From The Principal…

Dear Parents/Carers

Let the games begin at Rowville Primary School! The Rowville Primary School Olympics were officially opened on Monday with students proudly marching behind the flag of their designated country. During the week, students have been trying their hardest in a range of events. The games will officially close at our morning assembly on Monday 22nd August. I acknowledge Sue Macdonald, Liz Balfour, Rachel Crofts and Michèle Bennett who collaborated to organise and deliver an amazing Olympics opening ceremony.

The Olympics have certainly made us focus on achievement and the important role that self-talk has in the achievement of results.

Who can remember the story of the little red engine from their childhood? It was a very simple story, but one that carries a good message. The story featured a little red engine which when it faced the challenge of going up the hill chuffed over and over again, “I think I can, I think I can, I think I can” and when it got close to the top of the hill it changed the words to, “I know I can, I know I can, I know I can”.

Imagine if we could skill all our children to consistently use the words of the little red engine in their self-talk when they faced a situation that was challenging in their learning - either academically or socially. It is well known that if children have a “I know I can” self-talk that they are more likely to have a go at a range of challenging tasks.

Self-talk is what we say to ourselves to explain things that happen through the day. When children can say to themselves that they can do something they are more likely to succeed. There is a strong correlation between how we think, feel and act.

Parents have an important role in helping a child to develop positive self-talk. Children learn from the adult role models around them. How many times do we focus excessively on the negative aspect of a situation - which when it is placed in context is just a very small part in the scheme of things?

Success and failure are part of life. However, when a child does not meet expectations or fails in something it is important that we frame our feedback in a way that makes the child want to have a go at getting it right. We have witnessed examples during the Olympic Games of athletes that used their failure to achieve their goal at the last Olympics to spur them on to success in Rio.

Anne Babich
Principal
From The Assistant Principal...

Dear Parents/Carers

It is great to be back at school following the first block of the internship that I am completing as part of the Principal Development Program. It was a rare and fantastic opportunity to spend a significant amount of time in another school, working with other teachers and leaders and seeing how another school operates on a daily basis. The teachers that I was working with were very interested in hearing about the wonderful things that we are doing here at Rowville Primary School and I must admit, I took great pride in sharing these wonderful things over morning tea in the staffroom. The whole staff at my intern school were very welcoming but it is great to be home! I will not admit to missing Ms Babich! I would like to thank Mr Jury for taking on my role while I was on my placement. He has done an amazing job and has advanced work in many areas with skill, in my absence.

The Olympic Opening Ceremony was the perfect way to start my first full week back on deck. The colour, costumes and performances were all of an exceptionally high standard. It is a special assembly event that only occurs once every four years and is deservedly a big deal. I would like to acknowledge Mrs Macdonald, Ms Balfour, Mrs Bennett and Ms Crofts who have put together a fabulous Olympic themed program, including the opening ceremony and events throughout the week. It has created a real buzz throughout the school. I congratulate four of our House Captains who led the event brilliantly. I made a comment to one of our parents and grandparents after the event that the worst part of being a school leader is that you see all performances from the back as we are standing up the front at assemblies for events such as this and as such do not get to see the joy on the faces of the children as they perform to their parents and peers.

We were very lucky this week to have had visitors from Motoyama Junior High School in Japan. These students are currently on exchange with students from Rowville Secondary College as the two schools are in a sister-school relationship. The Japanese students visited our Foundation students and thought that their ‘expressing ourselves’ inquiry lesson was great fun. They were amazed at the fact that our Year 4 students had personal digital devices and were using these independently to support their learning. They visited our Year 5 and 6 students during their afternoon production rehearsal and were mesmerised by the specialist dance run through. Orestis M and Lochlan C of Year 6 took on the role of tour guide and cultural ambassador for the afternoon and did an exceptional job. They were both given a gift from the Japanese students to remember them by which looked like a lot of fun.

Delivery of the NAPLAN reports for parents is expected in the week commencing 15th August. These reports will be mailed home to you as soon as they are received by the school.

Have a fantastic week ahead.

Stuart Boyle
Assistant Principal
This week we are sending home your financial statement for your information and action as required.

Do you know that you can log in to Compass and inform the school that your child is absent on the day they are sick rather than phoning the school?

As you are aware, all excursions, Beyond Boundaries Programs and activities notifications now come via Compass. It is easy for you to approve your child’s attendance at these events via Compass with a digital signature rather than printing forms and returning them to the office. This is in conjunction with an online payment which cannot be done separately.

We are also sending to those families who were not at Parent /Teacher Interviews, a summary of any unapproved absences and late entries for your child. We ask that you check Compass for any absences that need your approval. This is a Departmental requirement as we must have an explanation for each absence.

Thank you for your assistance.

Robyn Wilson
Business Manager

Compass News

Events:-
Compass Events has been released. Parents and Carers have the ability to consent to their child attending and paying for excursions, incursions, Beyond Boundaries Adventure Programs and sporting events online via the Compass website. If you consent online there is no need to print a copy and send this to school. When consent and payments are done online the school is notified of this immediately via Compass.

