

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you are all staying well and looking forward to our staggered return to face to face teaching this term. I certainly am! I have a number of updates and things to bring to your attention this newsletter. Please take the time to read this carefully with the information sent via compass on Monday morning and hopefully all your questions will be answered.

WHOLE SCHOOL CURRICULUM DAY

Please note – Monday 25th May is a whole school curriculum day. **No supervision will be provided at school for students on this day.** It has been mandated by the government that this day be taken for teachers to be on site and preparing for a return for face to face teaching.

Prep to Year 2 arrangements

As we know, prep to year 2 students will be returning to full time face to face teaching on Tuesday 26th May. **NO PARENTS ARE PERMITTED ON SITE UNLESS IT IS AN EMERGENCY.** Staff will be on the gates from 8:45-9:05 to assist your child with the transition back to on site learning. You will be able to pick your children up from the same gates from 3:30-3:45 each afternoon. Again, the gates will be staffed.

We have **designated drop off and pick up points** as follows:

Prep: Gate near staff car park at the front of the school

Year 1 and 2: Gate on Memorial Dve

Siblings can enter together through the Memorial Drive gate.

Essential workers with children in Years 3-6

Children of essential workers who are in years 3-6 can still attend school. Any parent needing their child to attend are still required to fill in the DET form that has been distributed many times this term. Students can enter through any access point into the grounds and are to head to the Melaleuca unit. Year 3/4 students will be located in MU3 and MU4 and Year 5/6 students will be in MU5 and MU6. The only entry to be used is the door between 'the palace' (MU1 and MU2) and the main building. The exit door is next to MU4 and MU7.

THERE WILL BE NO ACCESS TO CLASSROOMS VIA THE OFFICE.

While I understand that many of you would like all children to return at the same time, this was not a 'school decision'. We are under instruction from the State Government, Premier of Victoria and Victoria's Chief Health Officer. They have staggered the start to monitor the impact of increased community movement in relation to the spread of COVID-19. Please respect their decisions and keep your children in years 3-6 at home until their return date should a suitable carer be available.

Late Arrivals and Early Leavers

Should your child be late to school please phone the office from your vehicle and an office staff member will take care of getting them to class. Given the office staff have many roles to fulfil, we ask that you make an effort to arrive on time. Early leavers will follow the same process – phone the office from your car and the office staff will take care of getting them from class to you. Again, please limit these to absolutely necessary circumstances so our staff are not put under undue pressure.

Soooo I think we've worked out how the kids can come back!!

Water Bottles and Hand Washing

The drink taps will not be able to be used at this time. It is imperative that all children bring their own drink bottle to school to fill with water. It is preferable that it is named.

There will be hand sanitiser available in all classrooms and at entry and exit points in the school. Should you prefer your child/ren use soap – we ask that you provide them their own soap and, if you'd like, a hand towel, for their personal use.

We look forward to seeing you all soon,

Emma Brooksby

Principal





Saturday 16th May

was Happy ESP (Education Support Personnel) Day.

We would like to say a big THANK YOU to our wonderful Support Staff at RCPS for all the great work you all do for us, you are all very much appreciated.



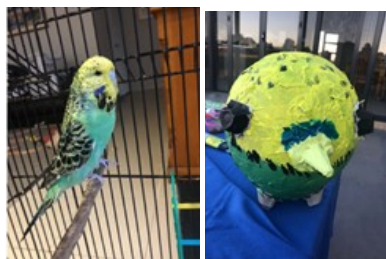
OREO

Oreo the Melaleuca rabbit has been having a lovely time at Melanie's house during remote learning. Oreo has learnt heaps too! She has learnt that she loves to eat tomato leaves, she loves to munch on grass all day and has also learnt to escape! Lucky she was caught and put safely back in her pen! We look forward to seeing Oreo return to school when she is ready.



FROM THE PREPS

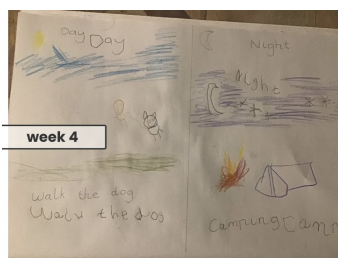
Ms Cannon and Ms Gray are super proud of the work their preppies have been doing at home, here's a few samples.



This is a super cute papier-mâché budgie Patrick MacKenzie-McOwn (BU1) made for visual arts project! Inspired by his pet bird!

This term Preps have been learning about time. Here is a couple of fantastic work drawing things preps do during the day and night.

Iylah Maitland (BU2)



Luca Caitlin (BU2)



Here's Ava Jamieson's (BU1) work.

What's hiding in the box? Ava thinks it might be a Jack-in-the-box! Lovely, neat writing Ava



| May 2020 | |
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| 25 | Curriculum Day |
| 26 | Prep, Grade 1 & Grade 2 start back Term 2 |
| June 2020 | |
| 8 | Queen's Birthday Public Holiday |
| 9 | Grade 3, 4, 5 & 6 start back Term 2 |
| 26 | Term 2 Ends 2.30pm |
| July 2020 | |
| 13 | Curriculum Day - 3 Way Interviews |
| 14 | Term 3 Starts |
| August 2020 | |
| 3-5 | Grade 5-6 Camp Gundiwindi - RESCHEDULED DATES |
| 12 | District Athletics |
| 21 | District Basketball |
| September 2020 | |
| 3 | District Softball |
| 16 | District Tennis |
| 18 | Term 3 Ends 2.30pm |
| October 2020 | |
| 5 | Term 4 Starts |
| 7 | School Photos |
| 28 | District Orienteering |
| November 2020 | |
| 2 | Curriculum Day |
| 3 | Melbourne Cup Public Holiday |
| 16-18 | Grade 3/4 Camp Marysville |
| December 2020 | |
| 18 | Term 4 Ends 12.30pm |

RCPS Calendar 2020

STAY SAFE AND CONNECTED

Keep up to date !

