

Term 1:  
24th January 2023

# What's Happening at RPS

Rutherglen Primary School  
Newsletter



## **DATES TO REMEMBER:**

**Friday 27th January**  
Staff return to school

**Book Pack Collection**  
Day 7:30am - 4:30pm

**Monday 30th January**  
**All students return to school**

**Wednesday 1st February**  
Foundation students do not  
attend school

**Thursday 2nd February**  
Icy-pole day

**Friday 3rd February**  
Assembly 2:45pm in BER

## **NOTE:**

Year 6 shirts are not available for collection from the supplier until Friday. Please wear normal school shirt to school on Monday & Year 6 shirts will be given out on this day.

## **Welcome back to (almost the start) of the 2023 school year!**

A special welcome to our new Foundation students and their families, along with a number of new students joining us across a range of different year levels

I hope everyone has enjoyed a great break and is ready for a fabulous, jammed packed year ahead of learning, adventure and fun.

Please find in this newsletter the who's who of our 2023 staff and their roles. We warmly welcome a few new faces to our staff and school, and we look forward to the valued role they will undertake in regards to our students' learning and well-being. Please take the time to meet and have a chat with your child's teacher for 2023 and our many specialist and support staff. All staff are here for the best interestes of your child as are you, and in working together as a team will have far greater success in supporting your child to achieve wonderful things and a successful 2023 in every possible way.

Whilst we have an open door policy and welcome you to touch base with us at about any matters, the mornings can be a little rushed with preparations for the day ahead and staff can not always give you the time that some matters need. A quick message or update is fine, but it's best to make an after school time for matters which deserve a lengthier amount of time to talk about. Please note that all staff are involved in professional learning or meetings every Tuesday & Wednesday afternoon from after school until 4:40pm.

You can contact any member of staff via Compass or direct email - all emails included on p.2 of this newsletter.

## **Our first Assembly will be Friday 3rd February at 2:45pm.**

All students who were elected to the roles of School Captain, Sports Captain, Student Leadership Team Captain and Student Leadership Team year level rep. will be presented with their badges for 2023. All families are welcome to attend. The Assembly will also be able to be accessed via Google Meet (link sent Friday 3rd Feb)

As a whole staff we are looking forward to an amazing 2023 and all that it will bring, and both welcome and encourage you to take an active role in your child's school year.

*Regards Karryn*

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## What sort of start is your child getting?

Just a little bit late doesn't seem much but.....

He/She is only missing just....	That equals....	Which is.....	and over 13 years of schooling that's...
10 minutes per day	50 minutes per week	Nearly 1.5 weeks per year	Nearly <u>Half a year</u>
20 minutes per day	1 hour 40 mins per week	Over 2.5 Weeks per year	Nearly <u>1 year</u>
Half an hour per day	Half a day per week	4 Weeks per year	Nearly <u>1 and a Half years</u>
1 hour per day	1 day per week	8 Weeks per year	Over <u>2 and a Half years</u>

*Did you know your child's best learning time is the start of the school day?*

*That's when every minute counts the most!!*

**EVERY DAY COUNTS!**

Foundation families don't forget to sign up your child for their Wednesday assessment hour when you pick up their book pack



**Lots of painting happening in Term 1 in the Art Room - don't forget your art smock!**



*Every Wednesday in February is a rest day for our little Foundies*

Enjoy your day at home and we look forward to seeing you back each Thursday



# Introducing our 2023 Staff...



Mrs Kate Ross  
Foundation



Mrs Katie Hurley  
Year 1-2 & Learning  
Specialist



Mrs Joanne Moore  
Year 1-2



Miss Lauren Crombie  
Year 3-4



Miss Jessica Zuber  
Year 3-4



Mrs Jenny Miller  
Year 5-6



Mr Michael Giannone  
Year 5-6



Mrs Hannah Bayley  
Year 5-6



Mrs Helen Clohessy  
ART & STEM



Madame Cate Geard  
French



Ms Léa Plantevin  
French Lang Assistant



Mrs Rachel Crawford  
PE



Mrs Lyn Borger  
Teaching & Learning  
Support



Mrs Natasha Middlin  
Teaching Support



Mrs Lisa Donaldson  
Learning Support



Mrs Louise Buscall  
Learning Support



Mrs Jeannie Morris  
Education Support



Mrs Grace Wright  
Education Support



Mrs Maria Gurciullo  
Education Support



'Mr Nick' Taylor  
School Chaplain &  
Mentor



Mr Michael Clear  
ICT Support



Mrs Karryn Williams  
Principal



Mrs Debby Renshaw  
Business Manager  
Monday-Thursday



Ms Jan Cashen  
Office Administrator  
Friday

# Citizenship Award 2022



Nikaela McInnes & Charlie Chappell



Tiahn Heard & Georgia Wilkinson



Amelia Colvin & Jake Walsh (abs)



Billy Ramadge & Will Lindsay



Rio Glenn & Jessica Peuten



Harrison Logie & Chloe Otin



Jeremy Partridge & Dakota Skrtic (abs)

## 2022 SCHOOL CAPTAINS...

*Thank You*



**Jeremy Partridge, Evelyn Selby, Jasmine Campbell, Ella Kelly**

## 2023 SCHOOL CAPTAINS...

*Congratulations*



**James Donaldson, Logan Hurley, Dusty Seymour, Isabelle Claessens**



## 2022 SPORTS HOUSE CAPTAINS...

*Thank You*

### **Red Kangaroos**

Marcus Davies & Zack Erickson

### **Blue Koalas**

Aiden Sibraa & Liam Colvin

### **Green Echidnas**

Aaron Lewis-Carmichael & Erik Fuge

### **Yellow Possums**

Kai Taftt & Dakota Skrtic (abs)



