From The Principal…

Dear Parents/Carers

The ANZAC Day public holiday presents us with an opportunity to pause and reflect. Originally ANZAC was a set of initials that described the Australian and New Zealand soldiers who were in Egypt in the First World War. The initials stood for Australian and New Zealand Army Corps and in 1915, those men, together with British, Indian and French soldiers, were sent to fight in the part of Turkey known as the Gallipoli Peninsula. It was because of the way those Australians and New Zealanders fought and the way they faced the hardships and dangers that confronted them that the initials became a word.

So how is ANZAC day relevant to us as a school community? The ANZAC spirit represents a sense of purpose and direction. The original ANZACs knew what they had to do, they knew of the dangers and the difficulties, but they did not let those difficulties stop them from obeying their orders. The soldiers on the ground stayed until their leaders decided it was time to withdraw.

This is the important message that we need to share with our students and it links so well with our school value of resilience. Every day there are learning expectations that are set in every classroom. There are the expectations that students will wear a full school uniform and be punctual every day. There is the expectation that our students will persist with all learning tasks. We also expect that every day every student will represent themselves and their family in the best way possible.

I would like to challenge our students to not focus on the difficulties that they perceive to be in the way of meeting these expectations, but to think of the ANZACs and others who have followed them and push the difficulties to one side and persist with tasks even when there are challenges.

Another school value that is represented by the ANZAC spirit is the acceptance of responsibility. We should aspire to accept responsibility for everything that we do.

It is easy to accept responsibility when everything goes well. However it is inevitable that sometimes things will go wrong. Sometimes games that started off well go wrong. Sometimes our students behave in ways that are against the wishes of parents and teachers. I encourage our students to reflect on the ANZAC spirit and take responsibility for their actions.

The ANZAC spirit also demonstrates our value of care and compassion. The ANZACs watched out for one another.

Imagine how good our school would be if every day we watched out for one another and helped each other at all times and were accepting of one another’s differences.

Families, who have a child starting Foundation in 2017, are invited to complete an enrolment form. We start planning for our 2017 Foundation students from mid May onwards. Please download an enrolment from the website or pick up an enrolment pack from the office. Confirmation letters will be sent to families as enrolments are processed.

Snapshot: ANZAC Day ceremony and students artwork

Anne Babich
Principal
From The Assistant Principal...

Dear Parents and Carers,

A few weeks ago at our Monday assembly, I recounted a very interesting conversation that I had had with a friend. We were talking about how habits develop, specifically how daily routines and rituals can become established without us even realising what or how it has happened. We often reflect on our routines and complain that we don’t like them or are not happy with how things are running. In this conversation I had been lamenting the ‘email avalanche’ that we experience in today’s day and age – we seem to miraculously become subscribed to mailing lists that we have never heard of and get more junk mail in our in-box now than we do in our mailbox. It was at this point that my friend made the comment ‘Your personality becomes your personal reality’. I asked what she meant by this, to which she replied ‘Well, how often do you check your email?’ I did not like the answer that came from my mouth – who would like to admit that they check their email ten or more times every hour until they go to bed. My personality had created a personal reality that I did not like. I resolved to change this.

To illustrate this concept with our students I shared the example of neatness – another element of my personality that has created a personal reality for me. Spending a great deal of time making sure things are organised and tidy. I resolved to let this go a little and set students the challenge of identifying which element of their personality had created some habits that they would like to change. The day after the assembly, one of our students shared with me that she had thought deeply about this. She said that because she always wanted things to be a certain way or games to go a certain way she had become very bossy. Her friends had started to tell her that she was bossy. An element of her personality had become her personal reality. We talked about the changes that she had decided to make and the difference that it would create in her friendships at home and at school. I continue to work on not having everything neat and tidy all the time – starting with the Autumn leaves on the lawn. I decided we should play in them for a while before I mulch them for the garden which is very unlike me!

