

IMPORTANT DATES TERM 2

Wednesday 1st May - Friday

3rd May

Gr 5/6 CAMP

Wednesday 8th May -

Thursday 9th May

Mother's Day Stall

Monday 13th May - Friday

17th May

Gr 1/2 Swimming and Water

Safety Program

Wednesday 29th May -

Friday 31st May

Gr 3/4 CAMP

Tuesday 4th June

Foundation Animal Land

Excursion

Monday 10th June

KING'S BIRTHDAY

NO SCHOOL

Tuesday 11th June

CURRICULUM DAY

NO SCHOOL

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE



Dear School Community,

Welcome to Term 2. We hope you enjoyed the holiday break with your children.

Please click on this link to listen to a message to our school community from The Hon. Ben Carroll MP, Deputy Premier, Minister for Education:

[Term 2 message from The Hon. Ben Carroll MP on Vimeo](#)

Our students quickly settled back into school and classroom routines and are enjoying being engaged in their learning and socialising with their friends during breaks.

Term 2 is going to be very busy. We have many school events being planned across the term, please keep checking our communication platforms for this information. It is also a formal reporting term. We will be using COMPASS to generate student Semester One reports by the end of this term. We are also hoping to receive NAPLAN data reports from mid to end of June. Once we have reviewed the data reports, your child/children's reports will be sent to families shortly after that.

Last Friday we held our School Council AGM and our updated School Council Member team is as follows:

School Council President: Lyn Courtice

Vice School Council President: Ranjit Kaur Bhamra

Treasurer: Maria Swasbrick

Secretary/Minute Taker: Sharon Alton

School Council Members include: Parents: Melissa Harrison, Adamantia Liapis Babington (New), Jose Alvarenga (New), Staff: Kate Zemunic, Nicholas Randich, Gabby Wilkie.

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CONTINUATION OF PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

We would like to acknowledge and thank all 2023 members who are no longer serving on our School Council, your input and dedication to our school is valued. We look forward to working together in decision making, as we continue to focus on whole school improvements such as providing the best and most current education for our students and enhancing all areas across our school, including grounds improvements.

Our meeting opened with our two School Captains, Jackson Courtice and Lilah Galea, making a presentation to our S.C. Members. We were very proud of our student leaders and this practice will continue in one of the two meetings we have each term. Well done!

You will notice that our school now has three intercom devices on three of the four entry gates from carpark. The work has not been completely finalised yet. We have electronic gate opening and keypads to be installed as well. This will mean that Office staff will no longer have to physically open and shut gates all day long. We are very happy to know our school will be completely secure when all gates are locked from 9am until 3:10pm.

Last week we completed our first emergency drill for 2024. We were very pleased at how our students and staff moved from their classrooms to the assembly area on the basketball courts. All students, staff and visitors were accounted for in under ten minutes. Well done everyone. We will continue to have emergency practice drills throughout the year with another one due this term. Each practice drill is for a different emergency situation.

Swimming commences this term for our Year 1/2 cohort. We will have 3/4s and 5/6s during Term 3 with Foundation in Term 4. Each program will consist of 5 daily sessions delivered in one week.

As our school continues to grow in student enrolments, so does our staff team. We have been very fortunate to appoint 2 part time Education **CONTINUED**

CONTINUATION OF PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

(ES) staff and one full time ES. These appointments will fill some gaps across the school due to the number of classrooms increasing this year. Our current enrolments are 482.

On Sunday 21st March our school captains Lilah and Jackson attended the Woodlea ANZAC memorial service. Thank-you for laying the beautiful wreath created by our Grade 6 students on behalf of Rockbank Primary School.

Please remember if you have any questions or concerns, your first contact is your classroom teacher. This enables teachers to stay informed and if necessary, teachers refer to Leadership for additional support.

We hope you all have a fabulous fortnight.

