From The Principal...

Dear Parents/Carers

The school will be closed for a curriculum day on Thursday 24th March. Children are not required at school on curriculum days.

The rain could not dampen the excitement of the 2016 Rowville Primary School Twilight Fete. Thank you to all families and friends for helping to make the 2016 fete the success that it was. It is wonderful to know that approximately $14,000 was raised, which will go directly back into the school towards enhancing our library to become a model 21st century learning centre. We are certainly lucky to have such a wonderful school community that cares about and supports our children so much.

It takes many hands to pull off such a large event. I would like to acknowledge Tania Challis who led the fete committee and was strongly supported by a team who have been acknowledged later in this newsletter.

Tania and the team juggled their busy work schedules to be a part of the fete and to help set up on the Thursday night and all day Friday. The fete committee can reflect on the night with a great sense of pride and achievement. Our students had a lot of fun on the night and that’s what makes it worthwhile.

The School Council is meeting tonight for the Annual General Meeting. An election meeting to elect new office bearers for the new school council will be held at the end of this meeting. This will be followed by a professional development activity between the staff and the school council.

We will also farewell and acknowledge retiring members from the current School Council for their service to our school:

We celebrate the wonderful contribution Neil Veitch has made to Rowville Primary School through his role as a School Council member from 2008 - 2016 which included him serving as School Council President from 2011-2016. Over the years Neil has worked tirelessly behind the scenes to support Rowville Primary School. In 2008 he successfully lobbied Knox Council for the reinstatement of the school crossing in Simon Avenue. After the newly installed synthetic running track was damaged five days after it was installed, Neil led a campaign for it to be repaired to its original condition. He was relentless and in the process sent several hundred emails. He was successful. Neil also supported the school by assisting in the Beyond Boundaries Program and other school activities. He supported the Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program by assisting with the feeding of the chickens over the weekend and on school holidays.

We thank Neil for his work and dedication to our school and students in his role as School Council member and president.

Helen Pongracic
Helen has been a member of School Council from 2007-2016 and has been Vice - President from 2012-2016. Through her role on School Council, Helen has contributed to the shared goal of improving student achievement. Helen participated in the School Review process in both 2009 and 2013. Her skill in editing our policies and reviewing documents was an asset to our school.

We acknowledge the nine years of service that Helen Pongracic has given Rowville Primary School as a member of School Council and in her role as Vice President.

Graham Ross
Graham has been a member of School Council from 2009-2016. During this time he has been a very supportive member of our school community. We acknowledge Graham for the seven years of service to Rowville Primary School.

Jackie Walker
Jackie has been a member of School Council from 2010-2016. Jackie was the link between the Friends of Rowville Primary School and School Council. Jackie shared with School Council the operations and activities of FORPS. Over the years Jackie has attended overnight Beyond Boundaries Adventure Programs and supported a range of sporting events and excursions. Jackie represented the School Council on the 40th Birthday Celebrations Committee.

Jackie is acknowledged for her six years of service on School Council.

Lisa Lakey
Lisa has been a member of School Council from 2014-2016. Over the time she has represented the School Council on the Canteen Committee and has represented the School at events conducted by Knox Council. Lisa is a very hands on supportive member of School Council who has assisted at whole school events. Lisa is acknowledged for her two years of service on School Council.

At the end of this term Mrs Chris Jones who has worked as our literacy consultant is taking leave to accompany her husband who is working in New York. We acknowledge Mrs Jones’ leadership in literacy learning across the school and wish her all the very best for the future.

The term one break will occur from Friday 25th March until Friday 8th April. Term two will commence on Monday 11th April. I wish all our families a safe and happy break.

Anne Babich
Principal
From The Assistant Principal...

Dear Parents/Carers

Easter and the school holidays are here. A short school term always seems to disappear in the blink of an eye and when you add in the all the events and activities that have occurred during the term it seems to have disappeared even more quickly.

We have focussed on recognising many examples of student endeavour at our assemblies, in the newsletter and in our classrooms. Introducing the thread of ‘extraordinary effort’ last year and extending this to ‘aiming high’ this year, we have made it commonplace for students to talk about their efforts each and every day. We have also been able to make the distinction between effort and achievement quite clear and can make the connection that a great achievement is only possible with considerable effort.

At a recent assembly, two of our students spoke of their participation at the Davis Cup Tennis Tournament. Their story clearly shows that hard work and effort can lead to amazing results and exciting opportunities:

On Saturday 5th March we were invited to participate in the Davis Cup. We were invited by Al from Tennis Victoria Hotshots Program because he thought we were working well on our tennis skills and that we were working hard to achieve our goals for tennis. At the Davis Cup we first played on the side of the main court. We played for at least half an hour and then we did the guard of honour. The guard of honour is where you stand in two lines on opposite sides of the court leaving a gap in the middle for players to walk through. We got to high-five all the players and then we got to watch the match. Just before the final set we went to the where the players were exiting and had our sharpies ready to get the signatures of the players. We were lucky enough to get signatures of John Peers and Lleyton Hewitt from the Australian team who were playing doubles. That was our day at the Davis Cup.

