

Term 4:
3 December - 2025

What's Happening at RPS

Rutherglen Primary School
Newsletter



Buddies

DATES TO REMEMBER:

Monday 15th Nov
Year 6 Graduation
Wednesday 17th Nov
Presentation Assembly
9am
Thursday 18th Nov
Pool Party

Reminder...

*broad-brimmed
hats are required
every day*

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



School success starts
with attendance

SCHOOL NEWS

The count down is on...

With only a few weeks of term remaining we have a lot on the calendar, including Graduation, Presentation Assembly and Pool Party, along with class parties. If your child is receiving an award at the Presentation Assembly or being announced as a leader for 2026 you will receive notification from their teacher inviting you to attend. This is being held in the BER commencing just after 9am. It is expected to finish around 11am.

A reminder that notes for the Pool Party and Year 6 Celebration Day need to be returned, along with payment. Year 6 t-shirt orders and payment are due now, in order for these to be sent off in time for the shirts to arrive at the start of the 2026 year.

Supporting your child with new social media age restrictions

From 10 December 2025, the Online Safety Amendment (Social Media Minimum Age) Act 2024 requires social media platforms to:

- Prevent anyone under 16 from holding a social media account
- Deactivate or freeze existing accounts of users under 16

These changes are designed to protect young people's wellbeing and give them more time to develop real-world and digital literacy skills. The responsibility to enforce these rules sits with the platforms, though can be supported by parents, carers, children and schools. Most major platforms will be affected, including Facebook, Instagram, Snapchat, TikTok, X, Reddit and YouTube. Messaging services, online games and apps used for health or education are not included.

How families can prepare...

Parents and carers still play an important role in online safety. Visit the **eSafety** website for information about the new age restrictions and tips for discussing these changes with young people.

At our school, all age-restricted social media platforms are blocked on the student network and restrictions are already in place in regards to accessing YouTube for learning purposes. For updates and support, visit the eSafety website and subscribe to their newsletter.



**Student Leadership Team Christmas Wishing Tree -
see p.5**

Regards... Karryn Williams - Principal

What's Happening in Term 4

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
WEEK 5	Mon 3rd Nov Curriculum Day	Tues 4th Nov Melbourne Cup Public Holiday	Wed 5th Nov	Thurs 6th Nov	Fri 7th Nov
WEEK 6	Mon 10th Nov	Tues 11th Nov Remembrance Day -5-6s attending 3-6 Poetry Recital	Wed 12th Nov Rotary Dinner Catering	Thurs 13th Nov Smile Dental Squad	Fri 14th Nov Assembly
WEEK 7	Mon 17th Nov F-2 Poetry Recital 10am	Tues 18th Nov Transition Day1 for Foundation 2026	Wed 19th Nov Year 5-6 Canberra Camp	Thurs 20th Nov Year 5-6 Canberra Camp	Fri 21st Nov Year 5-6 Canberra Camp F-2 Kyabram Excursion
WEEK 8	Mon 24th Nov	Tues 25th Nov Transition Day 2 for Foundation 2026	Wed 26th Nov	Thurs 27th Nov Year 2 Sleepover	Fri 28th Nov Assembly
WEEK 9	Mon 1st Dec	Tues 2nd Dec Transition Day 3 all students	Wed 3rd Dec Athletics Day	Thurs 4th Dec F-2 Learning Celebration 2:30pm in BER	Fri 5th Dec Helen Haines visit Year 5-6
WEEK 10	Mon 8th Dec Year 6 Transition to RHS Elephant Ed Year 5	Tues 9th Dec Transition Day 4 all students School Council Meeting	Wed 10th Dec Athletics Day	Thurs 11th Dec F-2 Learning Celebration Community Carols	Fri 12th Dec Assembly
WEEK 11	Mon 15th Dec Year 6 Graduation	Tues 16th Dec Year 6 Special Activity Day	Wed 17th Dec End of year Presentation Assembly	Thurs 18th Dec	Fri 19th Dec Last day of 2025 Year 1:00pm finish

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



Michael Giannone
Year 5-6



Lauren Crombie
Year 5-6



TBC
Year 5-6



Mrs Natasha Middlin
STEM & Wellbeing



Madame Cate Geard
French



Mrs Lucy Brown
PE



TBC
ART



Mrs Jenny Miller
Cooking Program



Mr Nick Taylor
School-based Chaplain



Lisa Donaldson
Education Support



Louise Buscall
Education Support



Charli Williams
Education Support



Bec Barber
Education Support



Maria Gurciullo
Education Support



Ruby Bayley
Education Support



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 - Weeks 7 & 8

Foundation

Macey Livingstone - for always contributing thoughtfully to our class discussions! Macey, your ideas and contributions spark wonderful and deep conversations, contributing to a great learning environment within our classroom. Well done!

