



Ripplebrook Primary School

NEWSLETTER

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DATES TO REMEMBER

October 2020

- Thursday 22nd Footy Day. Wear your footy colours and support your favourite team.
'Classic Footy' Lunch Option - \$5 per student
- Friday 23rd Student Free Day - Thank You Day (Grand Final Eve Holiday)
- Friday 30th School Photos (booked, we will keep you updated on this event)

November 2020

- Monday 30th Whole School Swimming Program
Monday 30th November – Friday 4th December

December 2020

- Friday 18th Last Day of Term 4
Early Dismissal – 1:30pm

From the Principal ...

It has been marvellous to observe the genuine excitement amongst our students returning to school and the seamless transitioning back into their classroom routines.

I must share a huge thank you to all parents for your support and cooperation with the many COVID related protocols and arrangements we have in place.

Enrolments for 2021

Our school is currently taking new student enrolments for 2021. Please continue to spread the word should you know of anyone with children looking to begin school next year.

Also, if any of our families are aware that their children, other than the current Grade 6 students, will not be attending Ripplebrook Primary School in 2021, could you please notify the office or your child's teacher.



Being on Time to School

It is important that our students are on time for school as our teachers start tuning the students into their learning first thing in the morning. When children are late, they miss important information and feel very uncomfortable walking in late.

School Photos

At present, the operational guidelines from the Education Department stipulate that School Photos cannot go ahead. We believe that this has been adjusted and we are awaiting the updated Operations Guide for further information. We are still in regular communication with our school photographers concerning what school photos will look like and how we are able to move forward with this event. We will keep you informed with any new information that we receive.

Student Free Days

Please take note of the following dates, as there will be **no students onsite**.

Friday 23rd October - AFL Grand Final/Thank You Day

Monday 2nd November - Curriculum Day

Tuesday 3rd November - Melbourne Cup Holiday

Footy Day

To celebrate the upcoming AFL Grand Final we will be hosting a Footy Day on **Thursday 22nd October**. All students can come to school dressed in their favourite footy colours to celebrate the day.

There will also be a hot, Footy Lunch offered on the day. I can't wait to see a blanket of Red and White across the school on this day - Go Swans!

Food Parcels

RPS is incredibly fortunate to provide support and assistance to our school community by dispensing food parcels to take home. These have been made possible through the generosity and contributions of both Follow Bless Collective and Foodbank.

Thank you to Mrs Griffiths and Mr Miller for organising and distributing these packages.

Cheers,

Jack Hughes

Whole School Swimming Program

Our whole school swimming program can go ahead! Yay, finally some great news...

The program has been booked in with the YMCA in Warragul for week 9 of this term, Monday 30th November to Friday 4th December. We will run an intensive 5-day program. Student will be grouped by ability in small groups run in two sessions. We will take lunch with us and enjoy lunch in the park when we are not swimming. The cost will be \$85 per student. Information and permission forms will come home soon. Swimming is not compulsory, and students that do not attend swimming will follow a water safety program supervised back on school grounds.

Flying Start Transition Program

We are excited to have welcomed our Flying Start Students into their transition program. We have four pre-prep students that are learning about school each Wednesday in preparation for their school year in 2021. Mr Baker is eagerly engaging the children in fun activities that help them understand the school structure.



Parent Opinion Survey

This week all families received an email outlining details and a link to the annual parent opinion survey. We would be greatly appreciative if families would make the time to complete the survey as the results we receive directly impact the overarching goals that are put in to practice through the Schools Strategic Plan. We understand that it has been a year like no other and that some questions may be less relevant than in other years, but the more survey results we received the better informed we are to move forward.

Student Leadership Roles 2021

Teachers are currently working with the grade 4 and 5 students that wish to have the opportunity to take on a leadership role in the school next year. Positions available are school captain, house captains, eco warrior and farm hand. Students are required to prepare a speech and present it to the school. This will be done from the main office over the pa system to allow the whole of the school to listen. Best of luck to all students that are seeking these leadership roles.



THUMBS UP



To the students for the awesome work being done back in the classrooms.



To the parents for the hard work through the remote learning stages of 2020.