Krista Barnes
Principal



IMPORTANT REMINDER



ALL STUDENTS MUST WEAR A
SCHOOL HAT

As part of the **SunSmart policy** students must wear hats from
mid August through to the end of April

This will be enforced as of Wednesday 31st January

**School hats can be purchased from
Primary School Wear
in Melton www.psw.com.au**

Legionaire hat: \$16.95

Safety Slouch Hat: \$20.95

Please note that caps are not acceptable



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2025 ENROLMENTS



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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2025 ENROLMENTS

2025 FOUNDATION (PREP) SCHOOL TOURS

Friday 17th May
9.30am

Friday 21st June
9.30am

Bookings for our upcoming school tours are essential, please contact our Office on 9747 1210



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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 26/04/24

Number of students with 100% attendance in term 1:

51

TERM 1 CLASSROOM STATISTICS

Foundation

FA - Miss Gatt: 84%
FB - Miss Gregson: 77%
FC - Mrs Sharma: 83%
FD - Mrs Thorburn: 86%

1/2A - Miss Pierce/Mrs Kaur: 81%

1/2B - Miss Kaur: 89%

1/2C - Miss Buttigieg: 86%

1/2D - Mr Shen: 93%

1/2E - Mrs Calidonna: 87%

1/2F - Mrs Haynes: 95%

1/2s

3/4A - Mrs Batra: 88%

3/4B - Mrs Murden: 89%

3/4C - Mr White: 94%

3/4D - Ms Soler Coy: 84%

3/4E - Miss Newton: 96%

3/4F - Ms Kastanaras: 86%

3/4s

5/6A - Mrs Layton: 90%

5/6B: Mr Randich: 91%

5/6C - Miss Walker: 90%

5/6D: Miss Eudey: 90%

5/6s

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CELEBRATING OUR ATTENDANCE



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

Rocky



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



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ATTENDANCE MATTERS

HELP YOUR CHILD SUCCEED IN SCHOOL: BUILD THE HABIT OF GOOD ATTENDANCE EARLY SCHOOL SUCCESS GOES HAND IN HAND WITH GOOD ATTENDANCE!

Did you know?

- Starting in kindergarten, too many absences can cause children to fall behind in school
- Missing 10 percent (or about 18 days) can make it harder to learn to read
- Students can still fall behind if they miss just a day or two days every few weeks
 - Being late to school may lead to poor attendance
- Absences can affect the whole classroom if the teacher has to slow down learning to help children catch up

Attending school regularly helps children feel better about school—and themselves. Start building this habit in preschool so they learn right away that going to school on time, every day is important.

Good attendance will help children do well in high school, tertiary education and at work

What you can do

- Set a regular bed time and morning routine
- Lay out clothes and pack backpacks the night before
- Find out what day school starts and make sure your child has the required shots
- Introduce your child to teachers and classmates before school starts to help transition
 - Don't let your child stay home unless they are truly sick
 - Keep in mind complaints of a stomach ache or headache can be a sign of anxiety and not a reason to stay home
 - If your child seems anxious about going to school, talk to teachers, school counsellors, or other parents for advice on how to make her feel comfortable and excited about learning
- Develop back-up plans for getting to school if something comes up. Call on a family member, a neighbour, or another parent
- Avoid medical appointments and extended trips when school is in session

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CELEBRATING OUR SUCCESS



STUDENTS OF THE WEEK



Class/Teacher	Week Ending: 19/04	Week Ending: 26/04
FA (Miss Gatt)	Aditya	Sazel
FB (Mrs German-Gregson)	Kyrah	Caleb
FC (Mrs Sharma)	Ethan	Bishavjeet
FD (Mrs Thorburn)	Tyson	Trinav
1/2A (Miss Pierce & Mrs H Kaur)	Titus	Baani
1/2B (Mrs N Kaur)	Nik	Abdulmalik
1/2C (Miss Buttigieg)	Ryder	Rishaan
1/2D (Mr Shen)	Leroy	Ramy
1/2E (Mrs Calidonna)	Zainab	Rowan
1/2F (Mrs Haynes)	Mehtab	Evelyn
3/4A (Mrs Batra)	Lachie	Sofia
3/4B (Mrs Murden)	Kidus	Anay
3/4C (Mr White)	Siera	Xavier
3/4D (Ms Soler Coy)		Amelia
3/4E (Miss Newton)	Lisa	Indriel
3/4F (Mrs Kastanaras)	Avelyn	Amyra
5/6A (Mrs Layton)	Charlotte	Samarpreet
5/6B (Mr Randich)	Ayman	
5/6C (Miss Walker)	Sophia	Alex C
5/6D (Miss Eudey)	Savana	Swapandeeep
PE (Mrs Richardson)	FD and 12D	
Auslan (Mr Still)		
S.T.E.M (Mr Rasmanis)	12B	
The Arts (Mrs Georgievski)	12F	

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.

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CELEBRATING OUR SUCCESS

HOUSE POINTS

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



1810

1180



880

770



LEARNERS



RESPECTFUL



TOGETHERNESS



SAFE

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MEET OUR TEAM

ERUM NAVEED

EDUCATION SUPPORT

Hey there Rockbank Primary School families!

