



# Ripplebrook Primary School

## NEWSLETTER

Issue: 15 Date: Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2019

### DATES TO REMEMBER

#### December 2019

Friday 6 <sup>th</sup>	Grade 6 Graduation
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup>	State Wide Orientation Day
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup>	Student Reports Opened on Compass Platform
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup>	Student Reports Go Home
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas in the Park Details to Come

#### January 2020

Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup>	Staff Return to School
Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup>	Students Return to School Including 2020 Preps

#### February 2020

Wednesdays	No preps at school on Wednesdays throughout February
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup>	Family Picnic – Phillip Is Save the Date Details to Come

### *From the Principal ...*

#### TRANSITION DAY

Next Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December the Year 6 students will be involved in the state-wide secondary school transition day.

At Ripplebrook Primary School all students, from Pre-Prep to Year 5, will spend Tuesday with their 2020 teacher in their new classroom. We are hoping the weather is kind towards us, as we have booked the water slide from 12 - 4pm.

Students will be able to use the slide in their session groups and also at lunch time. All family members are welcome to use the slide from 3.15 until 4pm. Please remember to pack your child their bathers and a towel and cross your fingers for some warm weather!!!

#### PICNIC IN THE PARK

As we had the school production this year, we are celebrating the 2019 School Year with a picnic in the park on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December, from 5.30pm at Civic park in Drouin. Please remember that no smoking or consumption of alcohol is permitted at this school event. We also have a number of presentations to be made including Encouragement Awards, Academic Excellence and Ripperbrooker of the Year. Due to the

venue, the man in the big red suit will not make an appearance however school has a small gift for all students and toddlers who attend the night. Hope to see you there.



## SAVE THE DATE

Next year, on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> February during school time we are having our Family Day at Phillip Island as a meet and greet. We will meet at Cowes foreshore at 10am, enjoy a walk along the beach, BBQ lunch and a brief paddle in the water. So please save the date on your calendar. More info to come next year.

## WATER UPDATE

Thank you for your understanding and support during our water contamination issues. I am pleased to advise that we have had cleaning and chlorination of the tanks and water, and a subsequent water tests have confirmed that the **eColi is NO longer present in our water**. Therefore, our tank water is safe to drink. We have been supplied with ample amounts of bottled water and as a result we have been offering bottled water to students if the wish. We are continuing to work with the department in the areas of water capture and storage infrastructure so we don't have a similar issue in the future. If you have any queries, please don't hesitate to contact me.

## GRADE 6 GRADUATION

This afternoon/evening we have our Grade 6 graduation. The students are going to Kemizo for a game or two of Laser Tag and then over to Jump Crazy for an hour of jumping fun and then finishing off at Castello's in Pakenham for 'All you can eat'!!! We know this is a highlight of their final year at Primary School. I'd like to say a special thanks to Miss Scanlon for organising and co-ordination this activity. Formal presentations will be presented at the 2019 picnic in the park to our graduating Grade 6 students.

## MERRY CHRISTMAS

With this newsletter being the last for the 2019 school year, I would like to thank the wonderful individuals who have contributed in numerous ways to the school throughout the year. It has been a productive and exciting year for our school with a positive focus on learning in all classrooms.

To see evidence of students learning throughout the year is a real highlight for me. I wish every Ripplebrook family a safe and restful holiday break, a joyful Christmas and look forward to another fantastic year of learning ahead in 2020! To our families and students moving on we wish you all the best and trust you enjoy your new experiences and remember your time at Ripplebrook Primary School with fondness

Kind Regards,

*Liz Alderson*



## FROM THE OFFICE

Year Level	Notice Home	Went Out	Return By	Cost Involved
Whole School	Parent Charges 2020	11/10/2019	OVERDUE	\$210
Grade 5	Grade 6 Uniform 2020	21/10/2019	ASAP	\$60 Jumper & \$40 Polo

## MEAL DEAL

I am having enormous trouble finding volunteers to prepare a Friday meal deal. There are only two Friday's left for the term. Lunch can be a complicated or as simple as you would like. If you are able to help, please see Melissa in the office.

Week	Date	Lunch	Treat	Parent Helpers (2)
10	13 <sup>th</sup> December	Ripper Burgers	Cold Rock Ice Cream	Merryn & Shane
11	20 <sup>th</sup> December	Last Day of Term 4 - Early Dismissal - 1:30pm		

## THUMBS UP

- 👍 To Katelyn and the Warragul Poultry Club for their support with our hatchlings.
- 👍 To Anthony, Scott, Dean, Mitch, Ross, Caitlin, Paula & Liz for their work bringing in the new chook housing. Keep your eyes on the space to see their home develop.
- 👍 To Merryn Martin for her consistent support with meal deal shopping throughout the year and her artistic creativity on our notice board letting everyone know what is coming up!
- 👍 To Jo Van Den Corput for her "what can I do to help" attitude. Always happy to run around for us, for whatever little task is at hand. Thank you so much for your support.
- 👍 To the parents that have helped us in the kitchen this year supporting our school with meal deal opportunities - Lisa Stephens, Liz Kovac, Sam & Beau Ledger, Sarah Waide, Natalie Barrett, Merryn Martin & Jo Van Den Corput. Without your assistance, we would be unable to offer this service.
- 👍 To the Education Support Staff around the school - Marc Miller, Courtney Baker & Paula Scanlon. Without all that you do, I am sure we would fall apart! Your work is often unseen but always appreciated. Thank you for all that you do.



## CHRISTMAS PICNIC IN THE PARK

This school years celebrations are being held at Civic Park in Drouin on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December. It will be a casual event where we hope families will have an opportunity to mingle and catch up over a picnic dinner. School staff will be onsite from 5:30pm to share time with families. We will lead into the presentation of school awards at 6:30pm. There will be a small gift and goody bag for all students and their siblings at the completion of the awards ceremony.

As we, this year, are meeting at a public venue the man in the red suit will not be making an appearance. We hope that families enjoy the casual approach of this year's presentation ceremony and we welcome any feedback on the change.

## SCHOOL REPORTS

School reports will be available to go home on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December. This will be the last year that we will be providing printed reports. Reports will be available to you to view and download on the Compass Platform. Passwords and details of how to log into the Compass Parent Portal went home to families early this year. Parents and carers that have not yet logged into Compass will be supplied new passwords either today (Friday) or Monday (9<sup>th</sup> December). To access reports next year you will need to have logged into the Compass Parent Portal.

Semester 2 reports for this year will be open for parents to view and download on the Compass Platform from the afternoon of Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December. Please remember to download and save a copy of your child/rens report.

## BREAKFAST CLUB 2020

We are pleased to announce that Breakfast Club will again run at Ripplebrook Primary in 2020. I would like to thank all parents and carers who have supported the department new guidelines in 2019. The 2020 program will beginning on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> January (second day of school), and **ALL** students will be required **to be signed in** by their parent/guardian (over 18 year old) each and every morning.

On the first day that your child attends Breakfast Club for 2020 you will be asked to sign a copy of our Breakfast Club guidelines acknowledging that you accept the conditions being set out. Breakfast club will operate supervision between 8:10am and 8:45am and breakfast will be available between 8:10am and 8:35am each morning. At 8:30am, the breakfast club door will be closed. Students arriving **after 8:30am** will not be supervised by Breakfast Club staff. Students are welcome to arrive and play within the school ground but parents must understand that the grounds are not supervised by Ripplebrook Primary School teaching staff until 8:45am.