From The Principal...

Dear Parents/Careers

Yesterday morning FORPS ran the annual mother’s day stall. Our students enjoyed choosing something special for their mothers and other special people in their lives. I would like to acknowledge Shelby Macdonald, Sara Bartlett, Kate Hopkins, Katrina Stratton, Michelle Honeybrook, Jenny Reid, Veronica Stevenson and Rebecca Moylan for assisting our students and sourcing the special gifts.

This is advance notice that Education Week will be held from 16th - 20th May 2016. To celebrate Education Week at Rowville Primary School a Twilight School will operate on Thursday 19th May. This has been a highly successful annual event where we will change the school hours to 1.00pm - 7.30pm. Our goal at Rowville Primary School is that, “Every family will visit their child’s classroom during Education Week”.

The students are looking forward to this event! The Education Working Party has been working hard behind the scenes to ensure that all the fine details associated with altering the hours in a school day are in place.

Last week the Twilight School Canteen Menu was sent through COMPASS. We invite families to make a family order and join their child in the classroom for dinner. The Twilight School provides an opportunity for parents who work to visit their child’s normal classroom learning environment. The timetable for the day will be:

1.00pm School commences

1:00pm – 3:00pm Learning Session
3:00pm – 3:30pm Afternoon tea
3:30pm – 4:30pm Learning Session
4:30pm – 5:15pm Recess
5:15pm – 5:30pm Dinner (In the Classroom)
5:30pm – 7:30pm Learning Session

7.30pm School Closes

It is expected that children who cannot be supervised at home until 1.00pm be sent to school as usual. Letters will be sent home to all parents to ascertain who is able to or unable to supervise their children at home. Arrangements will be made for the supervision of these children at school.

There will be an adult in a safety vest present at school crossings around the school between 12.30pm - 1.00pm. The map of crossings that will be supervised is included in this newsletter. We ask that parents pick up students from the classroom at the end of the school day at 7:30pm. This is to ensure our students safety. If you have arranged for another parent or friend to pick your child up, please inform their class teacher. As with the normal school day, any child that is to be picked up before 7:30pm for appointments will need to be signed out at the front office.

We invite parents to observe their child engaged in learning and to be involved with learning during the “Twilight School” day.

On Monday morning both Stuart and I were absent from assembly. I was contributing to the leadership growth of future leaders in our school system through attending as a facilitator in a leadership program. I have been involved in supporting aspirant leaders through formal programs for over a decade. Mr Boyle is participating in a state-wide intensive Principal participation program. Mr Jury and Mr Gordon in our absence at assembly have falsely promised the students that in the future Mr Boyle and I would do a dance performance! This will never happen!

Anne Babich

Curriculum Day

School Council has approved that the Curriculum Day be changed from Tuesday 14th June 2016 to Friday 24th June 2016. Please note this change in your diary.
Dear Parents and Carers,

To celebrate Education Week, a Twilight School Day will be held on Thursday 19th May 2016 from 1.00 to 7.30pm.

During the day parents, friends and the wider school community are invited to visit the classrooms. This is a wonderful opportunity to see your child in their learning environment. Come and share the learning with your child as they participate in reading, writing, numeracy or the Specialist program. The usual Thursday timetable will be operating and we would love to see you on this special day.

The main meal break on this day will be dinner and students will be able to place an order for dinner from the special Kids Café menu attached, which has had some extra hot meal options added especially for Twilight School. Family and friends visiting the classrooms are also invited to order from this menu and eat with the class between 5.15 to 5.30pm. Students who do not wish to place an order can bring their own dinner from home, but we respectfully request that take-away/fast-food is not brought into the school during the meal break. Please be considerate of other students and families in the class.

The canteen will operate for recess and the dinner play time, so students can purchase snacks and drinks or they can bring these from home.

Dinner orders for Twilight School must be placed in advance. Please remember to fill in the order form included with this letter and include payment in an envelope marked with your child’s name and grade, then return to your child’s teacher by Tuesday 10th May 2016. Please include the correct money, as no change will be given.

If you are able to assist, please complete the form below and return to your child’s teacher.

Stuart Boyle
Assistant Principal

2016 Twilight School Day
Helper’s Reply Slip – Please return this slip no later than Tuesday 10th May 2016

Name: ___________________  Mobile Number: ___________________  Email Address: ___________________

Child’s Name ___________________  Grade ___________________

I can assist with collection, sorting and distribution of meals at Twilight School Day on Thursday 19th May, in the Library, from 4.45pm to 5.30pm.

