



Ripplebrook Primary School

NEWSLETTER

Issue: 1 Date: Thursday 6th February 2020

DATES TO REMEMBER

February 2020

Wednesdays	No preps at school on Wednesdays throughout February
Friday 7 th	Whole School Family Picnic Phillip Island – 10:00am
Monday 24 th	School Council – 6:30pm
Thursday 27 th	RPS Athletics Day

March 2020

Tuesday 3 rd	Small Schools Athletics Day Geoff Watt Memorial Track Warragul
Monday 18 th	School Council AGM – 6:30pm
Friday 27 th	End of Term 1 Easter Celebrations Early Dismissal – 1:30pm

April 2020

Tuesday 14 th	Term 2 Begins
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From the Principal ...

WELCOME TO 2020

I would like to welcome all new and returning students and their families to Ripplebrook for the 2020 school year.

Many of you will have noticed that I am a new face to the school and I am excited to be taking on the Principal's role for the next 12 months in the absence of Liz Alderson. Liz has been successful in obtaining the role of Principal of Loch Primary School for 2020 and on behalf of RPS, I would like to wish her all the best.

It has been a pleasure to get to know many of the students and parents over the last week and it has been fantastic to watch how comfortably the students and teachers have settled back in after a long break. So far, our student attendance has been excellent and I would like to thank you - their parents and guardians for ensuring our students are organised, prepared and present for each school day. All research findings agree that the first years of education are a critical period of intense learning for children; these years provide the foundation for later academic and social success.

In other words....., It's not OK to be away.

STAFFING CHANGES

Aside from myself, there is another new face on the teaching staff this year and I would like to take the opportunity to welcome back Grade 5/6 teacher Simon Mackenzie who returns to us having previously worked here in 2018.

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



We will also have two pre-service teachers from Federation University - Kristina Hales and Brodie Robinson, who will be working in Grades 3/4 and Grades P/1/2 respectively throughout the year. If you see these two around the school, please feel free to introduce yourself and make them feel welcome.

CONTACTING THE SCHOOL

For matters involving your child's education or wellbeing, their classroom teacher is the best first point of contact should a matter arise that you would like to discuss with the school. This is because they know the day-to-day activities and events concerning your child and are well informed to deal with whatever concerns you may have.

However, if you would like to meet with me, please don't hesitate to contact Melissa in the office in order to arrange a suitable time. This will allow me the opportunity to dedicate the time needed to meet with you without distraction.

SCHOOL ASSEMBLIES

Parents are most welcome to come along to our school assemblies. These are held each fortnight (starting 21st February) on a Friday afternoon on the court area at 2:45pm. It would be great to have as many parents present as possible to support the students and acknowledge the students amazing achievements.

STUDENT DIARIES

Ripplebrook Primary School values the relationship between parents, carers, students and staff. At all times we encourage open and honest communication and believe this will model to our students responsible problem solving and social behaviours.

The diaries are an opportunity for communication between home and the classroom. They also provide information regarding processes within the school, special event dates, term holidays and medical/absence notifications. **Diaries are asked to travel between home and school on a daily basis in your child/ren's purple reader bag.** Diaries are checked in the classroom every day and initialled to indicate that they have been seen. All information home from school (e.g. information on special events or permission slips) is placed in the front clear pocket of these diaries. **It is extremely important that these diaries are checked at home each day.** We understand that everyone has busy lives, but your assistance with this communication channel is greatly appreciated.

SLIP SLOP AND SLAP

During first Term, all students and staff are expected to wear a sun smart hat while outside. Students are to wear the school approved purple bucket hat while outside at recess, lunchtime and during sport activities. Children who are not wearing a hat at these times will be expected to play in a shaded area around the school.



Children are also asked to remember to apply sunscreen before coming to school. If your child is allergic to certain types of sunscreen can you please inform the office or one of the teachers.

FRUIT BREAK

Classes at Ripplebrook allocate 'brain food' time in their daily routines. The purpose of this practice is to increase the consumption of fruit and vegetables by our students, to make healthy eating a priority for our school and to support students to achieve healthy habits for life. In addition this practice helps students to stay alert and maximize their learning potential by having a mid-morning snack during the first two-hour learning block. To maintain consistency across the school, staff have agreed that during this 'Brain Food' time only fresh or dried fruit and vegetables will be permitted. This allows students to consume healthy snacks and continue class activities with minimal disruption. We encourage parents to provide healthy choice foods (eg. cheese, yoghurt, tuna, wholegrain breads, etc.) for other break times when students have more time.

STUDENT SCHOOL LEADERSHIP

Congratulations to all children who received leadership roles for 2020.

School Captains – Shane Calder & Saskia Ledger

House Captains –

Yannathan – Seth Petersen

Coster – Lily Cammeraro

Lewis – Daniel Waide

Tolley – Drew Stephens

We congratulate these students on their achievement and recognition, and wish them all the best in their roles this year.

