

## IMPORTANT DATES

### TERM 2

**Friday 28th June**

5/6 Cyber Bullying  
Incursion

**Friday 28th June**

Last day of Term 2  
2.15pm dismissal

### TERM 3

**Monday 15th July**

Students Return

**Monday 19th - Friday**

**23rd August**

Book Week

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE



Our Curriculum Day was very successful with cohort and specialist teams completing planning for Term 3. Our ES team participated in a professional learning therapy session which is based around Lego. We are hoping the students who will be selected to participate in these therapy sessions, will benefit from these experiences, which will be provided by our ES team.

Reports are finished and will be available via Compass by COB Wednesday 26th June, 2024. Great work by everyone to get reports completed on time. NAPLAN reports are delayed and should arrive in the first week of Term 3. The reports will be distributed to families the day after they are received. They will be in envelopes and sent home with students who participated in 2024 NAPLAN in Years 3 & 5.

Some of our families may have noticed some significant changes to our front foyer areas of the main building. We have now included some amazing Artwork displays, showcasing student artwork, a staff profiles display plus our supersize SWPBS matrix and school values posters. What a difference it makes when walking into and through our school main building. I had the pleasure of showcasing these displays to all

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# CONTINUATION OF PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

school council members on Monday during our meeting.

We had a great day hosting our videographer and website designer this week. Our student leaders did a fabulous job with their speeches, we are excited to see these videos be included on our new website. Our aim is to have our website open by the start of Term 3. We have already received some video footage from the shoot today, the drone photography is absolutely amazing.

The Victorian School Building Authority (VSBA) will be visiting our school on Wednesday to determine what new buildings, to cater for enrolment growth, can be installed at our school. Exciting times!

We will plan to have an assembly on the last day of term, however, as we know we are now in winter and the weather forecast can also mean that assemblies are cancelled. We will notify families as early as possible on the last day of term if assembly is to be cancelled. We will be finishing school at 2:15pm on Friday 28th June, that is one hour earlier than our normal finish time. Please ensure you remember this to ensure you pick your child up on time, or please make arrangements with Big Childcare. We will be closing school by 2:45pm as all staff will move offsite to attend an end of term celebration.

We wish you all a wonderful family break together, stay safe and enjoy. We look forward to seeing everyone return on Monday 15th July, 2024 for the first day of Term 3. Reminders will be sent out via Compass and social media platforms the weekend prior.

Thank you for your continued support and working with us to provide the best possible education for your child/children.

Krista Barnes,  
Principal



# IMPORTANT REMINDERS

Term 2 finishes on

Friday 28th June

**EARLY FINISH**

**2.15PM**



# 2025

## Foundation (Prep) Enrolments

# NOW DUE



Rockbank PS  
Enrolment Form

Department of  
Education 2025  
Foundation Enrolment  
Information Pack

For more  
information,  
please contact  
our office  
on 03 9747 1210

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# CELEBRATING OUR ATTENDANCE



COME TO  
SCHOOL EVERY  
DAY  
(AND ON TIME!)  
AND BE  
RECOGNISED  
FOR YOUR  
GREAT  
ACHIEVEMENT!

## 2024 Stats at 21/06/24

Number of students with 100% attendance in term 2:  
**29**

### TERM 2 CLASSROOM STATISTICS



FA - Miss Gatt: 89%  
FB - Miss Gregson: 85%  
FC - Mrs Sharma: 74%  
FD - Mrs Thorburn: 80%



1/2A - Miss Pierce/Mrs Kaur: 87%  
1/2B - Miss Kaur: 83%  
1/2C - Miss Buttigieg: 87%  
1/2D - Mr Shen: 77%  
1/2E - Mrs Calidonna: 93%  
1/2F - Mrs Haynes: 79%



3/4A - Mrs Batra: 84%  
3/4B - Mrs Murden: 88%  
3/4C - Mr White: 89%  
3/4D - Ms Soler Coy: 89%  
3/4E - Miss Newton: 91%  
3/4F - Ms Kastanaras: 88%



If your child is sick or absent, you are required to notify the school as soon as possible on the day of absence by phone or via Compass.



5/6A - Mrs Layton: 79%  
5/6B: Mr Randich: 80%  
5/6C - Miss Walker: 88%  
5/6D: Miss Eudey: 87%

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# CELEBRATING OUR ATTENDANCE



# Rocky

Each Friday, the class with the best attendance gets Rocky to look after for the entire following week!