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Twilight Dinner 2016

Rowville Kid’s Café Order Form

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Twinkling Twilight Meal Deals

Comes with your choice of Chip M, Just Juice, Water, Hot Milo or Hot Soup

See drink list for flavoured and milk box**

Gouldies of Noodles Meal Deal $5.50

Noodles in a Cup

Choice: of the above drinks (lollie box next to drink)

Tasty Toastie Meal Deal $5.50

Toasted Cheese Sandwich

Choice: of the above drinks (lollie box next to drink)

Luscious Lasagne Meal Deal $6.50

Traditional Lasagne

Choice: of the above drinks (lollie box next to drink)

Happy Hot Dog Meal Deal $6.50

Hot Dog in roll

Cooked Hot Dog

Choice: of the above drinks (lollie box next to drink)

Chicken Little Meal Deal $6.50

Chicken Nuggets (bag of 6)

Cooked Chicken

Choice: of the above drinks (lollie box next to drink)

Delish Fish Burger Meal $7.00

Grilled Fish Burger

Cooked Fish

Choice: of the above drinks (lollie box next to drink)

Frosted Treats

With Lunch Order or Over the Counter

| Frozen Big M (1L) | Chocolate | $2.90 |
| Frozen Fruit (1L) | Strawberry | $2.90 |
| Frozen Just Juice | $2.50 |
| Frozen Juice Blocks | $2.00 |
| Paddle Pop | $1.00 |
| Chocolate | Banana | $1.50 |
| Tropical Yogurt | $1.50 |
| Froot Tub | $0.70 |
| Colippo | $0.60 |
| Ice Cream | $1.00 |
| Frozen Yoghurt in a tub | $1.50 |
| Strawberry | $1.50 |

** Drinks

With Lunch Order or Over the Counter

| Big M Milk (long life) | $2.50 |
| Just Juice - Orange | Apple | $2.50 |
| Paradise Punch | $2.50 |
| Apple Blackcurrant | $2.50 |
| Bottled Water 600ml | $2.50 |

Total amount enclosed $______________
This meal is for:
☐ Student  ☐ Parent/Carer
Name: __________________________
Grade: _________________________

Additional order forms are available on Compass or from your child’s teacher.
Congratulations to the following students who were presented with a Citizenship Award at our Monday morning assembly. These students demonstrated our value of ‘Doing Your Best’ to an exemplary level.
Congratulations to the following students who earned Mathletics Certificates this week.

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

Last week’s highest scorers are: Ebony G – 16,310 pts, Jasmine S – 10,000 pts and Adrian S – 9,289 pts

### Silver Certificates

- Ahmed T
- Disha A
- Jackson G
- Kate H
- Michael M
- Tyson G
- Zara K
- Zitian W

### Bronze Certificates

- Aanya P
- Adrian S
- Akera A
- Akil B
- Ashley H
- Ayden B
- Bella B
- Benjamin W
- Brady K
- Brodie W
- Caleb O
- Calen T
- Cedric C
- Chloe N
- David S
- Dhruti S
- Dylan L
- Ebony G
- Ebony S
- Elisha M
- Elizabeth H
- Elizaveta K
- Ella F
- Ella R
- Ethan S
- Evangelina D
- Evelyn H
- George S
- Georgia C
- Grace C
- Hailey S
- Harnoor K
- Harrison B
- Isabella T
- Ishaan N
- Jake D
- James K
- Jasmine S
- Jenna C
- Jeremy B
- Jonathan L
- Jordan F
- Kaylee A
- Kirsten F
- Lachlan S
- Lara G
- Lauren K
- Lilyana O
- Linran C
- Lucas N
- Lucy F
- Luke S
- Lulu R
- Madi S
- Mahkayla C
- Michaela G
- Neha C
- Nicholas S
- Olivia N
- Prachee A
- Rebecca H
- Sebastien L
- Shaan R
- Shiyou H
- Sienna M
- Simone R
- Sina M
- Siobhan L
- Sophie K
- Tahlia B
- Tanvi P
- Tayla K
- Teagan B
- Temperance L
- Titus W
- Vivian C
- Zac M
- Zach H
- Zainab I
- Zarah M
- Ziad B

**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.

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Please send all donations to Mrs Altmeppen and Mist Downson 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!

downson.lauren.m@edumail.vic.gov.au – Lauren Downson
altmeppen.elizabeth.m@edumail.vic.gov.au, Liz Altmeppen
National Family Reading Month

May is National Family Reading Month. Scholastic Australia promote this event which is now in its 20th year, where families are encouraged to come together to share a love of reading. It is designed to get more children reading with their families. There is $20,000 worth of prizes up for grabs in the “Read More in May” Challenge. If you are interested further details can be found at scholastic.com.au/nfrm.

