From The Assistant Principal...

Dear Parents/Carers

“The more that you read, the more things you know. The more that you learn, the more places you’ll go.” Dr Seuss

I couldn’t have said it better myself! Book Week presents the perfect opportunity to reflect on all the great things that reading makes possible. The importance of reading cannot be underestimated. Recognising the benefits of reading and acknowledging the work of our wonderful Australian authors and illustrators is the main focus of Book Week but sometimes it is hard for people to see beyond the celebratory parade and character costumes that are an integral part of the events that schools and libraries hold to launch the week in a fun and engaging way.

While searching for costume components for my Blinky Bill ears, I overheard two ladies complaining about their children’s school for having a Book Week parade. Quite unintentionally I interrupted them as I made them laugh when I nearly fell over trying to squeeze myself into the largest size of the grey fox vest in the costume section. I thought I may have got away with wearing this as part of my Koala outfit. Needless to say it didn’t fit. I must have looked quite the sight.

I would like to acknowledge the incredible efforts of our librarian, Jackie Hicks, who has planned an amazing program of events for our students to engage with the work of Australian authors and illustrators. Book readings, author studies and activities don’t just happen – they take a lot of work to organise. I would also like to thank our teachers for supporting this important program and for modeling a love of reading for our students.

Much has been written on the value of sharing stories and reading to babies, helping them to build familiarity with sounds, words and language. Leading on to toddlers connecting with pictures and print, with reading stimulating their growing imagination and helping them to make sense of the world. Reading my daughter bedtime stories is still a favorite part of our nighttime routine despite her sometimes disliking my book selection.

The best-books-for-kids website (best-books-for-kids.com) captures the top ten benefits of reading. I wonder how many reasons our students could identify before looking at the list – maybe an interesting activity to undertake with our Year 5 and 6 students.

1. Kids who read often and widely get better at it!
2. Reading exercises our brains.
3. Reading improves concentration.
4. Reading teaches children about the world around them.
5. Reading improves a child’s vocabulary and leads to more highly developed language skills.
6. Reading develops a child’s imagination.
7. Reading helps kids to develop empathy.
8. Children who read do better at school.
9. Reading is a great form of entertainment.
10. Reading relaxes the body and calms the mind.

In a society that is becoming more and more ‘me’ centric, it is great to see benefit seven reinforce that through reading children can develop empathy and build their understanding of the thoughts and feelings of others through reading. With the prominence of the mindfulness movement at present, I am surprised that book shops are selling so many colouring books rather than mounting their own advertising campaign to reinforce that reading itself is a powerful activity that promotes wellbeing and relaxation!

I fondly remember reading Enid Blyton books as a child. I was given these books every birthday and for Christmas and I would take them with me everywhere until they were finished. This usually didn’t take very long. I read them by torchlight under the bed covers when my parents thought that I was well and truly asleep. I remember the escape that was possible whilst in between the covers of these books. The thrill of visiting the lands at the top of the Faraway Tree and the adventure that was to be had with the Magic Wishing Chair. I moved on to the Famous Five and spent many hours reading about the mysteries solved by these adventurous friends. I still have these books and they still take pride of place on the bookshelves in my study. I still treasure them most likely because of all the places that they were able to take me and for how much my imagination grew as a result of reading them.

Books can certainly take you anywhere!

Happy Book Week.

Stuart Boyle
Assistant Principal
ROWVILLE PRIMARY SCHOOL PROUDLY PRESENTS

In Your Dreams

WED 14TH & THUR 15TH SEPTEMBER 2016
Commencing at 7.15pm

At Rowville Secondary College Eastern Campus Performing Arts Centre, Humphreys Way, Rowville

ADULT & SECONDARY STUDENTS
$24 + Booking Fee

PRIMARY & PRESCHOOL CHILDREN
$12 + Booking Fee

BOOK ONLINE
trybooking.com/MJHN

Each morning computers and printers will be available in the school library to make your booking.

PLEASE CONTACT THE SCHOOL OFFICE IF YOU HAVE FURTHER ENQUIRIES 9764 1955

TICKETS ON SALE MONDAY 15TH AUGUST 2016 AT 11AM
Book Week

I love Book Week! It’s one of my favourite weeks of the year! We not only celebrate the world of literature, we also get a chance to have some fun with books. We get to embrace book characters and think about why particular characters become our favourites. We get to share stories with our families and our classmates and we connect to the world around us. Monday was a great example of that! We had Specky Magee, Australian animals like Koala Lou, Edwina and Edward the Emu, Mulga Bill, Ned Kelly, Hairy Charlie, Harry the Hipster, Blinky Bill, Gumnut Babies, Snugglepot and Cuddlepie and lots, lots more. The rain stopped so that we could enjoy our Australian Story Country dress up parade. It was a great way to start the week with smiles and laughter.

On behalf of the Book Week Working Group - Emily Biggins, Lauren Dovaston, Rachel Olson, Lucinda Diviticos and myself - I’d like to thank the school community for the wonderful effort put into your costumes. I’d also like to thank our staff for embracing the day and helping with the assembly item. Blinky Bill arrived to much fanfare and read Wombat Stew for us. I love how Dingo gets tricked by the other animals; Koala, Platypus, Blue Tongue Lizard, Emu, and Echidna into making a horrible Wombat Stew! Well done everyone – we had a great day.

