

Term 1:  
17 March 2023

# What's Happening at RPS

Rutherglen Primary School  
Newsletter



## DATES TO REMEMBER:

**Tuesday 21st March**  
Harmony Day/Bullying  
NO Way Day

**Monday 27th March**  
Curriculum Day

**Wednesday 29th March**  
Rotary dinner catering

Student arrival  
time at school

**8:40am onwards**

-staff

supervision starts

Morning bell is  
at 9am.

It is hard to believe that there is only 3 weeks remaining of this term. There is quite a bit happening both within and beyond the classroom over these weeks and we look forward to seeing the continued great efforts of our students across the school in their learning, their commitment as learners and their focus on working together to make RPS a safe, happy and inclusive place for all.

NAPLAN Assessments have been held this week across our Year 3 and 5 levels in the areas of Writing, Reading, Conventions of Language and Numeracy. We could not be prouder of the efforts and positive attitude of our students undertaking these assessments knowing that this is one part of the big picture of who they are as fine young people, what they are succesful at and what are their learning and personal goals. Some catch up assessments will be completed next week.

**Term 1 parent/teacher conference** bookings for the 27th March are open and we strongly encourage those who are yet to schedule a time do so. These conferences are an opportunity to celebrate the progress and achievements of your child and establish goals around well-being, behaviour and learning for the rest of the semester. **Any families who may find it more convenient to attend their child's conference via a Google Meet are welcome to do so. Please book through the Compass booking process as normal, then email your child's teacher to let them know of this so they can forward you the meeting link on the day of the conferences.**

### **Lawn Bowls Success!**

Congratluations to all of our Year 5-6s on their success at the recent Regional Lawn Bowls Competition at the Rutherglen Bowling Club. All students are to be congratulated not only on their playing skills and teamwork on the day, but the respect they showed to players from other schools, their good sporting behaviours, and the ability to rise above when this was not always reciprocated. This makes as just as proud as the result. In a nail biting finish between RPS A and RPS B, RPS A came away with the narrowest of wins to move onto the State Bowls Championships in Melbourne in May. Well done to the team of students not playing who prepared a delicious luncheon for the Rutherglen Bowls Club members as our thanks for all the time and effort they put into helping our students with coaching during PE lessons and on the day of the event.

Regards, Karryn



School success starts  
with attendance

## French Language Assistant

Our French Language Assistant

Léa Plantevin is soon to join our school early April and will work across our French language school cluster of RPS, Rutherglen HS and Wahgunyah PS. She will work alongside Madame (Cate) Geard 2 days a week as part of our French language program.

**Léa is very keen to stay with host families during her time here in Rutherglen, so if this is something your family or someone you know would be interested in, then please get in touch with Karryn or Debby as soon as possible.**

**This can be a couple of weeks, a month or two or even a term... Merci**



## EASTER RAFFLE

Our Student Leadership team are running their annual Easter Raffle. They will be sending home a book of tickets this week for each family to sell.

They are seeking donations of Easter eggs/chocolates of any description, or Easter related items (craft/gift/books etc.)

Please send your donations direct to the Office



Volunteers  
needed

Our Breakfast Club program is a hit, with around 40 kids each morning fuelling up ready for a busy day ahead. Our staff have been preparing the breaky and enjoy supporting our students, but would also welcome some help to share the love. If you, a grandparent, neighbour or friend has about an hour once a week to help out we'd love to have you in the team... and the kids will reward you with a big smile and a grateful thank you. Let Deb in the Office know if you can assist.

**Respect**

**Responsibility**

**Integrity**

**Empathy**

RPS Values Awards acknowledges students who display our school values and expectations by the choices they make in their daily actions

Week 6 & 7

### Foundation

**Piper Stobbie** - being a responsible learner, engaging and completing all set activities (You even made sure you did some school work on your holiday!) Fantastic Piper!

**Jedd Prescott** - showing resilience to start your day with a positive attitude! Keep it up Jedd!

### Year 1-2

**Matilda Brown** - showing kindness towards your peers and offering to share your resources with others. Well done Matilda, these small things do not go unnoticed!