## 2023 SPORTS HOUSE CAPTAINS...

*Congratulations*



**Shylah Pinn & Casey Briedis**



**Max Chandler & Lachie Hawkey**



**Issy Daye & Brayden McInnes**



**Zavier Manns & Nash Eloy**







**2022  
STUDENT LEADERSHIP TEAM**

*Thank You*

**Captains** - Taylor Taborsky,  
Ben Pagan-Saunders, Tayla Meyer,  
Jax Ramsey



**YEAR 5 SLT REPS**

Logan Hurley, Sophie Scown,  
Shylah Pinn & Max Chandler

**YEAR 4 SLT REPS**

Charli Collis, Jessica Peuten &  
Blair Livingston-Laing

**YEAR 3 SLT REPS**

Emily Chandler, Poppy Williams,  
Luke Partridge & Alexi Strachan

*Congratulations*

**2023 STUDENT LEADERSHIP  
TEAM CAPTAINS...**

**2023 STUDENT LEADERSHIP TEAM  
YEAR 3, 4 & 5 REPS...**



**Chelsea Sutton, Archie Lewis,  
Erica Harder, Chloey Otin**



**YEAR 3**  
Amelia Colvin  
Lilly Black  
Stella Brown  
Scarlet Giannone

**YEAR 4**  
Will Lindsay  
Taylor Hurley  
Jed Lawler  
Will Donaldson

**YEAR 5**  
Xavier Rasmussen  
Rio Glenn  
Flick Watson  
Jake Piulia-Hogan

*Congratulations*



**ArTS Rutherglen Award**  
- for talent in the field of the arts  
F-2: Ivy Briggs  
3-4: Ellie Pertzelt  
5-6: Cody Kleinert

**Sporting Achievement Award**  
Issy Daye



**French Achievement Award**  
F-2: Sienna Collins  
3-4: Xavier Rasmussen  
5-6: Chelsea Sutton

# CHESS

## Year 3-4

Max Palmer - Champion (abs)  
Xander Gemelli - Runner-up  
& Most Improved Player  
for 2022



**Year 1-2**  
Scarlet Giannone - Champion  
Stella Brown - Runner-up



**Year 5-6**  
Liam Colvin -  
Champion  
Max Chandler -  
Runner-up

*Thank you*

## 2022 INDIGO SHIRE YOUTH AMBASSADORS ...



James Donaldson &  
Isabelle Claessens

*Congratulations*  
**2023 INDIGO SHIRE YOUTH  
AMBASSADORS ...**

Will Torney &  
Charli Collis



## VICTORIAN HIGH ABILITY PROGRAM ACHIEVEMENT RECIPIENTS

Hudson Hall, Evelyn Selby, Jeremy  
Partridge, Taylor Taborksy  
& Caleb Gemelli (abs)

# French Language Assistant

We are thrilled to have been successful in our application to have a French Language Assistant at RPS in 2023.

Léa Plantevin will be joining our school in 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 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.



## We'd love some helping hands!



Pre-covid we had so many wonderful volunteers that came along to school and helped out in lots of ways, such as

- in the cooking program**
- gardening with students**
- listening to reading**
- helping with learning**
- breakfast club**
- excursions**

**just spending time with our kids - talking and story telling**  
**teaching our kids crafts and games**

We miss you grandparents and other members of our community & I am sure you miss us too! Our kids love having you spend time with them and you get as much out of this time as they do.

If you know someone who would love to hang out with our kids and give a helping hand please put them in touch with us.

**A volunteer Working With Children Check is required - it's free, easy to get and we can help with that if needed**

We are proud of our school uniform here at Rutherglen PS and expect all children to wear the required uniform as per our uniform policy. There is an increasing number of students who are not wearing correct school uniform, including hats, footwear and socks. We appreciate those that do wear the required school uniform as one thing our kids feed back to us often about a whole range of issues is the word 'fairness'. We therefore ask that all students wear the uniform that is required.

We have quite a number of second hand uniforms - particularly shorts, jumpers and skorts, so please check if we have a size that you might need.

If you require any support with uniforms at any stage please don't hesitate to ask us.

As you prepare for the 2023 school year we ask that you remind yourself of the uniform requirements.

Families are strongly encouraged to keep their child/ren's attendance throughout Term 4 consistent. This term is just as important as every other term and when your child is away they miss vital learning opportunities, social connections with peers and preparation work for their transition into the following year level. If your child is unwell and away from school, please make sure to put on the approved attendance on Compass or contact our Office.



Icy-poles every Thursday \$1 each

Student arrival time at school **8:40am** onwards.  
Morning bell is at 9am.



School success starts with attendance

**RPS school hats are required to be worn every day**



## TERM 1 - 2023

### **Thurs 26th Jan**

- Australia Day Public Holiday

### **Fri 27th Jan**

- Staff return
- Book Pack Collection Day 7:30am-4:30pm

### **Mon 30th Jan**

- Students return to school

### **Fri 10th March**

- Year 5-6 lawn Bowls Comp @ R'Glen

### **Mon 13th March**

- Labour Day Public Holiday

### **Tues 21st March**

- Harmony/NO Bullying Day - wear something ORANGE

### **Mon 27th March**

- Curriculum Day + Parent Teacher Conferences 12pm - 6pm

### **Thurs 6th April**

- Last day of Term 1 - 2:30pm finish

## TERM 2 - 2023

### **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

### **Fri 23rd June**

- Last day of Term 2 - 2:30pm finish

## TERM 3 - 2023

### **Mon 10th July**

- Term 3 starts

### **Tues 25th April**

- ANZAC Day - march and service

### **Wed 3rd May**

- Cross Country

### **Fri 12th May**

- Athletics Day

### **Thurs 25th May**

- School Photos

### **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

# 2023 CALENDAR