We have a busy few weeks ahead of us. The FORPS Mothers Day Stall will run next week on Tuesday 3rd May. Every grade will have the opportunity to visit the stall and purchase something for Mum, Grandma or a special person in your child’s life. Dads – make sure you are organised! Mums – if you are the newsletter reader, perhaps highlight this paragraph and leave it somewhere strategic.

The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) for students in Years 3 and 5 will take place on 10th – 12th May. These tests can create some uncertainty for children and families – especially if it is the first time that they have been undertaken. It is important to remember that they are a measure of the skills developed over their time at school not just in the weeks leading up to the tests. The tests will be administered by the grade teachers in normal classrooms. Please speak to your child’s teacher or to myself if you have any concerns about the NAPLAN.

Have a wonderful week ahead.

Stuart Boyle
Assistant Principal

What is ahead....

Mothers Day Stall - Tuesday 3rd May 11.00am - 1.00pm. All gifts are $5.00 each. Please bring a plastic bag on the day to carry your gift home.
Please complete the forms below if you can assist with either event.

Next Meeting - The FORPS committee will meet in the school staffroom on Monday 9th May at 7.30pm. New members are always welcome to come along.

Mothers Day Stall - Tuesday 3rd May - Help Needed

I can spare two hours or more to assist on the Mother’s Day stall from 11.00am - 1.00pm on Tuesday 3rd May. Please either contact the Mothers Day coordinator, Shelby, directly on 0409 171 141 to volunteer or complete this form and return to the school office.

Name: ___________________________ Mobile number: _______________________
Email: ____________________________
Eldest Child’s name: ___________________________ Grade: _______
Congratulations to the following students who earned Mathletics Certificates this week.

Highest Points last week was Ebony G - 13,067pts!

Who will be the 2016 Rowville Primary School Mathlete of the Year?

Gold Certificates

| Ayden B |

Silver Certificates

| Akil B | Dante V | Evangelina D | Jackson K | Joshua F | Shiyao H |
| Calen T | Ella F | Evelyn H | Jasmine S | Kiara K | Tanvi P |
| Claire S | Ethan S | Isabel P | Jonathan L | Mackenzie N | Tia C |

Bronze Certificates

| Aadhi S | Ebony G | Grace C | Lara G | Neha C | Titus W |
| Adrian S | Elisha M | Isabella T | Lauren K | Olivia N | Tiya T |
| Arwa S | Elizabeth H | Jackson G | Leon M | Rhiannon P | Tyson G |
| Ashna S | Elizaveta K | Jemma W | Lilyana O | Shaun R | Zara K |
| Brady K | Eloise R | Jenna C | Madeline R | Simone R | Ziad B |
| Corey P | Farah O | Joshua W | Michael M | Sunny Y | Zitian W |
| Disha A | George S | Kate H | Nathaniel B | Tahlia B | |
| Dylan L | Georgia C | Lachlan A | Nathaniel L | Tayla K | |

Visual Arts News

Students in Years 5 and 6 have made their own highly decorated Koinobori Carp Flags during recent Visual Arts classes. Families are invited to view this artwork in the main building corridor.
DIARY OF EVENTS
All dates for school events can be viewed in the calendar on Compass

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.

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.

SPECIALS MENU

POPCORN MONDAY
Freshly Popped Popcorn $1.00

SUSHI HANDROLL TUESDAY
Lunch order only
Crispy Chicken $3.20
Tuna and Avocado (GF) $3.20
Avocado & Cucumber (V, GF) $3.20
Teriyaki Chicken $3.20
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 2nd May N. Thomson
Tuesday 3rd May L. McConnochie
Wednesday 4th May S. Faraji
Thursday 5th May T. Denman
Friday 6th May L. Shore & H. Haynes

Bronwyn Richards
Canteen Manager

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.