As role models an adult reading to children can have an enormous effect. I encourage everyone to take a moment to read and talk with your child about your favourite children’s books. Most of all enjoy reading books with your family this month.

Knitting Club

Last year, 20 enthusiastic Knitting Club students from Years 3 to 6 started knitting squares to make a rug for charity. This week we met again to continue the process. The larger squares are 50 stitches by 100 rows (approximately 25 cm squares). Students are putting two strips together 25 stitches by 100 rows. We are using 8 ply wool in lots of bright colours.

Students in the Knitting Club could you please bring your Knit Kits to school on Mondays for our lunchtime activity. If you forget to bring it please come anyway – we have extra kits ready to go which are kept in the library for anyone to knit more rows. The more squares we can knit the better. The rug is taking shape and will look great!

If there are any mums, dads or grandparents willing to do some knitting squares that would be a great help. Just send completed knitting squares to me. Your help would be welcome as most of our students are beginners.

Plastic Bags

If anyone has any spare plastic bags please send them to the library. I encourage all students to have a library bag or use a plastic bag to take home their library books. Thank you.

The 4th May is International Star Wars day. Lots of our students especially the boys - enjoy the Star Wars books and we have a very good selection from early readers, longer novels and non-fiction. The slogan for Star Wars day is may the fourth be with you!

Jackie Hicks – Library Technician
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. http://www.rowvilleps.vic.edu.au/index.php/enrolments/enrolment-information

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.

DIARY OF EVENTS

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


Rowville Kids Café News

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 9th May  L. Lakey
Tuesday 10th May  L. McConnochie
Wednesday 11th May  L. Kruger
Thursday 12th May  S. Macdonald
Friday 13th May  J. Pennington

Bronwyn Richards
Canteen Manager

“Calling all Green Thumbs”

On Monday 9th May 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.

1A: 11:15am - 11:55am
1B: 11:55am - 12:35pm
1C: 12:35pm - 1:15pm
Our mission is to make reading fun for children so they become confident, lifelong readers. No child should be left behind in literacy.

Rowville Primary School would like to welcome and introduce Karen who is our Story Dog Volunteer this year.

Karen brings to Rowville Primary School her lovely dogs, Maggie and Scooby, Poodle X dogs to listen to stories read by five students in Years 2, 3 and 4.

Story Dogs improve children’s reading and communication skills by employing a powerful method - reading to a dog. But not just any dog. Story Dogs are accredited companion animals who volunteer with their owner/handler as a team, going to schools and libraries.

Maggie and Scooby love hearing all sorts of stories and enjoy being given a pat by the students.

Keep your eyes open and you may see them around the school on a Friday morning!

**Story Dogs Needed!**

Our school loves having this unique reading support program helping our students to become life-long readers.

The teachers love this program, the students can’t wait to read and the program works!

- Do you have a dog that is well behaved, gentle and is happy around children?
- Can you spare a couple of hours a week?

Call or email Story Dogs so you can start helping children to become better readers.

info@storydogs.org.au
Phone: 0411 536 355
Web Site: www.storydogs.org.au
What is ahead....

Mothers Day Stall - A further opportunity to purchase a special gift is on Thursday 5th May at recess in the library. All gifts are $5.00 each. Please bring a plastic bag on the day to carry your gift home.

Walkathon - Please send in your completed sponsorship form together with money collected to school by Friday 6th May, so that your child’s name can be entered in the prize draw, to win a Family pass to Myuna Farm. The draw will take place at school assembly on Monday 16th May.

Twilight School - Twilight School Day will be held on Thursday 19th May 2016 from 1.00pm to 7.30pm. Dinner orders can be made using the special menu / order form available on Compass.

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.

Many of you have already shown your support by purchasing a 2016 | 2017 Entertainment™ Book or Digital Membership. With over $20,000 worth of valuable offers, have you thought about buying a Membership for your Mum, other family members or friends?

For every Membership we sell, 20% of the purchase price goes directly to us. The money we raise this year will go to support our fundraising.

Purchase your Entertainment™ Book now to ensure you receive it in time for Mother’s Day, or take advantage of the great offers instantly on your smartphone with an Entertainment™ Digital Membership.

Entertainment Books maybe purchased directly from the school office or online www.entbook.com.au/187w714

Offers Mum can enjoy!
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 ARE essential
       Rowville Primary School
       03 9764 1955
       Kim Pedler 9735 6146

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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