## \_\_ Term 4: \_\_ 20th October 2023

# What's Happening at RPS

Rutherglen Primary School Newsletter



## DATES TO REMEMBER:

Thurs 26th Oct -

Creative Lands Festival Day @ Henderson Pavilion - Years 3-4

Mon 6th Nov -

Curriculum Day (students do not attend school)

Tues 7th Nov -

Melbourne Cup public holiday

Wed 8th Nov -

Grandparent's Day + Book Fair

Thurs 9th Nov -

Book Fair 3:30-4:00pm

Student arival time at school 8:40am onwards -staff supervision starts at this time Morning bell is at 9am.



It's been a busy couple of weeks across the school, with lots happening in and out of the classroom. Our Year 5-6s have been working incredibly hard on their preparations for the Rutherglen Show where they showcased their unique range of businesses, with everything from plants and cupcakes to boot pullers and tie dyed products. We are very proud of their great work and the way in which they conducted themselves as business owners at the Show. Students will be running a market day on Grandparent's Day on Wednesday 8th Nov for both visitors and RPS students to buy some of their wares.

Our Year 3-4s having been participating in the Creative Lands project over the past 8 weeks across Terms 3 and 4. We elected performing arts and music, drumming and Aboriginal story telling and art as our art forms. The theme of this year's festival was persistence and our students have both grown in this capacity and demonstrated it in many ways throughout the various weeks. It's been a wonderful experience for our students to be a part of again this year and we look forward to the Creative Lands Festival on Thursday at the Henderson Pavilion - see flyer in this newsletter for details. Foundation-Year 2 students will be attending the Festival as audience members. Our Year 3 students who wrote a song about persistence through their workshops have been invited to perform in Wangaratta at the upcoming NESAY AGM.

This newsletter showcases some explanation writing from some of our year levels, we hope you enjoy reading their work. Students are continuing to develop their writing based on their individual writing goals and staffs' professional learning continues in being able to identify the next steps for each student to progress their writing and how to support them with making this progress.

All students should have taken home the ordering details for book packs for 2024. Please notify Debby if you did not receive this. The closing date for orders is 10th November in order for these to be delivered free to school and be here for the start of the year. Ordering details are located in the newsletter.

GRANDPARENT'S DAY - 8TH NOVEMBER

See p. 15 for details

Regards, Karryn

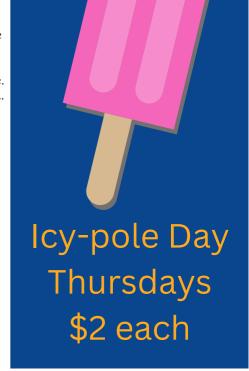
## INDIGO YOUTH AMBASSADORS - WILL & CHARLI

During session 2, we were fortunate to have Libby from the Atauro Island Friendship Committee present a captivating visual overview of life on the Island, shedding light on various projects, schools, and the local communities.

Next, we had Ange Larkin join us to start the conversations about project management and the steps required for our upcoming fundraising project.

To finish the day, we participated in an outdoor team-building activity, a running letters game. This game brought us all together and encouraged us to think strategically and work as a team.





## RPS Young Entrepreneurs













## J'écris! I write!











In French classes across F - 6, students have been learning to write their year level poems for the upand-coming French Poetry Recital on 14 November 2023. We practise writing a poem as it is a tool to help us read and say it with meaning.

As a challenge, students are encouraged to find meaning through pictures, gestures and that wonderful friend of the language learner, the dictionary!



## Integrity

RPS Values Awards acknowledges students who display our school values and expectations by the choices they make in their daily actions - Weeks 2 & 3

### **Foundation**

**Harry B** - for your fantastic writing efforts! I love your confidence in sounding out unfamiliar words and using our classroom word walls for spelling familiar words. Well done Harry!

**Harvey C** - being a responsible learner. You are sitting in a better position on the floor and starting to participate more in class discussions. Well done Harvey!

### **Year 1-2**

**Gabe E** - showing responsibility by stopping to clean up an accidental mess you had made before going back to your play time.

**Ruby R** - demonstrating such positive enthusiasm towards your learning. We love how excited you get to share new information with us Ruby.

**Flynn B** - showing responsibility with your learning. Flynn, you are always organised and ready for each learning activity and move quickly to follow teacher instructions. Great job!