“Calling all Green Thumbs”
On Monday 2nd May the following grades will be working in the Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Transplanting strawberries and planting herb and lettuce seeds. We are asking parents, carers, grandparents and friends to volunteer to help assist the students during this time.
2C: 11:15am - 11:55am
2B: 11:55am - 12:35pm
2A: 12:35pm - 1:15pm

Rowville Kids Café News
Students in Year 3B used their Writer’s Notebooks to collect their thoughts on the fantastic walkathon last Friday 22\textsuperscript{nd} April. Thank you to all the parents and FORPS committee who assisted with setting up, packing up and marshalling.

I enjoyed walking with Allegra. I felt like nature was my home. I felt hot but had fun anyway. I felt nice, being outside, with the fresh air blowing in my face. I felt good with friends.

\textit{By Sienna, 3B}

I was really excited when we went on the longer walk to Stud Park where the community centre is, it was really fun. I was happy when my sister was walking with me and telling me where to go. It was really so much fun with my friends and my sister. I completed four laps but my friends did six laps because my sister and I were just walking very slowly. I enjoyed walking with my big sister Stephanie and we sometimes caught up to my friends.

\textit{By Chloe, 3B}

\textbf{Walkathon}

Running, sweating, happy people walking.

Numbers on hands

Kids talking, running and puffing breaths

Kids drinking water

Parents watching

That is all the walkathon is about

Having fun!

\textit{By Oliver 3B}
CHILDREN, CHALLENGES & CHOICES.
COME ALONG AND JOIN OTHER PARENTS IN DISCUSSING THESE
AND OTHER PARENTING ISSUES.

Do you struggle to develop boundaries that work with your kids?  
Would you like to be able to talk to your kids so they listen?  
Do you wonder why they behave as they do?  

Dates:  
Tuesday 26th April  
Tuesday’s 3rd, 10th & 17th May

Time:  
1pm - 3pm

Venue:  
Rowville Primary School  
Paratea Drive Rowville

Cost:  
FREE of Charge

Bookings:  
Rowville Primary School  
03 9764 1955  
Kim Pedler 9735 6146
SunSmart Policy - No Hat No Play -
1st September to 30th April

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.

Please encourage your children to have their hat at school each day. Hats are available from our uniform supplier Klad Sport, Factory 8 Macro Court, Rowville.

SECOND HAND UNIFORM SHOP

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

Term 2 2016
27th April
11th & 25th May
8th & 22nd June

Hats                      $ 2.00
Track & Bootleg Pants     $ 5.00
Shorts & Cullottes        $ 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

The Chill Out Space - DONATIONS WANTED!

We are creating a special space within our school which is called The Chill Out Space. This will provide an area for our students to be invited to play in a calm, structured and supervised environment.

We are hoping to receive some donations of quality second hand goods from our school community in order to develop this space. If you have any of the following items which are no longer wanted, they would be greatly appreciated.

Games
- Complete board games
- Complete puzzles
- Cards

Construction Materials
- Lego
- Duplo
- Wooden Blocks
- Mobilo
- Mecano
- K’Nex
- Other

Role Play
- Cash registers
- Pretend food
- Plastic kitchenware
- Toy kitchen
- Dollhouse
- Dolls
- Barbies
- Puppets
- Toy work bench/tools
- Car mat
- Train set
- Cars/trains etc.
- Figurines

Art/Craft
- Colouring books
- Beads/threading
- Loom Bands
- Play dough

Books
- Small book shelf
- Empty netpads
- Picture story books
- Short novels
- Nonfiction books
- Puzzle books eg: word search, crossword, Sudoku
- Clean clothes for reading corner

Please send all donations to Mrs Atmoppen and Miss Dowaston in Room 7. If you have any queries about possible donations please come and see us or send us an email.

