

IMPORTANT DATES TERM 2

Wednesday 29th May -

Friday 31st May

Gr 3/4 CAMP

Friday 31st May

Gr 5/6 Winter Sports

Tuesday 4th June

Foundation Animal Land
Excursion

Thursday 6th June

SCHOOL PHOTOS

Monday 10th June

KING'S BIRTHDAY

NO SCHOOL

Tuesday 11th June

CURRICULUM DAY

NO SCHOOL

Friday 21st June

5/6 Lightning Premiership
(selected students)

Friday 28th June

Last day of Term 2
early dismissal

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE



Well done to our Year 1/2 swimmers for a successful swimming program. Thank you to our PE teacher, Ms Richardson and Ms Lehane for their organisation and thank you to the team behind the scenes supporting them, our students and families, for a highly valued and successful extra-curricular program we provide for our students.

Next week our Year 3/4s will head to their camp. We wish them a wonderful experience and one to remember for many years to come. Thank you to our staff who give up their personal time to enable our students to participate in another fabulous extra-curricular program, this includes all staff who attends either the 3/4 or 5/6 camp.

School Compliance Assessment: During week 6, our school has updated 30 of our school policies. We are working very closely with our regional support staff member from 'School Compliance' as each policy we have updated, has also been checked for compliance by this team. All policies will be uploaded onto our new website by the start of Term 3.

CONTINUED



CONTINUATION OF PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

School Review dates are now confirmed:

- Pre-Review Meeting: Tuesday 17.9.24 (Term 3)
- Validation Day: Tuesday 15.10.24 (Term 4)
- Fieldwork Day: Wednesday 30.10.24 (Term 4)
- Panel Day: Friday 8.11.24 (Term 4)

2025 Foundation Enrolments are currently open. Please ensure you complete the enrolment forms, which can be sourced by either our website or Office and submit / return them as quickly as possible. Enrolments are due by Friday 26th July, 2024 (end of Week 2 in Term 3). The next school tour for Foundation parents/carers is scheduled on: Friday 21st June, 2024 at 9:30am.

Thank you to the families who attended our first school tour, it is always exciting to meet our new families and see the siblings of our current students.

School Transition dates are as follows:

- Session 1: Friday 11th October, 2024 9-11am
- Session 2: Friday 25th October, 2024 9-11am
- Session 3: Friday 8th November, 2024 9-11am
- Session 4: Statewide Transition Day - all Victorian students Tuesday 10th December, 2024 9-1:30am

URGENT REMINDER FOR OUR FAMILIES: Please do not drop your child/children at school before 8:30am. We are concerned with students roaming the carpark area without any adult supervision before school is opened. We do not officially have duty of care of your children until 8:30am, when the school day commences. Big Childcare is available for all.

We hope you all have a fabulous fortnight.

Krista Barnes
Principal



IMPORTANT REMINDERS

KING'S BIRTHDAY
PUBLIC HOLIDAY

MONDAY 10TH
JUNE

NO SCHOOL

CURRICULUM
DAY

TUESDAY 11TH
JUNE

NO SCHOOL

Nurture. Believe. Achieve.

EST 1868

ROCKBANK PRIMARY SCHOOL

SchoolPix is coming to photograph on:

Thursday, 6 June 2024

Early Bird orders with **FREE DELIVERY**
to your school **CLOSE 5 WORKING DAYS** after
your last photography session.

A postage fee will apply for orders placed after this date.



SIBLING ORDERS
must be placed
prior to 8am on
Thursday, 6 June 2024.



Order at order.schoolpix.com.au

Misplaced your order flyer?

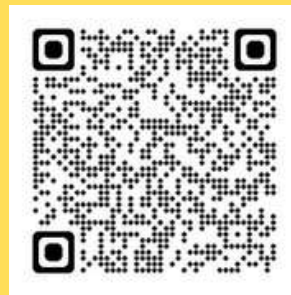
Please visit www.schoolpix.com.au and use the student search to find your child's unique ID or contact our **Customer Care team** on **1300 766 055** or help@schoolpix.com.au.



