Consideration is given to gender, a spread of ability groupings, teachers work collaboratively to create classes of students. These groups is a considered process. This year four teachers and students collaborating across all four schools in order to further develop quality of instruction and enhance student learning outcomes.

This time of year coincides with some students feeling a greater amount of anxiety. The end of the school year for some children may evoke a sense of loss. Children have spent a whole year in the same classroom with the same teacher, classmates and regular routines. Some children will have developed a strong attachment to their teacher or made some very close friendships with some of their classmates.

A parent can help their child to bring closure to the school year by encouraging their child to talk about their feelings; to reflect and acknowledge the strong bonds that have developed over the year; to talk about what they liked and disliked and to recall the funny things that happened during the year. Parents can also ask children to articulate what they will miss and to talk about how they feel about the future. Ask your child to talk about the events that made the year great and try to build up the new school year with positive anticipation. Children will look to their parents as role models during these times of transition.

We recognise that for most children school is a wonderful adventure and their focus is on what is next, they are keen to move on. However for some children change at the end of the year is difficult and the way that we help these children to develop resilience is to recognise that moving on is a valuable part of life’s journey and to help them to visualise the future in a positive way.

Shortly we will be asking students to identify their learning partners for the following year. Each student will be asked to nominate two peers and this information will be used by teachers to form classes for 2017. A learning partner is a peer who provides a positive influence in both their academic and social development.

The formation of home groups and the placement of children into these groups is a considered process.

Teachers work collaboratively to create classes of students. Consideration is given to gender, a spread of ability groupings, behaviour, friendship groupings and any pertinent welfare related information. Individual student and staff needs and a whole school perspective are also considered.

The placement of children into home groups commences in the third week of November each year, once all assessments and reports have been completed. It needs to be noted that personal and social learning involves students learning how to enter and become part of different social situations. Students sometimes need to be placed in situations where they need to make new friends or where they will perhaps experience some social discomfort in order to develop social competencies in a range of situations.

If parents have educational issues that they would like us to consider when placing their child in a home group please write to me. Letters can be emailed on the school email address rowville.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au or sent to the office addressed to me and marked confidential.

Please ensure that any correspondence relating to student placements reaches me by 4.00pm Friday 11th November. This is important so that grades can be finalised by the beginning of December.

Next week is Beyond Boundaries Adventure week at Rowville Primary School. All our students will be participating in an outdoor adventure. Due to the fact that the majority of students will be participating in Beyond Boundaries next week there will not be a Monday morning assembly.

The 11th of November is a day of significance for all Australians and for many countries around the world. It is Remembrance Day. As many of our students will be away on their Beyond Boundaries Adventure, our student leaders will lead a brief ceremony at 1.00pm on Friday 4th November in front of the flagpole.

R.S.L. Poppy Badges

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 or $5.00 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 available at the office.

‘LEST WE FORGET’
National World Teachers Day

Friday 28th October was National World Teachers Day. To celebrate and acknowledge all the wonderful work our teachers do at Rowville Primary School, some students from year 4 helped prepare a surprise morning tea.

The students came in early to bake silver beet and fennel focaccia and an assortment of pizzas. We finished with slices of watermelon and wedges of blood oranges. Before the teachers arrived, the students changed into their white shirts to welcome all and wait on the tables. What a lovely job they all did! Grazie Marzia, Albena, Summer, Britanny, Alesha and Daniel.

Jodie Wood
Kitchen Garden Specialist

From the Assistant Principal

Dear Parents/Carers

I received an email from Elizabeth H of Year 3 asking me if I could help her with an important project. Her email let me know that she had been thinking a lot about the care of sick and injured wildlife following a visit to Australia Zoo.

Her email read:

‘When I went on holiday I went to Australia Zoo and we visited the wildlife hospital. It takes care of lots of sick animals. On my way out I got a bookmark and some information about a read-a-thon that the zoo is doing to raise money to help the hospital care for animals.

I have already started reading and have so far raised $52. I think this is an important thing to do because it helps save lots of animals that are sick or injured and release them back into the wild.

I was wondering if there would be a way to raise some money throughout the school. If each person who wanted to help just gave 10 cents it would make a big difference.’

I was some what impressed by her efforts and think that her actions perfectly embody our school values. I invited her to stand with me at our assembly on Monday and to speak to our school community about her project to let them know how they can support her. Talking to her after the assembly, I was inspired to hear from one of our future school leaders that ‘everybody’s little effort will make a big difference.’

If you are visiting our General Office over the coming weeks and have 10 or 20 cents in your pocket – there will be a donation box on the counter with Mrs Furze. Lets see how far each of our little efforts goes!

I wish all of our students an exciting and safe Beyond Boundaries Adventure next week. I look forward to hearing about their amazing experiences and seeing all the fun photos of their adventure on their return.

Have a wonderful week ahead.

Stuart Boyle
Assistant Principal

Stephanie Alexanders
Kitchen Garden Neww
Congratulations to the following students who were presented with a Citizenship Award at our Monday morning assembly. These students demonstrated our value of ‘Understanding and Inclusion’ to an exemplary level.

**Understanding and Inclusion**

Be aware of others and their cultures, accept diversity and try hard at including others and being included.
Congratulations to the following students who earned Mathletics Certificates from the last week.

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| Chloe N | Declynn K | Hailey S |

### Bronze Certificates

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**Language Perfect Challenge**

In Mid October we competed in Round 3 of the Rowville Cup. The recipients below received their certificates for their outstanding efforts over the five days of the competition. However all students years 3 - 6 can be very proud of their accomplishments as Rowville Primary School was successful in winning all 3 rounds in 2016 and in doing so defended the cup we won last year. We also had the top points scorer. Even before the competition, our students had correctly answered more than one million questions. Brilliant achievement by all. The Rowville Cup has been engraved and stands proudly for another year in our LOTE room. The students in 5C were the winners of the round 3 pizza party and will receive their reward this Friday.

**Language Perfect Awards Round 3**

**Top points scorer:** Shaun R

**Top points scorer for all 3 rounds:** Shaun R

**Top grade:** 5C winner of the pizza party

**Credit certificate winners:**

| 500 Bailey H | 512 Tenaya F | 518 Adrian S | 521 Zach H | 527 Lilyana O | 529 Kate H | 536 Cooper N |
| 542 Joanna G | 549 Jessic K | 567 Alex N | 570 Tarlyia C | 579 Charlie F | 591 Natalie L | 591 Jemma W |
| 610 Mackenzie N | 652 Sanya K | 676 Steven B | 721 Aiden C | 729 Dindin W | 882 Dandan W |

**Bronze certificate winners:**

| 1005 Neha C | 1022 Summer C | 1091 Ada Y | 1123 Kirsten F | 1314 Danica C | 1356 Luke P | 1428 Jasmine S |
| 1889 Prachee A | 2081 Heath L | 2200 Lochlan C | 2629 Disha A | 2801 Jessica C |

**Silver certificate winners:**

| 3621 Shaun R |

**Gold certificate winner:**

Ros Bartlett

LOTE Specialist
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.

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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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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.

Upper Ferntree Gully Junior Football Club

Registration Day for 2017 Season
Sunday 13th November
11am to 1pm
Dobson Park Clubrooms
Francis Crescent, Ferntree Gully