

Term 1:
3rd February 2023

What's Happening at RPS

Rutherglen Primary School
Newsletter



DATES TO REMEMBER:

Wednesday 8th February
Foundation students do
not attend school

Thursday 9th February
Icy-pole day

Thursday 14th February
School Council Meeting -
6:30pm

**Wednesday 22nd
February**
Rotary dinner catering

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



School success starts
with attendance

What a start to 2023!

Our first week back has been fabulous, with students settling into the new school year with enthusiasm and a readiness to learn and engage positively both in and out of their classroom. We especially welcome to RPS our Foundation students and other students across various year levels, as well as their families. Thank you to families who have ensured that their child/ren were organised and ready for the start of the year and have adhered to the uniform policy. Please see Debby or myself if you need support with uniforms at any stage through the year.

Throughout each of our newsletters we will be sharing snippets of our learning across the school, along with key areas of improvement we are focusing on, and the goals we are working toward this year. We encourage you to take the time to look at what's in each newsletter to help you share in what we are doing, what we are working on and the progress and successes of our students and teachers. In a snapshot, (with lots more details to come in further newsletters) we are focused in 2023 on

- Improving student outcomes in writing
- The mental health and well-being of students
- Learning support and interventions targeted at students point of need
- Improving school attendance
- Further embedding our work around SWPBS - School-wide Positive Behaviour in Schools

The first 2 weeks of school each year is based around our 'start-up program' where we explicitly teach and revise things like our Reader's and Writer's Workshops and our school values, expectations and behaviours. We also work together within classrooms to build our Reading and Writing Communities, establish our classroom culture and set shared expectations on how we want the year to be a successful one for everyone.

- School Council Elections open Monday 6th Feb. There are 4 parent and 2 DET employee positions vacant. Please consider becoming a part of our SC this year - further information within this newsletter. Nomination forms are available from the Office
- 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.
- Our first Rotary dinner fundraiser for 2023 is the 22nd Feb. Through the generosity of families' donations to purchase ingredients we were able to fundraise almost \$3000 in 2022 which went to our goal of putting a cover over the basketball court. For our upcoming dinner we are seeking 12 x \$10 donations for the purchase of ingredients. Please send to the Office or direct deposit into the school bank account (provide a reference). Thank you in advance for your support, it is greatly appreciated.
- Canteen has begun operating on Mon-Wed-Fri and is provided by Caffeine 'n Machine, Rutherglen. The current menu options are still available except for the spinach & feta rolls. An updated menu with some new offerings will be sent out this coming week.

Regards, Karryn Williams - Principal

Does your child have a chance of being successful?

1 or 2 days a week doesn't seem much but.....

If your child misses....	That equals....	Which is....	and over 13 years of schooling that's...	Which means the best your child might perform is ...
1 day per fortnight	20 Days per year	4 weeks per year	Nearly <u>1.5 years</u>	Equal to finishing in grade 11
1 day per week	40 Days	8 weeks	Over <u>2.5 years</u>	Equal to finishing in grade 10
2 days per week	80 Days	16 weeks per year	Over <u>5 years</u>	Equal to finishing in grade 7
3 days per week	120 Days per year	24 weeks per year	Nearly <u>8 years</u>	Equal to finishing at grade 4

EVERY DAY COUNTS!

Families are strongly encouraged to keep their child/ren's attendance throughout the year consistent. This term is just as important as every other term and when your child is away they miss vital learning opportunities, and social connections with peers. 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



Monday 27th March - Curriculum Day
(students not required at school)

Parent/Teacher conferences will occur on this day from 12pm - 6pm. Bookings via Compass will open in the next couple of weeks (we will let you know when these are open)



If for any reason your child was scheduled to travel home on the bus and you pick them up instead, please notify the Office by 3:20pm or go to the bus meeting point at the back of the school near the oval and notify our bus duty teacher, so that buses are not held waiting while we look for students.

Please ensure your child knows each day if they are going home on the bus or not.

RPS school hats are required to be worn every day



is it
BULLYING?

When someone says or does something *unintentionally* hurtful and they do it once, that's **RUDE.**

When someone says or does something *intentionally* hurtful and they do it once, that's **MEAN.**

When someone says or does something *intentionally* hurtful and they *keep doing it*—even when you tell them to stop or show them that you're upset—that's **BULLYING.**



2023 SCHOOL CAPTAINS...

Logan Hurley
Isabelle Claessens
Dusty Seymour
James Donaldson

2023 STUDENT LEADERSHIP TEAM CAPTAINS...

Chloey Otin, Chelsea Sutton,
Archie Lewis, Erica Harder



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



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

2023 SPORTS HOUSE CAPTAINS...



Casey Briedis & Shylah Pinn



Lachie Hawkey & Max Chandler



Brayden McInnes & Issy Daye



Nash Eloy & Zavier Manns

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 1

Foundation

Harvey Cartwright - showing respect in our learning space! We love how you are looking after your own belongings and supporting others to do the same. Keep it up Harvey!

