

Term 4:  
6th October 2023

# What's Happening at RPS

Rutherglen Primary School  
Newsletter



## DATES TO REMEMBER:

**Tues 10th Oct**

- School Council Meeting

**Wed 11th Oct**

- Boys to the Bush

Community Day - Year 6s

**Fri 13th Oct**

- BOOK CLUB DUE

**Mon 16th Oct - Wed 18th**

**Oct**

- Robotics

Student arrival  
time at school

**8:40am onwards**  
-staff supervision  
starts at this time

Morning bell is  
at 9am.

Welcome back to Term 4!

We hope you had a great break over the holidays and were able to get out and about and enjoy the beautiful weather. As we head into the longest term (11 and a half weeks) it is important to ensure that you are keeping up to date with communications that are coming out through the weekly Bulletin, newsletter, Facebook or Compass messages.

It's been a great start to the term and a big thank you to all students for settling in so well after the break. We know that as the term progresses students do start to feel a bit tired. We strongly encourage regular attendance and will support students with breaks and down time if we see that they are needing this. It is an important term of learning, wonderful extra curricula opportunities and the all vital building of readiness to transition into the next year level.

We look forward to the various recognition and celebrations of student learning and personal growth toward the end of term, including Year 6 Graduation.

After a great term focusing school-wide on our value of RESPECT - the way we speak to and treat other people, acknowledge others with a hello, please and thank you, take care of our school, and follow school-wide instructions and expectations, we are moving to focus this term on our value of RESPONSIBILITY. Our mantra of Every One, Every Where, Every Time will underpin what showing responsibility looks like. As a whole school we are working together to reach 500 grapes by the end of the term through our positive behaviour acknowledgements to receive a whole school reward - as yet to be chosen by the students.

This term we continue as a staff to build our professional knowledge around writing and are using the NAPLAN scoring rubrics to help identify the next steps for each student to progress their writing. The first 4 weeks of the term is a school-wide focus on explanatory writing. Students have developed some incredible questions that they are researching in order to write an explanation related to their question. Next newsletter we will feature some of this writing and show how students have progressed. We are also focusing on the newly updated Maths Curriculum and our revised approach to the teaching and learning of Maths in readiness for a whole school focus on this throughout 2024.



School success starts  
with attendance

Regards, Karryn

## STUDENT PLACEMENT 2024

Our staff have commenced the process of placing students into their 2024 classes. This is an extensive process that considers gender balance, students academic, social-emotional and behavioural needs, along with other factors such as personalities, friendships, siblings or relatives and previous teachers. A lot of time and thought goes into the placement of students and ensuring our class structures continues to support class sizes that are a not too small, not too big, but just right!

Parents are able to put in a letter of request to myself (Karryn) regarding their child's placement for 2024. This will be considered as part of our process. Parents can request a teaching style that they feel best suits their child's all round attributes, but are unable to request a particular teacher by name. Parents can also request a pairing or separation and a reason why this is in the best interests of their child. If choosing a pairing, both families of this request need to be in agreement.

These requests must be in writing and submitted to Karryn by Monday 23rd October.

We would appreciate you letting us know as soon as possible if your child will not be staying on at RPS next year, so that this can be factored into our class structures.



## Congratulations Chess Tournament Champions

On September 6th the Year 3-6 Chess Team played a tournament against Chiltern PS. Our team consisted of 2 teams, 'Rutherglen A' - Max. P, Archie. L, Xander. G, Max. C and Zavier. M, and 'Rutherglen B' - Archer. H, Evie. K, Xander. L, Nash. E and Annabelle. C. Rutherglen A teams' points were (74 total) and Rutherglen B teams' points were (32 total). We trained every day with the help of our captain Max. P and with the help of our teacher Mr Nick. They showed us strategies to use during the tournament which led us to victory on the day. It was all a great experience.

We would like to thank Mr Nick and Max.P's mum Natalie for taking us to the competition and Chiltern Primary School for hosting this event. Chiltern put up a good fight but we were able to get both teams to victory.

**Archie. L. and Max. P**

**DON'T FORGET!**



**SCHOLASTIC**  
**Book Club**

orders are due:

**Friday 13th Oct**



**Icy-pole Day**  
**Thursdays**  
**\$2 each**



## Practise French poems for Poetry Recital in Term 4

Bonjour tout le monde / Hello everybody,

RPS students are participating in the RPS Poetry Recital in  
Week 7 - Tuesday 14 November, 2023.

