes Day. Your children may have come home and asked, “What does Jeans for Genes Day raise money for?” Well, Jeans for Genes is a charity that was created by the community to do the difficult research to help improve the lives, and to save the lives of children born with genetic disease. The next question may be “what is genetic disease?” That answer is a little more complicated, but put simply — they are conditions caused, at least in part, by changes in our DNA. While often inherited, many happen ‘out of the blue’ due to chance occurrences. There are more than 6000 different genetic diseases. Most are poorly understood and have no specific treatments or cures.

The school raised \$50.20 to support this worthy charity and we were proud to be able to be part of the day to support the charity.

MILO TUESDAYS

Every Tuesday for the rest of this term, 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.



WHOLE SCHOOL SLEEPOVER

On Thursday 19th September, we are having our whole school sleepover (Prep to Grade 6). Today, all students will receive a Whole School Sleepover Permission form and a Medical Consent form. This will look almost identical to the camp medical form. I apologise, but I do need it filled in again! The sleepover will take place on the last Thursday night (19th September) of Term 3. The cost of this activity of \$10.00 which includes pizza and garlic bread for tea, camp fire and outdoor education activities, cooked breakfast, fruit and morning tea on the Friday. The day will conclude at 12.30pm to begin the school holidays. We hope every student will be there. It will be awesome!

BOOK FAIR

We hope you all had a chance to have a look through Book Fair when it was open the other week. There were some great books to choose from and the some great scores for the school. Ripplebrook Primary school sold \$978 worth of books. We were able to take books from the fair to the value of just over \$100 and received a further \$150 to spend in scholastic rewards. Events like this are helping our library bring new and interesting books to the shelves that are available for all our students to use.

Thanks to Jo for operating the stall each morning and night and to Merryn for her assistance. Thank you, to all the families that purchased items that allowed us to reach this goal.

FATHER'S DAY STALL

On Thursday 29th August, Ripplebrook Primary School will hold a Father's Day Stall. Envelopes went home for families today (with the oldest student). A gift and gift bag can be purchase for \$8 from the stall. There is a great assortment of gifts available and each grade will have the opportunity to come through and make their choice.

SWIMMING PROGRAM

The weeks are flying by and our swimming program will be on us before we know it. There are a few students that we are still chasing up for permission forms or payment. If you have not handed your forms back in, made payment or have not advised the office that your child/ren will not be participating, can you please do this at your earliest convenience.

THUMBS UP

-  To Miss V for the enormous amount of hard work that she puts into her assistance with the Prep, Grade 1's and Grade 2's. We love having you here with us!
-  To those families that help raise money for the Jeans for Genes charity.