**Monthly Attendance Prizes** are given to students with 100% Attendance  
**RPS COLOURED PENCILS!!!**



## TERMLY PRIZES!

With excellent attendance, you can go into the draw to win epic prizes each term!

## GOLD PRIZES



## SILVER PRIZES



## BRONZE PRIZES



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# CELEBRATING OUR SUCCESS



## STUDENTS OF THE WEEK



A class member from each class is recognised weekly with our Student of the Week Award. This award recognises students who consistently display our school values.

Class/Teacher	Week Ending: 14th June	Week Ending: 21st June
FA (Miss Gatt)	Sharegan	Ethan
FB (Mrs German-Gregson)	Tha Hlei Sun	Riya
FC (Mrs Sharma)	Zayaan	Sukhraj
FD (Mrs Thorburn)	Dawood	Lucas
1/2A (Miss Pierce & Mrs H Kaur)	Samrath	Ibtisam
1/2B (Mrs N Kaur)	Hamsini	Hirva
1/2C (Miss Buttigieg)	Katherine	
1/2D (Mr Shen)	Jasleen	Inaaya
1/2E (Mrs Calidonna)	Avitaj	Tajveer
1/2F (Mrs Haynes)	Mayabee	Mustafa
3/4A (Mrs Batra)	Lilith	Ali
3/4B (Mrs Murden)	Oliver	Kriteen
3/4C (Mr White)	Siera	Samarvir
3/4D (Mrs Kokkat)	Dana	Ksharaa
3/4E (Miss Newton)	Cooper	Vismaya
3/4F (Mrs Kastanaras)	Sarah	Hiyabeil
5/6A (Mrs Layton)	Corina	
5/6B (Mr Randich)	Lilah	
5/6C (Miss Walker)	Monique	Milan
5/6D (Miss Eudey)	Aisha	
PE (Mrs Richardson)	34C & FB	12D & FB
Auslan (Mr Still)	34F	FD
S.T.E.M (Mr Rasmanis)		12F
The Arts (Mrs Georgievski)	56A & FB	

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# CELEBRATING OUR SUCCESS

## HOUSE POINTS

Students receive house point tokens for demonstrating our school values while out in the yard.



6960

5960



5760

2360



LEARNERS



RESPECTFUL



TOGETHERNESS



SAFE

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# A WORD FROM WELLBEING

with Ms Nerida West



**Kids Helpline is Australia's only free (even from a mobile), confidential 24/7 online and phone counselling service for young people aged 5 to 25. Qualified counsellors at Kids Helpline are available anytime and for any reason.**

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Since 1991, Australia's kids and young people have been turning to our professional counsellors, no matter who they are or what they want to talk about.

**Kids Helpline is a fantastic resource for children of all ages.**

**PARENTS - did you know that you can also access information and assistance through Kids Helpline.**



ON FRIDAY, STUDENTS IN YEARS 5 & 6 WILL BE PARTICIPATING IN A VIDEO CONFERENCE THROUGH KIDS HELPLINE ON THE TOPIC OF CYBER SAFETY AND BULLYING. WE HOPE THAT THIS IS AN INFORMATIVE SESSION AND GIVES STUDENTS USEFUL INFORMATION PRIOR TO THE SCHOOL HOLIDAYS WHEN STUDENTS MAY BE ONLINE MORE OFTEN.



**what does Kids Helpline actually do?**



[kidshelpline.com.au](http://kidshelpline.com.au) | 1800 55 1800



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# NUMERACY

with Mrs Lehave



## MULTIPLICATIVE THINKING

In Mathematics this term, students in years 3-6 are focusing on Multiplicative Thinking. Multiplicative thinking includes multiplication and division.

Did you know that we no longer teach students to memorise their times tables? Instead, we encourage them to use different strategies that involve deeper thinking about numbers and their relationships. Here is an example of how we teach the facts. It would be fantastic if you could help your child practise these at home.

**0:** any number multiplied by 0 is zero as this means there are no groups of this number

**The 1s facts:** any number multiplied by 1 is the number itself as there is only one group of that number

**The 2s facts:** eg, 2 ones, 2 twos, 2 threes, 2 fours, etc.. Think of as **DOUBLES**, eg, "2 sevens ... double 7, 14".

Establish **RELATED** facts, eg, if I don't know 7 twos, I could flip the equation and think 2 sevens (this is the commutative law- we can flip the order of the two numbers and the answer is still the same)

