

Dear Parents, Carers and Students,

We are mid-way through Term 2 – can you believe it?? I am always surprised by how quickly a fortnight passes and all that we manage to pack into that time!

Insurance Cover for Students

The Department of Education doesn't provide insurance for students. However, every year the school buys insurance for our students if they are injured through the course of participating in daily school life. Our cover is provided by AON Insurance and is "Gold Cover". This means that if your child is injured at school or during a school activity – any medical costs you incur can be claimed on the insurance policy. If your child is injured and you would like a claim form, the first point of contact is with Cathy Calder in the office.

School Councillors for 2021

With the mad rush at the end of Term 1 with our School Council election, and then the tragic start to Term 2 for our staff – even though I wrote an announcement of our councillors, I failed to hit send. So, with my sincere apologies and a tinge of embarrassment in my cheeks – I would like to announce our School Council for 2021.

We congratulate Lachlan Milne, Kristin Barton, Elissa Doolan and Renee Griffiths for being re-elected to the parent category by our community onto council. Further, we welcome to council in the parent category Grant Redman and Lubica Grogan and in our community category we welcome Sonja Lobos. In our staff category, we welcome back Amelia Desormeaux, Sandra Stewart and Claire Davis. Finally, we thank our outgoing members – Paula Wood in the community category, Natasha McLean and Ian McDonald in the parent category. Thank you for your service to our school community through school council.

2021 Office Bearers

President – Lachlan Milne

Vice President – Kristin Barton

Treasurer – Anthony Vavallo

2021 Councillors

Parent Category: Renee Griffiths, Elissa Doolan, Lubica Grogan, Grant Redman, Amy Swan

Community Category: Mardi Durling, Sonja Lobos

School Employee Category: Emma Brooksby, Amelia Desormeaux, Sandra Stewart, Erika Surdy, Claire Davis



Meet the Kimochis – parent information evening

Please don't forget our parent information evening next Tuesday at 6:30pm with DET psychologist Jenni Barnes. We have limited places available for childcare run by our wonderful OSHC staff.

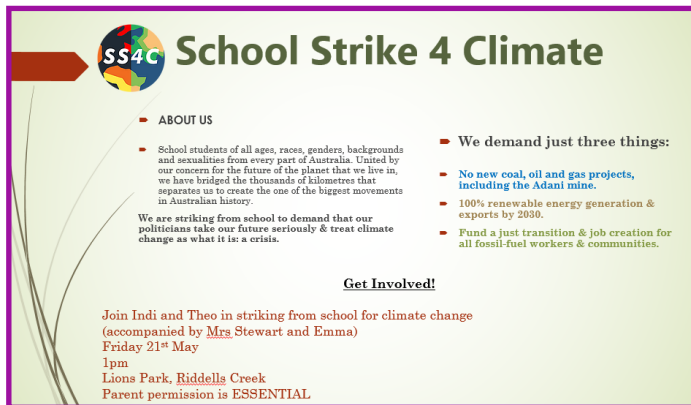


Donation Thank You

I would like to extend a thank you to Gerard Nolin from 'That Video Guy' in Gisborne. He has donated many brand new and expensive AV/VGA/HDMI cables to the school that he no longer needs. We always need spares and replacements, so this generous donation will certainly save us some money. Look him up on Facebook and give him a 'like' for supporting our school.

School Strike 4 Climate

Our community and our 'Green Team' captains are participating in the School Strike 4 Climate rally in Riddells Creek tomorrow at 1pm. The issue was raised within the community and our captains have elected to participate. They extended this offer to all students with a note going home on Compass. While the school remains neutral in this space around protests – we do support students activating their voice and will ensure they participate safely with Sandra Stewart and myself attending to supervise the students.