**Charlie Chappell** - coming in to class each and every day ready to learn and try your best. It is great to see your self confidence growing Charlie, keep believing in yourself!

**Anakiya Manly** - coming to school every day with a smile on your face and a positive attitude. Your thoughtfulness and kindness in our classroom is greatly appreciated.

**Evie Marsh** - stepping up as learner to use your learning time well and to put in a great effort with your work.

### Year 3-4

**Scarlet Giannone** - showing empathy and being a good peer. You are always ready to help out your classmates and others in our school community. Keep it up, Scarlet!

**Summer Edwards** - showing Integrity and Empathy by helping out others to keep our room tidy even when it's not your own mess! You have had a wonderful first week back Summer, keep it up!

**Phoenix Schilg** - showing empathy and including others in both the playground and classroom, and for assisting a Foundation student and included them in games. Great work Phoenix.

**Sienna Collins** - being an empathetic learner in class and showing consideration for others learning. You are always willing to share resources with others to help them get started. Keep up the great work Sienna.

### Year 5-6

**Lachie Hawkey** - the commitment and effort you put into your learning. You consistently focus on your tasks, reflect on your efforts, and take ownership of your areas for improvement. Great stuff, Lachie!

**Aydan Hawking** - effectively listening to your peers, responding with courtesy, and sharing your knowledge and opinions with them. You have made fantastic progress in this area, Aydan!

**Harrison Logie** - being a positive member of our class, who shows that small acts of kindness go a long way. Thank you Harrison.

**Chloey Otin** - giving your best in all areas of your learning, and being a fantastic role model to those around you. Great stuff Chloey.

**Jessica Peuten** - always showing the school values and concentrating on your learning task to ensure it showcases your best ability. Well done Jessica on being such a fabulous independent learner!

**Dusty Seymour** - being recognised for the empathy you show in helping others and for taking on the responsibility of helping your peers and teachers. Wonderful values of a quality citizen, Dusty!

### ART & STEM

**Alexi Strachan** - always being an enthusiastic learner in STEM and Art and thinking carefully to explore and be creative in your learning tasks. Well done, keep up the great attitude, Alexi!!

**Will Torney** - continuing to use your time wisely, and modelling our school values consistently to complete your learning. Congratulations, keep up the great learning, Will.

# SWPBS

## Positive Behaviour in the Playground



- Keeping body parts to ourselves
- Returning equipment
- Being sun smart

**Kyden Skate, Georgia Wilkinson, Rory O'Malley, Matilda Brown, Ruby Rasmussen, Tiahn Heard** bringing in the recycling and green waste bins

**Nicholas Smith**  
-returning equipment

- Valuing our equipment and the environment
- Keeping our school clean
- Speaking politely
- Listening to others

**Chloe Brockoff, Orin Foot, Isabelle Miller, Violet Pfeiffer, Freddie Densten, Mabel Congdon, Blair Prescott, Charlotte Wilson** - valuing our equipment or the environment

