

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are so close to all being back together that I can hardly contain my excitement and relief! The general vibe from our brilliant staff is that we learned a lot about ourselves, our students and how we do things/could do things; but we have all MISSED THE KIDS! There might be remote teaching and learning – however, the greater purpose in attending school for all of us is the relationships we build and the connections we make.

I remind you all that Monday 8<sup>th</sup> June is the Queen's Birthday Public Holiday!

## Preparations and 'need to know' information for Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> June

As we manage having all students on school grounds while still observing social distancing measures, we are implementing the following entry and exit points:

Prep students will continue to use the gate they have been using near the performance centre;

Year 1/2, Year 3/4 and families with more than one student at the school will enter through the **DOUBLE GATE** on memorial Drive. This is further up near the oval;

Year 5/6 and bike/scooter riders will enter through the front gate where our noticeboard is.

Gates will have staff on duty in these locations to assist with any children struggling with the transition.

## New Building Update – Introducing 'Melaleuca Senior'

We have taken possession of our new senior years learning building. To honour and continue our school traditions and culture while giving the space an identity – we have decided to refer to the building as Melaleuca Senior. It will be home to our Year 5/6 students and staff and will provide a space that is warm, inviting and flexible.

Our students and staff will be moving in throughout week 10. All of our new furniture for the building will be arriving over the holidays!

We would like to offer a series of 'socially distanced' tours of the space before we move in. If you would like to come through please email the school. Time and days are as follows:

Wednesdays and Thursdays of week 9 and 10 (next week and following week) at 9:30am and 2:30pm. We will be limiting the numbers of each tour to 10 people. If our numbers outweigh our tours, we will arrange more tours!

## Policies

We are required to bring to your attention via our newsletter the following policies each year –

### Digital Technologies

### Personal Property

### Personal Mobile Device

The links to our policies are on the school website.

Until next time,  
Emma Brooksby  
Principal

## REVERSED ROLES

*This will be the last time Emma and Boo reverse roles before the students come back next week*



# MUSIC



Destin Howden-Kula made this beautiful rainstick at home for one of his remote learning music sessions



Mikayla Allen, MU4 with the water xylophone she made at home for her week 7 music task. Well done Mikayla!

## LOOKS AT WHAT ELSE HAS BEEN HAPPENING AROUND SCHOOL



Mason back at school with the biggest cookie we have ever seen

### Drama 🎭 is back



### Look what's happening in art?





## 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.

### 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

### School Council Dates 2020

- Term 1** Thursday 20th February  
Thursday 19 March
- Term 2** Thursday 7th May  
Thursday 11th June
- Term 3** Thursday 6th August  
Thursday 10th September
- Term 4** Thursday 29th October  
Thursday 3rd December

Don't forget next Monday is Queens Birthday, All students commence school on Tuesday. Have a safe and enjoyable long weekend.

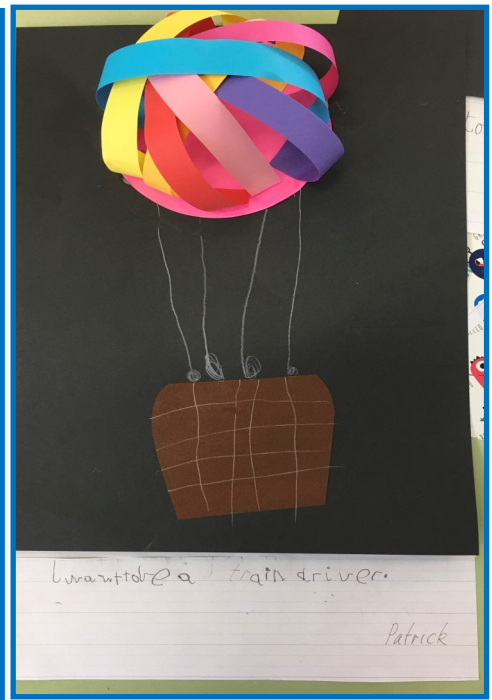
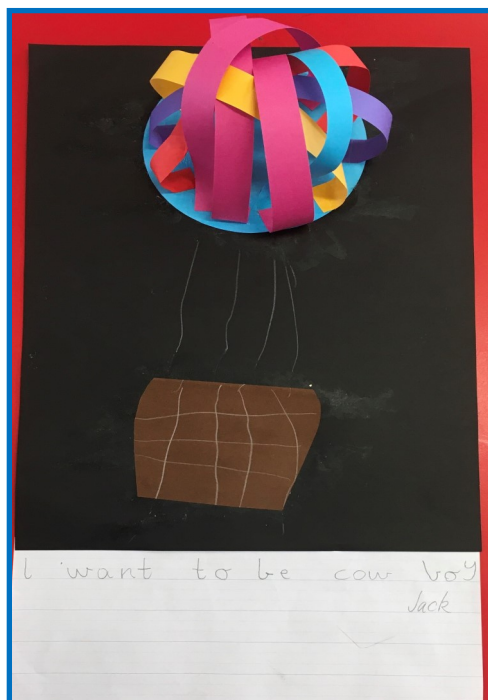
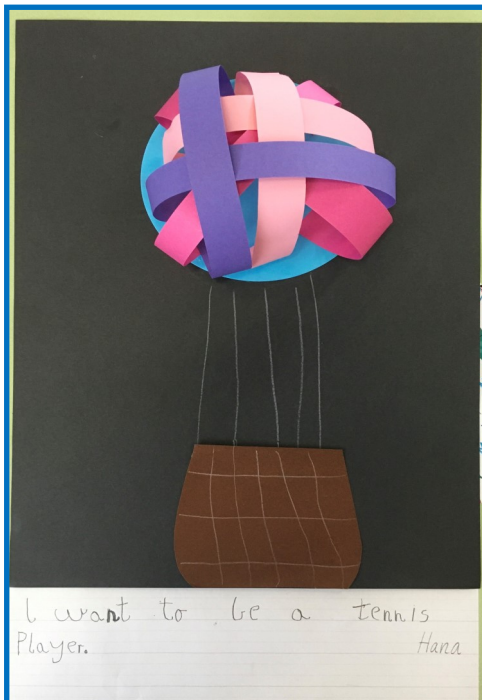


