

Dear Parents and Carers,

Well, here we are in the middle of term already! Time really is flying by,

House and Team Student Leaders

I would like to announce and acknowledge our House and Team Captains for 2021. Joining Tilly, Lucien, Tess and Nathan in our student leadership group are:

Blue House: Maggie J & Livvy W, Jacob G & Olivia D

Red House: Lachie H-T & Sophie L, Mille H & Eden B

Green House: Abbey McT & Rosie M, Lincoln M & Emmy D

Yellow House: Summer W & Bryce G, Mason P & Harry W

Green Team: Theo C & Indi S

Heart Monitors: Claire F, Jack McK & Jake C

Creativity Team: Susannah M & Ella I

Technology Team: Julian Z & Declan S

Meet and Greet

Thank you to all of our families who took the opportunity to attend our meet and greet sessions. We hope you found the sessions valuable, and you had the chance to have a quick chat with your child's teacher.

Cross-Country

While our cross-country event didn't look like it normally would, we would like to congratulate all of our participants and, particularly, the winners of each age group. Congratulations to Green House for winning this year!!

Assembly

Now that we have made our student leaders announcements, assembly will be largely held in the performance centre. This means that, until density limits are increased our community cannot attend. We will inform you via Compass and Facebook if we are holding our assembly outside and endeavour to work on filming it to share with our community.

Farewell Erin!

We would like to wish Erin Willey all the best as she moves on to her next adventure in the Department of Education. Erin has been successfully appointed to Craigieburn South Primary School as the Assistant Principal. She finished with us on Friday 5th March. She has been at RCPS since the beginning of 2019 as a member of our Senior Leadership Team through her role as a Learning Specialist. Erin has taught in the Year 1/2 team and the Year 5/6 team as well as working with staff through coaching to improve teaching and learning across the school. She has been integral to the development of systems and processes here at RCPS. While her fun, laughter and expertise will be sorely missed by all of us, we wish her all the best on her new adventure. Good luck, Erin!

Until next time,

Emma Brooksby

Principal

MARCH	
19th	NATIONAL RIDE 2 SCHOOL DAY
21st	HARMONY DAY Dress up and Sausage Sizzle
25th	School Council Meeting
29th	Easter Raffle tickets due back to school Dental Forms due back to school
APRIL	
1st	Term 1 ends school finishes 2.30pm Easter Raffle drawn at assembly
19th	Term 2 starts

RCPS Calendar 2021

TERM DATES 2021

TERM 1: 27th Jan—1st Apr
TERM 2: 19th Apr—25th Jun
TERM 3: 12th Jul—17th Sep
TERM 4: 4th Oct—17th Dec

PUPIL FREE DAYS

FRIDAY 23rd Apr
MONDAY 12th Jul
MONDAY 1st Nov

Mocha Leaf Café Lunches
Menu can be found on our
website
www.rcps.vic.edu.au

Virtual Tour of our School

[RCPS Virtual School](#)

Working with children check

If you are a volunteer at the school please make sure you nominate our school on the WWCC website so we can receive the official letter with your WWCC details. Also please make sure you sign in at the front office and we will advise you the correct QR code to use.

ALL VISITORS MUST SIGN IN AT OFFICE

"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 \$14.50 please correct money only if paying by cash.

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

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.

PARENT SUPPORT INFORMATION

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.

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 while sports teach teamwork, discipline and leadership. All are a 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

MORE INFORMATION

For more information about CSEF visit:

<https://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/programs/Pages/csef.aspx>

HOW TO APPLY

New applicants should contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from the website below.

If you applied for CSEF at your child's school last year, you do not need to complete an application form this year 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 this year.
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- **changed family circumstances**, such as a change of custody, change of name, concession card number, or new siblings commencing this year.

Check with the school office if you are unsure

PARENT SUPPORT INFORMATION Continued

PRIVACY COLLECTION STATEMENT – Primary Schools

Information for parents and carers

During the ordinary course of your child's attendance at our school, school staff will collect your child's personal and health information when necessary to educate your child, or to support your child's social and emotional wellbeing or health in the school context. Such information will also be collected when required to fulfil a legal obligation, including duty of care, anti-discrimination law and occupational health and safety law. If that information is not collected, the school may be unable to provide optimal education or support to your child, or fulfil those legal obligations.

For example, health information may be collected through the school nurse, primary welfare officer or wellbeing staff member. If your child is referred to a specific health service at school, such as a Student Support Services officer, the required consent will be obtained. Our school also collects information provided by parents and carers through the School Entrance Health Questionnaire (SEHQ) and the Early Childhood Intervention Service (ECIS) Transition Form.