Instructions for parents will be sent home when the first event for your child is put on Compass.

If you would like to pay using a credit on your account or CSEF, please print the event form from Compass, write how you would like to pay on the form and forward to the school office. This is manual consent instead of online.

Attendance Matters:-
Please make regular checks to ensure your child has all absences and late arrivals to school approved on Compass.

Absences can be entered in advance on Compass by Parents. Once an absence is entered, there is no need to telephone the school to notify us that your child is absent for the day. Parents are notified on the top right section of the Compass home page if there are late arrivals or absences to be approved. When a student arrives at school late and is issued with a late pass before 9.30am, parents will need to approve these.

We thank you for your assistance in this matter and ask you to telephone the school should you have any queries regarding this process.

**Upcoming Events**

The following events are on Compass for your approval, please log in to Compass http://rowvilleps.vic.jdlf.com.au to pay for (if required) and consent to your child attending.

Year 5 & 6 - Additional Family Life Session
Family Life Session - Free of Charge Fourth Session - Parent consent required for every Year 5 & 6 student attending. Due by 12th August

Foundation:
Expressing Ourselves Circus Workshop - Consent due by 24th August

Rowville Primary School’s Healthy Nude Food Day!

On Thursday 11th August, we are holding a Healthy Nude Food Day to focus on the importance of healthy eating and taking care of our environment.

This has been incorporated into our Olympic Games celebrations, highlighting the need for our Olympic Athletes to not only train hard but to have a healthy diet in order to perform at their best.

We encourage all students to bring a wrapper free, healthy lunch and snack.

Thank you for your support.

The Health and Physical Education Team.
Congratulations to the following students who earned Mathletics Certificates last week.

**Gold Certificates**
- Jordan F
- Eloise R

**Silver Certificates**
- Sophie K
- Oliver L
- Claire S
- Shaun R
- Joshua B
- Elizaveta K
- Sofia M
- Linran C
- Anthony D

**Bronze Certificates**
- Peter T
- Rena N
- Aadhi S
- Neha C
- Jessica B
- Pheonix M
- Gareth M
- Michaela G
- Zac B
- Ashley H
- Dhruti S
- Michael M
- Makenna G
- Rodrigo V
- Jamie B
- Charlie F
- Evangeline D
- Alicia M
- Jenna C
- Nicholas S
- Talina A
- Zach H
- Kate H
- Jasmine S
- Shiyao H
- Jake D
- Dylan L
- Akil B
- Kale M
- Elizabeth H
- Lilyana O
- Simone R
- Vivian C
- Tayla K
- Olivia N
- Nate M
- Madi S
- Adrian S
- Ebony G
- Ashna S
- Sienna B
- Aarush G
- Chinmayi S
- Riley M
- Summer C
- Jonathan L
- Jessica T
- Zitian W
- Ty T
- Hailey S
- Hanna E
- Livinia R
- Ayden B
- Disha A
- Joshua F
- Bella B
- David S
- Titus W

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**Dear Parents/Carers**

This week I enjoyed visiting 5B and Foundation A to observe the Writer’s Notebook in action.

Our Writer of the week is Simone from 5B and she was very excited when she came to see me this week with some wonderful poetry she had written in class. Simone used another poem called ‘High Tea’ as inspiration for her own writing.

I visited Foundation A on Tuesday to see the students writing wonderful stories including beginning, middle and endings. I was very impressed by the students sharing the inspiration for their writing. Cooper was inspired by losing a tooth recently, Madeleine was inspired by Roald Dahl and Matthew was inspired from one his own fears. We talked about how all writers use a variety of inspiration to create imaginative and creative texts.

In 5B, the students were focusing on using specific language to describe the setting of their stories. I enjoyed hearing the student’s wonderful use of language in this session. There will be some students from Year 5 and Foundation sharing their writing at assembly on Monday.

I look forward to writers across the school visiting me to share more creative writing with me.

Have a fantastic week ahead.

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**Slithering Snake**

When I am slithering low
I want to know
where is my snack
so I can attack

Then I have a great look
Behind a hook
is a frog
that looks like a log

I come really close
then I get into a pose
Because there is my snack
So I can attack

For I am like a seal
I like a good tasty meal
When I go a on with life I could store
Because later I would want some more.

**By Simone 5B**

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**Liam Jury**

Leading Teacher
Pasta Kitchen by Lacey
I can see the delicious pasta bubbling on the top of the silver pot. I can hear so many people saying: “This is magnificent, spectacular and fantastic!”
“Can I have the recipe, please Jodie?”
“Sure” said Jodie.
“Can we cook this again, please Jodie, just for me?”
I can’t believe that some people didn’t like it, it was super good. I tasted the delicious cheese parmesan and ricotta while I was eating. I ate a mouthful and I couldn’t even put more in my mouth...
IT WAS AWESOME!

