



28th August, 2024

SCHOOL NEWS

OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF ROSEDALE PRIMARY SCHOOL



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Carers,

Athletics

Well done to all of the students who represented us at the Heyfield and District School Athletics event in Sale. Every student gave their very best effort and represented us proudly.

Father's Day Breakfast

We celebrate Father's Day with our annual Father's Day Breakfast this Friday. Dad's, Grandpa's, Carers are all invited to attend and enjoy a Bacon and Egg sandwich and a free coffee token to be used at Cafe 3847. We look forward to seeing you all there.

School Saving Bonus

We are sending out information for parents and carers of children at government schools, explaining the State Government's School Saving Bonus. This is a one off \$400 payment that can be used towards 2025 school costs, which may include:

- camps, trips, excursions and incursions
- swimming and sporting programs
- outdoor education programs
- graduations
- school uniforms
- textbooks

To be eligible you must do the following by Friday 18 October 2024:

- Complete enrolment

2024 TERM 3&4 DIARY DATES

August

Wednesday 28th

Grade 5 Sale College Transition Day

Thursday 29th

Hoop Time Excursion

Friday 30th

Father's Day Breakfast, 7:45am

September

Monday 2nd

Latrobe Valley Eisteddfod

Wednesday 11th

5/6 Sharing of Learning

Friday 13th

Footy Colours Day

Wellington Division Athletics

Wednesday 18th

Sharing of Learning

Friday 20th

Last Day Term 3

October

Monday 7th

Start Term 4

November

Monday 4th

School Closure Day

Tuesday 5th

Melbourne Cup Holiday





If your child, or children are changing government school for Term 1 2025, or starting Prep or Year 7 in 2025, please complete enrolment. For more information, read about Enrolling in School.

· Check your contact information
Ensure your contact information is up to date with your school. You can check this information by contacting your school directly.

Please read the Information for Government School Parent and Carers document that has been shared with you.

Kinder to Prep Program

We hosted our third Prep 2025 Transition session on Wednesday, with kinder students enjoying an art lesson with Mrs Robie. Next term, enrolled students join Ms Campion and Jess in the prep classroom for four sessions, to get our incoming students as calm and relaxed about starting school as possible. We now have 16 returned enrolment forms, I'm hoping for a couple more.

School Closure

We are racing toward the end of term, with only three weeks to go from next week. Please be advised that we have a school closure day on Monday 16 November. Teachers will also be sending invitations to join us for our end of term Celebration of Learning.

Have a great week everyone.

Regards,
Brett Wilson

Why attendance matters

When your child misses school they miss important opportunities to...



Learn



Build friendships



Develop life skills

ATTENDANCE LADDER!

Well done

Room 1

and

Room 2

for

improvement

in your

attendance

this

fortnight!!

★ **Room 1**
91.86%

Room 9
90.46%

Room 6
87.99%

★ **Room 2**
87.07%



FLAIR AWARDS

Congratulations for
demonstrating our school values.

Friendship

Wyatt, Allirah,

Learning

Lincoln P,

Acceptance

Integrity

Respect

Happy Birthday!!

August

29th Lilly O

30th Paige
Arlee

September

3rd Blake L

4th Sophia



REMEMBER

Parent/Carer Survey

The Annual Parent Survey is now online and available. This is an important resource for all parents invested in their child's education. Follow the link emailed to you earlier and complete the survey to have valuable input on your child's academic future.

Father's Day Raffle

Our Father's Day Raffle has four exciting hampers on display in the Front Office. **All raffle tickets must be in 9am Friday to be in the draw.** Our raffle will be drawn at 2:45 pm Friday at assembly.

Father's Day Breakfast

Our annual Father's Day Thank You Breakfast will be held this week.

Don't miss a free bacon & egg sanga beginning at 7:45 am Friday 30th August.

Free coffee coupons from Café 3847 will be available. Please note these coupons must be used on Friday.



RPS Parent's Club News

Working for our School Community

Successful fundraising and good community support this year has given RPS Parent's Club an opportunity to build resources for the school.

So far we have updated the sandpit equipment as well as a much needed compressor.