Riley Stobbie - for using your Sounds-Write knowledge to win the 'say the sounds and read the word' car race nearly every time! Well done Riley!

Year 1-2

Elsie Habeck - for the concentration and effort you have been putting into your work. It was fabulous to see you working independently on creating your own number patterns. Awesome stuff, Elsie!

Harvey Crawford - for making great improvements in your approach towards learning. We love the energy you bring to the classroom, and your willingness to share in maths. It's great to see some fantastic reading development, too. Great work, Harvey!

Year 3-4

Jed Williams - for showing improvement in your attitude towards your learning and your behaviour in the classroom. It has been great to have you ask questions about our learning, work well with others and make positive choices about in and out of the classroom. Awesome work, Jed!

Angus Lawler - for your focus and dedication in writing sessions - you have been putting a lot of effort into understanding each topic you explore, and actively using new vocabulary in your explanation and informative texts. Keep it up, Angus!

Year 5-6

Hunter Mills - your engagement on our Canberra Camp. It was fantastic to see you tuned in, asking lots of questions and sharing some fantastic knowledge. Well done Hunter!

Jed Lawler - for the level of respect you showed to all teachers, parents and students on our recent school camp in Canberra. It was great to see you stepping up as an excellent role model for others. Great job Jed!

56H - for the enthusiasm and generosity you have shown towards your fundraising for the Love Your Sister charity. Mrs Hurley is extremely proud of all you have achieved.

PE

F - Remi Skate - for your energy, enthusiasm, focus and effort in every PE lesson. You always give your best and try hard in every activity we do. It has been wonderful to see your tennis skills progress over the past few weeks, you should be very proud of your achievements in PE. Keep up the great work Remi!

1-2 - Wynter Griffin - for showing terrific sportsmanship and being a great role model to your peers in PE. You always come with a smile, you are full of energy, and you display a willingness to give everything a go and always give your best. Keep up the great work Wynter.

3-4 - Matilda Brown - for your endless energy and always wanting to be challenged to push yourself and your skills further. I love your competitive yet fair nature and your ability to show great sportsmanship and be someone your peers can look up to. Keep up the great work Tilda.

5-6 - Taylor Hurley Thank you for always bringing 100% to every PE lesson. Your energy is endless, your skills are excellent and you consistently display great sportsmanship and are a wonderful role model to your peers. Keep up the great work Taylor.!

ART

F - Henry Shaw - for the way you stepped out of your comfort zone in art this week and tried something new after being inspired by other people's artwork. Well done Henry, it was great to see you so focused and pleased with what you created!

1-2 - Jake Shirley - for the responsibility you have been showing in the artroom. Well done Jake, it is great to see you trying your best and encouraging your peers to stay on task!

3-4 - Lenny Griffin - for continually giving your best effort in art, and pushing yourself to try new things, take on feedback and produce work you can feel proud of. Keep up the great work Lenny!

5-6 - Oliver Shanks - for taking a really focused approach toward your Year 6 piece, and applying feedback to refine your work to a high standard. Well done Ollie!

FRENCH

F- Lila Perry - Well done, Lila! You are participating well and with enthusiasm in French class, having a go at all the activities. Keep it up! **Bravo Lila! Tu participes bien et avec enthousiasme en cours de français, tentant toutes les activités. Continue comme ça.**

1-2 - Sullivan Duncan- Great French class this week, Sully, especially when playing games. You are trying your very best in French. Keep up the awesome learning! **Quelle belle classe de français cette semaine, Sully, surtout en jouant les jeux. Tu donnes de ton mieux en français. Continue l'apprentissage génial.**

3-4 - Rory Campbell - Great French class this week, Rory! You are showing your school values, especially when practising your lines for your group play: Soccer Anyone? Keep up the awesome learning! Thank you! **Quelle belle classe de français cette semaine, Rory! Tu montres tes valeurs scolaires, surtout en répétant tes lignes pour ta pièce de théâtre de groupe: On joue au foot? Continue ton apprentissage génial! Merci!**

5-6 - Will Donaldson- Fantastic work in French class this week, Will! You demonstrate the school values in everything you do, and what excellent French pronunciation you have! Thank you for all your work! **Superbe travail cette semaine, Will! Tu montres les valeurs de RPS à chaque moment, et quelle belle prononciation en français tu as. Merci pour tout ton travail!!**

