



Ripplebrook Primary School

NEWSLETTER

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DATES TO REMEMBER

May 2019:

Thurs 30th Select Entry Cross Country
Chairo Christian College

June 2019:

Tues 11th Student Free Day
Staff PD Day

Mon 17th Bike Ed Week
Students Bikes at School
Monday 17th – Friday 21st

Tues 18th Parent Teacher Interviews
2pm till 6pm

Wed 26th Student Reports Sent Home

Fri 28th Whole School Family Bike Ride
Civic Park Drouin
9:30am to 1:30pm
Lunch Provided

From the Principal ...

FAMILY AND FRIENDS DAY

Last Wednesday, we had our annual Family and Friends' Day. It was great to see so many parents, extended family members and friends at Ripplebrook enjoying a morning of learning a range of skills with the students. A huge thank you to the teachers for the outstanding work they did in putting the day together and planning the day so thoroughly. Walking around it was great to see so many guests enjoying the various activities provided with our students and supporting this whole school experience. The afternoon was then a huge hit, with the Colour Explosion. There were lots of laughter, smiles and excitement and not only from the students. At the conclusion of the event, there was only one request..... Can we do that again???? Thanks to Mrs Foster for organising and co-ordinating this event.

STUDENT/PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS

On Tuesday 18th June from 2pm - 6pm the classroom teachers are conducting Student/Parent Teacher interviews. We would like to see all parents regarding your child's academic progress, before reports are issued to families. The interviews will be 20 minutes in duration. The first 10 minutes students will be leading the discussions, sharing their work, achievements and areas that they would like to work. The last 10 minutes will be a discussion with the teachers and the parent(s). Please see of your child/rens teacher to arrange a suitable meeting time on the timetable.

Reports will be issued to students on Wednesday 26th June.

It is an expectation that all students and parents come to a meeting as we continue to work in a partnership for the best results for your child.



Be Responsible

Be Respectful

Be Resilient

Be Safe

Be an a Active Learner



FAMILY BIKE RIDE

On Friday 28th June, we are having our fun family bike ride. After a lengthy discussion of alternate venues at school council, we are going to base ourselves again at Civic Park in Drouin, which we will ride from and return to. In the morning all students will need to be there at 9.30am and families (if they wish) ride together along the bike path beginning at 10am and travel an appropriate distance for the student's riding ability and return back for a lunch provided by school. Please bring along a drink bottle and a snack. **Pick up is 1.30pm due to the early finish on the last day of term.** Permission forms will come home soon. If you have any questions please don't hesitate to see me.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION UPDATE

All students will require a bike for the first lesson on the Monday 17th June. Please ensure bikes are in good working order and children have a Victorian Road Rules approved helmet. Please, please make sure you complete your child All bikes will be stored in the big shed for the duration of the week. Unfortunately, we don't have any spare bikes.



Kind Regards,

Liz Alderson

SCHOOL PRODUCTION NEWS

Following our school production survey to the school community, we are proud to announce that we will be holding a school production this year.

In Performing Arts classes, each class has already begun to enthusiastically workshop their class performances. The interest and excitement from the students has been fabulous to see. Students have input into the songs being presented, and at this stage, songs and costumes have not been confirmed.

However, the basic costume base for all students in the production will be a black top and pants. On this basic black base, students will be adding simple costume accents for their particular acts. Later this term, each grade will be given a costume guide, most of which can be found already at home, from friends or from local opportunity shops. Nothing new is expected to be bought. Please wait for the costume guide before putting together their costume pieces.

All students in grade 3 to 6 have had an opportunity to audition for the main roles. Students from all grades will also be given an opportunity to audition for a secondary role or specialised group performance such as choir, dance or take on an additional role backstage.



The production will take place at the start of Term 4 on Thursday 17th October at an off-site venue. More details will be released closer to the event.

Next term, there will be several opportunities for the school community to help out with prop and costumes preparation. Students will be involved in some of this preparation as it will also be incorporated into Visual Arts lessons and optional lunch time workshops.

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.

Commitment to Camp notices went home in the second week of May. We would greatly appreciate it if this notice could be returned to school indicating whether you would like your child to attend camp or not. Deposit for camp is due to school by Friday 14th June.

Year Level	Notice Home	Went Out	Return By	Cost Involved
Whole School	Chaplain Consent	30 th April	Overdue	-
Whole School	Colour Explosion Fun Run Money		Thurs 30 th May	Various
Whole School	Commitment to School Camp	7 th May	Fri 14 th June	\$50 deposit

FROM THE CHAPLAIN - REFLECTIONS

How do we know when people are showing that they care? We generally know that someone cares for us when they tell us. However, people show care in a variety of ways. Some people demonstrate care by giving hugs or pats on the back, others show it by giving presents or writing appreciation letters, some show it by spending their time doing something practical for someone while others give their time to sit and listen. I wonder how each person in your family demonstrates care? You may find that your family members demonstrate this in a similar way, or you may find that each individual shows care differently. I encourage you to observe the interactions within your family to see what unique ways love and care is expressed and to reflect on your own style of care.