This is a fantastic opportunity for students to challenge themselves in their French learning, to have a real-life creative experience to speak and listen in French, and to have some fun, too!

Students are learning their poems in class and they can now practise learning by heart their French poems at home via the French Google classroom.

This year, we have a NEW F-6 French Google classroom.

Students will need to join this classroom to access the poems.

The class code is: 3off775 OR here is the class invite link:

<https://classroom.google.com/c/NjlyMzEyNDU0NTk3?cjc=3off775>

**\*Please get in touch with Madame Géard if need any help with access.\***

In Term 4, poetry practice is on in French room with Madame Géard and Léa at recess on Mondays for F/1/2s and at recess on Tuesdays for 3/4/5/6s.

Merci / Thank you  
Madame Géard et Léa

**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

**Camilla. B** - for always being willing to contribute to classroom conversations. We really enjoy hearing your thoughts Camilla, keep it up!

**Mabel. C** - for being a respectful and responsible member of our class. You successfully complete your work and are always willing to assist others, particularly in our reading and writing lessons. Fantastic effort Mabel!

### Year 1-2

**Theo. W** - for an excellent start to your learning journey at Rutherglen Primary School. You have been a delight to welcome to our school, showing good manners, confidence with your learning and a willingness to make friends with anyone. We look forward to getting to know you more!

**Sylvia. K** - being an organised and focused learner this week. You have shown responsibility by coming to school on time, being ready for learning quickly during class transitions and concentrating on your work. Well done!

**Elke. M** - stretching yourself as a reader and expanding your reading diet by trying a range of factual texts on topics you are interested in. Well done Elke.

**Hunter. S** - starting Term 4 with a positive and respectful attitude towards all teachers, your peers and your learning. Well done Hunter, keep up the great effort!

### Year 3-4

**Charlie. H** - having a go and showing fantastic Integrity towards your learning so far this term. You have been putting in awesome effort towards all your activities, and actively participating in our class discussions. Keep it up, Charlie!

**Zane. S** - approaching your learning with a really positive attitude. You have been showing greater responsibility as a learner and have been working collaboratively with your peers very effectively this term. Keep it up, Zane!

**Miranda. C** - being a respectful and responsible learner with a cheerful personality that has seen you transition into our classroom easily. Keep up the great work Miranda.

**Emily. C** - being a respectful and responsible learner who always looks out for peers in the classroom and playground. You are showing great initiative running lunchtime skipping sessions. Keep up the great work Emily.

### Year 5-6

**Audrey. M** - demonstrating responsibility within both the classroom and playground by helping others and taking care of school property. Well done, Audrey.

**Jasmin. P** - being a responsible learner. Jasmin, it has been fabulous to see you attend school consistently and apply yourself to your learning. Excellent stuff Jas, keep it going!

**James. D** - always having a positive attitude in everything that you do, including those around you, and encouraging them to do their best.

**Xavier. R** - being a responsible learner who manages to stay on task no matter what is happening around you, and encouraging your peers to remain focused.

**Kayli. B-M** - for being reflective with your writing piece by making changes and seeking the information that supported your ideas. Great work Kayli!

**Liam. D** - for concentrating on your work this week and trying hard to complete the learning tasks. Well done Liam!

### ART

**Ella. D** - being a responsible learner who managed your time well and showed great creativity in producing an eye-catching poster for the Rutherglen Show.

### STEM

**Leilan. L** - showing responsibility in managing your time wisely in completing your research on your topic about electricity.

# SWPBS

## Positive Behaviour in the Playground

### WE SHOW RESPONSIBILITY



sois responsable

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

### WE SHOW RESPECT



sois respectueux

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

### WE SHOW INTEGRITY



sois vraie

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

### WE SHOW EMPATHY



montre de l'empathie

- Being inclusive
- Taking care of others

**Amelia.C, Chloe. B** - alerting the teacher to a student in the yard who needed help

**Will.L** - holding the door open and waiting for teachers to go through

**Poppy.W** - looking after Sparrow who was upset in the yard



Pride of  
RPS...  
Hunter



## WHO'S IN THE HOUSE?



*Congrats!*

**YEAR 5-6G & 5-6M**

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Each fortnight we are celebrating the number of full houses (when every student in the class is at school on each day) each class has achieved over 10 days of learning.

