

Term 1:

Week 1 - 30th January 2026

What's Happening at RPS

Rutherglen Primary School
Newsletter



DATES TO REMEMBER:

Friday 6th February

Assembly - 2:30pm in BER
Badge presentation for
2026 leaders



ZOOOPER DOOPERS

Every Thursday

\$1

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

Every day
COUNTS!

School success starts
with attendance

WELCOME BACK!

We have loved welcoming all students back to school this first week of Term 1, especially our new Foundation and other students joining us across various year levels, along with their families. Students have done a superb job at managing the hot, hot days and have shown incredible resilience and positivity. Staff are proud of the fabulous way that students in Years 1-6 have seamlessly slipped back into familiar routines and expectations and the way our little Foundies are beginning to learn about these.

Thank you to families for ensuring that your child/ren were well organised and ready for the start of the year, including the required uniform and all black shoes as per our school's uniform policy. We have a large number of second-hand uniforms available and welcome you to drop via the Office and help yourself. Winter is far from our minds at the moment, but there are many school jumpers which you may like to secure one of before they are gone.

A reminder to all families that the staff car parks at the rear and front of the school are not for parent/carer parking or for quick drop off or pick ups. In the interest of student safety we please ask you to adhere to this request. Please also adhere to the no stopping zones on either side of the school crossing at both the front and rear of the school, and use the school crossings when arriving and leaving school each day.

Students are requested to not arrive at school prior to 8:30am, with supervision by staff not commencing until 8:40am.

CANTEEN operates Mon-Wed-Fri and is provided by Caffeine 'n Machine, Rutherglen. A current menu can be found on page 10 of this newsletter.

Please note the prices on the menu are special RPS canteen prices only.

Orders are unable to be placed directly at Caffeine'nMachine.

Only items which are on the list are able to be ordered; unfortunately no alterations can be made and no items ordered which are not on the list.

arriving late...

All students who arrive at school after the bell are to come via the Office and collect a late pass to give to their teacher. Parents/carers do not need to sign students in for any times between 9am-9:15am, though students still need to come via the Office.

This indicates that the Office staff have marked your child's arrival at school on the class roll.

If students arrive at any time throughout the day after 9:15am they are to be signed in by a parent/carer at the front Office.

leaving early early

All students who are leaving school early for an appointment or other reason are to be signed out by a parent/ carer at the front Office.

who can collect your child from school?

If you are requesting another person to collect your child from school during school hours, even at sporting days, school events or from excursions etc., this person **MUST** be on your child's enrolment details as the Parent/Carer A or B, or one of your emergency contacts.

We are unable to allow a child to leave the school even with a relative, if they are not on your emergency contact list.

Office staff will ring a parent/carer and seek verbal consent where a person is not listed.

what if my child is away or going to be late?

Parents/carers are required to notify the school of their child's absence for each day that they are away - this is a Dept of Education requirement.

This can be done yourself on your child's Compass page under the attendance tab, or by phoning or emailing the school for our Office staff to record the absence.

Office staff will start phoning parents by 9:15 am if their child's absence has not been recorded or notification received.

A busy term of painting, gluing and creative mess is planned for Term 1 in the Art Room.

All students are required to have an art smock or old shirt to wear during art lessons.



Broad-brimmed hat



Water bottle

PE - Please remember you must have your RPS hat (named) and drink bottle (named) for PE and Year 5-6 Sport.

Hats are also required for play times.

Regards, Karryn Williams - Principal

MEET THE TEAM 2026



Karryn Williams
Principal



Deb Renshaw
Business Manager



Mrs Kate Ross
Foundation



Mrs Kelsyanne Humphreys
Foundation



Mrs Hannah Bayley
Year 1-2



Mrs Martine Hansen
Year 1-2



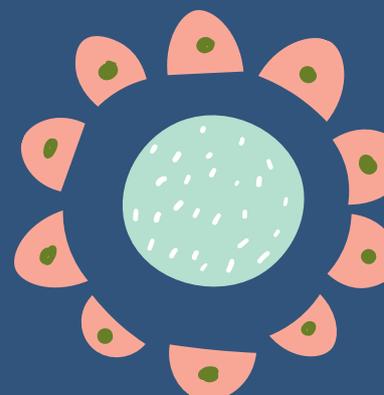
Miss Emma Gay
Year 1-2



Mrs Katie Hurley
Year 3-4



Mr Sean Gales
Year 3-4





Mr Michael Giannone
Year 5-6



Miss Lauren Crombie
Year 5-6



Mrs Natasha Middlin
Year 5-6



Miss Suzie Quartermain
F-4 Art & F-6 STEM



Madame Cate Geard
French



Mrs Lucy Brown
PE



Mrs Karryn Williams
Year 5-6 ART



Mrs Jenny Miller
Cooking Program



'Mr Nick' Taylor
School-based Chaplain





Lisa Donaldson
Education Support



Louise Buscall
Education Support



Maria Gurciullo
Education Support



Charli Williams
Education Support



Bec Barber
Education Support



Ruby Bayley
Education Support

TEACHERS AND ROOMS

Main Building

ROOM 1 & 2 - Foundation - Mrs Ross & Mrs Humphreys

ROOM 4 - Year 5-6G - Mr G (Mr. Giannone)