**The 3s facts:** **DOUBLE AND 1 MORE GROUP** eg, "3 eights ... double 8, 16 and 8 more, 20 ... 24"

**The 4s facts:** **DOUBLE and DOUBLE** again eg, "4 sixes ... double 6, 12, double 12, 24"

**The 5s facts:** eg, ... 5 threes, 5 fours, 5 fives, 5 sixes ... 5 eights, 5 nines ...

**RELATE TO TENS** (5 is half of ten) eg, "5 eights is half of 10 eights, 40  
**RELATE TO READING TIME ON A CLOCKFACE:** see 1, 2, 3, 4, ..... read as 5, 10, 15, 20 minutes past the hour eg, "minute hand on 4 means 20 minutes past the hour"

**The 6s facts:** relate to 3s (**DOUBLE**) eg, if I know 3 fours is 12 then I know 6 fours is double this which is 24

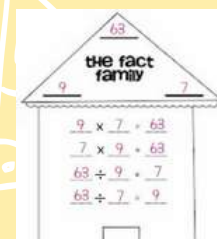
**The 8s facts:** **DOUBLE, DOUBLE, DOUBLE** eg, 8 fives - double 5 is 10, double 10 is 20, double 20 is 40 so 8 fives is 40

**The 9s facts:** **THINK OF TEN TIMES MINUS ONE GROUP** eg, 9 eights is one group less than 10 eights, it is 8 less, 72"

**The 10s facts:** most students can either count by 10s or understand the multiplicative property of place value eg: 3 tens is 30 (the 3 has moved along the place value chart and is now 3 tens)

The only fact that isn't covered by the above strategies (or the commutative law) is 7 sevens which is a square number that makes 49

**If students know all of the facts above, they also know the related division facts. They know the fact family which includes the two multiplication facts and two division facts.**



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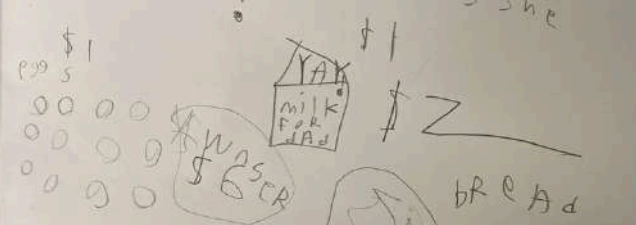
# CELEBRATING OUR LEARNING

## 1/2C with Miss Buttigieg

In the 12C classroom, students learn math through problem-based learning involving money. They tackle real-world financial problems like budgeting or currency conversion, enhancing their practical understanding and critical thinking. This approach makes math engaging and equips students with essential financial literacy skills.

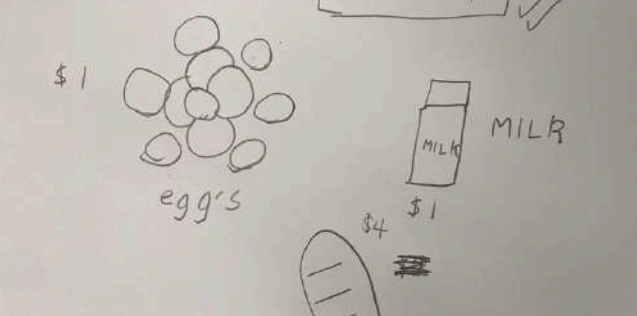
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ANSWER \$6

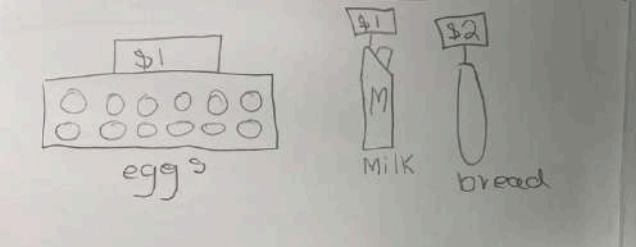


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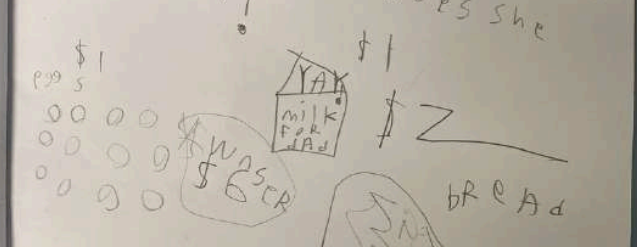


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# CELEBRATING OUR LEARNING

## 1/2F with Mrs Haynes

This week in 1/2F students learned about how people lived differently in the past and how their lives have changed over the time. They enthusiastically created family trees illustrating the generational transitions of their own families.