# Child safety and wellbeing at Rutherglen Primary School: information for families and the school community

Last year, the Victorian Government announced new Child Safe Standards to further strengthen child safety across organisations, including schools. The new standards recognise the critical importance of families and the broader school community in maintaining and promoting child safety and wellbeing.

Rutherglen Primary School has reviewed and updated our child safety policies and procedures to ensure they meet the requirements of the new standards. These are available to view on our school's webpage - <https://www.rutherglenps.vic.edu.au/>

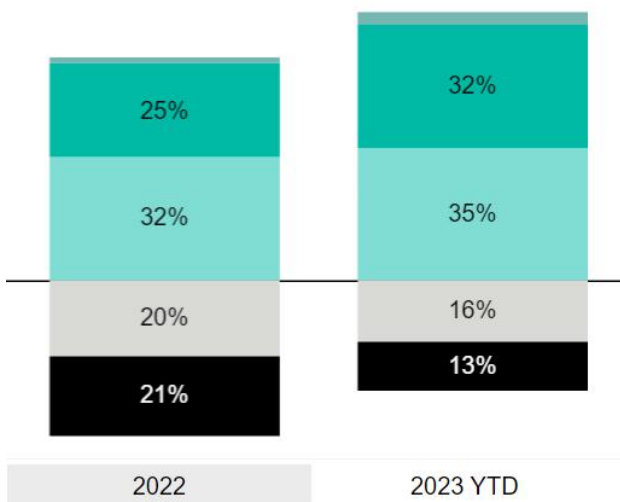
We are committed to continuous improvement in our approach to child safety and wellbeing and welcome feedback from families and members of our school community on ways we can further strengthen our child safety policies, procedures and practices.

If you have any suggestions, comments or questions about Child Safety at Rutherglen Primary School, please contact the school office.

## BEING AT SCHOOL IS COOL

- 0 Days
- 0.5 - 9.5 Days
- 10 - 19.5 Days
- 20 - 29.5 Days
- 30+ Days

We have less students with 20 or 30 days absence compared to our 2022 data YTD - awesome, let's keep up the great work in being at school so that we can show improvement at year end.  
Every day matters!



## 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 <b>1.5 years</b>	Equal to finishing in grade 11
1 day per week	40 Days	8 weeks	Over <b>2.5 years</b>	Equal to finishing in grade 10
2 days per week	80 Days	16 weeks per year	Over <b>5 years</b>	Equal to finishing in grade 7
3 days per week	120 Days per year	24 weeks per year	Nearly <b>8 years</b>	Equal to finishing at grade 4

**EVERY DAY COUNTS!**

# 2023 CALENDAR

## TERM 4 - 2023

**Tues 10th Oct** - School Council Meeting

**Wed 11th Oct** - Boys to the Bush Community Day - Year 6s - Albury + Year 5s visiting Glenview

**Mon 16th Oct - Wed 18th Oct** - Robotics

**Wed 18th Oct** - Year 1-2H visiting Glenview

**Sun 22nd Oct** - Rutherglen Show - Year 5-6s 'Young Entrepreneur Market' featuring at Show

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

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

**Wed 1st Nov** - Foundation visiting Glenview

**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

**Thurs 14th Dec** - Year 5 Windsurfing

**Fri 15th 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

SUNDAY  
22ND  
OCTOBER



RUTHERGLEN  
PRIMARY SCHOOL

presents our  
senior students as

# YOUNG ENTREPRENEURS

selling their business products  
at the

## *Rutherglen Annual Agricultural Show*

Products include  
jewellery,  
plants, scrunchies,  
tie-dyed clothing, cookies,  
hand-decorated mugs,  
cupcakes, dried herbs,  
wooden Christmas Trees  
and more...



Cash Only



## Strengthening Children and Teens Against Anxiety - Free Online Parent Session

When: Tuesday 10th October 2023, 6:30pm to 8pm (approximately)

Where: Online

Cost: Free

Seats are limited. This session will not be recorded. To register, please head to:

<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/strengthening-children-and-teens-against-anxiety-online-tickets-698733920967>.