2025

Foundation (Prep) Enrolments

NOW DUE



Rockbank PS
Enrolment Form

Department of
Education 2025
Foundation Enrolment
Information Pack

SCHOOL TOURS

**Friday 21st June
9.30am**

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

Nurture. Believe. Achieve.

EST 1868



CELEBRATING OUR ATTENDANCE



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



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.

2024 Stats at 24/05/24

Number of students with 100% attendance in term 2:

62

TERM 2 CLASSROOM STATISTICS

Foundation

FA - Miss Gatt: 90%
FB - Miss Gregson: 87%
FC - Mrs Sharma: 80%
FD - Mrs Thorburn: 71%

1/2A - Miss Pierce/Mrs Kaur: 89%

1/2B - Miss Kaur: 82%

1/2C - Miss Buttigieg: 87%

1/2D - Mr Shen: 80%

1/2E - Mrs Calidonna: 92%

1/2F - Mrs Haynes: 89%

1/2s

3/4A - Mrs Batra: 86%

3/4B - Mrs Murden: 90%

3/4C - Mr White: 91%

3/4D - Ms Soler Coy: 91%

3/4E - Miss Newton: 93%

3/4F - Ms Kastanaras: 87%

3/4s

5/6A - Mrs Layton: 80%

5/6B: Mr Randich: 87%

5/6C - Miss Walker: 87%

5/6D: Miss Eudey: 94%

5/6s

Nurture. Believe. Achieve.

EST 1868



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,,,,,,**stay tuned for prize details!!!!**



TERMLY PRIZES!

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

GOLD PRIZES



SILVER PRIZES



BRONZE PRIZES



Nurture. Believe. Achieve.

EST 1868

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:	Week Ending:
FA (Miss Gatt)	Dhawit	Trent
FB (Mrs German-Gregson)	Chelsea	Riad
FC (Mrs Sharma)	Billie	Isaac
FD (Mrs Thorburn)	Radiant	Aisha
1/2A (Miss Pierce & Mrs H Kaur)	Syon	Emayra
1/2B (Mrs N Kaur)	Anna	Precious
1/2C (Miss Buttigieg)	Parnika	Arsema
1/2D (Mr Shen)	Rudra	Chanu
1/2E (Mrs Calidonna)	Hasrat	Eyoel
1/2F (Mrs Haynes)	Hailee	Avinav
3/4A (Mrs Batra)	Jay	Alicia
3/4B (Mrs Murden)	Brittany	Simon
3/4C (Mr White)		Isaac
3/4D (Ms Soler Coy)	Ksharaa	Dallesh
3/4E (Miss Newton)		Prisha
3/4F (Mrs Kastanaras)	Rebecca	Samad
5/6A (Mrs Layton)	Moiz	Wisdom
5/6B (Mr Randich)	Silvia	Jamal
5/6C (Miss Walker)	Joe	Marcus
5/6D (Miss Eudey)	Annabella	Maddison
PE (Mrs Richardson)	12A	12C
Auslan (Mr Still)		FC
S.T.E.M (Mr Rasmanis)		34C
The Arts (Mrs Georgievski)	34E and FC	12F

Nurture. Believe. Achieve.

EST 1868

CELEBRATING OUR SUCCESS

HOUSE POINTS

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



3300

3060



2420

1450



Nurture. Believe. Achieve.

EST 1868

MEET OUR TEAM

KATHLEEN MCPAKE EDUCATION SUPPORT

Hi Rockbank Community,

My name is Kathy, I have been working at Rockbank Primary School for 9 years. As you can imagine, the school has changed quite significantly in that time. When I started here, we only had a total of 67 students spread across 4 classrooms. We now are approaching 500 students across 20 classrooms! I currently work in FD for 3 days and 1/2A for 2 days. I really enjoy coming to work every day and seeing the growth in all the children I work with.

Outside of school I have 3 grown-up sons, two of which have just got engaged. I have 2 cats and I have just moved into a brand new house with my Mum. I enjoy spending time with my family, going to the movies, reading and listening to music.



BRIALLEN SHADDOCK EDUCATION SUPPORT & OFFICE ADMINISTRATION

Hi Rockbank!