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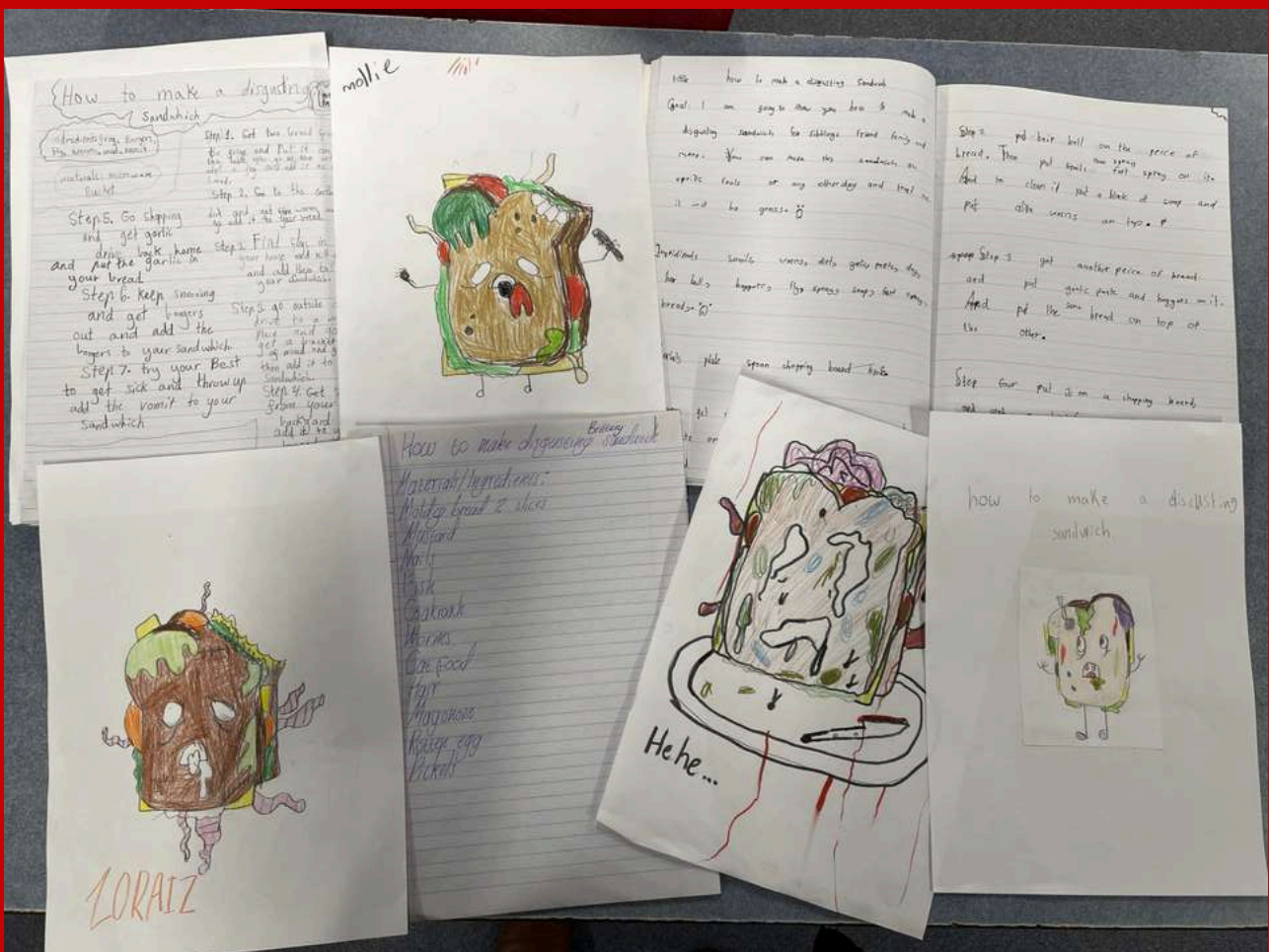
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# CELEBRATING OUR LEARNING

## 3/4B with Miss Murden

In 3/4B we have been writing Procedures this term. Exploring a range of procedures such as following directions and making things. We are currently publishing their final writing procedure on 'how to make a disgusting sandwich'. Students have used their creative imagination in their writing while following the procedural structure. We have been having fun drawing our disgusting sandwiches for our published piece! Well Done 3/4B!!



# CELEBRATING OUR LEARNING

## CD Art with 5/6s



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# MPSSA SOCCER CHAMPIONS

On Wednesday 12th June, our Soccer Team took to MacPherson Park to take on other schools from the Melton area. After playing 3 games RPS went into finals and came away with the Penant! Congratulations to Ayman, Carter, Franklin, Alex, Deng, Ryan, Ibrahim, Mamadu, Joseph, Abdalla, Vansh, Japmann and Mrs Richardson, we are all so proud of you.



