RIDDELL WRAP
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Dear Parents and Carers,
Here we are in week 7 and heading into the last four weeks of a tumultuous year both personally and academically for our students.

When you think things aren't going right for your little one/s – please get in touch with their teacher because you just might find we are taking steps already to help them. Working in partnership has never been more important.

Some Timely Reminders
Daylight Savings kicking in re-triggered focus on our SunSmart Policy (you can access this from our school website). 'No Hat – No Play' is in full effect. If your child requires a new hat, please contact the office.

If your children ride to school, please ensure they know to 'give way' to pedestrians. Upon arrival at school, bikes need to be left in the bike area – there is plenty of space for 'bike parking' but we seem to have some creeping onto the entrance path – it's a trip hazard I'm fixing up daily at the moment!

Early Leavers
Due to the sheer number of announcements, we have all noticed the increasing number of students leaving school early. We understand there are some specialty services that only have appointments during school time and of course, emergencies happen, **HOWEVER** children should only be leaving early or arriving late due to the types of events outlined above where it is entirely avoidable. It is not okay to be away and miss out on learning time. The afternoon is every bit as important as the morning learning sessions,

Borrowed Devices
If you have any devices from remote learning that were borrowed (iPad, laptop, internet dongle) could you please return it ASAP as the Department has notified us of their intent to collect them in the coming weeks.

Grade 6 Graduation
We are able to go ahead with a graduation this year (phew!!). It is slightly modified on previous years due to the current DET Operation Guidelines. Grade 6 parents are invited to book into the Riddells Creek Hotel for Monday 14th December to watch our ceremony on live stream. The link will be available for you to distribute to your entire family to watch along from the comfort of their homes. More details will follow in a flyer. But, make sure you book in with the pub should you wish to enjoy the ceremony with our year 6 parent community.

Until next time,
Emma Brooksby
Principal

HIP HIP HOORAY
WHO'S BIRTHDAY IS IT TODAY!!

STUDENT BIRTHDAY'S

NOVEMBER

20 Bridie Arvidson MU3
22 Liam Beveridge BU4
William Marlow MU2
Dakota Harris MU5
23 Chloe Ireland BU6
Ivy Milina BU6
Susannah Murray MU7
27 Ella Hatty MU1
Billy Schwarzenberg MU7
28 Scarlett Ireland MU2
Archie Hyde MU5
Ivy Castles BU2

DECEMBER

2 Alice Scanlon

STAFF BIRTHDAY

NOVEMBER

27 EMMA BROOKSBY

YOU BEAUTY AWARDS

BU1 Ashton W
BU2 Ira F
BU3 Summer M
BU4 Gabi W
BU5 Isabella V
BU6 Emily L

MU1 Blake D/Airlie S
MU2 Scarlett I/all of MU2
MU3 Alyssa M
MU4 Liam B
MU5 Mili H/Maggie J
MU6 Harry W
MU7 Jake C
MU8 Christian H

MUSIC: Lachlan H-T, Kaelan Y, Scarlett H
DRAMA: Tahlia R

ART: Adreyan V
PE: Scarlettt T

HAPPY 80TH BIRTHDAY STEPHANIE ALEXANDER

Mu2 recorded a very special Happy birthday message for Stephanie Alexander who recently turned 80 years old. She is the founder of the kitchen garden program that has been a huge success in many schools.

Used silverbeet, leeks herbs from the garden
Silverbeet & potato torte
Polenta chips with herbs, ricotta & parmesan

Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Foundation
Growing Harvesting Preparing Sharing

RCPS Calendar 2020

November 2020

23	Prep 2021 Transition
30	Prep 2021 Transition

December 2020

3	*Webex 'Meet & Greet' Emma and Amelia 5.45pm-6.15pm Question Time *School Council Meeting
8	State Wide Transition Day
14	Grade 6 Graduation
18	Term 4 Ends 9.00am - 12.30pm

Virtual Tour of our School

RCPS Virtual School Tour

2021 term dates

	Start date	Finish date
Term 1	27 January Students start 28 January in government schools	1 April
Term 2	19 April	25 June
Term 3	12 July	17 September
Term 4	4 October	17 December

Prep Transitions

Monday 23rd November

Proposed times: 12 Noon and 2.15PM

Monday 30th November

Proposed times: 12 Noon and 2.15PM

Timetable and more details have been emailed to Prep Parents 2021 today/tomorrow.