Arwa S 5A and Ashna S 5C

Another of our students who continually invests his best efforts in his pursuits is Luke E 3C. He is a very dedicated and determined sportman and always gives his all. On Saturday just gone, he competed in the Under 9 Race Walking event at the State Little Athletics Championships held at Albert Park and won. He shared his achievement with his class and told them of the effort that he invested into every event held in the lead up to the State Championships. Congratulations Luke.

Next Term we will be hosting a program for parents run by Anglicare Victoria, Parentzone and Knox Council focussing on the challenges and choices involved in raising young people. The program is being hosted here at our school on five Tuesday afternoons in April and May from 1.00 - 3.00pm. There is no cost for the program but bookings are essential. A flyer for the program has been included in this edition of the newsletter with the dates and details.

Have a safe and enjoyable Easter break with your families and I look forward to a wonderful Term 2.

Stuart Boyle
Assistant Principal
DIARY OF EVENTS
All dates for school events can be viewed in the
calendar on Compass

Rowville Kids Café News

Specials Menu

POPCORN MONDAY
Recess Only
Freshly Popped Popcorn $1.00

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

Thank you to our helpers for next week

Monday 11th April K. Hopkins
Tuesday 12th April L. McConnochie
Wednesday 13th April M. Wallace
Thursday 14th April K. Hopkins
Friday 15th April J. Pennington, L. Shore & H. Haynes

Bronwyn Richards
Canteen Manager

CURRICULUM DAY- STUDENT FREE DAY
Please note that the last day of term 1 - Thursday 24th March 2016
is a Curriculum Day and students do not attend school on this day.
On Wednesday 23rd March, Students finish school at 3.15pm

Chickenpox, Measles, Mumps & Slapped Cheek
We wish to advise families at Rowville Primary School, that a parent and
two students 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.

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.
enrolment-information

Thursday 24th March 2016
(Curriculum Day at Rowville Primary School)
We will be open from 7:00am until 6:00pm and running a full day
program.
Bookings are required in advanced
Costing for the day is $45.00 per child before CCB
info@rowvilleaftercare.org.au 0428 107 245

Juanita Garcia
Cafe Manager
Congratulations to the following students who were presented with a Citizenship Award at our Monday morning assembly. These students demonstrated our value of ‘Understanding, Tolerance and Inclusion’ to an exemplary level.

**UNDERSTANDING AND INCLUSION**

Be aware of others and their cultures, accept diversity and try hard at including others and being included.
Congratulations to the following students who earned Mathletics Certificates this week!

**Silver Certificates**

- Akera A
- Akil B
- George S
- Imogen W
- Jasmine S
- Michael M

**Bronze Certificates**

- Aadhi S
- Caleb O
- Elizaveta K
- Jordan F
- Nathaniel L
- Tayla K
- Aanya P
- Cedric C
- Eloise R
- Joshua F
- Neha C
- Thomas R
- Adrian S
- Celina B
- Ethan S
- Kate H
- Olivia N
- Titus W
- Ahmed T
- Claire S
- Harnoor K
- Kirsten F
- Prachee A
- Tiyan A
- Aiden S
- Corey P
- Hayley M
- Kyesha T
- Seth T
- Ty T
- Alyssa M
- Daina L
- Isabella T
- Lola M
- Shiyao H
- Tyson G
- Arwa S
- David S
- Ishaan N
- Lucas N
- Sienna H
- Vivian C
- Ashley H
- Dhruti S
- Jackson G
- Mackenzie N
- Sienna M
- Zach H
- Ashna S
- Disha A
- Jahzara T
- Makenna G
- Sophia H
- Zarah M
- Ayden B
- Ebony G
- Jenna C
- Matthew L
- Tahlia B
- Ziad B
- Bailey H
- Elizabeth H
- Jonathan L
- Natalie L
- Tanvi P
- Zitian W

**House Cross Country**

On Wednesday 16\textsuperscript{th} March our whole school participated in the House Cross Country. Red, yellow, green and blue were everywhere!

In spite of the heat, students put in a big effort to finish the 800m (Foundation), 1km (Year 1 and 2), 2km (9/10 year olds) and 3km (11 and 12 year olds) courses.

Well done to all the students who got into the spirit of the event and worked on their health and fitness.

Congratulations to all the age place getters, age group champions and to Lonsdale, who won the House Shield.

A big thankyou to our wonderful group of parent helpers.

*Sue Macdonald and Liz Balfour*
Rowville Library (Stud Park)

If you’re looking for something to do over the holidays there are some fun activities, Easter crafts, entertainment and story times happening at the Rowville Public Library. For further details and bookings please phone Rowville Public Library 9294 1300 or check the Eastern Regional Libraries website www.erl.vic.gov.au.