Camilla Brown - showing respect to your teachers and classroom peers. We love how you are using your mat and table manners during learning time. Well done Camilla!

Year 1-2

Gabe Eloy - settling back into school with such a positive attitude. It has been great to see you showing enthusiasm for your home reading and having a go at all learning tasks. Keep up the amazing effort Gabe!

Brian Hudson - stepping up as a Year 2 role model in our class. You have shown great leadership skills this week and have been a responsible helper in the classroom. What a fantastic start to 2023 Brian!

Demi Joyce - your thoughtfulness and initiative in helping in the classroom. Thank you for noticing what needs to be done and doing it even before the teacher asks.

Rory O'Malley - making such an effort to show respect to the teacher and focus on your learning. Great job for always doing your best!

Year 3-4

Liam Hennessy - settling into the classroom and showing our school values in your first week at Rutherglen Primary School. Great work Liam.

Chloe Brockhoff - settling into the classroom and showing our school values in your first week at Rutherglen Primary School. Great work Chloe

Year 5-6

Brayden McInnes - being a positive role model to your peers. Your assistance and encouragement is greatly appreciated. A great start to the year, Brayden!

Alex Duursma - for the resilience you have shown in this past week. We know you are left-handed and this arm is in plaster, this has not stopped you from completing your work with your other hand. Excellent effort, Alex!

Archie Lewis - helping your peers when they are unsure about what to do, and the way you make those around you smile. A great start to the year Archie

Savannah Barnes - being a role model, and a supportive member of our class by helping new students settle into learning at Rutherglen Primary School. Well done Savannah!

Taylor Francis - being organised with your belongings and being ready to learn, and also for stepping into Year 5 with a smile and acceptance to take on any challenges. A wonderful start Taylor!

Nash Eloy - being organised and dedicated towards your learning and for readily joining a group who needed your support. A great attitude Nash!

ART & STEM

Sophie Scown - for concentrating in Art, Stem and Well-Being to complete your learning to a high standard.


Brayden McInnes - for improvement in your efforts to undertake tasks in Stem and Art and demonstrating great leadership qualities.


2023 CALENDAR

TERM 1

Tues 14th Feb - School Council Meeting 6:30pm 

Fri 17th Feb - Assembly 3:00pm in BER

Wed 22nd Feb - Rotary Dinner Catering 

Fri 3rd March - Clean Up Australia Day 

Fri 10th March - Year 5-6 lawn Bowls Comp @ R'Glen

Mon 13th March - Labour Day Public Holiday

Tues 14th March - School Council Meeting 6:30pm 

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


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*



French / Art

SUMMER POSTER COMPETITION

Draw or paint an original A4 picture on the theme of Summer. Use the whole page.

In your picture, include:

- an ice-cream cone or cup
- a French expression (choice of 4).

GelaTina vouchers to win in 4 categories:
Foundation, Grade 1/2s, 3/4s & 5/6s.

CHOICE 1 - Le soleil brille, l'heure de la glace!

CHOICE 2 - Vive l'été!

CHOICE 3 - C'est délicieux!

CHOICE 4 - C'est bon la glace!

Entries to Madame Géard
Closing date
22-23 February



GELATINA





Reading Rocks!

The Buddies and Foundation students enjoying some reading time together



Why read 20mins at home?

Student A

- * 20 minutes of reading a day
- * 3600 minutes per school year
- * 1800000 words per year
- * scores in the top 10% in standardized tests



Student B

- * 5 minutes of reading a day
- * 900 minutes per school year
- * 282000 words per year
- * scores average 50% in standardized tests



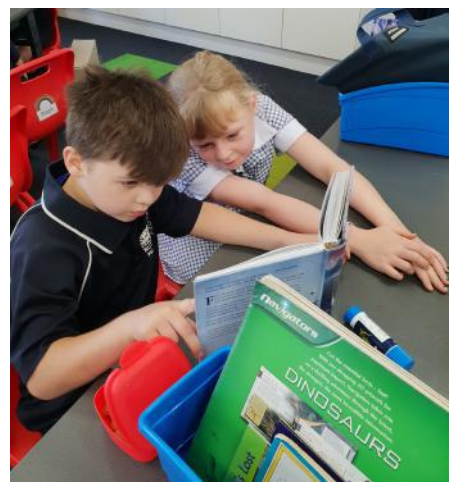
Student C

- * 1 minute of reading a day
- * 180 minutes per school year
- * 8000 words per year
- * scores in the bottom 10% in standardized tests



If a child starts reading 20 minutes per night in kindergarten, by the end of year 8, Student A will have read for the equivalent of 60 school days, Student B will have read for 12 school days, and Student C will have read for 3.