Our school may use online tools, such as apps and other software, to effectively collect and manage information about your child for teaching and learning purposes, parent communication and engagement; student administration; and school management purposes. When our school uses these online tools, we take steps to ensure that your child's information is secure. If you have any concerns about the use of these online tools, please contact us.

School staff will only share your child's personal or health information with other staff who need to know to enable the school to educate or support your child, or fulfil a legal obligation.

When our students transfer to another Victorian government school, personal and health information about that student will be transferred to that next school. Transferring this information is in the best interests of our students and assists that next school to provide optimal education and support to students.

In some limited circumstances, information may be disclosed outside of the school (and outside of the Department of Education and Training). The school will seek your consent for such disclosures unless the disclosure is allowed or mandated by law.

Our school values the privacy of every person. When collecting and managing personal and health information, all school staff must comply with Victorian privacy law. For more information about privacy including about how to access personal and health information held by the school about you or your child, see our school's privacy policy: <https://www.education.vic.gov.au/Pages/schoolsprivacypolicy.aspx>

Throughout this notice, 'staff' includes principals, teachers, Student Support Service officers, youth workers, social workers, nurses and any other allied health practitioners and all other staff at our school. This includes employees, agents and service providers (contractors) of the Department, whether paid or unpaid.

SPECIAL DAYS TO REMEMBER



Riddells Creek Primary School is celebrating Harmony Day

Monday 22nd March 2021

Come dressed as YOU! Express yourself with clothing, hair do's, anything that you like! Because nothing is you-er than you!!

There will be a parade in the morning to see how we all express ourselves and then a delicious sausage sizzle at lunch time!

Order forms for the Sausage Sizzle will be coming home Friday.



Ride 2 School Day - Next Friday!

Ride, Skate, Scoot, Walk or Run to school next Friday for

Ride 2 School Day!

There will be fresh fruit in the morning
and

bike activities during lunchtime!

Remember to be safe and wear your helmet!

WISHING YOU A HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!!

FEBRUARY

27th Molly Bennett MU1

28th Nathan Brown BU3

MARCH

1st Tilly Allen MU7

8th Stuart Huisintveld BU4

5th Evie Patchett BU4

Zander Russell BU6

6th Ruth Carmichael MU1

Ruby Connally MU2

Jai Weerasinghe MU4

10th Henry Turpin BU4

Maggie Jackson MU8

Sophie Lindsay MU7



ASSEMBLY AWARD WINNERS

Week 5

Willow Slater BU2

Ryan Powell BU3

Rose Jenkins BU4

Amelia Grogan MU2

Theo Carmichael MU6

Week 6

Eidee O'Brien BU2

Cohen Hanks & Patrick Mackenzie-Mcown BU3

Hannah Black & Lhasa Shaw BU4

Chelsea Vogel & Mackenzie Fitzpatrick MU2

Jack McKenzie & Rosie Murden MU6

Huey Douglas MU7

DRAMA AWARD

Ruby Connally MU2

Benji Barton MU3

Heidi Farrugia BU6

MUSIC AWARD

Zeeva Cutrim Mota MU3

Harry Wojtowycz MU8

Tyler Mackenzie MU4

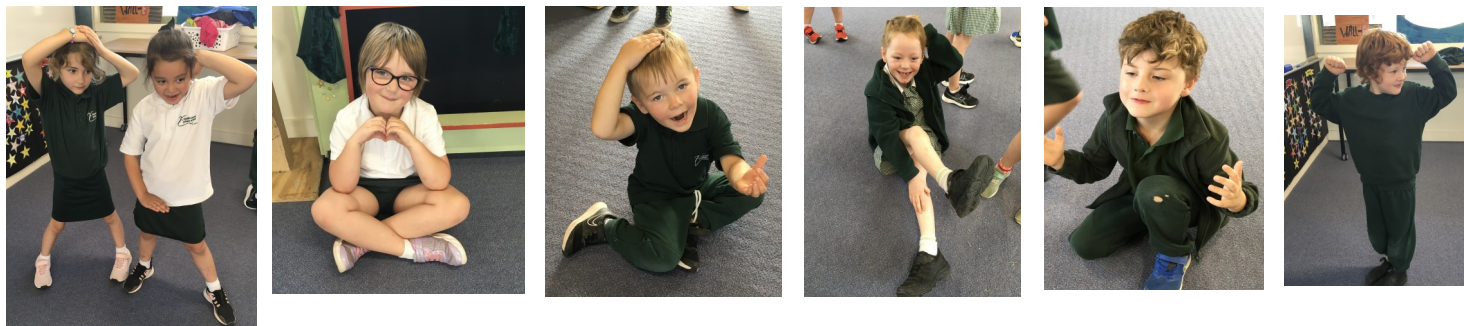
Music Instrumental Program

At Riddells we run an instrumental program at RCPS.