# What's been happening in Banksia



It was a heart warming sight to see this group of students playing footy and enjoying being back at school!

It is great to see the Banksia students back at school. Our focus in the first week back has been reconnecting as a school community. The grade 1 and 2 students have enjoyed participating in a variety of play based activities to ease back into the school routine and social groups.



Today preps listened to the story 'Oh the Places You'll Go' by Dr Seuss. We made hot air balloon art with coloured paper. We talked about what we might like to do when we grow up and wrote a sentence about it. Some other ideas were:

Oscar: I'd like to be a builder

Amelia: I'd like to be a scientist

Jed: I'd like to be a rockstar



# Grade 5/6 Amazing Race around Australia

The Grade 5/6's have been making their way virtually around Australia. Inspired by their learning around 'Holiday Here This Year' our students have been virtually arriving in destinations in Australia and completing a series of tasks in order to gain RCPS\$ and be the overall winner of our Amazing Race.

Thus far, we have visited Melbourne, Tasmania, Adelaide, Caught the Ghan from Adelaide to Alice Springs, Toured Uluru, visited Darwin, Broome and then also had an exclusive tour of Wooleen Station in Western Australia.

Wooleen Station has been featured on the ABC's Australian Story and is ran David and Frances Pollock, who are good friends with Grade 5/6 teacher Claire Davis. The Station is a wonderful and unique place in Western Australia. Frances and Dave took the time out to make an exclusive tour video just for our Grade 5/6 students, and we are very appreciative.

Please see the kids' postcards below wonderful places around Australia they

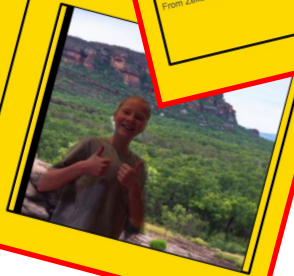
The tour race is continuing over the for updates and also visit our school @riddelscreekps for daily postcard spired to book a trip to somewhere in

from Wooleen and the other have visited thus far.

coming weeks, so stay tuned Instagram page updates! We hope you are in- our amazing country!

## A Postcard From Darwin!

Dear Miss Davis,  
Monday was definitely a journey and a half! I had way too much fun at all the spectacular events and Tours!  
When it came to lunch I was soooooo hungry, I ate a trio burger and a full glass of lemonade. It was delicious in every bite and swallow I took!  
From the food, views and tours this vacation I am a bundle of excitement!  
Jaimie



## A Postcard From... Darwin

Dear Miss Davis  
Today I went to Darwin and from Alice Springs which took almost a day on the Ghan it's only but I still made it! I went to a cool national park called Kakadu near Darwin and went on a tour in a helicopter it was amazing!  
I also learned a few more things about the Darwin bombing like how there were 180 fighter planes that attacked and how there were around 2,000 women and children that got evacuated. But sadly 240 people died in the bombings.  
From Zake Hooper



## A Postcard From Tasmania

Hi Miss Davis,  
I'm having a AMAZING time in Tassie. In Tassie I've found out that, Mount Wellington The mountain rises to 1271 metres (4,170 ft) above sea level.  
.Port Arthur was named after George Arthur  
.Hostings Cove The cavers at Newdegate Cave began forming about 40 million years ago.  
.Did you know Tasmanian Devils Store Fat In Their Tails  
Wow interesting I know well cya talk soon  
Mason (Btw I got chased by an Devil!)