- Playing in the correct spaces
- Playing fairly
- Being an upstander

**Nikaela McInnes**- being honest and handing in a token that she found

- Being inclusive
- Taking care of others

**Logan Saunders, Darcy Miller, Brian Hudson, Carter Cunningham, Verity Cooper**  
-taking care of others

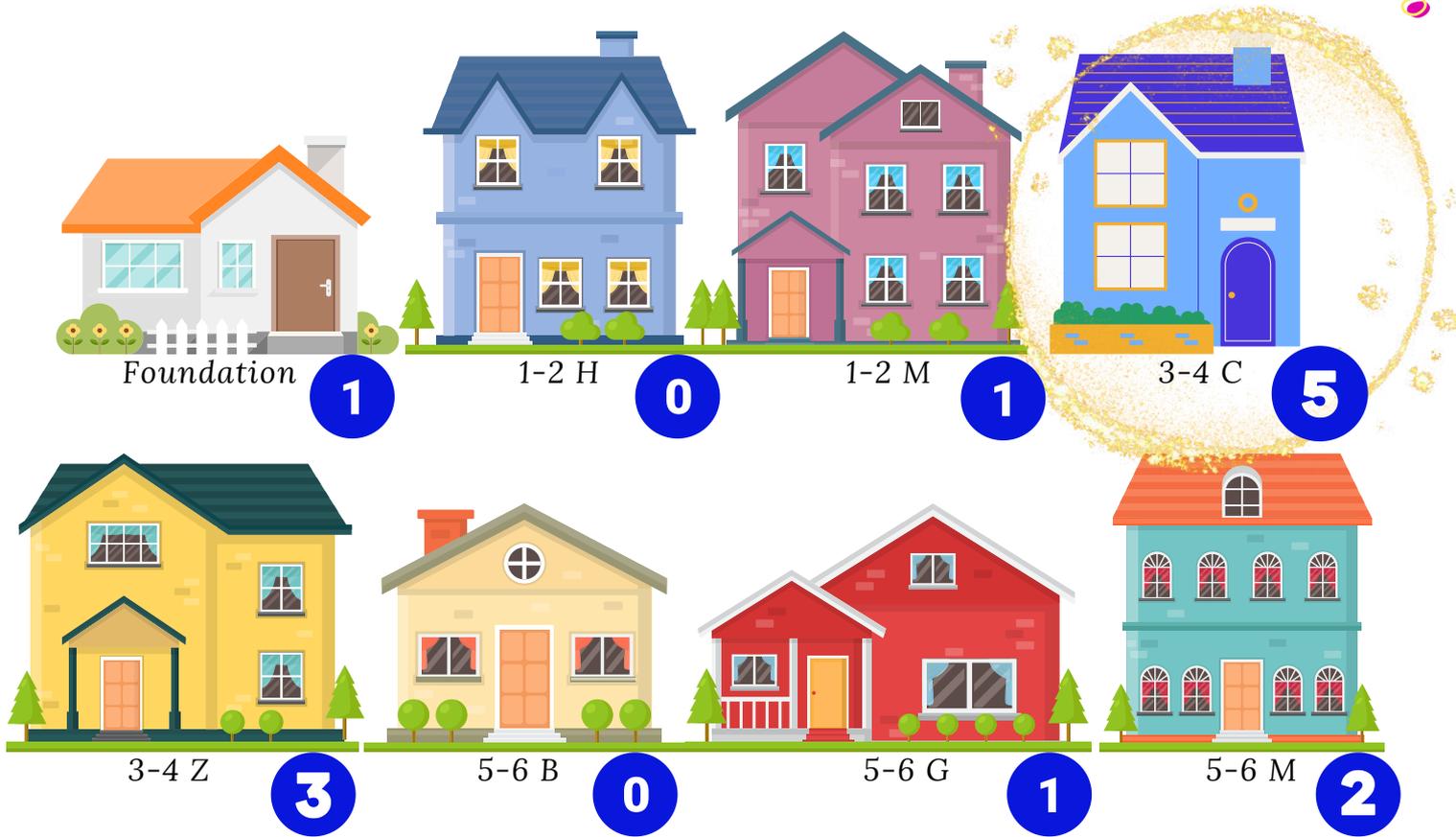
**Steph Kilo, Evie Marsh, Lettie Strachan, Orin Foot, Scarlett Milvain, Anna Fuge, Ella Donaldson** - including others



Pride of  
RPS...  
Harrison. L



# WHO'S IN THE HOUSE?



Each fortnight we are celebrating at Assembly & in the Newsletter the number of full houses\* each class has achieved over 10 days of learning.

