Welcome back to school to all our students and their families for 2016 and a very warm welcome to all the new families who have joined us this year.

Friends of Rowville Primary School (FORPS) has lots of fun and exciting things planned for this year including a Walkathon, Disco, Chocolate Drive and Mother’s & Father’s Day Stalls, just to name a few.

Who are FORPS and what do we do???

We are a group of parents who volunteer our time to help raise money for the students at our school. Our current project is an outdoor covered community meeting space. All funds raised directly benefit our school. In the past, FORPS fundraising has enabled the school to establish the junior sports precinct, purchase computers, install the running track and soccer pitch, build the pirate ship playground and even send our aerobics team to compete interstate, amongst other things.

The role of FORPS is to provide a means for parents or guardians of current and past students to:
- Develop friendships within the school community
- Support the school by enhancing the quality of resources available through effective fundraising activities
- Enjoy a greater involvement with the school

In 2015, FORPS run activities and events generated over $25,000. As well as fundraising, FORPS assists and supports the staff and the school behind the scenes as required.

We have a regular monthly meeting usually on a Monday at 7.30pm. We are also trialling Thursday meetings at 2.15pm and will have our first meeting on Thursday 18th February in the Staff Room. So come along to school an hour earlier and join us for a cuppa and a chat. Everyone is welcome. Young children are welcome to come with you. We need lots of help planning our fundraising year and organising our Twilight School Fete which will be held on Friday 18th March. Keep your eyes on the Compass Calendar where our meeting dates are announced.

We urge you to consider a position on the committee for 2016 or you may like to manage only one event. We are seeking project managers for each event this year. No experience is necessary, just a willingness to participate in the best interest of the school community. If you are interested in nominating for a position on the committee or finding out more about what your involvement will entail, please contact FORPS via forps@rowvilleps.vic.edu.au or you can complete the tear-off slip below and return to the school office.

This year the FORPS team consists of:
President: Tania Challis
Secretary: Tammie Western
General Members: Leah Evans, Kate Hopkins, Shelby MacDonald, Amy Satur, Jackie Walker, Lynn Simpson
School Representative: Trish Welti

We are seeking interest from those that might like to take up the role of Vice President or Treasurer. We would warmly welcome more general members as well, so if you think you can help our FORPS or Fete Committees, please come along to our very casual meetings, join in and share your ideas.

Calling all parents, friends and grandparents – join us for a cuppa Thursday 18th February in the Staff Room at 2.15pm. We are a very friendly informal group who all have our kids and this fantastic schools best interest at heart. Hope to see you then.

FORPS Committee – Expression of Interest:
Name: ______________________________
Eldest Child’s Name & Grade: __________________________
Mobile Number: _____________________
Email: ______________________________

I am interested in the following roles (please circle):
- Vice President
- Treasurer
- General Committee Member
- Virtual Member – access to computer and can help proof reading or preparing spreadsheets, creating flyers.
- FORPS Helper – You may like to help from time to time, collating, counting funds, sorting, stuffing envelopes etc. Please fill out your details above and we will keep you on a contact list to keep you informed of upcoming events. Any help you can offer is always very welcome, no matter how small.