As you wander around the school have a look at our wonderful Book Week posters. Every grade chose their favourite Australian picture book and made a poster about it. They then shared this book with another grade sometime during Book Week.

I hope everyone enjoys Book Week as much as I am...

Prue Theroux, The School Librarian!
(Aka Mrs Hicks)

Book of the Year Awards

The library has been a hive of activity all week. Every grade has had a look at the gold and silver award winners for the Children’s Book Council of Australia’s Book of the Year Awards. The Gold Winners are as follows:

Younger Readers Section: Soon by Morris Gleitzman
Early Childhood Section: Mr Huff by Anna Walker
Eve Pownall Award for Information Books: Lennie the Legend by Stephanie Owen Reeder
Picture Book of the Year: Flight by Nadia Wheatley

And the Crichton Award for a new illustrator went to The Fancy Dress Parade by Alison Colpoys.

If you would like further information on the Children’s Book Council of Australia’s Books of the Year go to the website – www.cbc.org.au or come in and see me. I’m more than happy to talk books!

Pick the Winner Competition

Thank you to the 155 students who entered the ‘pick the winner’ library competition. Students were asked to try to pick the gold and silver award winners from the six shortlisted books in three different sections: Picture Book, Early Childhood and Information Books. We had six students correctly pick 5 out of the 9 winners. They are Joanna 3A, Denzel 3B, Gemma 1C, Aiden 2C, Natalie 4A and Aiden 4A. However our winners are Natalie 4A and Aiden 4A because they correctly picked 2 out of the 3 gold winners for the awards. Natalie and Aiden can collect their prizes from the library next week. Congratulations!

Jackie Hicks – Library Technician
BOOK WEEK 2016
Congratulations to the following students who were presented with a Citizenship Award at our Monday morning assembly. These students demonstrated our value of ‘Resilience’ to an exemplary level.

RESILIENCE

Continue to persevere even when confronted with difficulties and personal challenges
**Mathletics News**

Congratulations to the following students who earned Mathletics Certificates last week.

### Gold Certificates
- Jackson G
- Kirsten F

### Silver Certificates
- Chloe P
- Jeremy B
- Livinia R
- Mackenzie N
- Madi S
- Peter T
- Shivonne A
- Sophia H

### Bronze Certificates
- Aadhi S
- Ben P
- Elizabeth H
- Jenna C
- Linda C
- Nate M
- Shiyao H
- Tia C
- Adrian S
- Chris P
- Eloise R
- Joanna G
- Lucy F
- Neha C
- Sienna K
- Titus W
- Ahmed T
- Claire S
- George S
- Jonathan L
- Lulu R
- Oscar S
- Simone R
- Vivian C
- Ashley H
- David S
- Hailey S
- Joshua F
- Makenna G
- Prachee A
- Sophie K
- Xavier V
- Ashna S
- Dylan L
- Jake D
- Kate H
- Martim V
- Sebastien L
- Summer C
- Zac M
- Ayden B
- Ebony G
- Jamie B
- Lauren K
- Michael M
- Shaun L
- Tayla K
- Zitian W

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Dear Parents/Carers,

This week I enjoyed visiting a range of classrooms to take a look at the variety of writing going on around the school. This week we have two writers of the week - Jessie from 4A and Josh from FC.

Jessie in 4A was very keen to share her delightful creative poem titled ‘Thunder’. We talked about the dramatic storm on Monday and how this poem matched it so well. She used some wonderful similes to bring her writing to life. See if you can spot them.

**THUNDER**

The strong wind blew into my face,
And I could hear the lightning crashing onto the ground and the thunder that followed like smoke follows fire.

The entire sky turns to the colour of ash. Dark grey clouds hover over my head, as the now distant thunder rumbles like waves crashing onto the shore.

By Jessie 4A

Josh in FC was also very excited to share his writing with me when I visited. He had written a wonderful story about a bear, I am a big fan of stories with bears in them. I spoke to Josh about one of my favourite authors Nick Bland who writes very funny books about bears.

Well done to our Writers of the Week. I look forward to seeing more outstanding writing throughout the week.

Have a fantastic week ahead.

Liam Jury
Leading Teacher
This week students made Orecchiette (pasta) in the kitchen. Students in 4B have shared some photos of their kitchen class with us this week.

Jodie Wood
Kitchen Garden Specialist

On Monday 29th August the following grades will be planting vegetable seedlings as the soil and weather gets warmer to encourage the new growth.

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

Buongiorno,

It is finally here! Next Monday 29th August is the start of the Rowville Cup Round 2 competition as well as the Victorian Language Perfect Championships. For one week only until Monday 5th September we will be again challenging Rowville Secondary College. We need to go all out so that we can put this year’s championship beyond a doubt. Win this round and we are again the Rowville Cup winners. Remember the usual prizes are on offer. Top student $50 Itunes voucher, top grade/form $100 pizza party and for every 50 points you score, a virtual raffle ticket to go into the draw for an iPod shuffle. When you can, do some Italian at home and rack up those points. Remember only Italian language learning counts. Go Rowville Primary School.