**Rory C** - applying yourself to your home learning. You consistently complete home learning tasks set by your teacher, including home reading, and have shown improvement in your confidence and ability in the classroom as a result. Great work!

## Year 3-4

**Annabelle C** - continuing to show Responsibility and Integrity as a learner by tackling challenges, working hard to achieve your learning goals, and always being willing to listen to feedback. Keep it up, Annabelle!

**Summer E** - showing Responsibility as a learner by working hard in our literacy sessions to research and write your explanation text. You are always willing to listen to feedback to improve your learning. Well done, Summer!

**Will L** - showing Responsibility and Integrity in the classroom by independently taking on roles to assist others or completing jobs you see needs doing. Keep up the amazing work, Will!

**Chloe B** - showing Responsibility and integrity in our Creative Lands Festival rehearsals and showing you can be a leader in our drumming. Keep you the great work, Chloe!

#### Year 5-6

**Xander G** - demonstrating responsibility by your consistent attendance, and your efforts in ensuring that you are ready to to begin learning tasks. Great stuff, Xander!

**Max K** - your reliability in completing any task asked of you. You are fantastic at following directions and fully completing them. Well done, Max.

**Rio G** - stepping up and showing great leadership qualities, by managing distractions around you, and encouraging others to be responsible learners. Awesome stuff Rio!

**Harrison L** - showing great responsibility as a learner by giving your best effort in everything you do. Your positive attitude is a fantastic model for others to follow. Great stuff Harry!

### ART

**Charli C** -demonstrating great responsibility to complete your poster for the Rutherglen show. Well done Charli!

#### STEM

**Bryson K**-for your excellent effort in completing the tasks in STEM to investigate light and sound. Keep up the fantastic effort, Bryson!



## Positive Behaviour in the Playground

class has achieved over 10 days of learning.



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

Archer. H - tidying up the sandpit equipment
Lachie. H, Will. D, Liam.
H - packing up equipment
Aydan. H - completing
extra tasks - the bins



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

**Lettie. S** - picking up paper from play areas



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

Clem. D - returning someone's ball back to them
Will. Lo - following

teacher instructions

WE SHOW EMPATHY

montre de l'empathie

- Being inclusive
- Taking care of others

Verity. C - showing empathy to another student who was upset Elke. M - inviting others to join in a game



## What We're Learning Across RPS in Term 4...



This Term the students will be using a variety of materials to explore a number of techniques to increase their artistic knowledge and skills. In connecting with our community, all students have created posters for the Rutherglen Show Also at the show there will be a beautiful display of student work showcasing examples of their Art collected across the year. Students are enjoying opportunities to be creative!

This Term the **F-2** will through experiments exploring many aspects of light and sound. This includes comparing sources of light both man made and natural and understanding how light and sound are made. They will also be looking at how they use their senses in the world. It is exciting to see them exploring and developing their knowledge!

This term **3-4** will be exploring different types of forces, including, gravity, friction and kinetic energy. They will be investigating the effect of forces on the behaviour of an object through different actions, for example, throwing, dropping, bouncing and rolling. They will be exploring the forces of attraction and repulsion between magnets. Students are enjoying the challenges of exploring this topic!

Across the term **5-6** will focus on electricity. This includes researching and sharing their knowledge of the different ways electricity is made using renewable and non-renewable resources. Students will be conducting experiments exploring many aspects of electrical circuits, for example, wires and switches, and electrical devices, for example, light globes, LEDs and motors. They will be investigating different electrical conductors and insulators and investigating how solar panels can generate electricity. The students are already loving experimenting with circuits!

## Year 1/2 Overview

In Reading we have learnt about rethinking misconceptions (when we have the wrong idea about something). We have explored this idea through learning about why leaves are green and why leaves can change colour. We have made some interesting discoveries and students have been able to change their thinking based on their new learning.

We have had a focus on gaining information through questioning. Students have asked a range of questions on topics they are curious about and have been reading texts to find answers to these. We have explored a range of interesting topics including thunder, motorbikes, pumas, and even liquorice!

The strategy of cause and effect has also been a focus with students understanding the reason something happens and the result of this.

Explanation writing is the Writing focus for the start of this term. We have explored the purpose and features of explanation texts and critiqued a range of different presentations based on those we felt were engaging presentations and those that weren't.

We continue to build our understanding of explanation texts and how the purpose of these is to teach people how or why something happens. Students have selected a question they are going to explain and are collecting information so that they can then write their own explanation piece.

