



Ripplebrook Primary School

NEWSLETTER

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Dates to Remember

May 2021

Thursday 6 th	Mother's Day Stall - \$10 per Gift Package
Tuesday 11 th	Naplan Testing - Language Conventions & Writing
Wednesday 12 th	Naplan Testing - Reading
Thursday 13 th	Naplan Testing - Numeracy
Monday 17 th	School Council Meeting - 6:30pm

June 2021

Wednesday 2 nd	Curriculum Day - Student Free Day (TBC)
Friday 4 th	School Photos
Thursday 10 th	SSG Meetings
Monday 14 th	Queen's Birthday - Public Holiday - No School
Tues 15 th - Fri 18 th	Parent Teacher Interviews
Monday 21 st	School Council Meeting - 6:30pm
Friday 25 th	End of Term 2

From the Principal...

We had a very successful end to Term 1 with alternative activities organised by the teachers as well as an Easter egg hunt and barbecue. There was a great atmosphere around the school on the day and many thanks to the staff for their extra efforts, parent volunteers who worked on the barbecue and those parents who attended on the day. Congratulations also to the lucky winners of the Easter raffle.

We have had a very busy and settled start to Term 2. Last week we had Sylvia begin presenting the R.A.L.P.H program to all of our students. This will be happening every Friday for the first 6 weeks of term. R.A.L.P.H stands for Respect, Adapt, Listen, Pause and Help. The students generally enjoyed participating in the first session and Sylvia commented on how settled and well behaved that they were. This term we are also involved in a music teaching, mentoring program which will run in to next term as well, involving the F/1/2 and 3/4 classrooms on a Thursday.



Next week we will be doing the 'Student Attitudes to School Survey' with Grade 4, 5 and 6 students. We use the information gathered from this survey to plan our future work with our students, so it provides an important opportunity for them to express their views on how we operate as a school.

NAPLAN testing also resumes in a couple of weeks for our current Grade 3 and 5 students, after not being part of the program in 2020.

Until next time, stay safe and warm and take care.

Stephen Duncan
Principal

From the Office

Grade Level	Event	Cost Due	Permission Due
Whole School	Mother's Day Stall	\$10	-
Whole School	Commitment to School Camp - Forest Lodge	\$50	21 st May

Please check your child/rens diary pocket or satchel for all school notices. If you need additional copies of any forms or notices that go home, please contact the office.

From the Chaplain

I am excited to announce that during Terms 2 to 4, I will be running group work (with the help of an approved volunteer) focusing on 'Choices, Hopes, Identity and Connections'. Children will be able to interact within a group of 6 students to further develop their skills and learn about: healthy relationships, emotions/feelings, managing behaviours, developing resilience, what is unique and special about themselves, developing/increasing leadership skills, problem solving and social awareness.

I have started communicating with children who may be interested in attending the program. The program will run on Friday afternoons. I will also continue to meet with children individually as needed on Mondays and Fridays to provide ongoing support to children.

I am extremely excited to keep supporting children at Ripplebrook Primary School!

Leanne Griffiths
Chaplain



Student School Diaries

Please remember to check your children's diaries every night, and please remember to send them to school every day. The school diary is a vital communication tool between your family and the classroom.

All notices that come home from the school are placed in the plastic pocket at the front of the diary and this pocket is checked for notes and permission slips from home every morning.

We do have a small number of additional copies of the student diary in the school office for the cost of \$12 if for some reason you are unable to track yours down. We do appreciate your support with this matter.

Second Hand Uniform Stall

We have a small number of second hand uniform items still available in the school office. If you are interested in purchasing, please drop by for a look.

Hooded Jumpers - \$15

Polo Shirts - \$10

T-Shirts - \$4

Students Attitude to School Survey

We want our students to tell us what they think of our school.