Grazie

Ros Bartlett
LOTE Specialist
**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.

**Foundation Expressing Ourselves Circus Workshop** - on 26th August
Cost $10.50 - consent due by 24th August

**Senior Hooptime: Selected Students only** : on 1st September
Cost $15 - consent due by 30th August

**Year 3 Swimming**: commencing for 2 weeks from 5th September
Cost $100 - consent due by 31st August

**Years 3 to 6 Beyond Boundaries Adventure Program Deposit**: Due by 31st August - Please note if this notice does not appear on your Compass events page it means you have already paid the deposit earlier this year.

**Rowville District Summer Round Robin: Year 6 and selected Year 5 students** - on 9th September and 7th October
Cost $18.00 - consent due by 7th September

**Year 2 CERES Aboriginal Cultural Excursion**: on 14th September. Cost $35 - consent due by 8th September

**Year 5, 6 and Choir Production Dress Rehearsal**: on 14th September
Cost $7 - consent due by 13th September

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**Attendance Matters**

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

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.

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

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**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 Term 3**

Monday 29th August  K. Forster
Tuesday 30th August  L. McConnochie
Wednesday 31st August  K. Hopkins
Thursday 1st September  T. Challis
Friday 2nd September  H. Haynes & L. Shore

Bronwyn Richards
Canteen Manager

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**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
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.

2016 School Production Intermission Snack Stand Helpers Required
Are you willing to sell snacks and drinks prior to the start of the school production and at interval for 20 minutes on either Wednesday 14th or Thursday 15th September?

Name: ____________________________________________
Mobile: __________________________________________
Email: ____________________________________________

Preferred Night (please circle either night or both): Wed/Thurs

Please return your contact details to the office or via email to forps@rowvilleps.vic.edu.au by Friday 9th September.

Disco Helper’s Reply Slip

Please return this slip to school or email forps@rowvilleps.vic.edu.au, no later than Monday 3rd October 2016

Calling all Parent Disco Divas and Dudes! Mark the date in your diaries, the School Disco is on Friday 7th October 2016.

Name:__________________________ Mobile Number: ________________ Email: __________________________

Eldest Child’s Name & Grade:______________________

I can assist at the disco at the arrival area outside the gym, manning the doors, selling snacks, selling glow items on Friday 7th October: (Please indicate by ticking 1 or more option)

**Note, the helper start time is 15 minutes prior to the start of the disco session, to allow time for handover and 15 minutes after the session to help with clean up between each disco session**

☐ Setup from 2.00pm until 3.15pm
☐ All night from 4.30pm until 9.30pm
☐ Foundation & Year 1 - 4.30pm until 6.00pm
☐ Years 2,3,4 – 5.45pm until 7.30pm
☐ Years 5 & 6 -7.30pm until 9.00pm
☐ Pack Up until 9.30pm
Sun Smart 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 from our uniform supplier Klad Sport. 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.

ROWVILLE PRIMARY SCHOOL
UNIFORM PRICE LIST AS AT 1/9/2015
KLAD SPORT PTY LTD
ABN 92 191 499 563
FACTORY 8 MACRO COURT, ROWVILLE VIC 3178 TELEPHONE: 9763 0266

Opening Hours:
Monday to Thursday 8.30am-5.00pm, Friday 8.30am-4.30pm & Saturday 10.00am-1.00pm

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Daily Requirements: Children must bring their own lunch and refreshments (no nut products please), wet weather gear, art smock, and suitable clothing for an active and sunsmart day. An afternoon snack will be provided.

Super Hero Academy

The Good Guys Super Hero Academy will be in action again during the September school holidays in Victoria with free workshops for children aged six to 12!

Super Hero Headquarters will be set up at Rowville Secondary College Western Campus Gym, Paratea Drive, Rowville.

The Good Guy Super Hero Trainers will guide kids through activities like tumbling, acro-balance, trampolining and aerial fun so they can discover their unique personal qualities and apply their inner strength to their everyday lives.

Workshops will be held at 10am, 1pm and 3:30pm from the 17th to the 25th of September and registration is essential. Registrations will open in late August - go to superheroadcemy.net.au to secure a place for your little super heroes!

RSA Tennis Information Night

For those who may be interested in joining the Rowville Sports Academy (RSA) Tennis Program in 2017 and 2018. We would like to invite you and your parents to an Information Night at the Rowville Sports Academy on Tuesday September 6th, 2016 at 7.00pm.

On the night we will explain the process for admittance in to the academy and that try outs will be held on –

- Wednesday September 21st at the Eildon Park Tennis Club
- By direct appointment with Adrian Muscillo.

The Information Night will be held at the Eastern Campus of Rowville Secondary College, Humphreys Way, Rowville and we would ask you to meet us just before 7.00pm in the foyer of the Rowville Sports Precinct.

To assist with our planning, please contact Meg Boyle on 9755 4651 or by email at boyle.megan.m@edumail.vic.gov.au to register your attendance.