Anxiety is a very normal part of being human, but for as many as one in five children it can reach intrusive levels, interfering with family life, friendships and school performance. This transformational session will provide parents and carers with the essential information and powerful, practical strategies to help their children and teens thrive through anxiety, whether it's everyday levels of anxiety or more intrusive. As part of this presentation, we will explore:

- A new, empowering way to understand anxiety.
- Common ways loving, committed parents might unintentionally fuel anxiety, and what to do instead.
  - What to do when anxiety hits.
- Proven ways to calm and strengthen an anxious brain.
  - How to build courage and resilience.
- Why anxiety might look like anger or tantrums, and what to do.
- Anxiety during adolescence – how social media, friendships, and the changes in the adolescent brain might contribute to anxiety, and what parents can do.

### Calm the Farm

for 7-10 year olds  
with Mindfulness Coach, Chris

Emotional regulation through...

- Self-massage & Stretching
- Movement & Music
- Mindfulness

◇ Saturday 14th October for 8 weeks  
9:30-10:15am  
Cost \$125  
Secure your spot 0260331738

Join Chris at  
Amaranth Foundation  
57-65 Redlands Road,  
Corowa

### Calm the Farm

with Mindfulness Coach, Chris

## FOR 11-16 YEAR OLDS

Emotional regulation through...

- Self massage
- Stretching & movement
- Circus
- Music & Mindfulness

Beginning  
Tuesday 10th  
October for 8  
weeks  
4-4:45pm  
Cost \$125

Venue: Amaranth Foundation  
57-65 Redlands Road, Corowa

To book phone (02)60331738

## JUNIOR GOLF

THE RUTHERGLEN GOLF CLUB WILL BE RUNNING "LEARN TO PLAY GOLF" CLASSES FOR 5-15 YEAR OLDS...

COME ALONG AND ENJOY A GREAT SPORT. NO EXPERIENCE NEEDED. CLUBS WILL BE SUPPLIED.

JUST BRING YOUR ENTHUSIASM WITH YOU.

WHERE: RUTHERGLEN GOLF CLUB  
MURRAY STREET  
RUTHERGLEN

WHEN: SATURDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER  
TIME: 9AM

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS PLEASE CONTACT

GREG WILLIAMSON ON 0487 173 865

FRANK BARING ON 0429 685 455



Participate in the exciting sport of Softball  
Ages 8 & Up

Become  
a  
Junior  
WARRIOR

No equipment needed  
Every Thursday  
Starting September 7th  
4:30pm-5:30pm  
Gayview Park, Serpentine Ave,  
Wodonga.

Contact: Tracey Chadwick - 0407592722



<https://www.facebook.com/wodongasoftball>



WODONGA  
SOFTBALL CLUB

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SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2023 AT 8:30 AM – 4:30 PM

## Rutherglen Annual Agricultural Show

Rutherglen Agricultural Society Inc



# 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.

 **1800 880 660**

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

**Gateway health**  
people living well



## Parenting Trans and Gender Diverse Kids and Teens



This program supports parents of transgender and gender-diverse children and teenagers to be able to parent with confidence and understanding.

The program covers:

- exploring the unique challenges and opportunities that parents of transgender and gender-diverse children face
- understanding your child's experience
- supporting your child on their gender journey and nurturing resilience
- tackling tricky conversations
- understanding how stress and stigma impact your child
- learning how to support siblings and other family members.

Location	Date and Time	Cost
Gateway Health 155 High Street, Wodonga	Mondays 9th October - 27th November 11am - 1pm	This is a free program

### To Register

Scan the QR Code or click [here](#).  
RSVP by Friday 6th October



## Tuning in to Kids - Emotion coaching

For parents and carers of children aged between 2 and 10 years

This six-week program aims to help parents and carers understand their child's experience and connect with and support their child.

This program will look at:

- managing meltdowns
- tuning in to your children's emotions to help manage behavior
- emotion coaching – helping children to understand and regulate their emotions
- problem solving and self-care
- the different styles of parenting.

**Location** Gateway Health, 155 High Street, Wodonga

**Date** Tuesdays from 24th October to 28th November

**Time** 10am to 12pm

**Cost** This is a free program

### To Register

Scan the QR Code or click [here](#)  
to rsvp by Monday 23 October.



## Tuning in to Teens Emotionally intelligent parenting

This free six-week program aims to help parents and carers of teenagers to understand their child's experience and connect with and support their child.