My name is Briallen (but everyone calls me Bree) and I am currently in dual roles at the school. Two days a week I'm in the Office, supporting Cathy and Bec. For the rest of the week, I am an ES with the 3/4s. I am still relatively new to the roles, having only begun at Rockbank PS in February. I love the fun and challenges of both positions! I am Mum to my two beautiful children and in my free time I enjoy going to the gym and op shopping! As a family, we love to go on adventures in our caravan (Streaky Bay in South Australia is a must!), spending time with our friends and visiting family.



TAYAH JAMES EDUCATION SUPPORT

Hello Rockbank Community!

My name is Tayah and this is my 1st year as Education Support, working alongside FB. I have loved getting to know all the students and staff and have felt very welcomed by the community. Outside of working here, I spend my time in the dance studio either competing or preparing for shows. I also have a love for musicals and enjoy being an audience member for any musicals that comes to Melbourne. I have also had the privilege of appearing in a few productions myself such as Fame and Camp Rock with Soundworks Productions.

My passion for helping children stemmed from my mum, she is a teacher and has always encouraged me to work towards my goal. During my time here so far, seeing the students reaction when I arrive never fails to bring a smile to my face, they are the reason I can't wait to return each day.



JANAE SALIBA EDUCATION SUPPORT

Hello, my name is Janae and this is my second year as an Education Support worker at Rockbank Primary School.

Since I was young, I have wanted to be a teacher and am now working towards that. I completed my Associates degree of Education in 2022 and have also completed my Education Support Professional Certificate. I am now currently studying the Bachelor of Primary Education and am due to complete this at the end of next year.

When I am not at work, I like to spend time with my partner, my dog, family, and friends. We are currently renovating our house which also takes up a lot of my time when I am not work, but it has been a fun process!

Working as an Education Support Worker has been a rewarding experience, and I can't wait to see the students learn and grow for the rest of year!



Nurture. Believe. Achieve.

EST 1868

MEET OUR TEAM

KIRANBIR KAUR TEACHER

Hi Rockbank Community!

My name is Kiranbir Kaur (Mrs. Mann), I am Casual Relief Teacher at Rockbank Primary School. I'm so excited to teach S.T.E.M. for Foundation at RPS. As a CRT, I get to work within a variety of classes and programs and as a result I strengthen my skills as a teacher.

When I'm not teaching, you can find me with a good book, food and family. This is my third year of teaching and I absolutely love being a teacher.

The RPS has already made me feel very welcome and I'm looking forward to this year-it's going to be great.



RAJDEEP SIDHU EDUCATION SUPPORT

Hello Rockbank Community,

I am Rajdeep and I work as Education Support and it's my 2nd year working at Rockbank PS. I work in 5/6D along with Miss Eudey. I can say proudly that I love being part of Rockbank Community. Helping my students achieve their goals, seeing them grow, become more confident and independent every day is something I like about my job the most.

I live in Rockbank with my husband and two beautiful kids. We love riding our bikes together and go out for walks whenever we have time. On weekends, watching movies together is our favourite thing to do.

In my free time, I love to listen music and spend quality time with my family. I look forward everyday to see smiling faces of our lovely students and their families.



JOHN-PAUL MAI IT TECHNICIAN

Hello everyone!

I'm John-Paul and most people call me JP for short. I'm a recently appointed local technician for the school at Rockbank Primary School. I've had a break from being a technician for a few years to look after family members, but I'm back and excited to provide my expertise in IT Support and to continue furthering my knowledge in the field. I have close to 19 years of experience working in the IT industry and will be looking to undertake studies in cyber-security and web development hopefully sometime this year. While I do have a passion for IT all round, I also love keeping myself fit with weight training and do love some video gaming when the time permits.

Everyone at the school has been welcoming and I felt it from the start that the school emanates positive energy and can't wait to build a deep working relationship with all the staff here! "JP in the house, out"



KAROLINA SELETI EDUCATION SUPPORT

Hello! My name is Karolina Seleti and I am an ES Aide here at Rockbank Primary School.

I joined the RPS Community in August last year and I am very excited to be here. I have worked as a Teacher Aide for many years but this is the first time I have worked in a Primary School!

When I am not working you will find me spending my time with my husband and three children, usually rushing from one basketball game to another, creating memories outdoors on some adventure together or making my scented candles and bath salts.