I'm Erum, and I'm super excited to be joining the Rockbank community as an education Support Teacher.

My passion lies in helping students grow and succeed, and I can't wait to jump into this new adventure with all of you.

When I'm not in the classroom, I'm either gardening, trying to cook new recipes, or spending time with my three lovely daughters.



MICHELLE WILSON

EDUCATION SUPPORT

Hello, my name is Michelle, and I am a part of the education support team at RPS.

I have worked at the school for almost 1 year. This year I am working in 3/4E alongside Miss Newton.

I am married with 4 children 2 being in primary school and 2 at high school, I also have two puppies Skye and Misty who keep me very busy.

On weekends I enjoy watching all my children play hockey and doing lots of different activities as a family.



TALINGA MAKIRA

EDUCATION SUPPORT

Hi Rockbank Community, my name is Talinga. This will be my 2nd year in Education Support at RPS. Previous to this, I worked in the Community Services sector for over 20 years. This year, I have the pleasure of working alongside the students in 34D and 12F.

Outside of school hours, I like to go for walks with my dog Saint, spend quality time with husband and 2 boys and catch up with close friends.

I barrack for Melbourne football club and my favourite colours are orange and green.



RITA RAMSAY

EDUCATION SUPPORT

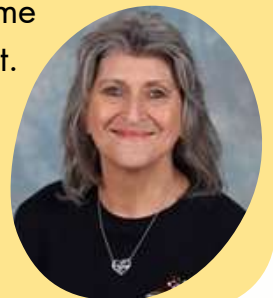
Hello I'm Rita Ramsay

I have been working as an ES at Rockbank Primary School for over 20 years.

I have worked in every year level and with many different teachers and students.

I am married with 2 grown up sons who also attended Rockbank Primary School when it was in the highway. In September I will become a Nana for the 1st time which I am very excited about.

When I'm not working I love to travel with my family.



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A WORD FROM WELLBEING



with Ms Nerida West

Keeping students safe at Rockbank Primary School.

Before school we have a number of staff supporting students from 8.30am. Students are not allowed to be dropped off prior to 8.30.

The dojo shop is open every morning for a quick snack for students that may not have had enough breakfast.

There are staff at the front of the school helping with traffic flow and welcoming students to school.

There is also a staff member at the front of the school and rear of the school from 8.30 – 9am.

During break times, there are staff members supervising students in all the different areas. We also have activities for students to participate in such as skipping, chess, gardening, art club, chalk drawing, listening to music and table tennis.

After school, staff collect all the students from the rear of the yard and take them out the front.

Again, staff are at the front of the school ensuring the safety of students. Students are supervised outside until 3.30. Parents/Guardians are contacted if students are not collected by this time.



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LEARNING AUSLAN

with Mr Still



“RED”

With pointer finger extended from fist, pointing upwards; form a small circle over lower lip with fingertip.



“BLUE”

Rub back of wrist back and forth with fingertips twice.

“YELLOW”

With pointer finger and thumb touching at tips, other fingers spread, place hand at temple and swivel hand forward twice.



“GREEN”

Start with hand flat, blade of little finger resting on wrist of other hand. Slide blade of little finger along arm to elbow.

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NUMERACY

with Mrs Lehave



Addition and Subtraction

The main topic that students in Years 1-6 are focusing on this term is 'Addition and Subtraction' whilst Foundation students are still learning about numbers and counting. A lot of our teaching is focusing on using various mental (in the mind) strategies and materials (such as counters, number lines etc) to work with numbers and explaining how students got answers to problems.

Here is a general breakdown of how we teach students to add and subtract:

Stage 1 = Counting everything to find the total and moving objects away to subtract

Stage 2 = Counting on from a number eg: $5 + 3$, I keep the 5 in my mind and count 3 more, 6,7,8

Stage 3= Facts to 5: knowing that 2 and 3 make 5, 4 and 1 make 5, 5 and 0 make 5, 1 and 4 makes 5. Knowing that 4 is one less than 5 and 5 is one less than 6. 5 is one more than 4. Facts to 10: 3 and 7 make 10, 2 and 8 make ten, 7 is three less than 10. (students are working at this stage in Foundation, years 1-2)

Stage 4= Bridging ten: knowing my tens facts helps me bridge (add past ten)- To add 7 and 5, I know that 3 more makes 10 then I add the other 2 (so I have to know that I can split the 5 into 3 and 2). (years 1-2)

Stage 5= Doubles and near doubles. I know that double 6 is 12 so I know $6+6$ is 12. If I know this I can also add $6+7$ because double 6 is 12 and 1 more makes 13. (years 1-3)

Stage 6= Extend on tens facts. If I know 6 and 7 is 13, I can work out that $16 + 17$ is 33 because I can add the tens and add the ones. If I know 6 and 7 is 13, I also know that $60 + 70$ is 130, $600+700$ is 1300. (years 2-4)

Once students know the above facts and can do them mentally (in their mind) and not counting on their fingers, they have the basics to be successful in more difficult calculations. For students to succeed in later years of schooling, it's important that they have mastered these basic skills.