We have also been developing our understanding of compound sentences and how we can use these successfully in our writing attempts.

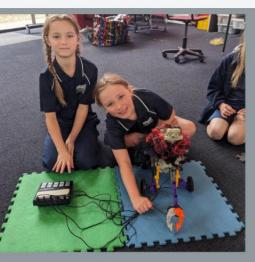
We have been very hands on with our maths as we learnt about volume and capacity. We enjoyed visiting the cooking centre to measure the capacity of different objects using measuring tools and lots of water!

We have been exploring counting patterns within Pattern and Algebra and how we can figure out the rule of patterns and then continue these. We have calculated missing numbers within sums using all four of the

operations and have applied counting pattern strategies to solve worded problems.

## 3/4 Unit in Term 4

Term 4 is shaping up to be packed full of amazing learning and extra curricular opportunities for our unit! In mathematics we have we have continued to study shape, focussing on the properties and classification of 3D objects and investigating Area, Volume and Perimeter. Our Cooking and Gardening program continues to run alongside our Creative Lands rehearsals - we are super excited for the upcoming festival on the 26th of October!



We really enjoyed our robotics session where we designed presenter robots to match our Creative Lands festival!
We had to design a robot in pairs that would engage an audience.





We started to look at
Area and Perimeter
towards the end of our
unit on measurement
and geometry. We have
been busily measuring a
variety of objects and
places in our school.





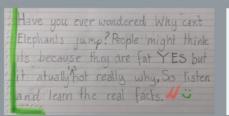
We are excited for the upcoming Creative Lands festival on the 26th of October. We had our final rehearsals this week and everything is looking amazing!



# 3/4 Unit - Explanations

In term 4, we have shifted our focus in Literacy to studying Explanation Texts to <a href="synthesise">synthesise</a> new knowledge, <a href="synthesise">summarise</a> important ideas and to research information to create our own explanations about topics that we are curious about!

We started the unit by exploring a variety of explanation texts, and analysing the purpose, language and features of the genre. We then started to brainstorm and narrow down some topics that we were interested in researching. We used our reading time to find out new information, and our writing time to write our explanations! We have just started the cycle again so that we can keep improving.

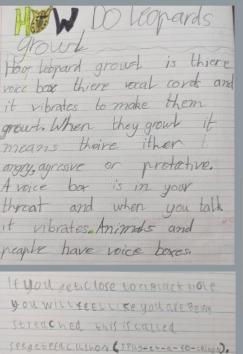


## Hooking the Reader

We tried to use some interesting language or techniques to capture the reader's attention and introduce them to our big idea or question.

## **Explaining Clearly**

We tried to go deep and give a lot of details so that our audience could clearly understand what we were explaining!

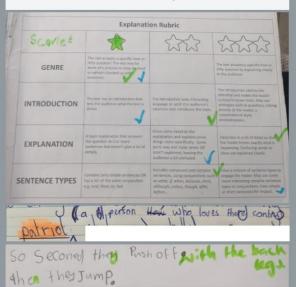


Now, back to how our turnings ramble.
Our turnings tend to ramble when the muscles in your digestive system transport food and drink and bugges through your body and intestines.

therees gallop there four hours have the gound at the same time there back legs swing towards the front them they touch the ground and push them tood

## Revising Our Writing

We created a rubric and used it to go back and add, move, remove and change our writing. We also read our work to a partner to get feedback on parts that didn't make sense or needed more explanation.



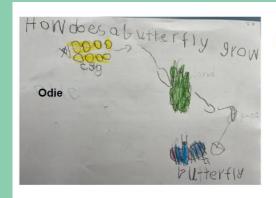
## Foundation Explanation Writing

Foundation students been learning about explanations. An explanation text tells us why or how something occurs, made or works. We write explanations so the reader can find out new information.

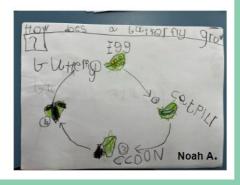
There are many different types of explanation texts so we looked at a range and then discussed what we found interesting, and whether we were able to learn new information.

Then we looked at the specific features of explanation texts including the title, amount of text, diagrams, labels, photos, language and overall presentation. Foundation students concluded that they liked explanation texts that include diagrams and labels the best!