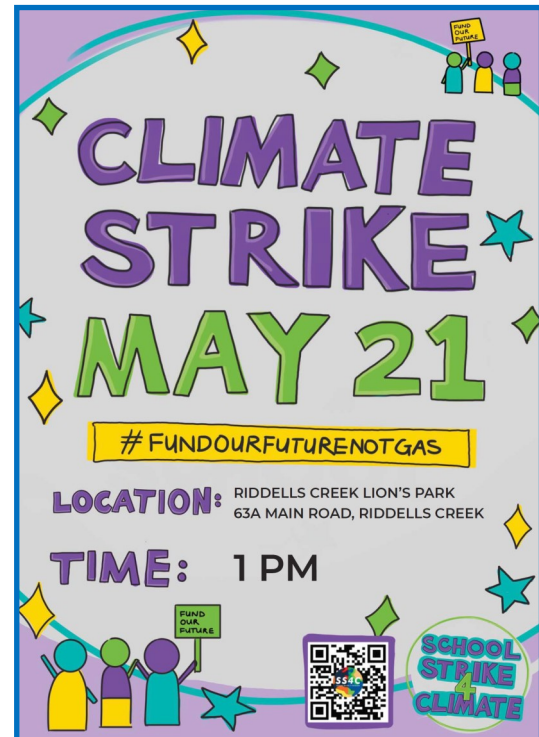


SS4C School Strike 4 Climate

- ABOUT US
- School students of all ages, races, genders, backgrounds and sexualities from every part of Australia. United by our concern for the future of the planet that we live in, we have bridged the thousands of kilometres that separates us to create the one of the biggest movements in Australian history.
- We are striking from school to demand that our politicians take our future seriously & treat climate change as what it is: a crisis.
- We demand just three things:
 - No new coal, oil and gas projects, including the Adani mine.
 - 100% renewable energy generation & exports by 2030.
 - Fund a just transition & job creation for all fossil-fuel workers & communities.

Get Involved!

Join Indi and Theo in striking from school for climate change (accompanied by Mrs Stewart and Emma)
Friday 21st May
1pm
Lions Park, Riddells Creek
Parent permission is ESSENTIAL



CLIMATE STRIKE
MAY 21

#FUNDOURFUTURENOTGAS

LOCATION: RIDDELLS CREEK LION'S PARK
63A MAIN ROAD, RIDDELLS CREEK

TIME: 1 PM

SCHOOL STRIKE 4 CLIMATE

QR code: FUND OUR FUTURE

Parents and Friends Club

It is with much delight that I formally announce our Parents and Friends Club is up and running. Their constitution has been approved by the Department and is ready to accept members. With Caroline Moyes at the helm as president, Elissa Doolan as the treasurer and Meagan Geary as the secretary, the Club has the executive office bearers required to make a start.

So, from Caroline:

Are you a Parent/Caregiver that loves to be involved with your child's education space, and want to help make a difference to the school and communities' future?

If you'd like to have some fun whilst assisting with fundraising and improving the school/community space, please get in touch with P&F immediately. We have some excellent ideas to implement to make the school a better space but need some motivated helpers to get them moving.

Contact riddells.creek.ps@education.vic.gov.au to get in touch with the committee.

Thank you to the team for getting the Club registered and going!

Until next time,



Emma Brooksby
Principal

MAY	
21	• Grade 6 to GSC 10am-1.30pm • Climate Strike 1pm Lion's Park RC
25	Kimochis Parent Info Night 6.30pm
26	Division Cross Country
28	District Soccer
JUNE	
14	Queen's Birthday Public Holiday
15	Grade 5/6 Excursion to Melbourne. <u>Pick Up RC Train Station 3.49pm</u>
16	District Netball
17	School Council Meeting
25	Term 2 Ends 2.30pm
JULY	
12	Pupil Free Day - 3 Way Conferences
13	Term 3 Starts
13-21	Somers Camp
AUGUST	
5	School Council Meeting
12	District Athletics
20	District Basketball
23-27	Book Week
SEPTEMBER	
3	District Softball
9	School Council Meeting
15	District Hot Shots Tennis
17	Term 3 Ends 2.30pm
OCTOBER	
4	Term 4 Starts
6	School Photo Day
11&12	Dress Rehearsals School Production
13 & 14	School Production Matinee & Evening
28	School Council Meeting
NOVEMBER	
1	Pupil Free Day
2	Melbourne Cup Public Holiday

RCPS Calendar 2021



Social and Emotional Learning Program 'Kimochi'
Parent Information Night
Tuesday 25th May 6.30pm
Banksia building
ALL WELCOME
This is free.