We have two wonderful piano teachers, Melissa Storey and Jacque Rae; our superb drum teacher, Michael McNab; our amazing guitar teacher Alex Bryce and starting this year lovely Louise Fraser who will be teaching violin. Our teachers are all very dedicated and passionate about teaching their instruments. Students are taken out during class time on a rotating basis so that they don't miss out on the same class session each week. If you are interested in your child learning an instrument there is a form to fill out and sign located in the parent hub school front office. The school facilitates the program, with Ms Krohn, (music teacher) collecting the forms and distributing them to the instrumental teachers. The instrumental teacher invoices parents for the lessons.



DRAMA WITH KIRA



LIBRARY NEWS

Dear Parent,

Your child has received the first Scholastic Book Club Catalogue 2021.

There are lots of award-winning books and bestsellers, and many favourites. These books span a wide range of children's reading levels and interests and they are inexpensive (some books cost as little as \$2.00).

It is easy to order. The Book Club **LOOP** platform for parents allows you to pay by credit card. Your child's order is submitted directly to school and the books will be delivered to their class. You can place your child's order at [scholastic.com.au/LOOP](https://www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP) or using the **LOOP** app (download it from the App Store or Google Play).

NOTE: If you have ordered in the past, you will need to recreate your account as your child is in a new class.

ORDERS CLOSE FRIDAY 19th MARCH

SCHOLASTIC
Book Club LOOP
for Parents

LOOP is the Scholastic Book Club
Linked Online Ordering & Payment platform for parents.
To order and pay for Scholastic Book Club by credit card visit:
www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP

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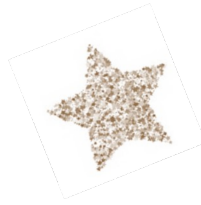
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FUN IN OUTSIDE SCHOOL HOURS CARE



BANKSIA NEWS

Learning to take care of our ipads and exploring our numbers further



CAPTAINS CORNER

By Lucien, Tilly, Nathan and Tess

CROSS COUNTRY NEWS

Last week on Tuesday the school cross country went ahead. Every student ran really well. In the afternoon the Meet and Greet was in full spin. We also had the sausage sizzle to raise some money for our school. We would also like to congratulate everyone that was successful in getting captain role and for supporting your teams really well. More cross country pictures on next page.

Stay tuned for the next newsletter where we introduce the rest of our schools captains.



ZOOPER DOOPERS

This term we are doing Zooper Dooper Fridays at lunch time they are \$1 each.

This is where all the captains come together and serve people.

We have been noticing Zooper Dooper wrappers in the yard.

Please make sure you are putting them in the bin.

Community News

INSTAGRAM

For all our school happenings, please follow @riddellscreekps



RIDDELLS CREEK NETBALL ASSOCIATION INC.

invites all children to play the great game of netball. All abilities welcome including those who have never played before.

Training starts Tuesday 2 March

at the Riddells Creek Recreation Centre

For Under 11s: 3.40 pm to 4.20pm

For Under 13s: 4.25pm to 5.10pm

For Under 15s & Under 17s: 5.15pm to 6.10pm

Training for Under 9s start Wednesday 3rd March

At Riddells Creek Primary School

3.30pm to 4.30pm

Grading for Under 13s and up Saturday 20th March and Saturday 27th March

Competition starts all age groups on Saturday 17 April at MRNA New Gisborne.

For any queries please email rcna.president@gmail.com or contact Flo on 0408 360 128.

Also if you are interested in coaching please contact Flo – details as above.

NetSetGo for Preps to Year 3 starts in Term 3. More details later.



RECRUITING NOW

**WE ARE LOOKING FOR GIRLS AGED
10 YEARS + WHO ARE INTERESTED IN
PLAYING THE GREAT GAME OF AFL
FOOTBALL IN SEASON 2021**

NO FOOTBALL EXPERIENCE NECESSARY

BE PART OF A GREAT CLUB CULTURE

CONTACT DARREN MITCHELL 0412 335 554

Female football proudly supported by Gisborne & District
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Hello,

This is Darren Mitchell, Female Football Co-Ordinator at Gisborne Rookies Junior Football Netball Club.

We are very excited to again be fielding an Under 13 girls football team in season 2021. After the challenges of 2020 where no games were played, the girls are very much looking forward to again taking the field in 2021.

We are currently looking for girls aged between 10 & 12 who would love to play the game of AFL in a fun filled and supportive environment.

The girls are currently training at JD Clifford Reserve, Greene Street, Macedon, each Wednesday night between 6.15pm and 7.30pm.

Regards

Darren

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