From The Principal...

Dear Parents/Carers

The Twilight Fete is almost here! This is a community event that delights and brings fun and enjoyment to our school community. The Fete Committee under the very capable leadership of Tania Challis have been meeting and planning for the last fifteen months for this event. Friday is an out of uniform day for students in Foundation to Year 5 with a small donation towards the fete. This will enable students to go to the Fete straight after school. I invite all families to join us on the evening as all funds that are raised will go towards the upgrade of our library into a 21st Century Information Centre and an outdoor community meeting space.

Please note that the staff carpark at Paratea Drive will be closed all day on Friday for fete preparations.

The House Cross Country was held today. I acknowledge Sue Macdonald for her organisation which made the event such a success.

Anne Babich
Principal
**DIARY OF EVENTS**

All dates for school events can be viewed in the calendar on Compass


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**Chickenpox, Measles, Mumps & Slapped Cheek**

We wish to advise families at Rowville Primary School, that a parent and two student in our school community are currently receiving medical treatment and as such have a suppressed immune system.

A major concern is if this parent or student develops Measles, Chickenpox or Slapped Cheek, they can become seriously ill.

We seek your cooperation in preventing this situation.

If your son/daughter has or may have measles, mumps, chickenpox or slapped cheek it is requested that you do not send them to school during this period and notify the class teacher or school office as soon as possible.

Children with Chickenpox must not attend school and need to remain at home until all blisters have dried which is usually at least 5 days after the rash appears. Children with Measles must not attend school and need to remain home for at least 4 days after the rash appears.

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**Rowville Kids Café News**

**Specials Menu**

**POPCORN MONDAY**

Recess Only

Freshly Popped Popcorn $1.00

**Monday Lunch order only**

Delish Fish Burger Meal Deal

Delish Fish Burger, Cookielishis and a choice of drink ( Big M, Just Juice or Water $7.00

**SUSHI HANDROLL TUESDAY**

Lunch order only

- Crispy Chicken $3.00
- Tuna and Avocado (GF) $3.00
- Avocado & Cucumber (V, GF) $3.00
- Teriyaki Chicken $3.00

Soy Sauce will only be provided on request – please note on order

**Wacky WEDNESDAY**

Lunch order only

- Chicken Chippies (bag of 6) $3.00 a bag

A copy of the full café menu is available on the website: rowville.ps.vic.edu.au

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**Commonwealth Bank School Banking**

School Banking Day is Friday.

If you would like to open a school bank account please go to your local Commonwealth Bank branch and mention Rowville Primary School. Our school receives $5 for every new account opened.

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**Thank you to our helpers for next week**

- Monday 21st March L. Lakey
- Tuesday 22nd March L. McConnochie
- Wednesday 23rd March V. Stevenson
- Thursday 24th March Curriculum Day
- Friday 25th March Good Friday

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On behalf of the Rowville Primary School community, I would like to extend our thanks to Sonia Buckley who has been baking the delicious cookies and muffins each week to sell in the canteen. Sonia is now busy working fulltime and has passed the baton to Kim Vancam. Kim is generously volunteering her time to continue to bake fresh cookies and muffins for the canteen, welcome and thank you Kim.

Bronwyn Richards
Canteen Manager
Congratulations to the following students who earned Mathletics Certificates this week!

Gold Certificates

Elizobeth H

Silver Certificates

Aiden S  Georgia C  Ishaan N  Jamie C  Kaylee A  Michael R  Tahlia B
Bailey H  Harrison B  Jackson G  Joanna Y  Makenna G  Nate M  Tyson G
Emir N  Isabella T  James K  Jordan F  Max B  Shiyao H  Zarah M

Bronze Certificates

Adrian S  Cooper B  Evangelina D  Jasmine S  Michael M  Tayla K
Ahmed T  Cooper S  Evelyn H  Jenna C  Neha C  Titus W
Akera A  Daniel P  George S  Jessie L  Prachee A  Ty T
Akil B  Disha A  Harnoor K  Jonathan L  Ricky L  Vivian C
Ashna S  Dylan L  Hayden T  Kirsten F  Riley M  Zach H
Ayana O  Ebony G  Hayley M  Lachlan S  Shaun R  Ziad B
Ayden B  Ella F  Imogen W  Lance F  Sianne W  Zitian W
Cedric C  Ella R  Jake S  Leonardo M  Siobhan L
Celina B  Ethan S  Jamie B  Lucas N  Tanvi P

Staff Carpark Closure

Please note that our staff carpark will be closed to all vehicles, **all day, on Friday 18th March**, due to the delivery of machinery and equipment and displays being set up in that area. As per our continued requests, we would advise you to use the surrounding streets or Stud Park Shopping Centre for dropping off and collecting your children.

Buddy Bench

Friends of Rowville Primary School, "FORPS", in conjunction with the Student Parliamentary Working Group, wish to further encourage our school values of "Understanding & Inclusion" & "Care and Compassion" by purchasing a "Buddy Bench".

The seating will become a space for any child who may be feeling lonely and in need of a friend.