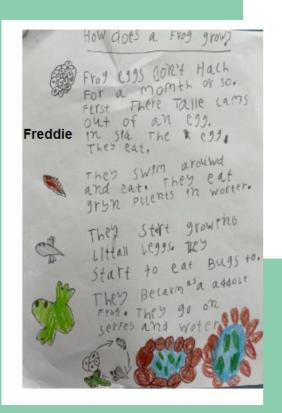
Students have been working very hard to create their own explanation texts. Our topics have been: How does a frog grow? How does a butterfly grow? Why does popcorn pop?

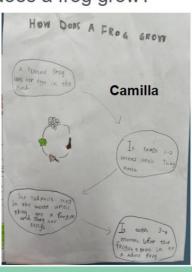


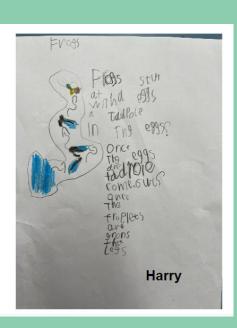
How does a butterfly grow?



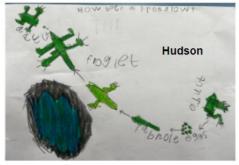
How does a frog grow?



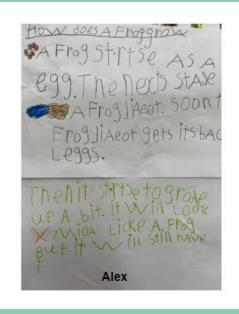






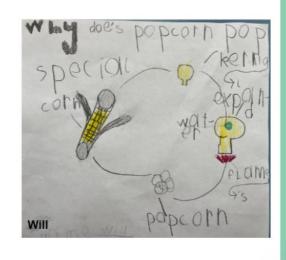






## Why does popcorn pop?







# BEING AT SCHOOL IS COOL

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



Learn



Make Friends



Develop Life Skills

# FAMILY MATHS CHALLENGE

All families are invited to complete this fortnight's Family
Maths Challenge

Return your completed challenge to the box in the Office by

**Thursday 2nd November** 

## **Balancing Act**

All of the yellow boxes hold the same number of cans.

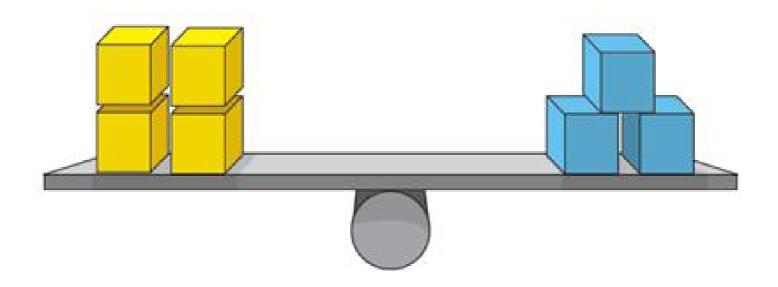
All of the blue boxes hold the same number of cans.

How many cans could be in each kind of box?

How do you know?

Think of lots of possibilities.

How are the number of cans in the two colours of boxes related?



## **2023 CALENDAR**

### **TERM 4 - 2023**

Mon 23rd - Wed 25th Oct - Canberra Camp - Year 5-6

**Thurs 26th Oct** - Creative Lands Festival Day @ Henderson Pavilion - Years 3-4

Mon 6th Nov - Curriculum Day (students do not attend school)

Tues 7th Nov - Melbourne Cup public holiday

Wed 8th Nov - Grandparent's Day + Book Fair

Thurs 9th Nov - Book Fair 3:30-4:00pm

Sat 11th Nov - Remembrance Day service

Tues 14th Nov - French Poetry Recital

Mon 20th Nov - Professional Practice Day - all staff - students do not attend school

Tues 21st Nov - Transition Day 1: 9am-11am

Wed 22nd Nov - Rotary catering

Tues 28th Nov - Transition Day 2: 9am-11am

Tues 5th Dec - Transition Day 3: 9am-12:45pm

Tues 12th Dec - State-wide Transition Day for all students

Wed 13th Dec - Year 6 Graduation

Wed 13th Dec - Year 5 Windsurfing

Thurs 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

## 2024

Mon 29th Jan - Book pack collection day + staff return

Tues 30th Jan - Term 1 commences for all students

Term 1: Tues 30th Jan - Thurs 28th March

Term 2: Mon 15th April - Fri 28th June

**Term 3:** Mon 15th July - Fri 20th Oct

Term 4: Mon 7th Oct - Fri 20th Dec



## Come to the Creative Lands Festival 2023 !!

1 High School, 4 Primary Schools, 1 Kindergarten, and over 200 children and young people are getting together to present the Creative Lands Festival Show!