Come along for an information night on what Kimochis are and how you can use them at home with your child.

- Jenni Barnes (Vic Education Dept. Regional psychologist) will be presenting an informative overview on the importance of explicitly teaching our children about their emotions, naming them and giving them strategies and tools how to manage them.

It will be at 6.30pm - 7.30pm in Banksia building.
We have child minding available in the 'afters' room with Barb and Helen (OSHC coordinators).

This must be booked prior to the evening via school office.

Limited Vacancies. This is also free.

What Kimochis ARE:

On the surface, they're a family of cuddly toys and a big bowl of emotions. Underneath, they're a proven system for helping students grow and transform by dealing skilfully with their feelings.

What Kimochis DO:

Kimochis help your child feel happy, safe, confident, compassionate and successful. They help children to establish and sustain strong friendships and get along with each other. Kimochis assist children to become resilient, especially during these trying times. RCPS's Kimochi classroom-based program promotes social and emotional learning by teaching all our students the skills to understand their emotions, peacefully communicate feelings to others, develop positive relationships, manage conflicts and challenges, and make and keep friends.

Assembly @ 3pm

21st May BU3
 28th May MU6
 4th June MU5
 11th June MU7
 18th June BU4
 25th June MU8 2pm

TERM DATES 2021

TERM 1: 27th Jan—1st Apr
 TERM 2: 19th Apr—25th Jun
 TERM 3: 13th Jul—17th Sep
 TERM 4: 4th Oct—17th Dec

PUPIL FREE DAYS

MONDAY 12th July (3 Way Conferences)
 MONDAY 1st November

Riddell's Creek Primary School
 step up and step out for success

Prep 2022



Parent School Tours 2021

Wednesday 28th April at 9:15am and 2:15pm
 Wednesday 2nd June at 9:15am
 Wednesday 21st July at 9:15am
 Wednesday 25th August at 2:15pm

Enrolments welcome any time, preferably before Friday September 17th.

Our school Transition Sessions will be both parent info sessions and kinder kids with their grade 6 buddies in the classrooms.

The transition sessions will be on November 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th 2021



See the Riddell Bombers fly up! ○○



On Monday 10th May 25 students ventured over to Sankey Reserve to play 3 games of football. Our 1st game was a tough one against Gisborne Primary School, the 2nd game was great against Macedon Primary, by the 3rd game the drizzle had started to impact our game and it was tough to get the ball out from the pack. We had a great tussle with Braemar. We had one win for the day which was very exciting. All our players displayed great Sportsmanship towards each other and to the opposition. It was a fantastic experience for everyone . Thank you to Andrew Vogel for coaching, Mr Fedoruk for organising and training and to the parents who scored and came to support the team. Congratulation to Flynn R who participated in the longest kick comp at the end of the day.

Thank You!

To our parent helpers
who helped at the Mother's Stall



Don't forget
🥶 **Icy-Pole Friday**
\$1.00 at lunchtime



Look at what
has been
happening in
the Kitchen
Garden



Assembly Award Winners Week 3 & 4

BU2 Hana G
BU3 Hayden S
BU4 Ira F
BU6 Charlotte G
MU2 Chloe I
MU5 Stella Y & Blake D
PE Agata D & Skylar N
DRAMA Olive J

BU2 Aubrie T
BU3 Mitchell H
Bu4 Stuart H
BU5 Chloe G
BU6 Zander R
MU2 Ivy Milina
MU5 Lucien M
MU6 Maggie A
PE Max K & Cooper C
Drama Mykah & Emily D



Captain's Corner Week 4-5 2021

Naplan

On Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday the Grade 3's and 5's had Naplan. It was great to see they had put lots of effort into these tests. We were happy that they all came out with a smile on their dial! We can't wait to see their results.