## A Postcard From Melbourne

My favourite destination was the Melbourne Star. Did you know that the Melbourne star is 14 years old and is one of 4 observation wheels. I also found 4 interesting facts about Melbourne. Did you know Melbourne was surveyed and named in 1837, James Freeland leacock built the first ute in Melbourne 1929, Melbourne is now a leading financial center in the Asian-Pacific region.



## A Postcard From.....(Tasmania)

Dear Erin,  
I have seen some amazing places in Tasmania such as port Arthur jail, Freycinet National park, MONA, bay of fires, Mount Wellington and many many more. My favourite place was cradle mountain because of the beautiful views. I also saw heaps of wildlife.  
Kind regards your favourite student Jack fish.



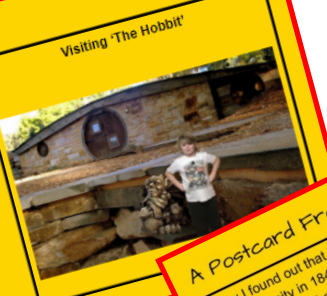
## DAY 2 Postcard

Hi Miss Davis  
OMG, Today was so fun I learnt that Hobart is the capital of Tasmania. I've also heard that the South Esk River is 252 km long. I was wondering around the central highlands and I saw an amazing Animal named Tasmanian wombat I'll get a chance to try and catch one while I'm here?  
I hope to speak to you tomorrow  
From Jack



## A Postcard From.....Adelaide

Hi Everyone,  
Another exciting day was had exploring the city of Adelaide. So much to see and do but not enough time to see everything. Will have to come back for a visit. I didn't know there were so many exciting places to see and things to do.  
Bye for now,  
Jay



## A Postcard From Melbourne

Today I found out that Melbourne got declared a city in 1847 by Queen Victoria. Also Melbourne is located within the state of Victoria, in the southeastern portion of mainland Australia. Melbourne is now a leading financial center in the Asia-Pacific region. Did you know that the little river marks the border between Melbourne and Geelong.



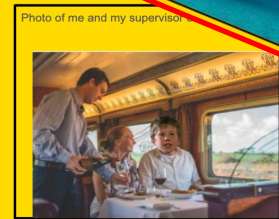
## A Postcard From.....Tasmania

Hi Everyone,  
WOW! What a beautiful place Tasmania is. There is a lot of interesting places to visit and explore. I learnt a lot about the other side of Tasmania that I haven't had the opportunity to visit yet. Next time I go over there for a holiday, I am excited to go and visit some of these places.  
Bye for now,  
Jay

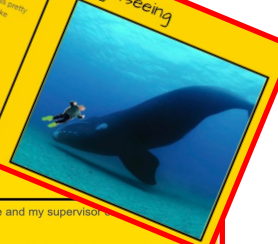


## A Postcard From The Ghan

To Miss Davis,  
I've been on the Ghan it is so fancy I'm eating a 5 star meal right now.  
I can't wait to see Uluru people say it's nearly as big as the Empire State Building.  
See you when my trip is over I'm going to Darwin on Monday  
From the best person in the world Mason



## Adelaide whale sighting





## STUDENT BIRTHDAYS JUNE 1ST TO JUNE 12TH

5TH	SKYLAR N
6TH	SIENNA L
7TH	MASON W
	NATHAN P
8TH	HUGO H
9TH	MAGGIE A
	TIFFANY A
	RYAN H
10TH	ASHTON J
11TH	AUBRIE T



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# Riddells Creek PS Prep 2021!

**PREP TRANSITION DATES**  
**MONDAY 9<sup>TH</sup>, 16<sup>TH</sup>, 23<sup>RD</sup> & 30<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2020**

PLEASE CONTACT SCHOOL OFFICE VIA EMAIL FOR ENROLMENT ENQUIRIES. ALTERNATIVELY, PLEASE CHAT TO YOUR KINDY.

KINDY & SCHOOL STUDENT VISITS WILL OCCUR IN TERM 3 (SUBJECT TO DEPARTMENT RULING).

SCHOOL TOURS TO RECOMMENCE ONCE RESTRICTIONS ARE LIFTED.

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## Riddells Creek Primary School

### Parent Information &

### Tours are to be

**confirmed. Please look at the website to keep up to date.**



Monday August 3<sup>rd</sup> 2020 at 9.30am

Monday August 31<sup>st</sup> 2020 at 9.30am

Monday October 26<sup>th</sup> 2020 at 9.30am

Monday November 23<sup>rd</sup> 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





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!

## Look What's Happening in OSHC!



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