

Dear parents and carers,

I cannot believe how fast the year has gone! Thank you to our staff for the work they have done this year, both seen and unseen. I can't believe what we have achieved this year! Our production was incredible, the Year 6 graduation was beautiful, we have had great sporting results and our students have made sound academic progress. We are truly lucky to work and live in Riddells Creek. I wish you all a very merry Christmas and a safe and happy summer break. Bring on 2020!

Staffing Update

Staffing changes are inevitable and this year we say good bye and good luck to:

Matthew Knight – Mr Knight has been with us for three years. He is off on adventures abroad. Matt, we wish you all the best. Thank you for all your work.

Carmel Lakey – Mrs Lakey has been in the Education for over 40 years. Carmel is having some well-deserved long service leave and has indicated that after that she will be retiring. We will have a formal celebration for her at the conclusion of her leave next year.

Nick Gibson – Mr Gibson has chosen to take a year's break from teaching full time. We will see him around in a CRT capacity while he spends more time with family.

Tillie Avery – Ms Avery has been with the school in varying capacities for four years. She is heading off for a sea change with her family and we wish her all the best in her career.

Further to the last newsletter, I can confirm the following new staffing appointments for 2020.

BU3 – Anh Castles

BU4 – Patrice Dullard (3 days) & Sarah Barclay (2 days)

BU5 – Leona Goodwin

MU5 – Lyndsay Adamson

Thank you to our School Captains 2019

This year we have been very fortunate to have our students guided by our School Captains Aleesha Hatty and Christian Murray. They were strongly supported by our School Vice Captains Finn Fitzpatrick and Eliza McTaggart. Your innovative ideas, ability to rise to every challenge, confidence and pride in the school will be hard for future leaders to match. Thank you all for your service.

Year 6 Graduation

I would like to congratulate all 29 of our year 6 students on your primary schooling years. You have grown into great people and we know you are ready to fly off to secondary school. You all did yourselves, your family and the school proud on Monday night. Remember, you always have a place here at Riddells Creek Primary School.

Asbestos Removal – JANUARY 15th

The Victorian School Building Authority has advised that they will be removing asbestos located in Block A and some of our portables on **Wednesday 15th January. PLEASE MAKE SURE YOUR CHILDREN KNOW THEY ARE NOT TO PLAY AT THE SCHOOL ON THIS DAY.** The school will be cordoned off for the duration of the removal.

More funding for Shading

I am pleased to advise that we have received a further \$20,000 from the Federal Government to meet our shading needs. Thanks to Deb Mitrevics who worked really hard with me on the grant application. We will be creating a stage area in front of the mural and it will be a great passive play space as well as enhancing our drama and PE programs. This is a big win for our school!

Last day of school tomorrow

With our final assembly occurring today, this is a reminder to parents and carers that tomorrow's school day finishes at 12:30pm, we will not be having a recess break. As it is a clean-up day, and a temperature forecast in the low 40s we understand if you choose not send your children.

Have a very merry Christmas and a wonderful summer break!



STAR OF THE WEEK

Nathan Bartasek

For successfully completing/passing all sections of his Junior Black Belt Examinations.

At 10 years of age Nathan has been working towards this major goal since commencing Karate in Riddells Creek when he was in Prep year, 5 years ago.

Nathan had to complete 4 hours of testing along side other juniors and adults that were also being graded for their black belts. The 4 hours of testing included a written exam, sparring, strength exercises and Katas.

Congratulations!



December

- 19 • Assembly 2.45pm Christmas Carols and Grade 6 Farewell
- Last Day for Before/After School Care
- Last Day for Lunch Orders

20 Teacher's End of Year Handover
Term 4 Ends 12.30pm

January 2020

29 Term 1 Starts All Students

February 2020

6 Swimming Team Training for District Swimming (including new students 3-6)

27 District Swimming Sunbury Aquatic Centre

March 2020

3 Twilight Cross Country

YOU CAN DO IT AWARDS

Friday 6th December

BU1 Chloe G
 BU3 Jason M
 BU4 Jai W
 BU6 Molly B
 BU7 Pepper M
 MU1 Julian Z
 MU2 Agata D
 MU3 Maggie A
 MU4 Chloe H and Lucas V
 MU5 Olivia H
 MU6 Charlotte C
 MU7 Ruby A
 MU8 Annie S



Friday 13th December

BU1 Kiara C
 BU2 Mason W
 BU7 Cooper H
 MU2 Stella Y
 MU3 Tyson D
 MU4 Maya V
 MU5 Mykah A
 Music Christian M
 Art Pepper M



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, 4/3 or 11/3 (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)

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.