"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 please correct money only if paying by cash.

Prep 2021 'Meet and Greets'

Thursday 3rd December 5.45pm – 6.15pm

There will be question time session for Parents/ Guardians
(Meeting link will be emailed closer to the date)

FIRE SEASON REMINDER - RCPS is registered as a BARR School (Bushfire At Risk Register) & in 2020/21 fire season will be closed on **Code Red Days**

RCPS is placed on the Education Department's Bush fire At-Risk Register. Inclusion on this register is a trigger for the school to pre-emptively **close on days declared Code Red** in our Bureau of Meteorology district.

So what happens on a declared code red day?

Where possible, four to seven days' notice of a planned closure will be provided. Parents and carers should expect that in some instances fewer than four days' notice may be provided. The final decision to close a school service will be confirmed no later than 1.00pm the day before the planned closure.

Once a Code Red day has been determined by the Emergency Management Commissioner **this decision will not change** – regardless of any changes in the weather forecast. This will help limit confusion and help your family plan for how your children will be cared for when their school is closed.

All bus routes servicing closed schools, including bus routes which they might coordinate as a bus coordinating school are cancelled.

As a family the responsibility is to have your personal bush fire survival up to date and this includes alternative care arrangements in that our school is closed.

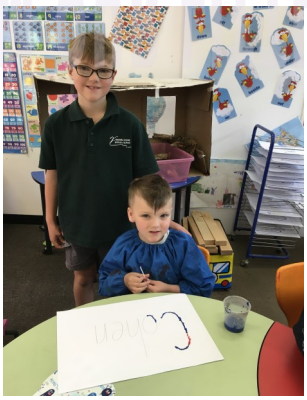
On **extreme or severe coded days we also ask you to enact your family's fire plan. The school will be open** and in the event of an emergency the **school will enact its 'shelter in place' procedures** and be responsive to Departmental and Emergencies Services directions. On severe and extreme days when the school is open we will enact a hot weather timetable where the students will have limited time outside.

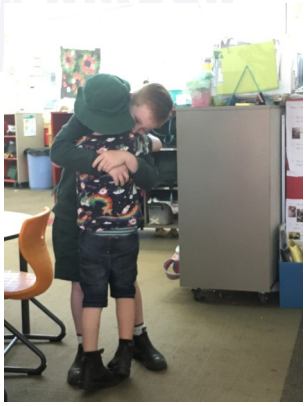
Please **ensure we have your current contact details, including your mobile phone numbers.** Keeping touch with our compass parent/guardian notifications, newsletters is very important. This information is current through out the 2020/21 bush fire session. **On severe/extreme days please adhere to your personal fire plans.**

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN BANKSIA?

BU1 and BU2 celebrated NAIDOC week and listened to Dreaming stories from all around Australia. We drew pictures and labelled them using words from the Malgana people in WA. We listened to stories about the Tjanpi Desert Weavers and are making our own Tjanpi's. Here are some that are finished.

VISIT FROM OUR LITTLE SIBLINGS FROM KINDER





AXOLOTLS AND TANK IN NEED OF A NEW HOME

Due to the relocation of the grade 5/6 classes into the new Melaleuca Senior building RCPS can no longer accommodate the axolotls. ***Please email Ms.Surdy if you are interested in adopting the two axolotls, they come complete with: tank, pump, food, sand, and water-treatments all included.***

Fun-facts about axolotls:

There is only one lake network in the whole world where axolotls can be found in the wild

If they lose a leg or foot, they can re-grow their limbs!

They are also known as 'mexican walking fish'.

Axolotls are extremely low maintenance and fascinating creatures. These axolotls have been tank buddies for many years and would love to move in with you!

THE HAP'S IN MELALEUCA

The Grade 5/6's have been busy this week researching inventors and inventions over time. We have looked at the invention of the phone, light bulbs, game consoles and even horseshoes! Students are working to create a newspaper report on their chosen invention, so watch this space!

Our classrooms are also buzzing with excitement around graduation and the launch of our 'Genius Hour' in coming weeks where we are going to hold an 'Invention Convention' in the final week of term to showcase our creations to the school.