**Why Attendance Matters** - when your child misses school the miss opportunities to ...



Learn



Make Friends



Develop Life Skills



# HARMONY DAY

*Celebrating our Cultural Diversity*



**21ST MARCH 2023**

**Wear Something Orange**

*Everyone Belongs*

# 2023 CALENDAR

## TERM 1

**Tues 21st March** - Harmony/NO Bullying Day - wear something ORANGE

**Mon 27th March** - Curriculum Day + Parent Teacher Conferences 12pm - 6pm

**Thurs 6th April** - Easter Parade and Raffle 1;15pm in BRS

**Thurs 6th April** - Last day of Term 1 - 2:30pm finish

## TERM 2

**Mon 24th April** - Term 2 starts

**Tues 25th April** - ANZAC Day - march and service

**Wed 3rd May** - Cross Country

**Fri 12th May** - Athletics Day

**Thurs 25th May** - School Photos

**Mon 5th June** - Year 1-2 - The Twits @ Wang Performing Arts Centre

**Mon 5th - Thurs 8th June** - Year 3-4 Camp 15MCC

**Fri 23rd June** - Last day of Term 2 - 2:30pm finish

## TERM 3 - 2023

**Mon 10th July** - Term 3 starts

**Fri 15th Sept** - Last day of Term 3 - 2:30pm finish

## TERM 4 - 2023

**Mon 2nd Oct** - Term 4 starts

**Mon 6th Nov** - Curriculum Day

**Tues 7th Nov** - Melbourne Cup public holiday

**Sat 11th Nov** - Remembrance Day service

**Wed 12th Dec** - Year 6 Graduation

**Thurs 13th Dec** - Year 5 Windsurfing

**Fri 14th Dec** - Year 6 Windsurfing

**Mon 18th Dec** - Presentation Assembly

**Tues 19th Dec** - Whole School Pool Fun Day

**Wed 20th Dec** - Last day of Term 4 - 1:00pm finish



*New or amended dates*

# What is STEM?

Stem is a combination of Science and Technology. STEM is covered across the year in 4 different topics e.g. This term all students will be exploring Biological Science, Term 2 Earth Sciences, Term 3 Chemical Science and Term 4 Physical Science. Topics at each level are covered over a 2-year period.

Technology is incorporated into these areas and where possible through workshops from experts outside the school.

For example-Next term the in Science the focus in Year 5 and 6 will be Natural disasters. Their Technology problem will be to plan and build a model of a house with features to withstand a natural disaster and explain their design.

Last week the 5-6 classes had to simulate cold conditions and the difference blubber makes to the animals being able to adapt there. There were lots of gasps as children called putting their hands in Ice water with or without dripping!



## ART

Foundations to Year 2 planted seeds in their caterpillars to assist them to understand the Life Cycle of a plant. We are hoping that very soon we will have some hairy caterpillars.

Year 3-4 used plasticine to create some wonderful Life Cycles of plants and animals to further their understanding of this process.

In Art 5-6 explored 3 techniques to create special affects with paint to create abstract art using scraping with card, texture combs and Splatter platters. They particularly loved being able to apply the paint with their hands.





J'écris! I write!



bonjour



Je lis! I read!



In the Foundation French class, students have been learning to listen to, read, say and write colours, count to 10, and play Simon Says - Jacques a dit.... Foundation students have received their special new French books. Students keep these books for the first 5 years of French, and they become a source of reference for and celebration of their language learning.



J'écoute! I listen!



Je parle! I speak!!



Smile Squad is coming to this school

Dear families,

The Smile Squad team from Albury Wodonga Health are coming to our school soon.

Smile Squad is the Victorian Government free school dental program.

This means all students can get a free dental check-up, preventive services, and treatment at school.

How to access free dental care

We need your consent before we can provide services.

Consent is usually provided by a parent or guardian.

Sign up to Smile Squad at: <https://bit.ly/smilesquadvic>

OR use the below QR code:



Please complete and submit the consent form by 17th of March 2023.

The Albury Wodonga Health Smile Squad look forward to seeing you soon.

Kind regards,  
Smile Squad

# Easter Parade

Thursday  
6th April  
1:30pm

## BIG RED SHED

Join us for a fun filled afternoon  
to celebrate all things Easter!

Prizes for...

- \* Best Easter costume
- \* Best Easter hat
- \* Best Easter basket

Mega Easter Raffle  
drawn after parade

Happy Easter!