Thank you for your support!

dowaston.lauren.m@edumail.vic.gov.au – Lauren Dowaston
atmoppen.elizabeth.m@edumail.vic.gov.au – Liz Atmoppen

MGB

Mini Hoops

Basketball clinics for beginners - 4-12 years old!
Every Friday of the school term
Commemencing: Friday 22nd of April 2016
Time: 4.15-5.15pm
Cost: $10 per session

To register your interest please contact -
Alex Palazzolo
palazzolo.alex@edumail.vic.gov.au
0705 4563

*Payment for full term required

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State Schools’ Relief
Prep CSEF uniform support

Fact sheet for parents

Program background
As part of the Victorian Government’s Affordable Uniform Program, every Prep government school student who is a recipient of the Camps, Sports and Excursion Fund (CSEF) automatically qualifies for a uniform pack voucher. Each year, State Schools’ Relief (SSR) provides tens of thousands of children with school clothing, shoes and other essential items. For the first time SSR has received government funding so that it can help more families needing financial assistance, and ensure no one is left behind.

Eligibility requirements for CSEF can be found at www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

What uniform support is provided?
SSR will provide:
- A basic windcheater and tracksuit pants
- OR one of the following
- A bomber jacket, rugby top, hoodie or zip jacket

How can parents apply for the uniform?
Parents must apply for CSEF by the closing date listed at www.education.vic.gov.au/csef before they approach the school to apply. Primary schools are required to make applications on behalf of parents at www.ssr.net.au/schools.

Once approved, the voucher will be dispatched electronically to the school, uniform shop or uniform supplier. The school will provide the voucher to the parent/student to present at the uniform retailer (and not at SSR).

What if parents have already purchased their child’s uniforms?
Eligible parents who have already purchased their child’s uniforms for the year can select items of a larger size from the retailer.

Can parents who are ineligible for CSEF or, who have children in other year levels receive assistance from SSR?
Yes. Applications for parents requiring financial assistance for uniforms, text books or shoes are encouraged via the regular SSR services – www.ssr.net.au/schools. SSR only responds to requests from schools (not from parents directly). Parents are encouraged to talk to their school principal, assistant principal or student welfare coordinator about their situation and they will assess their eligibility.

Terms and conditions
- Only CSEF recipients are eligible for the uniform packs.
- Each student is eligible for a single uniform pack.
- A voucher is dispatched electronically to the school, uniform shop or uniform supplier on approval. The school will provide the voucher to the parent/student to present at the uniform retailer (and not at SSR).
- The order is valid for 45 days from date of issue.
- Once expired, a new application must be lodged.
- Expired vouchers cannot be redeemed.
- Each voucher specifies the individual items funded by SSR.
- No change to the items can be made unless through the school.
- Changes made in store will not be honoured by SSR.
- The maximum voucher value is $57 and any short fall will not be covered by SSR.
- The value of the voucher is a maximum value rather than an entitled amount. Should the value of the item be less than $57 the difference will not be credit towards other items.

More information
Parents: For CSEF application details please visit www.education.vic.gov.au/csef
Schools: For SSR applications please visit www.education.vic.gov.au/ssr

State Schools’ Relief
Telephone: 03 8769 8400 Email: contact@ssr.net.au Website: www.ssr.net.au
## Rowville Kid's Café Menu

### Special Days
- **Munchy Monday**
  - Freshly Popped Popcorn $1.00
- **Tasty Tuesday**
  - Lunch order only
- **Wacky Wednesday**
  - Lunch order only
  - Chicken Chippers (bag of 6) $3.00

### Hot Food
- Lunch order only

- Cheese Toastie
- Corn on Cob (V)
- Hot Chicken Roll
- Hot Chicken Roll with Cheese
- Traditional Lasagne
- Macaroni Cheese
- Vegetarian Fried Rice (V, GF)
- Mini Garlic Bread Roll
- Chicken Nuggets - Bag of 6
- Large Pasticcio
- Large Meat Pie
- Mini Meat Pie
- Large Shepherd's Pie
- Large Sausage Roll
- Mini Sausage Roll
- Hot Dog
- Hot Dog with cheese
- Pizza Slice Ham & Pineapple
- Noodles in a Cup
- Chicken