Anzac Day Display:

Coming soon: our students from various grades have been working on the artwork for this year’s Anzac Day display at the local library. The artwork will be used as the backdrop for the Anzac Day ceremony and will adorn the windows in the lead up to 25th April – keep an eye out. This year’s work is amazing and has a “poppies” theme. Well done to all of our students and a big thank you to our wonderful Art teachers Lisa Sullivan and Carly Hawkins.

Holiday Reading

Enjoy a good read over the holidays! There are lots of fun books with an Easter theme to be enjoyed. Try the Dumb Bunnies series by Sue Denim or There Was An Old Bloke Who Swallowed a Bunny by P. Crumble. You can sing along to the Easter songs with Colin Buchanan’s Fair Dinkum Aussie Easter or read a book about Bilby’s (an Australian endangered animal). Try Bilby’s Secret, Bilby Moon, Baby Bilby’s Question or The Smallest Bilby and the Easter Games. New to our library is We’re Going on an Egg Hunt by Laine Mitchell. The animals are going on an egg hunt and find an ‘uneggspected’ surprise!

Enjoy the holidays and read, read, read! The more you read the more you learn!

Jackie Hicks – Library Technician

Victorian Premiers’ Reading Challenge

The Victorian Premiers’ Reading Challenge (VPRC) consent forms are due back by the end of term. It would be great to see as many students as possible registered for this year’s challenge.

The students in Foundation, Year 1 and Year 2 will be sharing 30 books with their classroom teachers. Students in Years 3 to 6 are challenged to read 15 books at least 10 must be from the booklist and 5 can be free choice. Remember to record the title and author of any books you have read over the holidays.

If you would like further details on the Reading Challenge go to www.education.vic.gov.au/prc. All enquiries are welcome.

Grace Kanci and Jackie Hicks – Reading Challenge Co-ordinators

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

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

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**STUDENT APPLICATION FORM**

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Please print clearly in block letters for use in the program.

1ST PREFERENCE (Tick one box)
- SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA (Strings only): ☐ SYMPHONIC BAND ☐ ROOKIE BAND ☐ STRING ORCHESTRA ☐ CONCERT BAND ☐ SECONDARY CHOIR ☐ STAGE BAND ☐

2ND PREFERENCE (Tick one box)
- SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA (Strings only): ☐ SYMPHONIC BAND ☐ ROOKIE BAND ☐ STRING ORCHESTRA ☐ 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

If 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 impractical 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 fore reheasals 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 rehearsal 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.
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We would like to extend an enormous thank you to all of the following people and companies for their hard work, support and assistance leading up to and during the Twilight Fete.

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Tracey Sammann

Amy Satur
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Narelle Thomson
Kristen Phillips

Electrician
Mick Sammann

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All classroom stall helpers
Alex Chen
Andrew Neill
Aneta Arpas
Belinda Vaughan
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Bridget Regan
Bruce Rowe
Bryce McGeehan
Camilla Worsnop
Ce Han
Chloe Sammann
Cindy Gardiner

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Paul Challis
Penelope Stanton
Piotr Pilitowski
Rachel & Paul Gniatkiewicz
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Robynne Hoskins
Shanen Hung
Sara Bartlett
Sarah Verstak
Shelby MacDonald
Shelley Quigley
Shu Hui Hern
Southcott Family
Suchi Kashyap
Sue Cooke
Tahlia Knoppien
Tom Western
Winnie Dai

Equipment
1st Rowville Scouts
Lions Rowville
Men’s Shed Stamford Park
St. John Vianney’s Parish Mulgrave
Kox Basketball Stadium Cafe - Andrew
Canopy Outdoors
Danny from Chromagen
Naomi Evans
Jenny Reid
Renee Benny

Performers/Displays
Stuart Mackie (Master of Ceremonies)
Melbourne Taekwondo Centre Rowville
DanceXpress
Kreationz
Music Makers Instrumental Students
Zither Player – Ming Dong
Dance – Ayana, Jessica, Tegan, Lucy, Alyssa
Rowville Secondary College Band
Din Din & Dan Dan
School Choir & Aerobics Teams
60-80s Holden Enthusiast Club
CFA
AJ from Eildon Tennis
Jason Borg Personal Training

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Coles Stud Park - Nick (store manager) & Michelle
Colin Westbury
Diane & Jared Keleher
Erin Kelleher
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Gigi Wu
Goula Davey
Graham Rosa
Helen Pongracic
Irhad & Michael & Tahlia – Seek Volunteers
Jackie Walker
Jason Wallace for Wristbands
Jenny Reid
Karain Eketone
Kate Hopkins
Katrina Stratton
Kate Brewster
Part of our Sun smart policy at Rowville Primary School is that students should wear the official school uniform wide brimmed hat when outdoors from 1st September to the 30th April. We urge all parents to protect their children for now and the future by purchasing a school hat. Students are also encouraged to apply sunscreen (SPF 30 + 20 mins prior to outdoor activity) provided by parents. Please place the students name on the sunscreen container.

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