



Ripplebrook Primary School

NEWSLETTER

Issue: 7 Date: Wednesday 8th May 2019

DATES TO REMEMBER

May 2019:

Wed 8th	Division Athletics
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Thursday 9 th	Mother's Day Stall - \$8
Friday 10 th	Mother's Day Afternoon 2:30pm
Tues 14 th	Naplan - Language Conventions
Wed 15 th	Naplan - Reading
May 15 th	Whole School Camp Information Afternoon - 3:15pm
Thurs 16 th	Naplan - Numeracy
Wed 22 nd	Family & Friends Day from 9am Includes sausage sizzle lunch School Tour for prospective enrolments - 12:00pm Colour Explosion - 2:30pm

From the Principal ...

STUDENT ATTITUDES TO SCHOOL SURVEY

We want our students to tell us what they think of our school. All schools are conducting a survey to find out what our students think of our school in a range of areas.

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 school. This year the Attitudes to School survey will be conducted at our school between Monday 20th - Friday 31st May. The survey only takes 20-30 minutes to complete and occurs during class time. Each year students in Years 4, 5 and Year 6 complete the survey. Each child will complete the survey online during school hours using a purpose built secure online survey tool. The survey results will be accessible to the school at the beginning of Term 3. We 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

Next week, 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 were absent for one of the tests.

Be Responsible

Be Respectful

Be Resilient

Be Safe

Be an a Active Learner



If you have any concerns or queries regarding NAPLAN, please don't hesitate to see your child's teacher or myself ASAP.

The test dates for this year are:

Tuesday May 14th – Language Conventions & Writing

Wednesday May 15th – Reading

Thursday May 16th – Numeracy

If you don't wish your child to participate in this program please see your child's teacher BY FRIDAY THIS WEEK to receive an exemption from the testing program for 2019.

FAMILY AND FRIENDS DAY

On Wednesday 22nd May, the staff and myself would like to invite family and/or friends to Ripplebrook Primary School to check out the amazing work our students do, and join them for some fun activities in the classrooms.

The day will start at 9:00am with students in their own classrooms proudly displaying their work. Please take the time to wander around the different rooms to see the hard work and dedication that our students put into their learning. You will then have the opportunity to complete a range of different activities in each classroom. After all the fun and enjoyment of the morning, we'd like to invite you to stay and join us for a sausage sizzle lunch at approx. 1.30pm. We then have our Colour explosion in the afternoon from 2.30pm. This will be an exciting way to finish the day. Parents are welcome to join in the fun too.

Also on this day, we are welcoming any new families to Ripplebrook Primary who are thinking of enrolling their child for 2020.

MOTHER'S DAY

I hope all our dedicated and hardworking mums/grandmothers have a wonderful and relaxing Mother's Day on Sunday. I also hope you enjoy the gift your child chose from the stall.



SCHOOL COUNCIL UPDATE

Last Monday we held our first school council for Term 2. We approved the following projects; fixing the kitchen where the termites were present, plumbing repairs and finishing the sensory garden. Also at the meeting, the following policies were reviewed and endorsed: Attendance.

Kind Regards,

Liz Alderson



FROM THE OFFICE

The office is open from 8:30am to 4pm daily. Please understand that the beginning and end of the school day can be quite hectic and your patience is greatly appreciated.

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. Please assist us in this matter, it is your child/ren that miss out on opportunities if the notices do not come back to us.

Please remember to return:

Year Level	Notice Home	Went Out	Return By	Cost Involved
Whole School	Mothers Day Stall Envelope	1 st May	Overdue	\$8
Whole School	Chaplain Consent	30 th April	Overdue	-
Whole School	Commitment to School Camp	7 th May	14 th June	\$50 deposit
Grade 4/5	Woorabinda Medical Forms	2 nd May	10 th May	\$190

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Zalie Perry is co-ordinating the running of a **sausage sizzle** out the front of Woolworths in Warragul. It will be held on Saturday 11th May (day before Mother’s Day) between 8:30am and 2:30pm. If you are able to help, please see Melissa in the office.

8:30am – 10:30am	10:30am – 12:30pm	12:30pm – 2:30pm
Zalie Perry	Zalie Perry	Zalie Perry
Julie Smith	Lisa Stephens	Jodie Wells
Clayton Rees	Liz Alderson	Melissa Seal

MOTHERS DAY AFTERNOON

This Friday afternoon from 2:30pm we are inviting mothers (or a special female) to come along and join your child/ren for a Mother’s Day afternoon tea. We will meet in the kitchen (wellbeing area) for a light afternoon tea and a drink followed by an activity that you and your child/ren can complete together.








MEAL DEAL

Please remember that we are striving for reduced waste at Ripplebrook Primary 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. Term 2 timetable is set out below. We desperately need some volunteers to run meal deal days. We are attempting to supplement the need for assistance from parents by using the Lang Lang Bakery a couple of times per term, but really this defeats the idea behind providing a home cooked meal to the students. If you can help on a Friday for a couple of hours, we would love to hear from you!

Week	Date	Lunch	Treat	Parent Helpers (2)
3	10 th May	Bacon & Egg Roll	Lamington	Merryn & Jo
4	17 th May			Bakery Supplied
5	24 th May			
6	31 st May			
7	7 th June			Bakery Supplied
8	14 th June			
9	21 st June			
10	28 th June	Whole School Bike Ride – End of Term 2		

THUMBS UP

-  To Renne Robley and Zalie Perry for the covering of school library books over the holidays, your help with this task is greatly appreciated.
-  To Sue Thorp and Renee Robley for the donations of books to the school library.
-  To Jo Van Den Corput and Merryn Martin for their consistent assistance with our meal deal each week
-  To Jeremy Van Den Corput for his help cutting back trees on the school ground.
-  To Merryn & Jo for the awesome work that they are putting into our school notice board