The Attitudes to School Survey is an annual student survey offered by the Department of Education and Training. The survey assists schools in gaining an understanding of students' perceptions and experience of their school, their learning and peer relationships. This year the survey also incorporates questions on student health and wellbeing including questions about resilience, community connections, mental health and physical activity.

The survey will be conducted at our school between Monday 3rd May and Friday 28th May. The survey only takes about 30 minutes to complete, is conducted online using a purpose built secure survey tool and occurs during class time. Each year students in Years 4, 5 and Year 6 complete the survey.

The school will use the survey results to plan programs, activities and initiatives to strengthen your child's engagement and performance at school. Student's privacy is our priority. Each child will be provided with a unique login to complete the survey. The student login is an assigned identifier that may be used by the Department to combine data for research purposes only. Each child's privacy and the confidentiality of their survey responses will be protected at all times. No identifiable personal data is included in the survey response file.



Naplan

In week 4 of this term, students in Grades 3 and 5 will be sitting the annual NAPLAN Testing program. This program covers Numeracy, Writing, Reading, Spelling and Punctuation. The testing will take place over three days, with Friday being a “catch-up” day for students if they are absent for one of the tests.

If you have any concerns or queries regarding NAPLAN, please don't hesitate to see your child's classroom teacher or Mr Stephen Duncan in the office.

The test dates for this year are:

Tuesday May 11th – Language Conventions & Writing

Wednesday May 12th – Reading

Thursday May 13th – Numeracy

Easter Raffle & Good Friday Appeal Donations

This year's Easter Raffle was a beauty! We raised \$516 from raffle ticket sales and after activity and lunch expenses we banked a profit \$390.45. We would like to thank the school community for your support in both the sale of tickets and the donation of hamper items. The prizes looked great. A huge congratulations to our raffle winners; Sophie Rees (1st Prize), the Schofield Family (2nd Prize) and Lola's Uncle! (3rd prize).

We also raised \$126 in donations that was pledged to the Good Friday Appeal. Awesome job Ripplebrook Primary School.

Catching on Early – Grade 5 & 6 Program

In term 2 the grade 5 and 6 students will step through the 'Catching on Early' program provided by the Department of Education and delivered to us by Mrs Penny Roder-Collyer.

'Catching on Early' is an evidence-based resource founded on the latest research into sexuality education and child sexual development. Its developmentally-based program is designed to help schools teach the sexuality education components in the Health and Physical Education and Interpersonal Development domains.

The program uses active learning strategies to build on students' early learning and experiences about gender, bodies and relationships. It combines the biological, social and emotional aspects of sexuality education to assist schools in meeting students' needs as they relate to sexual growth and change.

This program will be delivered once per week for a 6 week program later in term 2. If you have concerns regarding this program, please speak to Miss Sam Cornell or Mr Stephen Duncan.



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 (by 11am) to order as we purchase to exact numbers.

Please remember to order with either your 'Stickybeak' pouch or ensure that your order comes in on a paper bag so that we have somewhere to serve the students lunch. 'Stickybeak' lunch bags can still be purchased from the office.

We desperately need volunteers to fill up our term two roster. If you are interested, please see Melissa in the office.

Week	Date	Lunch	Treat	Parent Helpers (2)
2	30 th April	Bacon, Cheese & Egg Rolls	Lamington	Jo Van Den Corput
3	7 th May	Chicken & Bacon Carbonara	Cupcake	Nat Barrett
4	14 th May			
5	21 st May			
6	28 th May			
7	4 th June			
8	11 th June			
9	18 th June			
10	25 th June	Last Week of Term 2 – Early Dismissal		

Anzac Day Art Work

THUMBS UP

- To the families and students that donated to the Good Friday Appeal
- To Mr Baker for organising and running the ANZAC Day on Monday morning
- To Mr Miller for his consistent work with the Breakfast Club organisation and storage
- To RPS staff for their energy and enthusiasm in running the end of term Easter activities

Art work from our junior grade in recognition of the ANZAC Day celebration. Brilliant work from our prep/1/2 students.