**SANDWICHES & ROLLS**

- Lunch order only

  - Wholesome unless specified

  - Buttered Bread $2.20
  - Vegemite or Honey $2.50
  - Tuna, Ham or Tomato $3.00
  - Cheese $3.00
  - Roast Chicken $4.40
  - Salads (regular) $4.40

**DRINKS**

- Lunch Order or Over the Counter

  - Big M Milk (long life) $2.50
  - Chocolate or Strawberry $2.50
  - Just Juice - Orange, Apple, Orange/Mango, Paradise Punch, Apple/Blackcurrant, Bottled Water 600ml $2.50
  - Hot Milk
  - Hot Soup - Chicken or Tomato $2.50

**Meal Deals**

- Available every day
- Choose with your choice of
- Big M, Jug Juice, Water, Hot Milk or Hot Soup

**See Drink List for Flavours**

- Oodles of Noodles Meal Deal $5.50
- Noodles in a Cup
- Cookister
- Choice of the above drinks

**Tasty Toastie Meal Deal**

- Toastie
- Cookister
- Choice of the above drinks

**Lasagna Lasagne Meal Deal**

- Traditional Lasagne
- Cookister
- Choice of the above drinks

**Happy Hot Dog Meal Deal**

- Hot Dog in Roll
- Cookister
- Choice of the above drinks

**Chicken Little Meal Deal**

- Chicken Nuggets (bag of 6)
- Cookister
- Choice of the above drinks

**Delish Fish Burger Meal**

- Delish Fish Burger
- Cookister
- Choice of the above drinks

### Frozen Treats

- Lunch Order or Over the Counter
  - Frozen Big M (HTH) - Chocolate or Strawberry $2.50
  - Frozen Fruit in Season $3.50
  - Frozen Jaffa Juice $2.50
  - Frozen Juice Blocks $2.10
  - Paddle Pop - Rainbow, Chocolate, Banana or Tropical Yoghurt $1.50
  - Fruit Tub $1.00
  - Ice Cream $1.00
  - Frozen Yogurt in a tub - Strawberry $2.00
  - Slushy $1.00

### Snacks

- Lunch Order or Over the Counter
  - Crunchy Carrot Sticks (each) $0.05
  - Savory Crackers (each) $0.05
  - Crackers & Cheese $0.50
  - Fruit (in season) $0.50
  - Classic Popcorn - Chocolate, Butter or Salt & Vinegar $0.50
  - Jaffa Nut Snack - Chocolate, Orange, Blueberry $0.50
  - Red Rock Dell Chips - Honey $0.50
  - Sea Salt Chips $0.50

### Cookies

- Lunch Order or Over the Counter

### Lunch Order Bags

5 cents each

### Important Information

**Lunch Orders**

- All canteen orders are to be placed in the canteen boxes in the classrooms at the start of the day.
- If you arrive late, please deliver your lunch order straight to the canteen by 5.30pm.
- Lunch Orders should be written on a paper bag where possible.
- If using an envelope to write your lunch order, **PLEASE INCLUDE 5 CENTS FOR A PAPER BAG FOR THE ORDER TO BE PACKED INTO**.
- Please ensure you include your child's name, grade, teacher’s name and room number on the lunch order bag/envelope.
- Clearly list items and their price on the lunch order bag/envelope.
- State if paying for a sibling – name, grade and amount.
- If your child has forgotten his/her lunch order, a lunch can be obtained from the canteen. **PAYMENT IS DUE THE FOLLOWING SCHOOL DAY**.

**Over the Counter Sales**

- Each child must queue for his/her own items.
- Snack lines limited to two per child.
- Courteous behaviour is expected at all times.

**Prices**

Prices are subject to change due to supplier price increases. The school community will be advised in the newsletter the week before if possible.