ROOM 5 - Year 5-6M - Mrs Middlin

ROOM 6 - Year 5-6C - Miss Crombie

ROOM 8 - Year 3-4 - Mr Gales

ROOM 10 - Year 3-4 - Mrs Hurley

ROOM 9 - STEM - Miss Q (Miss Quartermain)

BER Building

ROOM 11 - 1-2G - Miss Gay

ROOM 12 - 1-2H - Mrs Hansen

ROOM 13 - French - Madame Geard

ROOM 14 - 12B - Mrs Bayley

2026 CALENDAR

TERM 1 - Wed 28th January - Thursday 2nd April

Fri 6th Feb	Assembly 2:30pm in BER - badge presentations for all leaders
Tues 10th Feb	School Council Meeting 6:30pm
Wed 18th Feb	Rotary Dinner catering
Fri 20th Feb	Assembly 2:45pm in BER
Wed 25th Feb	Hume Region Bowls - Rutherglen - Year 5-6
Fri 27th Feb	Clean Up Australia Day - for schools
Wed 4th March	O&M Division Swimming Wangaratta
Fri 6th March	Assembly 2:45pm In BER
Mon 9th March	Labour Day Public Holiday - students do not attend school
Tues 10th March	Curriculum Day - TBC
Fri 20th March	Assembly 2:45pm In BER
Wed 1st April	Rotary Dinner Catering
Thurs 2nd April	Easter Parade and Raffle draw - 1:30pm in BRS Last day of Term 1 - 2:30pm finish

TERM 2 - Tues 20th April - Fri 26th June

Fri 24th April	Assembly 2:45pm in BER
Wed 6th May	Rotary Dinner catering
Fri 8th May	Assembly 2:45pm in BER
Fri 8th May	Mother's Day Stall + Assembly 2:45pm
Thurs 21st May	School Photos
Fri 22nd May	Assembly 2:45pm in BER
Wed 3rd June	OM Cross Country Wangaratta
Fri 5th June	Assembly 2:45pm
Mon 8th June	King's Birthday Public Holiday
Tues 9th June	Curriculum Day
Fri 12th June	Hume Region Cross Country - Benalla
Fri 19th June	Assembly 2:45pm
Wed 24th June	Winter Sports Day - Wangaratta
Thurs 25th June	F-2 Learning Celebration
Fri 26th June	Last Day of Term 2 - 2:30pm finish

TERM 3 - Mon 13th July - Fri 18th Sept

Fri 24th July	Assembly
Fri 31st August	School DISCO - K-2 (5pm-6pm) & 3-6 (6:15-7:30pm)
Fri 7th August	Assembly
Fri 14th August	Hockey 7's Shepparton
Mon 17th August	Science week
Fri 21st August	Assembly
Mon 24th August	Book Week Parade 9:10am in BRS
Fri 4th Sept	Father's Day Stall + Assembly
Wed 9th & Thurs 10th	School Production - TBC
Thurs 17th Sept	F-2 Learning Celebration
Fri 18th Sept	Assembly 1:30pm Last Day of Term 3- 2:30pm finish

TERM 4 - Mon 6th Oct - Fri 18th Dec

Fri 16th Oct	Assembly
Wed 28th Oct	Tennis Hot Shots
Fri 30th Oct	Assembly
Mon 2nd Nov	Curriculum Day - Report Writing
Tues 3rd Nov	Melbourne Cup public holiday
Fri 13th Nov	Assembly
Tues 17th Nov	Transition Day 1 - Foundation 2027
Fri 20th Nov	Assembly
Tues 24th Nov	Transition Day 2 - Foundation 2027
Thurs 26th Nov	Year 2 Sleepover
Tues 1st Dec	Transition Day 3 - Foundation 2027 - Year 5
Mon 7th Dec	Transition Day for year 6s attending Rutherglen HS
Tues 8th Dec	State-wide Transition for all students - full day
Thurs 10th Dec	F-2 Learning Celebration
Mon 14th Dec	Year 6 Graduation
Tues 15th Dec	Year 6 Celebration Day
Wed 16th Dec	Presentation Assembly
Thurs 17th Dec	Pool Party
Fri 18th Dec	Year 6 Parade Out Last Day of 2026 - 1pm finish



**SOMERS
SCHOOL
CAMP**

Experience FOR a lifetime

TERM 4 20th October to 28th October

Advanced notice of Somers Camp 2026

NO FURTHER DETAILS AVAILABLE YET

When we have details, an expression of interest form will be sent to all Year 5-6 students. Overall places are limited and places for boys/girls for each school are determined by Somers Camp. *Places will be allocated in order of the date/time of the return of the EOI form.*

Students must commit to the 8 days of camp to attend.