BREAKFAST CLUB 2020

Please remember that **ALL** students will be required **to be signed in** by their parent/guardian 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.

Kind Regards,

Jack Hughes



2020 TERM DATES

Term 1	29th January—27th March
Term 2	14th April—26th June
Term 3	13th July—18th September
Term 4	5th October—18th December

ANNUAL SCHOOL PRIVACY POLICY

Our school collects, uses, discloses and stores student and parent personal information for standard school functions or where permitted by law, as stated in the Schools' Privacy Policy (<https://www.education.vic.gov.au/Pages/schoolsprivacypolicy.aspx>)
<https://www.education.vic.gov.au/Documents/Schools-Privacy-Policy-English.pdf>

For more information about privacy, see:

<https://www.education.vic.gov.au/Pages/Schools-Privacy-Policy-information-for-parents.aspx>

FROM THE OFFICE

Year Level	Notice Home	Went Out	Return By	Cost Involved
Whole School	Parent Charges 2020	11/10/2019	OVERDUE	\$210
Whole School	2020 School Year Consent	05/02/2020	ASAP	N/A

2020 SCHOOL YEAR CONSENT PACKS

Yesterday student took home a range of documents in a coloured manilla folder. The folder contained information on each student from our cases system, a consent form for a variety of school related permissions, an ICT agreement for each student, a CSEF application form and a chaplaincy consent form if I didn't have one on file for your child.

Please take the time to read through the cases information that we hold on your child/ren so that we can ascertain that our data is correct. Please pay special care to any medical conditions that are listed. If you have any concerns with permissions that we are seeking, please do not hesitate to contact Melissa in the office. I understand that not all families are eligible to claim CSEF but I do not want anyone who is eligible to miss out. To be eligible you must hold a valid means-tested concession card. Prompt return of this information to the office would be greatly appreciated.

SCHOOL PICNIC

The School Picnic is taking place on Friday 7th February. It is held at the start of the year to give parents, students and staff the opportunity to meet and greet in a more informal atmosphere and is a terrific way to kick off the school year and get an understanding of the fantastic work that our families at Ripplebrook Primary do for the school and its students.



Families do not need to come to school on Friday but can drive directly to the picnic area, meeting us at the venue at 10.00am.

A Brief Outline of the Day:

- 10.00am Everyone arrives and rolls are taken by class teachers
- 10.15am Slip Slop Slap takes place and announcements made
- 10.30am Start our walk along the beach
- 11.00am Sandcastle and beach sculpture competition
- 11.45am Roll Call and students remain in the picnic area
- 12.00pm Lunch time for all – sausages in bread, corn, watermelon and grapes
- 12.45pm Beach activities – Team games.
Please note – there will be no swimming or water access between 10am & 2pm
- 2.00pm Pack up, dismiss. The afternoon is yours to do as you wish!

Things to Bring:

Water bottle/drink cup and a snack

Sun Screen and a Hat

T-shirt or rash vest to be worn at all times (No singlet tops.)

Appropriate footwear for the beach. *No bare feet in the playground under any circumstances.*

Please don't bring:

Any extra beach toys, except a plastic bucket and/or spade. No flotation devices or boogie boards. Friday 7th is a normal school day for students attending the picnic and as such they will be under the supervision and direction of staff from 10.00am to the conclusion of the picnic at 2.00pm. All students are expected to be part of the planned activities and parents and friends are more than welcome to join in. At 2.00pm all children are expected to exit the beach area and we will pack up. Families who are staying longer can return to the beach for a swim after the clean-up has been completed. Students are not required to wear their school uniform for this activity.



MEAL DEAL

This terms meal deal roster is now out. Please come in to secure a place and suggest a meal. Please remember that we are striving for reduced waste at the school so we are asking that all parents use the reusable Stickybeaks lunch bags that are available from the office at \$10 per bag.

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.

Week	Date	Lunch	Treat	Parent Helpers (2)
3	14 th February			
4	21 st February			
5	28 th February			
6	6 th February			
7	13 th February			
8	20 th February			
9	27 th February	Last Day of Term 1 – Early Dismissal		

THUMBS UP

- 👍 To Mr Jack Hughes who has settled into the Ripplebrook Community with ease.
- 👍 To all Staff – Eleanor Rees, Samantha Cornell, Simon Mackenzie, Marc Miller, Courtney Baker & Paula Scanlon. Thank you for all your work over the school holidays preparing your classrooms allowing for a clean smooth start to the 2020 school year.
- 👍 To Jo Van Den Corput for assisting with the preparation of the corn for our Whole school picnic
- 👍 To Paula Scanlon for tracking down and making arrangements with the farmer to have the corn for our picnic donated.
- 👍 To all the students on their awesome start to the 2020 school year