

Welcome BACK TO SCHOOL

Fire Season Reminder

RCPS is registered as a BARR School (Bushfire At Risk Register)
& in 2020 fire season will be closed on

Code Red Days

On severe/extreme days please adhere to your personal fire plans.

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the new school year! I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas and found some time to have some fun with family and friends.

I would like to congratulate our entire school community on the smooth start to the year. It was so nice to see all our children and families smiling and happy to be back, I noted some of the grown-ups were particularly thrilled at gam and took off with a twinkle in their eye!

Our new preps had an incredible start to the year! Their buddies came across to support them and, testament to our transition program, the little ones were settled in by 9:20. They are proving to be an independent and resilient bunch of superstars already!

Welcome to New Staff

You will see some new faces on staff this year – I would like to officially welcome Sarah Barclay in BU4 on Mondays and Tuesdays, Anh Castles in BU3, Leona Goodwin to BU5 and Lyndsay Adamson in MU5. We hope you Love RCPS!

New Building Update

All the works scheduled for over the break has been completed. As a nice surprise, it turns out we will be able to go ahead with the planned senior courtyard within the scope of this project. We will be removing one of the existing portables and moving the other to make room for the courtyard (portables effected are MU3 and 4 and MU7 and 8). None of our students will be without a classroom as all of this will happen once the new building is complete and students have moved in.

Extreme Weather

This is a timely reminder that on Code Red days the school is CLOSED. As we are a Bushfire at Risk school, there is to be nobody on site on days that are declared to be code red. On extreme and severe rated days, the school is open and is a safe place to be, however families are encouraged to enact their fire plan should they deem it appropriate.

Lunch Orders

The school concluded its tender process for our lunch order service. The Mocha Leaf Café was the successful provider. Menus have been sent home already and will be on our website for you to access. They are also located at the front office. We look forward to working with Garry and his team.

We are so thankful to the Riddells Creek Bakery for the excellent service they have provided the school over the last four years and look forward to continuing to support each other in the future.

Prep Wednesdays

This is a reminder to our prep families that preps are not required at school on Wednesdays for the next **FOUR weeks**. The dates are 5th February, 12th February, 19th February and 26th February.

Until next time,

Emma Brooksby
Principal

January 2020

February 2020

- 6 Swimming Team Training for District Swimming (including new students 3-6) Thursday, February 6, 2020
- 8 Assembly 3pm MU4
- 14 Assembly 3pm MU8
- 27 District Swimming Sunbury Aquatic Centre

March 2020

- 3 Twilight Cross Country
- 9 Labour Day Public Holiday
- 20 Harmony Day
- 27 Term 1 Ends

April 2020

- 13 Easter Monday Public Holiday
- 14 Term 2 Starts
- 29-1 Grade 5-6 Camp Gundiwindi

May 2020

June 2020

- 8 Queen's Birthday Public Holiday
- 9 Curriculum Day
- 26 Term 2 Ends

July 2020

- 13 Curriculum Day - 3 Way Interviews
- 14 Term 3 Starts

August 2020

- 12 District Athletics
- 21 District Basketball

September 2020

- 3 District Softball
- 16 District Tennis
- 18 Term 3 Ends

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

Term Dates 2020

- Term 1** **ALL Students** Start Wednesday 29th Jan - 27th March
Attention 2020 Preps - Preps do not attend 5/2, 12/2, 19/2, 26/2 (Wednesdays)
- Term 2** 14 April - 26 June
- Term 3** 14 July - 18 September (3 Way Conferences 13 July)
- Term 4** 5 October - 18 December (12.30pm)

Curriculum Days 2020

- Term 1** Tuesday 28th January
- Term 2** Tuesday June 9th
- Term 3** Monday 13th July (3 Way Interviews)
- Term 4** Monday 2nd November

Medication

If your child has a medical condition please let the office know and/or update their medicals details.
 Anaphalix, allergic Reactions and Asthma plans need to be updated yearly, Please ensure the office has the most up to date plan.

The Mocha Leaf Café Lunches are starting next week

Menus have been sent home with students and also can be found on our website.
 Copies are in the communication hub near the front office.

Welcome Booklet 2020

To have a look at our 2020 Welcome Booklet. Please go to our Website .

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

It is under the Key Information Tab

Banksia Needs

Banksia would love some donations of the following:
Small boys and girls shorts, skorts, dresses and underpants Size 6-8
There is a donation box near the lost property in Banksia.
Thanking you in advance for your donations.