We have also begun investigating and playing with money!! Fake money, of course!

But we are enjoying creating budgets, especially in time for Christmas! Did you know that is takes over 140 tonnes of pressure to mint a coin? That's a lot of pressure! We have begun looking at foreign currency too and how the value of the Australian dollar can change every day.

Aboriginal Astronomy Art Competition

Congratulations to Jack, Rosie, Jemima and Lily whose art pieces inspired by our study of Aboriginal Astronomy were shortlisted as finalists in the National 'Paint the Sky' Competition held by Cospar -K.

Their artworks will be displayed at the International Conference in Sydney in 2021!

We also congratulate all our Melaleuca Senior students who entered the competition.

Here is our Melaleuca Senior Maths Question of the week for you to solve at home..

Using the Australian coins and notes, how many ways could you make $100?

Submit your answers to our School Captains by next Wednesday for your chance to win a free Zooper Dooper!

ZOOPER DOOPER FRIDAYS

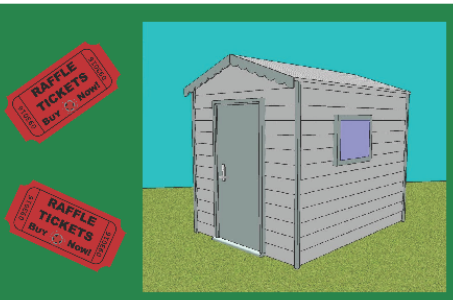
Thank you to our school community for supporting our Zooper Dooper Friday's! We really appreciate your continued support. If your family would like to donate a packet of Zooper Doopers, please bring them into Miss Davis in Melaleuca Senior.

DON'T FORGET

ZOOPER DOOPERS ON SALE EVERY FRIDAYS AFTER SCHOOL $1 EACH. MONEY RAISED GOES TOWARDS OUR GRADE 6 GRADUATION

WILDLIFE VICTORIA
ON CALL TO HELP
03 8400 7300

Community Page



WIN A CUBBY HOUSE FOR CHRISTMAS!

HELP THOSE IN NEED IN THE MACEDON RANGES

The Gisborne Men's Shed, supported by GREAT, is generously donating a specially designed and handcrafted cubby house, with proceeds from raffle ticket purchases benefiting the Gisborne Community Care Foodbank

FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TO PURCHASE RAFFLE TICKETS VISIT:
HTTPS://A-CUBBY-HOUSE-FOR-CHRISTMAS.RAISELY.COM/

GREAT Gisborne Gazette MEN'S SHED Macedon Ranges Health supported by benetas
Gisborne Community Care Foodbank Inc.
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For all our school happenings, please follow @riddellscreekps

Mocha Leaf Café Lunches
Menu can be found on our website
www.rcps.vic.edu.au
(Key Information Tab)

1st Riddells Creek Scout Group
26 Sutherlands Rd
Riddells Creek, VIC 3431
e.gl.1striddellscreek@gmail.com

Car Battery Drive is on again.

When: Sat 7th November 2020
Time: 10am- 12 noon
Where: ***Riddells Creek Scout Hall*** – Sutherlands Rd Riddells Creek

Drive in for contactless unload of your used batteries, yes we will unload them for you 😊.

If you cannot make it, or have more than 10 we can offer contactless collection, email gl.1striddellscreek@scoutsvictoria.com.au to arrange hassle free collection.

1st Riddells Scout Group Fundraising Activity.

AWETISM
2020 VIRTUAL EXPO
awetism.vfairs.com

50 PRESENTATIONS BY AUSTRALIAN AUTISTIC STUDENTS
PANEL DISCUSSIONS WITH FEATURED GUESTS
EXHIBITION BOOTHS FROM OUR SUPPORTERS & PARTNERS
I CAN SHOWCASES OF OUR REGIONS
INTEREST GROUPS, QUIZZES & A SCAVENGER HUNT WITH PRIZES!
ALL DAY LIVE DISCUSSIONS AND TAKE-HOME RESOURCES

NOMINATIONS ARE NOW OPEN for the Macedon Ranges Youth Awards!!

If you are, or you know, a young person doing great things that should be recognised then make sure you nominate them. Nominations close 22nd November.
It's easy and you can do it online -
www.mrsc.vic.gov.au/youthawards

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