Now to interview some kids that did Naplan:

Willow:

How do you feel? I feel good about it.

Are you proud of yourself? Yes I am.

Kennedi:

How do you feel? I'm feeling nervous.

Are you proud of yourself? I definitely am.



Peer Mediation

Last week we started Peer Mediation. Most of the Grade 5's and a few Grade 6's have been enjoying having the chance to give a helping hand out in the yard. Peer Mediation is where some grade 5 and 6's help the juniors out with their problems. It's been awesome knowing we have lovely seniors helping out around our school!



Yesterday MU1 and MU2 joined in National Simultaneous Story Time for 2021.

We watched the story
'Give me some space'
read by an Astronaut on the international space station.



BU2



Learning the Keys of Communication

From the Green Team

Do you know what Nude Food is?

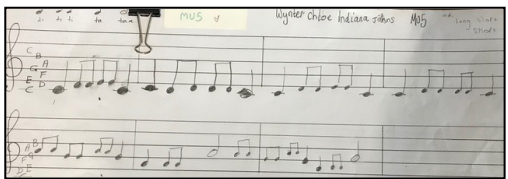
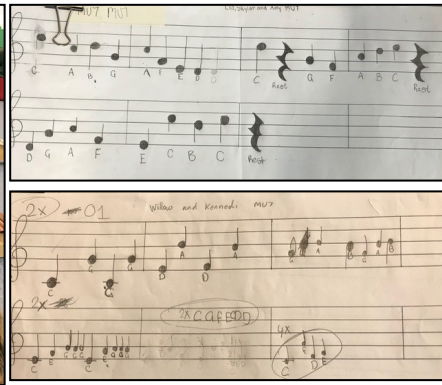
Nude Food is food without excess packaging. This reduces the amount of 'stuff' that needs to go in bins to be sent to landfill. Durable, reusable containers are a great way to bring food, as they may last from pre-school through to high school and beyond, providing long term cost savings and environmental benefits.

Did you know that over \$4 million is spent by Victorian families each year on pre-packaged lunchbox items?

We encourage you to think carefully about what you pack in your lunchboxes.



What's Happening in Music



The grade 5/6 students have been writing some very impressive music compositions.

They have been creating their compositions on the classroom pianos and tuned percussion instruments.

The students will rehearse and perform their music over the coming weeks.

Learning Auslan at RCPS

We have made a change to the language we learn at RCPS! It is with much excitement and enthusiasm our students began learning Auslan this year. The formal study of Auslan contributes to the overall intellectual and social enrichment of both first language and second language learners by providing:

- opportunities for engagement with the Deaf community and insight into its rich cultural heritage
- opportunities to develop intercultural capabilities, understanding and respect for others, appreciation of diversity and openness to different perspectives and experiences.

Learning Auslan:

- broadens students' understanding that each language is an integrated, evolving system for the framing and communication of meaning; and encourages understanding of the role of language as an expression of cultural and personal identity and a shaper of perspectives
- contributes to the overall curriculum intent by providing distinctive real-life and intellectual opportunities for students to expand their engagement with the wider world and to reflect on the cultural and social assumptions that underpin their own world view and language use. Such awareness of different perspectives is an integral part of effective communication
- contributes to the development of critical thinking and the ability to adapt to change and equips students with learning strategies and study habits that are the foundation not only for lifelong learning but also for any subsequent language learning.

Students and teachers are learning Auslan with and from our Education Support staff with the aim to use the language regularly throughout the school.





Olivia G	Jaxon D
Gracie M	Ava A
Isla M	Isabelle R
Charlotte N	Ava A
Evelyn O	Isabelle R
Kaley T	Carter M
Scarlett T	Bryden V
Mason P	Charlie F

WISHING YOU ALL A VERY HAPPY BIRTHDAY
RECENT BIRTHDAYS



What's Happening in Drama?