Nurture. Believe. Achieve.

EST 1868



A WORD FROM WELLBEING



with Ms Nerida West

LUNCHTIME CLUBS

At Rockbank, we run a number of lunchtime clubs to support students to have fun at break times. Below you can see what Rockbank students can choose from at each break.

RECESS ACTIVITIES FIRST BREAK



<p>MONDAY</p> <p>MUSIC</p> <p>TECH CLUB</p>	<p>TUESDAY</p> <p>MUSIC</p> <p>SKIPPING</p> <p>CHOIR</p> <p>DOJO FOUNDATION</p>	<p>WEDNESDAY</p> <p>MUSIC</p> <p>ART CLUB 3-6</p> <p>DOJO 1/2</p>
<p>THURSDAY</p> <p>MUSIC</p> <p>ELASTICS</p> <p>DOJO 5/6</p>	<p>FRIDAY</p> <p>MUSIC</p> <p>DOJO 3/4</p>	

RECESS ACTIVITIES SECOND BREAK



<p>MONDAY</p> <p>CHALK</p> <p>SKIPPING</p> <p>TABLE TENNIS</p>	<p>TUESDAY</p> <p>CHALK</p> <p>SKIPPING</p> <p>COMMUNITY CRUSADERS</p> <p>TABLE TENNIS</p>	<p>WEDNESDAY</p> <p>CHALK</p> <p>SKIPPING</p> <p>TABLE TENNIS</p>
<p>THURSDAY</p> <p>CHALK</p> <p>SKIPPING</p> <p>COMMUNITY CRUSADERS</p> <p>TABLE TENNIS</p>	<p>FRIDAY</p> <p>CHALK</p> <p>SKIPPING</p> <p>TABLE TENNIS</p>	

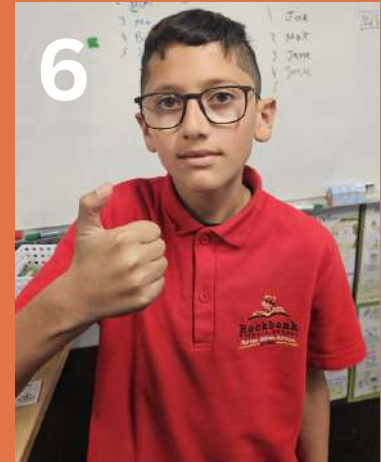
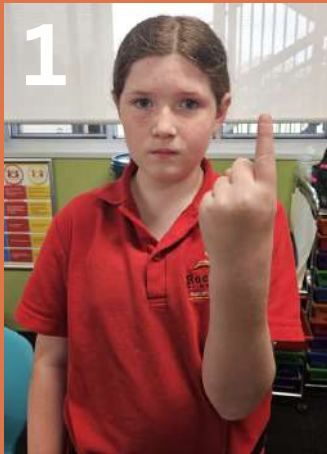
Nurture. Believe. Achieve.

EST 1868



LEARNING AUSLAN

with Mr Still



Nurture. Believe. Achieve.

EST 1868

CELEBRATING OUR LEARNING

12E with Mrs Calidonna

In 12E this week we have been learning how to write a Discussion Text. Over different topics we are forming an opinion and choosing a side to write about. Here is some work samples of student this week who wrote about whether they think it's better to ride a scooter to school or walk to school. Both sides had some great arguments and we are putting the structure together very nicely already. Well done 12E

I think riding a scooter to school is better because you can be first in line riding a scooter to school because you can have fun. Riding a scooter to school means you have less time to talk.

We should walk because we can have exercise and you can have more time to talk with your friends. My brother doesn't like to walk because it is boring he likes to go on a scooter because it's fast. In a scooter you can crash into people.

But walking to school is much better and you can look at the watch.

Should you walk or ride a scooter to school?

I like to ride a scooter because it makes you early for school so you will not be late. I think you should ride a scooter because you will be a bit faster to school.

Even if you go faster because you want to be very early it is dangerous for your health.

I think riding a scooter is a fast so you can be early.

Should you walk or ride a scooter to school?