Want to be a better reader? GOOD! START READING!!!



**Year 1-2
Independent
Reading!**

In **Year 1-2** we have been building our **reading community** so we **understand and value the importance of reading**. You can see us here enjoying **independent reading**, that's because we have a choice about the texts we choose, the opportunity to read by ourselves or with our peers and we especially love the chance to talk about what we are reading and all the interesting things we are learning.

We have also set ourselves a goal for every person in our class to read **200 nights** of reading by the end of the year. We are off to a great start... we know we can do this!

Year 5-6 Classroom Libraries!

We have been setting up our **reading community** during reading lessons. So far we have been thinking about books we love and why we love them. We made a wishlist of the different books and authors that we love, and then we went to the library to get books for our **class library**. Once we had our books, we had a pretty hard job of sorting them into different categories for our class library. We spread all of the books out as a class, and worked together to group them for our library. We worked really well as a team, and only had to change a few of the baskets around in our library. This made it really easy to get books for our **book boxes** - we needed a **just right book**, a **challenge/stretch book**, and a **comfort read** (a book that we love that is easy for us). We also had different **fiction and non-fiction books**.





This term students will be exploring many aspects about painting and expressing their ideas through paint. They will focus on developing skills in the use of tools, including their hands, found and recycled objects, sticks, foam sponge & rollers, forks and icy-pole sticks. They will explore that tools can create special effects through actions like twisting, pressing, dabbing dragging, stroking, stippling and dripping etc. Students will also be given opportunities to use the work of famous artists to inspire some of their pieces. Students began this week using the fantastic 'colour or Slick Sticks' which look like crayons but are fast drying paint. Students chose their own topic for their art masterpieces - you can see many of these fantastic ideas around the school.

Appendix A

Fact sheet 1: school council elections – information for parents

What is a school council and what does it do?

All government schools in Victoria have a school council. They are legally constituted bodies that are given powers to set the broad direction of a school, in accordance with Ministerial Order 1280 Constitution of Government School Councils, and the *Education and Training Reform Act 2006*. In doing this, a school council may directly influence the quality of education for students.

Who is on the school council?

For most primary school councils, there are several possible categories of membership:

- **A mandated elected parent member category** – more than one-third of the total members must be from this category according to Ministerial Order 1280. Department employees can be parent members at their child's school providing that they are not engaged in work at the school.
- **A mandated elected school employee member category** – members of this category make up no more than one-third of membership. The principal of the school is automatically one of these members.
- **An optional community member category** – members are co-opted by a decision of the council because of their special skills, interests or experience. Department employees are not eligible to be community members.

Generally, the term of office for all members is two years. The term of office of half the members expires each year, creating vacancies for the annual school council elections.

Why is parent membership so important?

Parents on school councils provide important viewpoints and have valuable skills and a range of experiences and knowledge that can help inform and shape the direction of the school.

Those parents who become active on a school council find their involvement satisfying and may also find that their children feel a greater sense of belonging.

Do I need special experience to be on school council?

Each member brings their own valuable skills and knowledge to the role, however, in order to successfully perform their duties, councillors may need to gain some new skills and knowledge.

It is important to have an interest in your child's school and the desire to work in partnership with others to help shape the school's future.

Code of conduct for school councillors

School councils in Victoria are public entities as defined by the *Public Administration Act 2004*.

School councillors must comply with the Code of Conduct for Directors of Victorian Public Entities issued by the Victorian Public Sector Commission. The Code of Conduct is based on the Victorian public sector values and requires councillors to:

- **act with honesty and integrity** – be truthful, open and clear about their motives and declare any real, potential or perceived conflict of interest and duty

act in good faith in the best interests of the school – work cooperatively with other councillors and the school community, be reasonable, and make all decisions with the best interests of students foremost in their minds

act fairly and impartially – consider all relevant facts of an issue before making a decision, seek to have a balanced view, never give special treatment to a person or group and never act from self-interest

use information appropriately – respect confidentiality and use information for the purpose for which it was made available

exercise due care, diligence and skill – accept responsibility for decisions and do what is best for the school

use the position appropriately – not use the position as a councillor to gain an advantage

act in a financially responsible manner – observe all the above principles when making financial decisions

comply with relevant legislation and policies – know what legislation and policies are relevant for which decisions and obey the law

demonstrate leadership and stewardship – set a good example, encourage a culture of accountability, manage risks effectively, exercise care and responsibility to keep the school strong and sustainable.

