A very warm welcome back to school to all students and their families for 2017!

Friends of Rowville Primary School (FORPS) has lots of fun and exciting things planned for this year including a Walkathon, Easter Raffle, Disco, FTG Motorgroup Great Community Raffle, Chocolate Drive, Trivia Night, Bunnings BBQ plus the most important activity - the Mother’s & Father’s Day Stalls.

Who are FORPS and what do we do?
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 improving the quality of resources available through effective fundraising activities
* Enjoy a greater involvement with the school

We are a group of parents who volunteer our time to help raise money for the students at our school. All funds raised directly benefit our school. 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.

In 2016, FORPS run activities and events generated over $34,500. As well as fundraising, FORPS assists and supports the teachers and the school, behind the scenes as required.

We have a regular monthly meeting on a Monday at 7.30pm. Our first meeting and AGM for 2017 is in the staffroom on Monday 13th February at 7.30pm. Come along to our very casual meetings, join in and share your ideas.

Future meeting dates at 7.30pm in the teacher’s staffroom are:

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We urge you to consider a position on the committee for 2017. You can do as much or as little as you like or you may choose to be involved in only one event. 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 it to the school office.

FORPS Committee 2017 – Expression of Interest:
Name: ___________________________ Eldest Child’s Name & Grade: __________________________________________
Mobile Number: ___________________ Email: _____________________________________________________________

I am interested in the following roles (please circle):
* President
* 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.

Kind Regards
Tania Challis
FORPS President