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# GR 6 CASUAL DAY FUNDRAISER

Thank-you to our school community for helping raise \$400 to help with our Grade 6 Celebrations at the end of the year. It was great to see so many colours in the playground!



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# SCHOOL NEWS



**2024  
RUN CLUB**

**TUESDAYS, FIRST BREAK**

**WE VALUE  
TOGETHERNESS**

- Come for fitness
- Come for fun
- Come to release some energy

**GRADE 3/4 &  
5/6 STUDENTS**

**come to the gym when the break bell goes**

**Maximum 30 students  
each week**

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# COMMUNITY NEWS



## 2024 JUNIOR DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM



***KEILOR PARK***



***SATURDAYS***  
***2-4 pm***



***27 JUL -***  
***31 AUG***

***6 week program***

***SCAN HERE TO  
REGISTER***



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# COMMUNITY NEWS



**SCHOOL HOLIDAY EVENT**

**AGES 1YR - 12YRS**

## GET ACTIVATED

**CAROLINE SPRINGS LEISURE CENTRE:**

-  Wednesday, 10 July 2024
-  10am - 12pm
-  \$7 per child\*  
Children under age of 5 are free!
-  9747 5327
-  [leisurecentreprograms@melton.vic.gov.au](mailto:leisurecentreprograms@melton.vic.gov.au)
-  [melton.vic.gov.au/getactivated](http://melton.vic.gov.au/getactivated)

\*Each child must be accompanied by an adult

Keep the kids active these school holidays with two hours of jam packed multi-sport fun!

With separate areas allocated for preschool and primary aged kids, there's something for everyone!

The pre-school area offers an array of activities for you and your little one to get creative, climb and burn some of that winter energy away.

While the primary aged area offers a more structured round-robin style event, where the kids can have a go at a whole range of sports brought to you by our local clubs.

 **CAROLINE SPRINGS LEISURE CENTRE**  
9 The Parade, Caroline Springs

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 **MELTON**

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# COMMUNITY NEWS



## WESTERN REGION WINTER T-BALL AND SOFTBALL COMPETITION

**T-BALL**  
**5-8 YRS**

**NEW MEMBERS**  
**\$60**

**EXISTING**  
**MEMBERS \$10**

**SOFTBALL**  
**9-12 YRS**

**FOR NEW, CURRENT OR PERMIT MEMBERS**  
**MIXED GENDER TEAMS**  
**PATHWAY TO JUNIOR SUMMER SOFTBALL**

**WEDNESDAYS T-BALL 5.00PM - 6.15PM, SOFTBALL 6.15PM - 7.30PM**  
**FOR 9 WEEKS STARTING JULY 17TH**

**VENUE: SUNSHINE SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION,**  
**MORE PARK, ESMOND ST, ARDEER**

**SCAN HERE TO**  
**REGISTER :**



**HOME RUN**  
**HEROES**

[sunshine.softball2012@gmail.com](mailto:sunshine.softball2012@gmail.com)  
[www.revolutionise.com.au/sunshinesa/home/](http://www.revolutionise.com.au/sunshinesa/home/)



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# CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS

AT ROCKBANK PRIMARY SCHOOL

Due to severe allergies within the school, we are **making some changes** to what families can provide to celebrate their child's birthday from 2024.

Instead of food items, **families are welcome to provide their child and their classmates with novelty items such as stickers, pencils, erasers, etc.**

It is incredibly important that all students feel safe and included at all times.



THANK YOU  
FOR YOUR  
UNDERSTANDING!



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# REMINDERS

## MORNING MUNCHIES

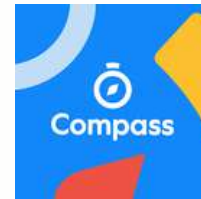


Each morning, students arriving between 8:30am and 8:50am are welcome to grab something for breakfast as they pass the Dojo Shop.

If they've already had a nice, healthy start to the day, they are even welcome to grab a snack for later!

## COMPASS SCHOOL MANAGER

Turn ON your notifications to stay up to date with all of our school



## ICY POLES

Icy poles are sold every **Wednesday** and **Friday** from our school canteen at **11:10am**

**ICY POLES ARE \$2 EACH**



## FOLLOW US ON SOCIAL MEDIA

To stay informed and up-to-date with the latest news from Rockbank PS, follow us on social media!



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