If you are a parent or carer of a teenager this program will help you to:

- understand what your child is going through at this stage in their life
- help your child manage their emotions
- communicate more effectively
- build a closer more connected relationship
- build on your skills as a parent.

Location	Date and Time	Cost
Tomorrow Today Shop 10, 66 Nunn Street Benalla	Wednesday 18th October - 22nd November 5.30pm - 7.30pm	This is a free program

### To Register

You can contact Karen Curl at Tomorrow Today on  
03 5762 1211 or [admin@tomorrowtoday.com.au](mailto:admin@tomorrowtoday.com.au)  
You can also register by scanning the QR Code or  
[click here](#).



# 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 information sessions - Term 4 2023



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 2 and 12 years	For parents and carers of children aged between 10 and 17 years
This session will provide information on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Development of teenagers - impacts and challenges</li> <li>• How you can support your teenager's emotions and help them build resilience</li> <li>• Connecting with your teenager</li> <li>• Helping to problem solve</li> <li>• Family values</li> </ul>	This session will provide information on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Recognising and accepting feelings</li> <li>• Expression of feelings</li> <li>• Building a positive outlook</li> <li>• Developing coping skills</li> <li>• Dealing with negative feelings</li> <li>• Stressful life events</li> </ul>	This session will provide information on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Development of teenagers - impacts and challenges</li> <li>• How you can support your teenager's emotions and help them build resilience</li> <li>• Connecting with your teenager</li> <li>• Helping to problem solve</li> <li>• Family values</li> </ul>
Monday 30th October 6.30pm - 8.30pm Baranduda Community Centre  Click <a href="#">here</a> to register	Monday 6th November 7pm - 9pm Via Zoom  Click <a href="#">here</a> to register	Monday 13th November 4pm - 6pm Felltimber Community Centre Wodonga  Click <a href="#">here</a> to register

For more information on our programs phone 0457 279 796

[gatewayhealth.org.au](http://gatewayhealth.org.au)

# Parenting Programs - Term 4 2023



\*There is no cost to attend these programs

Location	Program	Duration	When	Where	Register
Wodonga	Tuning in to Kids Emotionally intelligent parenting (2 - 10 years)	6 weeks	Wednesdays 24th October - 28th November 10am - 12pm	Gateway Health 155 High street Wodonga	Click <a href="#">here</a> to register
Wodonga	Parenting Trans & Gender Diverse Kids & Teens	8 weeks	Mondays 9th October - 27th November 11am - 1pm	Gateway Health 155 High street Wodonga	Click <a href="#">here</a> to register
Wodonga	Mother Goose (0 - 2 years)	Full term	Wednesdays 4th October - 6th December 10.30am to 11.30am	Gateway Health 155 High Street Wodonga	Click <a href="#">here</a> to register
Wangaratta	Tuning in to Dads Emotionally intelligent parenting (3 - 10 years)	6 weeks	Wednesdays 24th October - 28th November 6pm - 8pm	Pangerang Community Hub 38 Owens St. Wangaratta	Click <a href="#">here</a> to register
Benalla	Tuning in to Teens Emotionally intelligent parenting (10 years and over)	6 weeks	Wednesdays 18th October - 22nd November 5.30pm - 7.30pm	Tomorrow Today Shop 10, 66 Nunn Street Benalla	Click <a href="#">here</a> to register
Lavington	Mother Goose (0 - 2 years)	Full term	Fraturdays 13th October - 6th December 10.30am to 11.30am	Orana Community Centre 40 Cardo Drive Springdale Heights	Click <a href="#">here</a> to register

For more information on our programs phone 0457 279 796

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# Dads Tuning in to Kids Group Program



For parents and carers of children aged between 3 and 12 years.

This seven-week program is aimed at male parents and carers.

This program will support you to help your child understand and manage feelings ('emotional intelligence').

Children with good emotional intelligence:

- have better concentration at school
- have better success making and keeping friends
- are more able to manage conflict with peers
- are more able to calm down when upset or angry.

Location	Date and Time	Cost
Pangerang Community Hub 38 Owens Street, Wangaratta,	Tuesdays 24th October - 28th November 6pm - 8pm	This is a free program

## To Register

Scan the QR Code or click [here](#) to  
RSVP by Sunday 22nd October.



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