The bench seat is environmentally friendly being made from recycled plastic and manufactured locally in Melbourne. The total project cost is $1416.80 There is a $1,000 grant, which if we receive, will be used to buy the bench seat and we will raise further funds from future fundraising events during the year.

**To vote and help Rowville Primary School receive this grant, please use this link**

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**SECOND HAND UNIFORM SHOP**

The Second Hand Uniform Shop will be open every 2nd **WEDNESDAY** with the help of parent volunteers from 3.00pm – 3.30pm.

**Term 1 2016**  
16th March 2016

- **Hats** $2.00
- **Track & Bootleg Pants** $5.00
- **Shorts & Culottes** $5.00
- **Windcheater** $5.00
- **Polo Shirt** $5.00
- **Bomber Jacket** $10.00
- **School Bag** $10.00
- **Summer Dress** $10.00
- **Winter Dress** $15.00
- **Waterproof Jacket** $15.00
**Calling all Green Thumbs**

On Wednesday 23rd March the following grades will be working in the Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden. We are asking parents, carers, grandparents and friends to volunteer to help assist the students during this time.

- Foundation C: 11:15 - 11:55
- Foundation B: 11:55 - 12:35
- Foundation A: 12:35 - 1:15

**FOUNDATION ENROLMENTS 2017**

Rowville Primary School is now accepting enrolments for 2017. Children who turn five by April 30th of the enrolment year are eligible to attend school. When transferring from interstate, overseas or from a local school it is helpful if a written report is available at the time of enrolment. Group tour information will be available soon.

Enrolment forms are available online or from the office.


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**School Photo Timetable**

**Monday 21st March**

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**Victorian Premiers’ Reading Challenge**

Yes it’s on again! The Victorian Premiers’ Reading Challenge continues for another year. The Challenge encourages students to be actively involved in their reading. Students talk about the books they read with friends and family and they push themselves to read as many books as they can. The Victorian Premiers’ Reading Challenge (VPRC) consent form was distributed to every student this week and has been uploaded to Compass. It would be great to see as many students as possible registered for this year’s challenge. You can also check the book titles, terms and conditions and other details on the challenge website at [www.education.vic.gov.au/prc](http://www.education.vic.gov.au/prc).

The students in Foundation, Year 1 and Year 2 will be sharing 30 books with their classroom teachers. Students in Year 3 to 6 are challenged to read 15 books (10 or more from the book list 5 free choice).

Curl up with a book and start reading!

*Grace Kanci and Jackie Hicks – Reading Challenge Co-ordinators*
Rowville Primary School’s Twilight Fete Volunteer Round Up

Rowville Primary School’s Twilight Fete is next week, on Friday 18th March 2016.

We are in need of volunteers to help make the night a success and raise much needed funds to contribute to the infrastructure of the school. We greatly appreciate all assistance and we are keen to secure your support for this Fete.

We require volunteers to assist on:
- Thursday 17th March for set up and collecting equipment,
- Friday 18th March is Fete Day,
- Saturday 19th March some pack up may be required and equipment may need to be returned.

Teachers will each have a stall and will be seeking your assistance to man these stalls. You may like to help your grade or alternatively help at other stalls.

If every family was able to volunteer for just two hours, then it will make the day a great success. For planning purposes, please indicate your contact details, availability and any preferences of how you would like to assist by completing the online survey via the link: [http://www.surveygizmo.com/s3/2597094/Rowville-Primary-School-s-Fete-Volunteer-Round-Up-2016](http://www.surveygizmo.com/s3/2597094/Rowville-Primary-School-s-Fete-Volunteer-Round-Up-2016)

We will be roving the playground in the coming weeks, collecting names for volunteers. Please give us a smile and consider putting your name down.

A Fete Committee member will be in contact with you closer to the Fete to confirm your allocation.

On behalf of the Rowville Primary School 2016 Twilight Fete Committee - Thank you in anticipation for your support!

Free Dress Day - Foundation to Year 5

Friday 18th March 2016 – Twilight Fete Day

Students in Foundation to Year 5 are invited to participate in a Free Dress Day on Friday 18th March to support the Twilight Fete. Students will then be ready to join in all the fun at 3.15pm. Year 6 students will be attending an excursion to Parliament House on this day and are required to wear school uniform.

Students will be asked to provide a gold coin donation for the free dress option; this will in turn help us to cover the cost of resources for stalls, such as watermelon, coloured hair spray or chocolate. Please send the money along with your child on the day.
North Eastern Victoria Region Youth Music Concert 2016

The NEVR Youth Concert ‘Music of the Masters’ will be held at Hamer Hall on Tuesday 24th May starting at 7:30pm.

The concert provides a great opportunity for students from primary schools in the region to perform in an exciting event in Melbourne’s premier performing venue.

The massive Combined Primary Schools Choir has been very popular at previous NEVR Concerts and in 2016 the Choir will be conducted by Michèle Bennett – Music Specialist Rowville Primary School. The massed rehearsals will be held at Rowville Primary School during school hours for students in Years 4 - 6.

