From The Principal…

Dear Parents/Carers

Among the core values of Rowville Primary School is understanding and inclusion. What is inclusion? Sometimes it’s easiest to start a definition by looking at the opposite meaning.

During the holiday break I observed a group of what I estimated to be eight year olds sitting on a wall at Elwood Beach. They were discussing a forthcoming birthday party and how one student in their class had deliberately not been invited. The conversation amongst this group children struck a chord with me. It brought back the cruelty of childhood which we have all experienced where someone didn’t let us play with them, join in a game or be a part of a team.

Inclusion, on the other hand, asks us how to make others welcome and about how to build a community, family or school by bringing people in rather than keeping people out. At Rowville Primary School we promote the concept of understanding and inclusion and promote it through our system of values.

Exclusion is often the result of lack of understanding which is why we have connected the value of inclusion with understanding. This means that understanding and inclusion are part of our whole school agreement around the type of school that we aspire to create. We aspire for a school where everyone including students, educators, administrators, support staff and parents contribute their different experiences and perspectives to the school community in an atmosphere where they feel their contributions are valued and appreciated. An atmosphere such as this enables each individual to fulfil their potential because they know that they ‘belong’.

However inclusion is not as easy to implement as just agreeing with it. Leadership is needed to drive inclusion, with everyone in the school then sharing and taking individual responsibility for its success. During the week Stuart Boyle and I have been having extensive discussions with members of the team around understanding and inclusion, with Stuart researching further ways that we can link with external agencies to heighten the sense of belonging and inclusion at Rowville Primary School.

We set our students the challenge of consciously demonstrating the value of understanding and inclusion during October. I encourage families to discuss the key elements to this value — friendship, peer acceptance, seeking kindness to someone who may be outside a social group. We want our new generation to understand what it means to promote understanding.

Creating an understanding and inclusive school culture is critical because our schools act as mirrors of the larger community. There is a great opportunity to teach students, early in their development as citizens, about the importance and value of understanding and inclusion. They will learn behaviour that will ultimately help nurture truly inclusive communities. It also provides an opportunity for parents to learn through their children about the importance of belonging, acceptance and community.

“I have seen people alone and asked them to play with me. Today I saw someone who had no-one to play with so I helped.”

Ella 1B

“I have asked people to play with me when they haven’t got anyone.”

Veegnesh 1B

“If someone is walking around on their own we are always looking out for them and letting them join in our games.”

Zali 5A

“If someone looks lonely you help them out.”

Erin 5A

Anne Babich
Principal
Congratulations to the following students who were presented with an award at our Monday morning assembly. These awards were given to students who have made significant achievements in Classroom participation – Reading: Accuracy/Fluency.

| Foundation A | Celina B | Using accuracy strategies to solve unknown words. Celina tries really hard to sound along the word and use picture clues to ensure her prediction of the word is accurate. |
| Foundation B | Aarush G | Trying so hard during his reading session. He uses his punctuation to improve his fluency. Great job Aarush. Keep up the reading! |
| Foundation C | Titus W | Building his reading stamina so that he can practise his reading strategies and work independently. |
| 1A | Jayden A | Showing great enthusiasm and selecting a fantastic range of different texts to read during independent reading time. |
| 2A | Joseph M | Drawing upon a range of accuracy strategies to successfully decode new words and reading with improved fluency. |
| 2B | Linda C | Improving her fluency so that she has less pauses, allowing her to gain a better understanding of what she reads. |
| 2C | Mariah V | Accurately sounding out unknown words and her ability to use the punctuation in the text to read fluently and with expression. |
| 3A | Anthony G | Improving his fluency and accuracy while reading. Anthony stops and thinks about unfamiliar words and chooses appropriate strategies to help him work the word out. |
| 4B | Marzia N | Ensuring she reads with appropriate expression and fluency, to show she comprehends the story and connects with the characters and their emotions. |
| 5A | Rajiv N | Working extremely hard in all areas of his learning and applying himself to reading sessions to develop his fluency and accuracy when reading aloud. |
| 5C | Kiandra P | Using a range of techniques to read poetry in an expressive and engaging manner. |
| 6A | Charlie F | Making progress in reading and improving his fluency. Charlie does a great job at discussing the main ideas of texts he reads. |
| 6B | Jeson P | Developing his ability to read aloud with fluency and enhanced expression. |

Buongiorno,

What an amazing effort by our Years 3 -6 students in round three of the Rowville Cup. Not only did we win the round, but all three rounds and retain the Rowville Cup Trophy. We also had a retention rate of learnt words on average of 96%. Congratulations to 5C who pipped 6A at the post to win the round 3 pizza party which will be held later this term. Huge congratulations to Shaun R who was top student in round 3, winning a $50 iTunes voucher and for also winning the top points score over all three rounds and winning an iPod nano. We also had many students earn credit and above awards. These will be handed out at an assembly in the future and these students will be listed in the newsletter on the Wednesday before the assembly at which they will receive their award. Bring on the threepeat in 2017!

Grazie

Ros Bartlett
LOTE Specialist
On Monday in the kitchen, we watched a short film about the carbon footprint. The talks are open to students in Years 3 to 6. Below is what the students discussed after watching the film:

Over the last two weeks we have been having long discussions about how to make the environment cleaner and how it effects the air. We came up with pretty good solutions to do in school. For example, keeping the lights off for a longer period, using less plastic wrapping in our lunch boxes by having reusable containers and drink bottles for water.