- Any updates will be sent via compass.

- Please get familiar with our website

<https://www.rcps.vic.edu.au/>

You will see a new tab on our website 'Learning from Home'. Here you will find many resources/worksheets for your child/children to work on.

- **INSTAGRAM** - For all our school happenings, please follow @riddellscreekps on Instagram.

RCPS's Policies

Privacy Policy

The Department of Education and Training values the privacy of every person and is committed to protecting information that schools collect.

Asthma Policy

To ensure that Riddells Creek Primary School appropriately supports students diagnosed with asthma

Child Safe Policy

RCPS provides a caring school environment. We support The Child Safe Standards and are committed to the safety and wellbeing of all our students.

To see our policies please go to our website

<https://www.rcps.vic.edu.au/documents>

Term Dates 2020

Term 1 Wednesday 29th Jan - 23th March

Term 2 15 April - 26 June

Term 3 14 July - 18 September (3 Way Conf 13 July)

Term 4 5 October - 18 December (12.30pm)

Curriculum Days 2020

Term 1 Tuesday 28th January

Term 2 Tuesday 14 April and Monday 25th May

Term 3 Monday 13th July (3 Way Interviews)

Term 4 Monday 2nd November



Riddells Creek Primary School

Parent Information & Tours

Monday May 4th 2020 at 9.30am **CANCELLED**

Monday June 1st 2020 at 9.30am **CANCELLED**

Monday August 3rd 2020 at 9.30am

Monday August 31st 2020 at 9.30am

Monday October 26th 2020 at 9.30am

Monday November 23rd 2020 at 9.30am

- Please contact the school to make a booking.
- Please refer to the school website for enrolment requirements.
- On arrival come to the front office first to sign in.
- Closing date for 2021 enrolment applications is Friday 11th September
- For all our school happenings, please follow @riddellscreekps on Instagram
- For further information, contact the school 5428 7277

THE ADVENTURES OF BOO CONTINUES

This week on Boo's adventures it was all about the outfits.

Boo wanted to be just like the students at school he *ROCKED* it in his Riddells Creek Primary School uniform.

Next Boo thought he would make sure that all the children were working hard by keeping them in line with his pirate captain outfit "arrrrrrrrgggghhhh me hearties I hope you've finished your work arrrrrrgggghhhh!!!!!!!"

Then Boo decided to play babysitter by looking after baby doll and making sure she was happy and not interrupting the children with her cries.

At the end of the week Boo decided it was hard work dressing up as different characters and decided it was time to just be '*Boo the dog*' and sleep all day in Emma's office.

Its been a fun week Boo thank you for entertaining the children at school.

We will miss having you Boo when school returns to normal.



Look at our new playground shelter





STUDENT BIRTHDAYS MAY 18TH TO MAY 29TH

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| 18TH | JAXON DRAICCHIO |
| 20TH | TESSA MCNAIR |
| 21ST | BRIDIE HOLBURT |
| 22ND | ISABELLE ROWLAND |
| | ZACKARY CRAM |
| 24TH | CARTER MCCORMICK |
| 26TH | BRYDEN VOWLES |
| 28TH | CHARLIE FISH |
| 29TH | EMILY LANSER |

STAFF BIRTHDAYS MAY 18TH TO MAY 29TH

14TH MRS NIKKI POTEŠTA
22ND MRS LEONA GOODWIN



FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

Every Victorian child should have access to the world of learning opportunities that exist beyond the classroom. The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund helps ensure that no student will miss out on the opportunity to join their classmates for important, educational and fun activities. It is part of making Victoria the Education State and the Government's commitment to breaking the link between a student's background and their outcomes.

CAMPS, SPORTS & EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF)

School camps provide children with inspiring experiences in the great outdoors, excursions encourage a deeper understanding of how the world works and sports teach teamwork, discipline and leadership. All are part of a healthy curriculum. CSEF is provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. A special consideration category also exists for asylum seeker and refugee families. The allowance is paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

The annual CSEF amount per student is:

- \$125 for primary school students
- \$225 for secondary school students

HOW TO APPLY

New applicants should contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from www.education.vic.gov.au/csef. If you applied for the CSEF at your child's school in 2019, you do not need to complete an application form in 2020 unless there has been a change in your family circumstances. Check with the school office if you are unsure.

You only need to complete an application form if any of the following changes have occurred:

- ° new student enrolments; your child has started or changed schools in 2020 or you did not apply in 2019.
- ° changed family circumstances; such as a change of custody, change of name, concession card number, or new siblings commencing at the school in 2020.

MORE INFORMATION For more information about the CSEF visit www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

Applications must be submitted before 23rd June 2020



Due to COVID-19 Book Week has been rescheduled to happen October 17th—23rd this year. During this time schools, libraries, booksellers, authors, illustrators and children celebrate Australian children's literature! Stay tuned for the best picture books and novels for 2020 and they will all be available in the library!

Beleza Gisborne

Dear School Community,

We would like to inform you that in response to the Covid-19 crisis, we have chosen to temporarily reduce the days of operation for our retail stores. Please note that your local store will now open at the following times, until further notice:

Beleza Gisborne

**Monday, Wednesday and Friday,
from 12pm to 5pm.**

Our stores' opening hours are subject to change as the situation develops, but we will continue to keep you updated as changes occur. We apologise for any inconvenience that these changes may cause and appreciate your understanding as we continue to assess the situation.

All the best, and stay safe
Beleza School Uniforms

2020 CBCA SHORTLIST!



YOUNGER READERS

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