Indemnity for school council members

School councillors are indemnified against any liability in respect of any loss or damage suffered by the council or any other person in respect of anything necessarily or reasonably done, or omitted to be done by the councillor in good faith in:

a. the exercise of a power or the performance of a function of a councillor, or

the reasonable belief that the act or omission was in the exercise of a power or the performance of a function of a council.

How can you become involved?

By participating in, and voting in the school council elections, which are held in Term 1 each year. However, ballots are only held if more people nominate as candidates than there are positions vacant.

In view of this, you might consider:

standing for election as a member of the school council

encouraging another person to stand for election.

What do you need to do to stand for election?

The principal will issue a Notice of Election and Call for nominations in Term 1 of each year. Council elections must be completed by 31 March, unless varied by the Minister for Education.

If you stand for election, you can arrange for someone to nominate you as a candidate or, you can nominate yourself in the parent member category. You can only be nominated by another member of the same electorate that you are eligible for (e.g. a member of the parent electorate may only nominate another parent of that electorate)

Department employees with a child enrolled at a school where they are not engaged in work, are eligible to nominate for parent membership at that school.

Return your completed nomination form to the principal within the time stated on the Notice of Election. You will receive a Nomination Form Receipt via post, email or by hand delivery.

Generally, if there are more nominations than vacancies a ballot will be conducted in the two weeks after the call for nominations has closed.

Remember

Consider standing for election to school council.

Ask the principal for instructions if you are not sure what to do.

Be sure to vote if the election goes to ballot.

Contact the principal if you are unsure about what is required at any stage of the election process.



Rutherglen Primary School

School Council Election Process and Timetable for 2023

Event	Date
A) Notice of election and call for nominations.	Monday 6th February
B) Closing date for nominations.	Monday 20th February
C) The date by which the list of candidates, nominator and seconder will be displayed.	Wednesday 22nd February
D) The date by which ballot papers will be prepared and distributed. (If required)	On or before Monday 27th February
E) Close of ballot.	Tuesday 7th March
F) Vote count.	Wednesday 8th March
G) Declaration of ballot.	Wednesday 8th March
H) Special council meeting to co-opt Community members (the <u>Principal</u> will preside)	Tuesday 14th March
I) First Council meeting to elect office bearers (the <u>Principal</u> will preside)	Tuesday 14th March

SCHEDULE 4: NOTICE OF ELECTION AND CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

- ◆ An election is to be conducted for members of the School Council of Rutherglen Primary School.
- ◆ Nomination forms may be obtained from the School and must be lodged by 4pm on 20th February.
- ◆ The ballot will close at 4pm on 7th March.
- ◆ Following the closing of nominations a list of the nominations received will be posted at the School.
- ◆ The terms of Office, membership categories and number of positions in each membership category open for election are as follows:

MEMBERSHIP CATEGORY	TERM OF OFFICE	NUMBER OF POSITIONS
Parent member	From the day after the date of declaration of the poll on 8th March 2023 to and inclusive of the date of the declaration of the poll on 8th March 2024.	4
DET employee member	From the day after the date of declaration of the poll on 8th March 2023 to and inclusive of the date of the declaration of the poll on 8th March 2024.	2

If the number of nominations is less than the number of vacancies, a notice to that effect and calling for further nominations will be posted in a prominent position at the School and via the school's usual communication channels.

Karryn Williams
Principal

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10 JAN-28 FEB 2023

BLOOM ART EXHIBITION

Bainz Gallery, Wangaratta Library

Artist talk & opening Saturday 4 February, 10am



CONGRATULATIONS to Madame Geard

on her exhibition, 'BLOOM' at the Wangaratta Library. Her art technique incorporates the use of colour sticks to paint as used by our 3-4s in Art.

Acclaimed singer-songwriter, Joel Havea is playing a concert this Sunday 5 February at Rutherglen Convent for Arts Rutherglen. Joel has been based in Hamburg, Germany since 2010 with occasional trips home to visit family and catch up with his fans in north-east Victoria. Supporting Joel is Jack Gregory - a young and bright new country music talent. Tickets are \$25 each or children 12 and under are free.

Doors open at 2pm, music from 2:30pm.

Tickets can be purchased here

<https://www.trybooking.com/CFFRU>

Joel Havea



*Live at
the
Convent*

Sun 5 February