Leanne Griffiths
Chaplain



ROVING REPORTER

What was your favourite part of the Family & Friends Day and why?

Getting sprayed with paint. It was fun because we got coloured!	Landon
Getting squirted by paint because I liked all the colour.	Mason
Colouring the alpacas because I got to decorate it.	Ryan
Helping people in the run because I got all coloured.	Nathan
The rainbow run because I could get all colourful!	Deegan
Getting sprayed with water and paint because it was fun.	Aubree
The colour run because Mrs Hill got to spray water on everyone.	Jett
The colour run, as I was happy and enjoyed myself with my friends.	Phinn

Did you have a favourite activity in class or obstacle in the run? Describe it please

The spider's web obstacle. We got to slide, it was awesome fun.	Landon
I liked the ball target.	Mason
In the run, I liked the big hurdles. They were fun to jump over.	Ryan
Jumping over the tyre in the run.	Nathan
My favourite obstacle was the crash pad.	Deegan
In class, it was colouring in the alpacas.	Aubree
Playing with the Japanese toys.	Jett
The colour spray and stepping stones in the run.	Phinn

What was the funniest part of the day?

When Mrs Alderson grabbed the hose and started to spray us with water.	Landon
When we all got squirted by the paint.	Mason
Getting sprayed with paint.	Ryan
When Mrs Hill and Miss Scanlon got spray painted.	Nathan
The rainbow run.	Deegan
When someone sprayed pink in my mouth.	Aubree
Seeing everyone coloured in paint.	Jett
The colour run.	Phinn



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. Meal deals have risen to \$5 as of the beginning of this term. We thank all the families that made this transition to the increased price easy for us and appreciate your understanding.

This week our meal deal is a Baked Potato. Please insert a note in your lunch order bag advising of your topping choices. Topping options are:

- Butter
- Bacon
- Coleslaw
- Pineapple
- Grated Cheese
- Sour cream

Week	Date	Lunch	Treat	Parent Helpers (2)
6	31 st May	Baked Potatoes	Semolina Pudding	Liz Kovac
7	7 th June	Pitta Bread Pizza	Choc Cupcakes	Nat & Merryn
8	14 th June			Bakery Supplied
9	21 st June			
10	28 th June	Whole School Bike Ride – End of Term 2		

THUMBS UP

-  To Merryn & Jo for providing the link and picking up our new Raspberry Bushes for school.
-  To all the families that gave to the staff Christmas gift at the end of 2018. We had an awesome night out at the Steakhouse in Pakenham last Friday night. It was great to catch up with Mrs Batty, Mrs Jeffrey, Mrs Early and Mr McKenzie as well as all our current staff.
-  To Mrs Foster for organising and running the Colour Explosion Run, a very successful and fun event for everyone involved.
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ABC TIGHT Bike Safety Check List



A = AIR

- ✓ Is there air in the tyres?
- ✓ Are the tyres in good condition?

B = BRAKES

- ✓ Are the brakes in good working order?

Note: Bikes are required to have at least a working rear brake or they are not road worthy. It is better to have front and back brakes

C = CHAIN

- ✓ Is the chain clean, oiled and firm?
- ✓ Does the drive train and derailleur (if applicable) spin freely?

TIGHT

- ✓ Are the handlebars tight?
- ✓ Are the handlebars straight?
- ✓ Do the wheels and cranks move from side to side?
- ✓ Does everything stay in place with the 10cm drop test?



✗ If a bike does not pass this checklist it is not safe to ride.

Mandatory equipment for cycling activities



Australian approved cycling helmet (Australian standard sticker should be on the inside of the helmet AS/NZS 2063)



Bike that passes the ABC TIGHT test



Fully covered footwear (no thongs, sandals)

✗ If a student does not have the mandatory equipment they cannot ride.



The Cancer Council's SunSmart Schools Program does not recommend wearing hats under helmets. Hats under helmets may interfere with peripheral vision and reduce external noise, two important elements to riding safely. To reduce the risk of over-exposure to harmful UV rays when riding, school bike riding activities and events should be minimised, when possible, between 11am and 3pm during Terms 1 and 4. Always use shade if it is available, wear sensible clothing that covers skin and apply sunscreen to reduce the risk of sun damage when riding. Riders may also consider fitting a UV protective cover to their helmet.

The Three 2s Helmet Check

1 **2 fingers**
above eyebrow



2 **2 ear clips**
snug under ears



3 **2 fingers**
under chin strap



- Check helmet for physical damage eg cracks in shell, worn straps, broken buckles
- A helmet needs to be secure, but not uncomfortable and should fit as follows:
 - Helmet sits flat on head, not tilted back.
 - The rim should sit about '2 finger' widths above your eyebrow.
 - The straps should not be twisted and should form a V just under the ears with the '2 ear clips' snug under the ears.
- The strap should fasten securely under the chin and not hang loose, snugly fit '2 fingers' under strap
- Wobble Wobble Check – place hands on top of helmet and wobble it, shake head. If the helmet moves out of position easily it is not correctly fitted (likely straps are loose or helmet is too big).
- Partner Check – students check each others' helmets.



RIDE or
WALK
to school