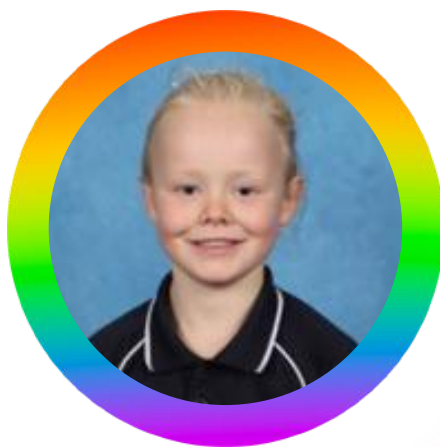
STEM

F - Addie Anderson - for being a responsible learner this week in STEM. You showed focus and effort when completing your weather book and helped out your group when we were investigating wind strength. Keep up the great work, Addie!

1-2 - Isabel Miller - for your contributions in STEM this week. You were eager to be part of our discussion on water and share your thoughts with the class which was great to see. Great job, Issy!

3-4 - Archer Goethe-Hooper - for being an engaged and respectful member of our class this week in STEM. You showed your understanding about erosion by eagerly contributing your explanations during our discussions in a courteous manner. Keep up the great work, Archer!

5/6 - Liam Hennessy - for your enthusiasm in STEM this week. It was great to see you so engaged with our volcano topic and sharing your thoughts and insights with the class. Great job, Liam!



Pride of
RPS...
Lila



BEING AT SCHOOL IS

COOL

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



Learn



Make Friends



Develop Life Skills

GOTCHA AWARD

As part of our SWPBS - School-wide positive behaviour support our staff are always on the look out for students who are showing our school values both in the classroom and playground. We have re-vamped our playground voucher recognition and introduced the GOTCHA Award!

- 2 'Gotchas' awarded each day - one at lunch and one at recess
- Staff on duty are on the hunt to 'catch' someone they can 'Gotcha' for showing our school values
- Students bring their 'Gotcha' to the Office to get an instant prize & add their name to the 'Gotcha Wall of Fame'
- At the next Assembly students' names will be on the 'Gotcha Wheel' to be spun to see who wins the major prize.
- Your child will bring home their GOTCHA card if they are caught, so please ask them what they got it for.



GOTCHA

Winners
Week 7 & 8



Announcing... the 2025 French Poetry Recital Competition Winners



Année 3 / Grade 3

Année 4 / Grade 4



Nikaela McInnes récite
Le poème <Bonjour Madame
Lundi>.



Gabe Eloy récite le poème
<Bonjour Madame Lundi>.



Année 6 / Grade 6



Paige Peuten récite
Le poème <Les Parfums de glace>.



Emily Chandler récite
Le poème
<Les Parfums de glace>.

Année 5 / Grade 5



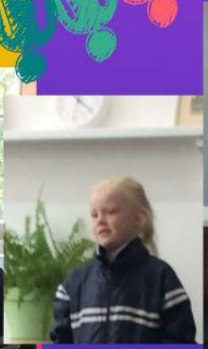
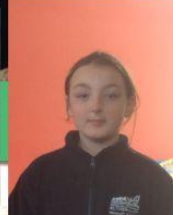
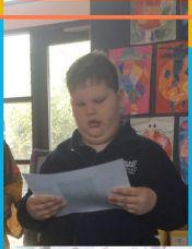
Stella Brown récite le poème
<Les Parfums de glace>.





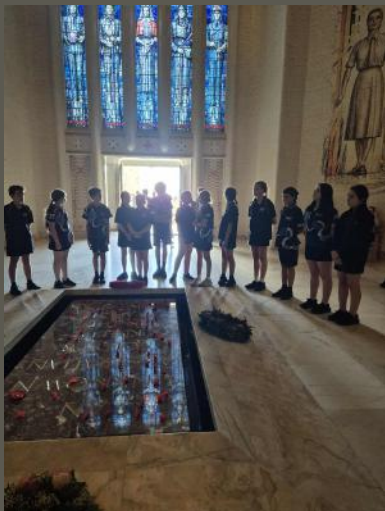
Merci et Bravo aux participants du
Récital de poésie 2025!

Thank you and Well done to the 2025
French Poetry Participants!





Canberra 2025



Students from our school have recently undertaken an education tour of the national capital. Students were given the opportunity to participate in a variety of educational programs with a focus on Australia's history, culture, heritage, and democracy.

The Australian Government recognises the importance of all young Australians being able to visit the national capital as part of their Civics and Citizenship education. To assist families in meeting the cost of the excursion the Australian Government contributed funding to our school in the amount of \$45.00 per student under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate program towards those costs. The rebate was paid directly to the school upon completion of the excursion.



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