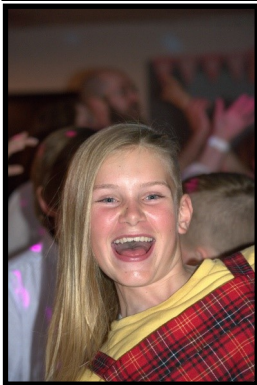
Thanking you in advance for your donations.

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>





Graduation



On Monday 16th December, we celebrated our Class of 2019. These 29 beautiful students have been such an asset to our school community and we know great things await them in 2020 and beyond! Congratulations!



Masterchef

Friday 13th December was the highlight of the Grade 5/6 Calendar - Masterchef! Students had to work in groups to create dishes of their choice before bringing it all together for a shared lunch.



Congratulations James McDonnell!

We were THRILLED to welcome back former student James (you may remember him as the White Rabbit in our 2013 production of Alice in Wonderland) on Monday 16th December.

James has just fulfilled his dream in being accepted into the Australian Ballet School!

James spoke to us about following your dreams and when you do something you love - it's easy!

Congratulations on this wonderful achievement, James! You are Riddells Creek's Billy Elliott!



Choir

Our amazing, beautiful choir performed two Christmas carols at the Gisborne Carols by Candlelight two weeks ago. They sang an up beat celtic version of Little Drummer Boy with some lovely harmonies from Christian, Victoria, Heidi, Matthew, Lucy, Max, Tilly and Chloe. Abby, Susannah, Alice, Eloise, Sophie and Ashton sang solos brilliantly! This was followed with a humorous version of "Jingle Bells" with a difference; the students all played kazoos! We are blessed with a choir that has a stunning sound and I can't wait to work with them ALL again in 2020.



Thank you for Giving to the Giving Tree

Thank you to everyone who donated to the Giving Tree. The items (non-perishable) will go to families and people in need.

GRADE 5/6 BIKE RIDE AROUND RIDDELLS CREEK

On Friday 6th December Annie Horton took all the grade 5-6 students on a wonderful ride around the whole of Riddells Creek. There were two groups which were Intermediate and confident. The experienced riders rode 9km and the intermediate riders rode 6km. It was an amazing experience and we are super grateful for Annie leading and creating the awesome track. Of course safety was first and we lathered on loads of sunscreen and put a helmet on our heads. There were some falls but it all ended on a good note. The best part of the ride was the big slope which made us ride rapidly fast. Another big thanks to Annie for being great.

From Jaimie and Josie



Fire Season Reminder

RCPS is registered as a BARR School
(Bushfire At Risk Register)

& in 2019/20 fire season will be
closed on

Code Red Days

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

NEXT RIDDELLS CREEK FARMERS' MARKET 18TH OF JANUARY 2020

SATURDAY 18TH OF JANUARY 2020, 9AM-1PM
RIDDELLS CREEK PRIMARY SCHOOL, RIDDELLS CREEK

MACEDON RANGES TOY SHOP

The Churches of Macedon Ranges are working together to distribute Christmas gifts
to struggling families in our community

Help us to make sure every child opens a gift this Christmas

We Need You To Donate!

Gifts are to be \$20 in value, new and for children aged 0-18

Please donate at;

Cobaw Community Health (Kyneton, Romsey & Woodend)

Find us on Facebook

Or Contact: Georgina Harvey 0404 442 891



MAKERS MARKET

Third Saturday of every month
9am to 2pm

@ Riddells Creek Neighbourhood House

December 21st
Christmas Carols
Market Stalls

Beleza SCHOOL UNIFORMS GISBORNE

2020 BACK TO SCHOOL TRADING

January 2020						
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

Celebrate Xmas Holidays with neighbours, family and friends

MACEDON VILLAGES ANNUAL

STREET PARTY

SCHOOL'S
OUT FOR
SUMMER!

EVERYONE
WELCOME



LAST DAY OF SCHOOL – FRIDAY 20 DECEMBER
ASH WEDNESDAY PARK • 5PM–9PM

live music / market stalls / activities for kids
use onsite BBQ / BYO picnic blanket, chairs, snacks
food, beer & wine available

An MVV Event. Supported by MRSC and Macedon CFA. More Info 0438 542 613

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