'NO HAT - NO PLAY'

RCPS is a SunSmart school.
 Students must wear their school hats from September till April.
 Hats can be purchased from the front office for \$14.

Riddells Creek Primary School 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 policy please go to our website
<https://www.rcps.vic.edu.au/documents>



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.

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.

Check with the school office if you are unsure

MORE INFORMATION

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

Applications must be submitted before 23rd June 2020

FINANCIAL HELP WITH STUDENT TRANSPORT (CONVEYANCE ALLOWANCE)

Families in rural and regional Victoria can get help with the cost of transporting their children to their nearest school or campus. This is known as the conveyance allowance.

The conveyance allowance is available to students travelling by:

- public transport, private car, private bus or to students whose nearest school is not serviced by a free school bus.

The conveyance allowance is a contribution towards transport costs and is not intended to cover the full cost of transporting children to and from school.

Who can apply

The conveyance allowance is available to families who meet certain criteria.

Students attending a school must:

- attend their nearest government or non-government school/campus appropriate to their year level at which admission is permissible
- be enrolled at a school/campus outside Melbourne's metropolitan conveyance boundary
- reside 4.8km or more by the shortest practicable route from that school/campus attended
- be of school age (5 to 18 years old at time of application) and reside in Victoria

Apply for the allowance

- Families can complete an application form and submit it to their school, or the school can complete the form on their behalf.
- Note: Form 3 Application for public transport travel must include evidence of ticket purchase.
- Schools then lodge the application via the Student Conveyance Allowance System.

Applications close 15/3/2020

Riddells Creek MAKERS MARKET

Third Saturday of every month
9am to 2pm
At Riddells Creek Neighbourhood House



BlazeAid Benefit

Sunday February 16 1pm to 5pm
Riddells Creek Recreation Reserve
32 Sutherlands Rd, Riddells Creek

\$25.

under 18 free.

There will be live music, auctions, raffle, face painting, jumping castle, dog grooming, icecreams, food vendors, coffee van, BBQ, bar, Wristbands, T-shirts. Give aways.

RDFNL EAST VS WEST football and netball game and plenty more!!

BlazeAid – a volunteer-based organisation that works with families and individuals in rural Australia after natural disasters such as fires and floods. Working alongside the rural families, our volunteers help to rebuild fences and other structures that have been damaged or destroyed

MACEDON RANGERS SOCCER CLUB

COME AND TRY SESSIONS/TRIALS

Romsey Oval 2, Park Lane Romsey

Sunday 2nd & 9th February:

9am - 10am, Boys and Girls Born in 2013 and 2014

10:30 - 11:30, Boys Born in 2011 and 2012

10:30 - 11:30 Girls Born in 2010, 2011, 2012 and 2013



For more information check out our Facebook page
[amacedonrangerssc](https://www.facebook.com/amacedonrangerssc)

Beleza GISBORNE

SCHOOL
UNIFORMS

2020 BACK TO SCHOOL TRADING

| January 2020 | | | | | | |
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| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
| | | | 1st CLOSED New Years Day | 2nd OPEN 10am - 5pm | 3rd OPEN 10am - 5pm | 4th OPEN 10am - 1pm |
| 5th CLOSED | 6th EXTENDED 10am - 5pm | 7th OPEN 10am - 5pm | 8th OPEN 10am - 5pm | 9th OPEN 10am - 5pm | 10th OPEN 10am - 5pm | 11th OPEN 10am - 1pm |
| 12th CLOSED | 13th EXTENDED 10am - 5pm | 14th OPEN 10am - 5pm | 15th OPEN 10am - 5pm | 16th OPEN 10am - 5pm | 17th OPEN 10am - 5pm | 18th OPEN 10am - 1pm |
| 19th CLOSED | 20th EXTENDED 10am - 5pm | 21st OPEN 10am - 5pm | 22nd OPEN 10am - 5pm | 23rd OPEN 10am - 5pm | 24th OPEN 10am - 5pm | 25th EXTENDED 10am - 3pm |
| 26th CLOSED | 27th CLOSED Public Holi- day | 28th OPEN 10am - 5pm | 29th OPEN 10am - 5pm | 30th OPEN 10am - 5pm | 31st OPEN 10am - 5pm | |
| February 2020 | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | 1st OPEN 10am - 1pm |
| 2nd CLOSED | 3rd EXTENDED 10am - 5pm | 4th OPEN 10am - 5pm | 5th OPEN 10am - 5pm | 6th OPEN 10am - 5pm | 7th OPEN 10am - 5pm | 8th OPEN 10am - 1pm |

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INSTAGRAM

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