Pasta by Nina
At kitchen I could see pots cooking, cheese being grated, people walking and talking and people weighing their cheese.
I could smell yummy pasta, cheese, salt and pepper.
I touched very sticky dough, very silky pasta and soft cheese.
I could taste pasta and cheese which tingled on my taste buds and made them shout...
“THIS IS SO YUM!”

Steaming Hot! by Talina
“Yes! We are finally making pasta.”
My group were so excited, our aprons and our hands were washed ready to cook. Everyone got to have turns of doing things. We got to touch the dough and cut the dough into quarters. Each person got a piece to roll and stretch. It was so much fun! The pasta was ready to cook. After the boiling water settled down it was time to eat. I smelt the beautiful steam off the pasta!

Kitchen by Shirani
It looked like fun, everyone wanted to eat it already!
The pasta looked so good; everyone was asking when will we get to eat?
The pasta looked, smelled and tasted so good. People were being very competitive with whose dough got the longest. Finally we measured fifty grams of cheese and put all of the cheese into the bowl with the cooked pasta. Cooking the pasta was also fun.
(It didn’t take a lot of time to cook!)
At last we filled our bowls with the delicious looking pasta, we all started eating and one girl, well, she was filling her mouth with cheese, and pasta and I don’t think she had any water to drink!

Pasta by Angela
I could smell the yummy pasta.
I could hear the other students laughing out loud.
I could see that the pasta cooking and it looked amazing.
I could see the boiling water heating ...POP! POP!
The water jumps up when it is cooking the pasta.
It just had a look which it made you want to eat it so much!
I tasted the magnificent pasta that we had made.
It tasted super good, I loved it so much!
Lost Property News

Please help our volunteers. We’d love to return lost property to students. Please name items sent to school, especially windcheaters and jackets. If you have lost a uniform item, please check the red lost property bins in the corridor of the main building regularly, there is a large collection.
There are also non clothing items at the office which need to be returned to their owner. These include prescription glasses, toys, dolls, a bike helmet and containers.

FORPS News

What is ahead….

2016 Chocolate Drive:
This is a major fund raising event for 2016 with the potential to raise $4000. Each box contains 50 individual Cadbury Fun-pack bars, including Freddo Frogs and Caramello Koala @ $1.00 each ($50 per box). The chocolate boxes have been sent home with students and extra boxes are available at the office.

Fathers Day Stall: The Fathers Day stall will be held on Tuesday 30th August between 11.00am and 1.15pm. All gifts are $5.00 each. Please bring a plastic bag on the day to carry your gift home.

Fathers Day Stall - Help Needed

Please return to the school office prior to 24th August 2016 or call Shelby on 0409 171 141 to offer assistance

I can spare two hours or more to assist on the Father’s Day stall from 11.00am - 1.15pm on Tuesday 30th August.

Name:_________________________________________
Mobile number:_________________________________
Email:_________________________________________
Eldest Child’s name:_____________________________
Grade:_______

Library News

Book Week 22nd - 26th August, 2016
Theme: Australia! Story Country

Advanced notice: On Monday 22nd August, 2016 we would like to celebrate Book Week with a Dress-Up Day. Students are asked to dress up as their favourite Australian book character. This will link in with the Book Week theme of Australia! Story Country. Suggestions from our students are The Rangers Apprentice (series), Australian Animals (make some ears and tails!), Ned Kelly, Bushrangers, Mr. Chicken, The Kaboom Kids (cricket series), Colonial children, animals from Animalia by Graeme Base, The Worst Band in the Universe, The Little Refugee, The Word Spy, Blinky Bill, Storm Boy, Specky Magee, Deltora Quest series and lots more. A comprehensive list has been given to all teachers to further discuss character ideas with their students. Keep the costume simple. Whatever you can put together from home is fine. If anyone needs help please come and see me.

Book Week Working Group – Emily Biggins, Lauren Dovaston, Rachel Olsen, Lucinda Divitcos and myself.

Victorian Premiers’ Reading Challenge

The closing date for completion of the Victorian Premiers’ Reading Challenge at Rowville Primary School is 12th August, 2016. Students in Years 3 to 6 must enter your 15 book titles onto the website by this date. Any enquires please see Grace Searl or myself.

Jackie Hicks – Library Technician
New Item
Delish Fish Burger $4.50

Specials Menu
POP CORN 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 the first week of Term 3

Monday 15th August  
N. Thomson

Tuesday 16th August  
L. McConnochie

Wednesday 17th August  
B. Moylan

Thursday 18th August  
J. Ng & L. Kruger

Friday 19th August  
H. Haynes & L. Shore

Canteen Week will be celebrated at Rowville Primary School from 8th - 12th August 2016. Canteen Week is a special time to thank the volunteers who work in our canteen which enables it to operate 5 days per week.

Bronwyn Richards
Canteen Manager