I think I would ride a scooter because they are so fast. But if it is so fast I will not ride ever because it is but that is a faster way to ride a bicycle. I love to ride a scooter.

Nurture. Believe. Achieve.

EST 1868

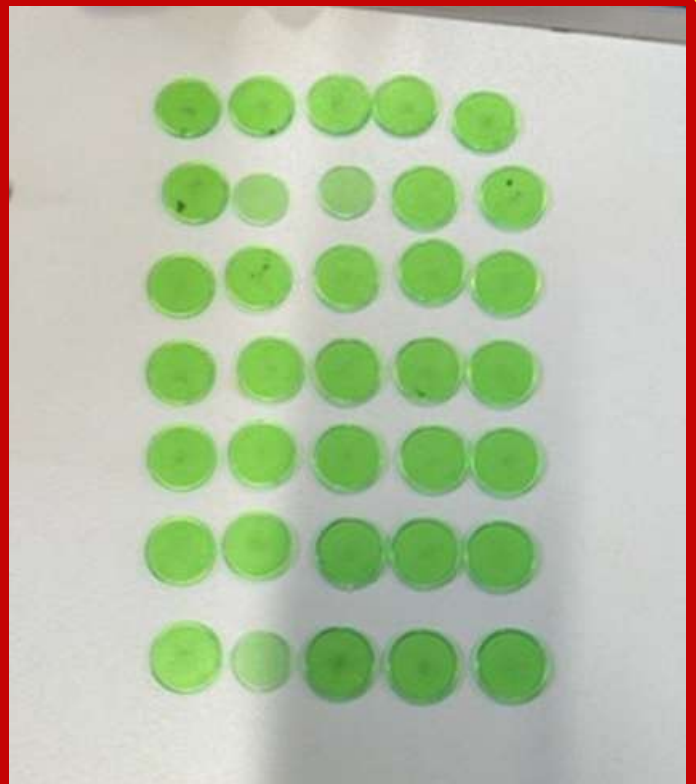
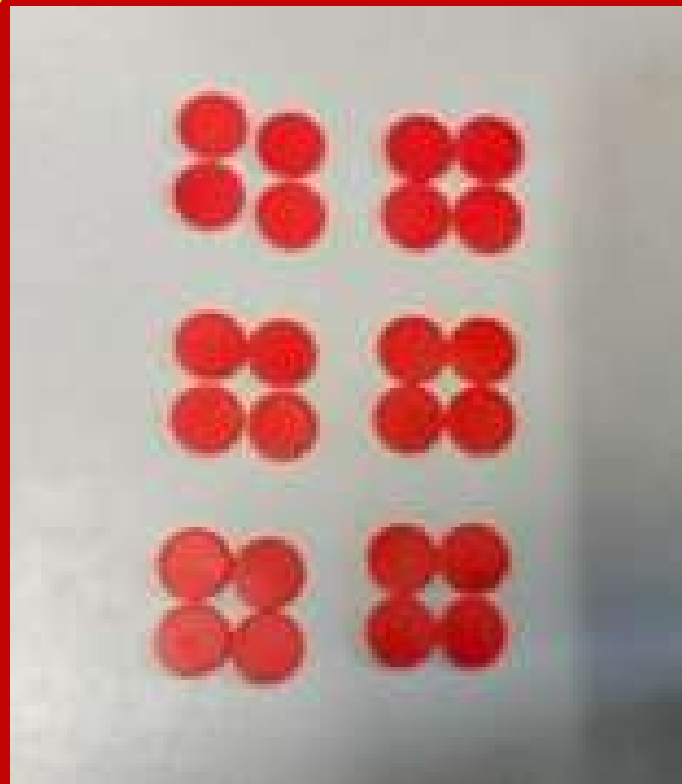


CELEBRATING OUR LEARNING

3/4E with Miss Newton

The students in year 3/4 have started to explore multiplication strategies, we began by using concrete materials such as counters to model groups. As students were sorting their counters that they collected in the activity called "Minute to Win it", students were then asked to arrange their counters in a way that was easy to count without counting them one by one. Students demonstrated their thinking by arranging their counters into groups. Some used groups of four, some used groups of two, while others arranged their counters into arrays with equal rows of five or six.