Please look check Class Dojo for some tips/activities you can do at home.

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CELEBRATING OUR LEARNING

1/2B with Mrs Kaur

In 1/2B we had a fun-filled learning adventure where students explored Australian coins to enhance their math skills! Through hands-on activities, they learned to recognize coin values and practiced addition using Australian currency. We also develop an understanding of the value of money as we sorted and arranged coins from least to most worth, fostering important financial literacy skills for life. We closely examined each Australian coin and learned about their unique features. It was so much fun!



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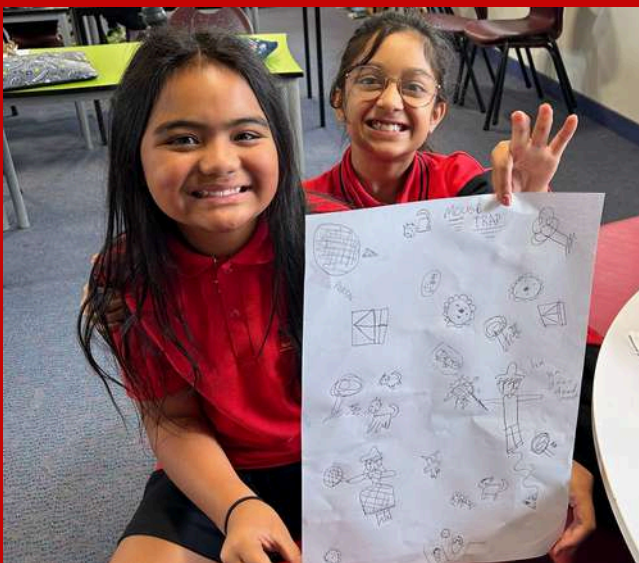
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CELEBRATING OUR LEARNING

3/4D with Mrs Soler Coy

3/4D have been talking about rules in inquiry. We have been talking about WHERE we see rules, WHY we have rules, WHY rules are important for society, WHAT would happen if we didn't have them... After talking about the importance of rules, the students had to design a game and create rules for it. The students were engaged to work in groups and choose their own game.



ANZAC DAY

On Sunday 21st of April the Caroline Springs RSL conducted an ANZAC Commemorative Service held at Woodlea Town Park in Aintree.

Thank-you to our school captains Jackson and Lilah for laying a wreath on Rockbank PS's behalf. Thank-you to Mrs Layton, Hannah and the Grade 6 students for giving our wreath such a personal touch. On Friday 26th April we held a special Assembly with two very special guests from Caroline Springs RSL



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HOUSE REWARD

At the end of Term 1 students and staff from PEACOCK house enjoyed a delicious treat from the ice cream van! Well done on reaching the most house points.



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SCHOOL NEWS



**Students can
purchase items with
CASH ONLY**

**Prices range from
\$2-\$10**

**Please bring a bag
for items purchased**

*RPS will be
hosting our
Mother's
Day stall on
Wednesday
8th May
&
Thursday 9th
May*

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SCHOOL NEWS

PARENT WORKSHOPS

You are invited to attend our Parent Workshop, focused on the power of positive parenting.

These are free sessions with practical strategies to help your child:

- Manage everyday worries
- Build healthy peer relationships
- Thrive now and into adolescence

FREE Morning Tea will be provided.

Time: 9am - 11am

Date: Tuesday, 30th April 2024

Location: Rockbank Primary School

Please use the link below to register or contact the office.

LINK: <https://forms.gle/797rr3KWjE42GVaVA>

REGISTER NOW
MORNING TEA PROVIDED

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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

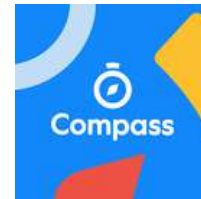


Each morning, students arriving between 8:30am and 8:50am are welcome to grab something for breakfast as they pass the Dojo Shop.

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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