Some of the examples I gave you earlier are not just things you can do in school, you can also do them at home.

Now let’s talk about one of the biggest problems in school and the world and it is rubbish! Let’s face it, most people (including me) are lazy and do not put their rubbish in the bin. It might sound easy but for some of us it’s the hardest job to do! So in the group we came up with a solution for school and it was to have more bins in the playground to encourage people to use them.

There are obviously a lot more things you can do like riding your bike to school instead of driving and more. So if you follow some of the things I said earlier you can make a lot of difference to the environment.

By Shaylin A. Year 6

After our discussion, a group of students were keen to walk around the school and see how many lights were on in the school during the lunch break, (they were very thorough!) 78 lights off, 200 lights on! Thank you Lily, Lacey, Tilly, Kaylee, Akera, and Natalie, in Year 4.

IL Frutteto Dei Bambini—The Children’s’ Orchard is in full flower. The apples, pears and stone fruit are ready to produce lovely Summer fruits. The large variety of berries, which climb along the orchard retaining walls are also in flower ready to produce luscious fruit for the Summer time.

Jodie Wood
Kitchen Garden Specialist
Chess Tournaments

Over the past few weeks 22 students entered our Rowville Primary School Chess Tournament. We had some highly competitive players who battled it out to the very end! The last six players were Brandon 5C, Nathaniel 6A, Shiyou 6A, Lochlan 6A, Rodrigo 4B and Zitian 5C. Everyone played well and showed very good sportsmanship when completing the rounds.

Last Thursday, the grand final was played where Brandon and Shiyou battled it out in a very close game. It is a privilege to watch our students strategies, focus, defend and attack in a friendly game and shake hands at the end. I am pleased to announce that Brandon is the 2016 Rowville Primary School Chess Champion. Congratulations and well done Brandon.

Jackie Hicks
Library Technician

Eastern Metropolitan Region Athletic Finals

After coming first in both the Rowville District and Knox Division Athletics, Charlize competed in the Eastern Metropolitan Region Athletics Championships in the 800m event. Charlize ran a magnificent race and ended up with the bronze medal and was so close to finishing second and a place in the Victorian State Finals!

Congratulations Charlize on an absolutely outstanding achievement! We are very proud of your dedication, effort and achievement!

Rowville District Summer Round Robin Premiers & Runners Up

A HUGE congratulations to the girls’ softball team who won the Rowville District Softball Round Robin. They ended up undefeated over the two days and played a magnificent grand final, winning against Templeton 13 runs to 3. They are now playing in the Knox Division Finals this today.

Congratulations also to the girls’ tennis team who finished runners up.

Well done to all of the Rowville Primary School teams, including our boys cricket team who finished third, only just missing out by percentage on playing the grand final match.

Go Rowville Primary School!

Sue Macdonald and Liz Balfour
Physical Education Specialist
**Upcoming Events**

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

**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 4

Monday 24th October  K. Nelson
Tuesday 25th October  L. McConnochie
Wednesday 26th October  B. Moylan
Thursday 27th October  S.Macdonald
Friday 28th October  H.Haynes & L. Shore

Bronwyn Richards & Cindy Gardiner
Canteen Team

**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 homepage in the new feed if there are late arrivals or absences to be approved.

**My News**

**Attendance: Attendance Note/Approval Required**
was recorded as ‘not present’ or ‘late’ without explanation.
Click here for more information

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.

This week we will send home a letter detailing any unapproved absences remaining on Compass.

**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.

R.S.L. Poppy Badge
Friday 11th November 2016
is Remembrance Day.

To commemorate Remembrance Day the school is selling Small Red Poppy Badges for 50 cents, Large Red Poppy Badges for $2.00 and Poppy Wristbands for $3.00.

Proceeds from this Appeal are used in the welfare work carried out by the RSL for ex-service men, women and their families.

Our Community Service Parliamentarians will be visiting classrooms during eating time so students from all levels will have the opportunity to purchase poppy badges in support of this worthy cause. Poppy badges will be sold daily and are also available at the office.

‘LEST WE FORGET’

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 school office immediately.

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.

FORPS News

The AGM for FORPS (Friends of Rowville Primary School) will be held on Monday 21st November at 7.30pm in the school staff room. All members of the Rowville Primary School Community are welcome to attend.

New volunteers are always welcome to join or help our Friends of Rowville Primary School group. If you would like to assist with any of the activities FORPS organise please attend the AGM or leave your name at the office and one of our friendly team will be in contact.

Lost Property

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.

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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. 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, 8 Macro Court, Rowville.

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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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ALL PRICES ARE GST INCLUSIVE
Prices as at 1/9/2015
School Savers Charity Group

A group of year 10 students from the MSA Academy at Rowville Secondary College, Western Campus, would like to promote a charity project, School Savers, which they are involved with. School Savers is a charity group run by the Rowville Lysterfield Interact Club. We aim to collect school supplies (such as notebooks, novels, pens, pencils etc.) and send them over to a school in a remote country area in South Africa.

We invite our school community to donate stationary items which can be left at the Rowville Primary School office and these will be passed onto the students organising this event.

Walk to School Month
October 2016

Walking to school and home again this October is a great way to get fit and healthy and spend more time with family and friends! Schools with the highest participation levels in each region will be eligible for some great prizes - so each time your child walks, they’ll also be increasing their school’s chances!

Children who take part will be building healthy habits for life – and could win some great prizes for their family and their school.

For more information please see Mrs Searl.