MOBILE PHONES!

At Rutherglen Primary School:

- Students who choose to bring mobile phones to school must have them switched off and handed to their teacher each morning to be securely stored in the school's mobile phone safe during school hours. These will be handed back to students at the end of the day.
- When emergencies occur, parents or carers should reach their child by calling the school's office.

In accordance with the Department's Mobile Phones Policy issued by the Minister for Education, personal mobile phones must not

- be used at during school hours, including before and after school whilst on school grounds, and lunchtime and recess, unless an exception has been granted.
- Mobile phones owned by students at Rutherglen Primary School are considered valuable items and are brought to school at the owner's (student's or parent/carer's) risk. Rutherglen Primary School does not have accident insurance for accidental property damage or theft of mobile phones or other electronic devices.

Students who breach the expected use and storage of their mobile phone will have the phone immediately taken and stored by staff, and appropriate consequences applied.

The full details of the mobile phone policy can be found on our school's website.

Works on the Rutherglen Pedestrian Safety Improvements Project on Murray Valley Highway (Main St) Rutherglen will begin from February 2026 and take approximately 16 weeks to complete, weather permitting.

The works involve the installation of safety infrastructure, including pedestrian-operated signals and speed cushions, and also includes asphalt works on the Murray Valley Highway (Main Street).

What to expect during construction:

To minimise disruption where possible, our crews will be using a combination of day works and night works.

During works there will be lane closures and speed reductions on the Murray Valley Highway (Main Street) at times. There may also be impacts on adjoining streets including High Street and the Chiltern-Rutherglen Road.

Our crews will be working day shift between 7.00am and 5.30pm.

Footpath and business access will be maintained at all times.

To ensure safety, some car parks along Main Street may be temporarily closed during work hours within the construction zone.

Impacted stakeholders will be notified directly ahead of any full road closures.

During road closures, detours will be in place as required. Please follow the direction of detour signs and traffic crews on site.

Every effort will be made to minimise disruption, where possible. Please plan ahead and allow extra time.

To allow the installation of safety infrastructure on the Murray Valley Highway (Main Street) and improve the visibility of pedestrians and vulnerable road users, three on-street car parking spaces will be removed.

School crossing – Murray Valley Highway (Main Street)

The existing time-based school crossing on the Murray Valley Highway (Main Street) will be replaced with pedestrian operated signals as part of this project.

During works, the school crossing will be temporarily moved to the intersection of High St and continue to be operated by the school crossing supervisor.

The school crossing will continue to operate before and after school under the control of on-site traffic management and the School Crossing Supervisor.

Please keep an eye out for changed conditions and proceed safely through the area during the works.

Find out more

For more information about the project visit our project webpage: [Rutherglen Pedestrian Safety Improvements - Transport Victoria](#)

For any questions, please email HumeRegionalPartners@transport.vic.gov.au or call 133 778.

LUNCH ORDER MENU



HOT FOOD

Meat Pie (full size)	\$4.50
Sausage Roll (full size)	\$4.50

ROLLS

Chicken & Salad	\$5.00
Ham & Salad	\$5.00

SCROLLS

Vegemite and cheese Scroll	\$3.00
Cinnamon Scroll	\$3.00
Cheese & Sesame Sticks	\$2.00

DRINKS

Juice Box	\$2.00
Chocolate/ Strawberry Milk	\$2.50

SANDWICHES

Ham	\$2.50
Cheese	\$2.50
Ham & Cheese	\$3.00
Ham, Cheese & Tomato	\$3.50
Chicken & Lettuce	\$3.50
Vegemite	\$2.00
Jam	\$2.00

Toasted sandwiches add \$0.50c

Chicken & Cheese Toasted sandwich	\$4.00
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LUNCH ORDER MENU AVAILABLE: MONDAY - WEDNESDAY - FRIDAY

NOTE: These are special school canteen prices only

HOW TO ORDER?

- 1: On the front of a large brown paper bag write – NAME, CLASS, FOOD ITEMS, TOTAL COST & MONEY ENCLOSED (change will be provided)
- 2: Place orders into the lunch order tub in the front Office by 9am. Orders CANNOT be placed direct at Caffeine 'n Machine.

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