Paris or Riddells Creek?

Our Grade 3/4's have been learning about Mime in their Drama classes! Swipe to see some action shots and their fabulous face paint.



What's Happening in Afters?

Experimenting with colour and making patterns, past student dropping by for a visit and Oodies Day!



CAN YOU HELP?

OUR KITCHEN GARDEN NEEDS:

- ♥ **STAINLESS STEEL BOWLS**
- ♥ **ALL CUTLERY**
- ♥ **TEA TOWELS**
- ♥ **GOOD QUALITY PEELERS**
- ♥ **PLASTIC CHOPPING BOARDS**
- ♥ **WOODEN AND SILICON SPOONS**
- ♥ **MEASURING SPOONS**
- ♥ **MEASURING CUPS**

**PLEASE DROP OFF
AT THE FRONT
OFFICE
THANKING YOU IN
ADVANCE**

 **Thank You!**

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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



LIBRARY NEWS

The latest Scholastic Book Club catalogue has arrived and has been sent home with your child. This issue is full of fantastic new books for kids.

Place your orders online by **Friday 4th June.**

Kind regards, Leanne @ Library

NEXT RIDDELLS CREEK FARMERS MARKET 19 JUNE 2021

SATURDAY 19 JUNE 2021, 9AM-1PM
RIDDELLS CREEK PRIMARY SCHOOL, RIDDELLS CREEK

Community News

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

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

<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.
- **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

Zart Student ART PRIZE

Competition Dates: Monday 14th June – Monday 19th July



2021 Theme: Our Celebration of Australia. Celebrate your vision of Australia, be inspired by Australia's colours, flora, fauna, landmarks, people traditions, sports, foods. Everything and anything that means Australia to you. Artwork can be 2D (e.g. drawing, painting, sidewalk chalk drawing etc) or 3D (e.g. sculpture, construction).

WIN!

The National Student Art Prize will be awarded to one entrant in each of the six categories, each winning a \$250 Zart art & craft voucher and a \$450 Zart art & craft voucher for their enrolled school.

Shortlisted Prizes:

20 x \$50 student art & craft vouchers per category.

People's Choice Prize:

\$250 student art & craft voucher per category.

There are six prize categories:

- Category 1: Primary School (Foundation to Level 3)
- Category 2: Primary School (Level 4 to Level 6)
- Category 3: Secondary School (Level 7 to Level 9)
- Category 4: Secondary School (Level 10 to Level 12)
- Category 5: Special Education (Primary Foundation to Level 6)
- Category 6: Special Education (Secondary Level 7 to Level 12)

Entry is FREE and open to all students across Australia! Visit www.zartart.com.au for more information about how to enter and to view terms & conditions. #zartart #ZartArtPrize



Spread the word!

Joey Scouts are back!!

Tuesdays 6.15pm - 7.15pm to boys & girls aged 5-7 years old.

Come along for an hour of fun, games and activities to develop a growing awareness of our surroundings and nature. Feel free to message them for more details via their Facebook page.

1st Riddells Creek Scout Group or email gl.1striddellscreek@scoutsvictoria.com.au

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MACEDON RANGES

KINDERGARTEN
Victorian Government Approved

Enrolments Open for 2021 & 2022

3 YEAR OLD PROGRAM - PARTIALLY FUNDED KINDER PROGRAM FROM 2022
+ 4 YEAR OLD FUNDED KINDER PROGRAM

Macedon Ranges Montessori Preschool has provided parents with an alternative option of education in the Montessori method. We provide a holistic approach within a supportive environment that nurtures children's self respect.

Our program focuses on developing self-discipline, self-respect and consideration for others and the environment.



Open Monday to Thursday 9am-3pm

For more info head to www.macedonrangesmontessori.com.au

To Book a Centre Tour

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