After students explored multiplicative thinking using counters, they were then asked to try using the "Draw it out" strategy, where students were prompted with a worded problem and they had to solve by modelling with pictures to show equal groups. Students will explore a range of different strategies and how they can apply it to multiplicative thinking, it was amazing to see all of their problem-solving strategies and we look forward to seeing how they go with multiplication in the upcoming weeks!



CELEBRATING OUR LEARNING

5/6A with Mrs Layton

We're thrilled to share some highlights from our recent adventures in the world of learning. Over the past weeks, our students have been engaged in a multitude of exciting activities, delving into various subjects with enthusiasm and curiosity. In addition to in class learning, students have also been actively involved in various extracurricular activities and initiatives. From participating in sports competitions, our annual ANZAC Ceremony, a visit to the Immigration Museum to participating in the recent camp to Campaspe Downs at Kyneton, they've been demonstrating leadership, teamwork, and compassion. As we look ahead to the coming weeks, we're excited to continue our journey of discovery and growth together. With each passing day, our students inspire us with their curiosity, creativity, and determination to succeed. Thank you for your continued support and encouragement. Together, we're shaping the future leaders and innovators of tomorrow.



Nurture. Believe. Achieve.

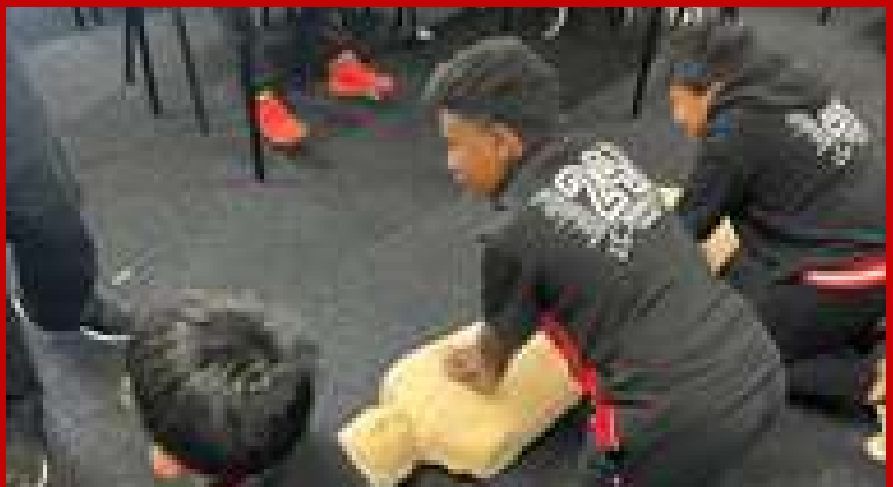
EST 1868



CELEBRATING OUR LEARNING

5/6C with Miss Walker

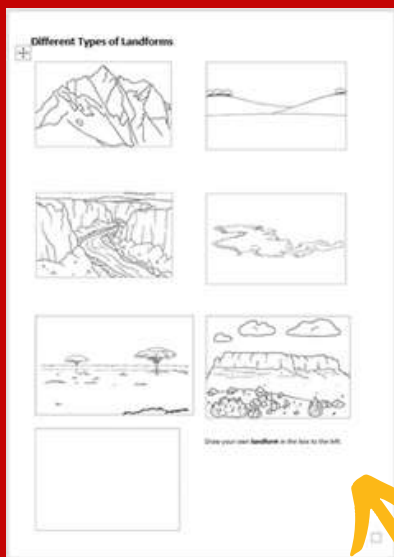
5/6C have had such an exciting week! We started off the week with a first aid lesson! Students were taught about contacting emergency services when needed, keeping themselves safe in emergency situations and even got to practice CPR on the test dummies. Our Prep Buddies came for a visit to our classroom. Together we helped the Preps read a visualising passage about a one-eyed purple monster. We found the key words we needed to draw a picture or make a paper cut out of the monster together. We even got to listen to a song about the monster to help with finding the key information. In reading, students have been learning to locate and identify literal information in texts. This week students have been using Google Forms to read and type their responses to the text. It has been such a fun and engaging way to complete our reading activities!