This year's wellbeing theme is PERSISTENCE.

Have you ever tried something new?
Have you ever got to the point when something is too hard, or too boring?
Have you ever felt unconfident in your skills or knowledge?
BUT you carried on anyway....
Then you PERSISTED!!
And guess what.....??

This theatre-style show is jam-packed with dance, video, poetry, Aboriginal culture, songs, circus, cartooning, art, and drumming performed or presented by your child or family member who has persisted with learning and creating something new – just for you!

So come, along....and be amazed at everyone's tenacity, grit and determination!!

When: Thursday 26th October 2023

Where: The Henderson Pavilion, Rutherglen Showgrounds

What time: 12pm - 2.30pm (doors open at 12.10pm).

Cost: Free!!

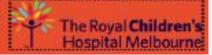
Please note that this event will be filmed.

A bit more info: This program is an initiative of the Royal Children's Hospital and NESAY, who are committed to improving the mental health and wellbeing of children, young people and their communities. Participants have been working with the incredible Creative Lands artists to explore the theme of persistence while learning a new art form. The theme was chosen by the schools because this is a developmental skill young people are still struggling with post-Covid lockdowns and also after the unsettling experience of fires and floods in the district. The program has been generously supported by 'Festival Helpers' from Upper Murray Family Care, Junction, Indigo Shire, Indigo North Health, AWH CASEA, and NESAY. It is kindly funded by VicHealth, NESAY, Bendigo Bank, and Indigo Shire Council, and supported by all the fabulous schools and teachers.

For further information, please contact your child/family member's class teacher or principal. See you at the festival!!







# THE WORLD OF ROBOTICS



To complement their learning in STEM about light and sound in the environment the F-2 students explored Logiblocs, an electronic building system. Each block is coloured and performs a specific function. E.g. the yellow blocks are the input which triggers the system by creating a signal from a variety of sensors. The students learnt to make on and off switches, flashing warning lights, traffic lights, metal detectors, sound sensors, and a flashing neon light sign that said, 'Hello Everyone'.

The Creative Lands Festival provided inspiration for our Year 3-6s with a theme titled, 'Let The Show Begin!' The Year 3-4s designed a robot 'presenter' for the performance who can also do tricks and hand out treats, whilst the Year 5-6s worked in pairs to design robots that could entertain the audience for the duration of the Festival



























## HOW TO ONLINE ORDER WITH MAXIM ..... Rutherglen Primary School

Dear Parents,

Many thanks for supporting Rutherglen PS with the online portal. We have partnered with Maxim Office Group Pty Ltd to ensure a seamless school start for 2024. Packs will be delivered to the school for collection.

If you have any questions, please call Maxim on 1800 25 35 35.

Please note:

Orders must be placed by Friday 10th of November 2023 to ensure delivery is on time, ready for collection from the school.

Any orders after this date will incur a \$15 late processing fee, and be delivered at the beginning of Term 1, 2024.

For collection date information, please contact the school office.

### To order your Bookpack:

- 1. Please follow this link: http://www.maxim.booklists.com.au
- 2. Your access code is: RUTHERGLEN
- \*Please note this is capital sensitive. Please enter the code as displayed in screen.
- 3. Select the year level required for order
- 4. Please ensure that the students' name, your name, and contact details are given and correct
- 5. Select 'Place order'
- 6. If purchasing more than one booklist, please select 'Add another booklist' and follow the same procedure from step 3
- 7. Select 'Proceed to payment options'
- 8. Your total payment amount required will display on screen
- 9. Select 'Pay Now'
- 10. Please choose your check-out option Credit/ Direct Debit available. Ensure payment details are correctly entered
- 11. You will receive a payment receipt and an order confirmation to the email address you provided
- 12. Your child's pack/s will be delivered to the school for collection

Thank you, Maxim Office Group Pty Ltd

## Grandparent's Day

Wednesday 8th November @ 1pm

**12:00-1:15pm** - classroom visits & activities

1:15-2:00pm - afternoon tea in F-2 eating area

Book Fair will be running from 12:30pm in the BRS

## **Parenting Adolescents**

This 2-hour session will provide information on:

- · Adolescent development and its impacts
- · Understanding emotions and helping to regulate
- Challenges facing adolescents and parents/carers
- · Communicate and connect with your teen more effectively
- · Problem-solving
- · Family values
- · Building resilience

Location	Date and Time	Cost	
Felltimber Community Centre Corner Melrose Drive & Felltimber Creek Rd	Monday 13th November 4pm - 6pm	This is a free program	

#### To Register

Scan the QR Code or click here RSVP by Sunday 12th November



For further information contact parenting team on 0457 279 796

#### Parenting Programs - Term 4 2023

\*There is no cost to attend these progra



Location	Program	Duration		Where	Register
Wodonga	Turning in to Kids Emotionally intelligent parsenting (2 - 10 years)	6 weeks	Wednesdays 7dth October - 28th November 10am - 13pm	Sateway Health 155 High street Wollanga	Click <u>here.</u> to register
Wodonga	Parenting Trans & Gender Diverse Kids & Teens	8 weeks	Mondays 9th Detabar - 27th November 11am - 1pm	Gateway Health 155 High street Wedongs	Click hara. to register
Wodonga	Mother Goose (0 - 2 years)	Full term	Wedoesdays 4th October + 6th December 10.30am to 11.30am	Geteway Health 155 High Street Wodonga	Click here to register
Wangaratta	Tuning in to Dads Emotionally intelligent perenting (3 - 10 years)	6 weeks	Wednesdays 24th October - 25th November épmépm	Pangerang Community Hub 38 Overs St. Wangaratta	Click <u>here</u> to register
Benalla	Tuning in to Teens Emotional imeligent parenting (10years and over)	6 weeks	Wednesdays 18th October - 22nd November 5.30pm - 7.30pm	Tomorrow Today Shop 10, 56 Nunn Street Benalla	Click hers to register
Lavington	Mother Goose (0 - 2 years)	Full term	Fridays 13th October - 8th December 10.30am to 11.30am	Orana Community Centive 40 Cardo Drive Springdale Heights	Click bars to register

#### Parenting information sessions - Term 4 2023

gateway health

gatewayhealth.org.au

FREE 2 hour sessions - Bookings are essential

Adolescent Parenting	Raising Resilient Children (From the Triple P International)	Adolescent Parenting  For parents and carers of children aged between 10 and 17 years	
For parents and carers of children aged between 10 and 17 years	For parents and carers of children aged between 2 and 12 years		
This session will provide information on:  Development of teenagers - impacts and challenges - impacts and challenges - thou you can support your teenager's emotions and help them build resilience - Connecting with your teenager - Helping to problem solve - Family values	This session will provide information on:  Recognising and accepting feelings Expression of feelings Building a positive outbolk Developing coping skills Dealing with negative feelings Stressful life events	This session will provide information on:  Development of teenagers - impacts and challenges How you can support your teenager's emotions and help then build resilience Connecting with your teenager Helping to problem solve Family values	
Monday 30th October 6.30pm - 8.30pm Baranduda Community Centre Click <u>here</u> to register	Monday 6th November 7pm -9pm Via Zoom Click <u>here t</u> o register	Monday 13th November 4pm - 6pm Felltmber Community Certre Wodonga Click <u>here</u> to register	

OCTOBER GRAVEL **BEECHWORTH** RACE, ROLL OR PARTY VISIT GRAVELISTA.CC FOR EVENT ENTRY, INFO, COURSES & SCHEDULE ENTER THE FREE MINI GRAVELISTA 10KM FOR YOUR CHANCE TO WIN A TOTAL SIKE! #GRAVELISTA #RIDEHIGHCOUNTRY 10KM | 45KM | 80KM | 120KM 27-29 OCTOBER 2023 GRAVELISTA.CC

## Positive Parenting Telephone Service

Our free 6 to 10 week program helps you to:

- · have stronger, more positive relationships
- · set rules and limits
- · manage everyday behaviour problems.

Our program is for parents, grandparents and carers of children aged 2 to 12 years.

Participants complete a workbook and are supported by weekly 30 minute phone calls with a trained parenting educator.

All of this can be done from the comfort of your own home at a time that suits you.



This is a FREE service, and enrolments are taken all year round. Call us for more information or to enrol.