Other groups suitable include the Rookie Band, for players with a minimum of 6 months learning their instrument. The String Orchestra has always been very popular with more advanced primary school students and requires violin, viola, cello and double bass players. The Concert Band is also geared to accommodate the playing levels of more advanced primary school students.

Application forms are available at the school office and are due in by Friday 18th March. All enquiries can be directed to North Eastern Victoria Region Instrumental Music Coordinators on:
Ph: 98738139; Fax: 9873 8150; Email: nevr.music.m@edumail.vic.gov.au

Tickets for the Concert will be available at a later date directly through artscentremelbourne.com.au

STUDENT APPLICATION FORM

FIRST NAME: __________________________ Surname: __________________________ Home Tel: __________________________

School: __________________________ Year level: __________________________

Home address: __________________________ postcode: __________________________

Email address: __________________________ (please provide a clear working email address, as important correspondence will be emailed directly to students)

1st Preference (Tick one box)

Instrument/voice type: __________________________ AMEB level: __________________________ (in Term 4 2015)

Symphony orchestra (Strings only): __________ Symphony band __________ Concert band __________ Secondary choir __________ Stage band __________

2nd Preference (Tick one box)

Instrument/voice type: __________________________ AMEB level: __________________________ (in Term 4 2015)

Symphony orchestra (Strings only): __________ Symphony band __________ Concert band __________ Secondary choir __________ Stage band __________

*AMEB level refers to the last AMEB exam you completed. If you have not sat an exam in the last twelve months please ask your music teacher to estimate what exam you could have passed in Term 4 2015. Please refer to the “Music of the Masters” rehearsal schedule for appropriate AMEB levels for each ensemble.

Teacher’s signature: __________________________

I am selected for one of these groups that I will attend ALL scheduled rehearsals and practice my music: __________

Student’s signature: __________________________

Parent/Guardian consent

I give my permission for my son/daughter to attend the concert and all rehearsals scheduled for the groups in which she/he is participating, in the event of an emergency, where it is impossible to communicate with me, I give my consent for the teachers on duty during the course of the event to authorise whatever medical or surgical treatment may be deemed necessary.

DOES YOUR CHILD HAVE ANY MEDICAL ISSUES? YES NO __________

IF YOU ANSWERED YES PLEASE ATTACH DETAILS. IN THE CASE OF ASTHMA AND ANAPHYLAXIS IT IS MANDATORY THAT YOU ALSO INCLUDE A PERSONALISED MEDICAL PLAN SIGNED BY YOUR DOCTOR.

I understand that my son/daughter may be recorded on photo and/or video, and that images taken from rehearsals and performance may appear live on the concert screen and/or on a concert DVD made available only to schools, for educational purposes.

Parent/Guardian’s full name in capital letters: __________________________ Signature: __________________________

Emergency phone number: __________________________

NB: This authorisation is for rehearsals prior to the day of the concert and on the evening of the concert. At the sound check on the day of the concert staff/staff supervision arrangements for students are the responsibility of the school your child attends.

Please complete this form and return to your music coordinator by: Thursday March 17.
Get Your 2016 Twilight Fete Ride Wristbands
Now and Save!

5 Hours of Unlimited Rides
Pre-order for only $30

Wristbands allow unlimited rides on the Cha Cha, Ocean Adventure Slide, Cup & Saucer, Kite Flyer and the Camelot’s Jumping Castle from 3.30pm until 8.30pm. The discounted price is available until Wednesday 16th March 2016. On the day of the Fete, wrist bands will be available for $35.00. Prepaid wrist bands for Rowville Primary School students will be distributed to your child in their classroom on the day of the Fete. Please keep your receipt as proof of payment and to claim any extra wristbands ordered for siblings or friends from the ticket booth on the night.

2016 Twilight Fete Ride Wristband Order Form

Complete and return with payment by Wednesday 16th March 2016

I would like to order.................... Ride Wristbands at a cost of $30.00 each.

Total Amount Enclosed $...................

Child’s Name............................................. Grade..............

Child’s Name............................................. Grade.............. Or Sibling / Friend □

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Parent/Carer’s Name............................................. Contact number.................................

Parent/Carer’s Signature:.................................................................

I wish to pay by: □ cash    □ cheque (made payable to Rowville Primary School)

□ I have paid by BPay Receipt #......................... Transaction Date ......................by 11th March 2016

□ credit card (please complete details below)

PLEASE CHARGE MY CREDIT CARD

□ MASTERCARD □ VISA          AMOUNT: $ _____________

(Please note: Debit Cards, American Express & Diners Club not accepted)

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When registering for our upcoming MUSTA Junior Development Series Tournament - Saturday 9th & Sunday 10th April - please note the below:

You will need to create an account for tournaments on tennis.com.au - when click Login, there is a sign up option lower on the page.

You will also need to contact Tennis Service either by phone 1800 PLAY TENNIS or via email play@tennis.com.au for a player ID number.

Entries are open to all players between ages 9 - 15 with players entering in their own age groups. Events include both singles and doubles.

Entries are now open online at: http://tournaments.tennis.com.au/sport/tournament.aspx?id=90216C8C-4EA6-4514-ADFC-2FD487DA87AF

Entries close Saturday 2nd April.