CELEBRATING OUR LEARNING

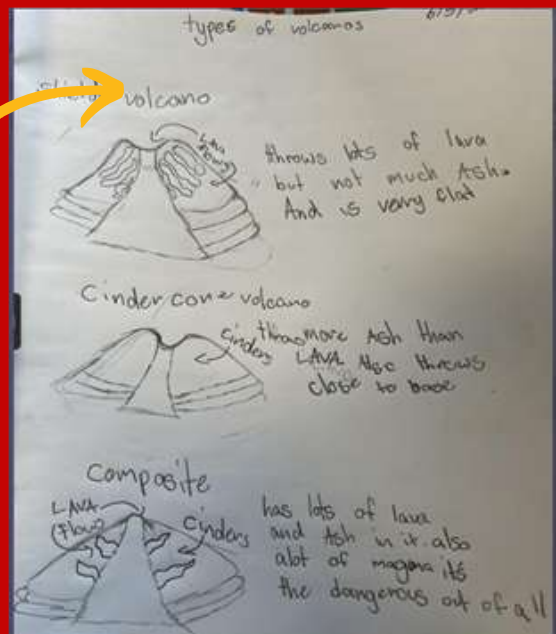
STEM with Mr Rasmanis

The STEM room has been buzzing with excitement as students study the Earth & Space science stream. This term, grades 5/6 have been investigating volcanoes and their dual roles as both "Creators" and "Destroyers," as well as how different types of volcanoes are formed. Meanwhile, grade 3/4 students have been exploring various rock types, their formation processes, and the impacts of weathering and erosion on the environment. Minecraft enthusiasts were thrilled to handle different rock types and examine them up close, especially obsidian and lapis lazuli. Additionally, grades 1/2 have been studying Earth's landforms (plains, canyons, hills, etc.), the relationship between the Sun and the different seasons on Earth, and discussing how landscapes can change due to natural or human intervention.



Grade - 1/2s -
Seasons,
landforms and
the landscape

Grade
5/6s -
Volcanoes



Grade 3/4s - Rocks, erosion and weathering

Nurture. Believe. Achieve.

EST 1868



MOTHER'S DAY OPEN MORNING

On Monday 13th May we opened our classrooms to celebrate all of the special people in our students lives, sharing in a morning of activities.



Nurture. Believe. Achieve.

EST 1868

MOTHER'S DAY OPEN MORNING



Nurture. Believe. Achieve.

EST 1868

CELEBRATING OUR LEARNING

FLYING BOOKWORM THEATRE

On Thursday 23rd May our 3-6 students were treated with a theatrical performance by Flying Bookworm Theatre surrounding the topic of 'bullying'. As Victoria's longest running educational theatre company shows are carefully selected to ensure we bring vibrancy and theatricality to your students' learning.



Nurture. Believe. Achieve.

EST 1868

COMMUNITY NEWS

Short Story Competition



Melton City Council
Entries open: Monday 6 May 2024
Entries close: Midnight, Friday 12 July 2024

Calling all aspiring writers and storytellers!
Melton City Libraries Short Story Competition
is back for 2024.

Now in its 19th year, our annual Short Story
competition is a great opportunity for
budding creatives of all ages to showcase
their talents and have their work reviewed by
popular authors.

And it's not just for writers! Your short story
can be presented in any format including
text, illustration, video, verse, voice, or a
combination of any of the above. Written
entries should be no more than 3000 words
for adults or 1500 words for juniors and
young adults.

Prizes are awarded to the best entries in
Junior, Young Adult and Adult sections, as
chosen by our panel of judges.

For more information and entry submission:

<https://www.melton.vic.gov.au/Out-n-About/Libraries-and-learning/Libraries/Short-Story-Competition>

Nurture. Believe. Achieve.

EST 1868

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!



Nurture. Believe. Achieve.

EST 1868

REMINDERS

MORNING MUNCHIES

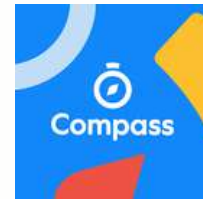


Each morning, students arriving between 8:30am and 8:50am are welcome to grab something for breakfast as they pass the Dojo Shop.

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!



Nurture. Believe. Achieve.

EST 1868