We have a school insignia gazebo and mats on order as well, to protect RPS students on excursions and sporting events.

Thank you for your support!



Department of
Education & Training

School Saving Bonus

Dear parents and carers,

In Term 4, 2024, families with a child enrolled in a government school from Prep to Year 12 in 2025 will receive the one-off \$400 School Saving Bonus.

The \$400 School Saving Bonus provides families with support for education-related costs, such as school activities and/or school uniforms and textbooks.

The School Saving Bonus is not available for full-fee international students, home schooled students, TAFE students and students attending kindergarten in 2025.

Actions for parents and carers

Before 18 October 2024, the Department of Education is asking parents and carers to:

- Complete enrolment: If your child, or children are changing government school for Term 1 2025, or starting Prep or Year 7 in 2025. For more information, read about Enrolling in School.

- Check your contact information: Ensure your email address and phone number is up to date with us. You can check this information by contacting us directly.

We need to ensure your contact information is up to date as the Department of Education will email you twice:

- in October, to verify your email address
- in November, with your \$400 School Saving Bonus.

Please check your junk mail regularly to make sure you do not miss an important email.

To learn more about the School Saving Bonus, download the School Saving Bonus Information sheet for government school parents and carers [school to attach or link doc] or visit vic.gov.au/school-saving-bonus.

The male platypus has strong enough venom to kill a small dog.

Around The School

Thanks to Mrs Wilkinson and the Year 5/6 students for your beautiful art work. Our foyer is looking an absolute treat at the moment.



Mrs Robie, Marissa and Maddie had a lovely time during our first Prep 2025 Transition session for Term 3.



We had a wonderful second visit from our 2025 Prep students. Many thanks to Miss Julia for giving students a taste of the physical education activities they will participate in next year.



A glorious day at Rosedale Primary School and we were thrilled to be joined again by Meg and her team from Cranbourne Botanical Gardens. They were here to assess the growth of our Grey Billy Buttons, to rejuvenate our garden beds and to impart more knowledge of botany and biology to our Year 5/6 students.



Australia houses a larger population of camels than Egypt and actually exports them to Saudi Arabia.



Book Week 2024



Book Week 2024 was huge in Rosedale! Our Prep-2 students enjoyed a wonderful performance at the Rosedale Library. JSC ran a successful Book Fair in the school library. We finished the week with a Book Week Parade where our students showcased outfits from their favourite book characters!



Australia is home to 1,500 types of spiders and 4,000 types of ants.



HDSSA Athletics

Incredibly proud of our super athletes who competed in the Heyfield and District Athletics event in Sale. All of our competitors gave their absolute best and represented our school superbly! Thanks go to Mrs Champion who, for the second year in a row, organised the entire event on behalf of us and all of the other schools competing. Congratulations to Amarlie, Harlee and Angus who proceed to the next round.



The name 'Australia' comes from the Latin word 'australis', meaning southern.

The Magpies are Coming! The Magpies are Coming!!

Magpies are swooping at Rosedale Primary.

They have been active on the oval, and have been reported by students riding to school.

Interesting fact: It's true, magpies remember your face. They have excellent recall for faces and very long memories. So, if you've been swooped before, or even if you just look like someone they swooped last year, you're likely to get the same treatment again.

How to avoid getting swooped

1 – Give magpies a wide berth

Magpies often live and nest in the same area their entire lives and tend to defend the territory within 50 to 100 metres of their nest. If you're out and about on your bike, walking your dog or going for a jog, the best way to avoid being swooped is to change your route for the breeding season which lasts 6 to 8 weeks.

2 – Don't run...or stop

If you are swooped on, don't run or fight back. If you're on a bike, get off it. Stay calm and walk quickly through the area.

3 – Protect your head

Magpies usually swoop from behind and will just clear your head. Some will strike the top of your head with their wings, beak or claws so try to protect your head and eyes by wearing a wide brimmed hat and glasses or walk with an open umbrella above your head.

4 – Walk with friends

Walk or ride in groups, as swooping birds usually only target individuals. You can also place a sign nearby to warn others or let your local council know so they can install a sign for the period.

5 – Keep your cool

Do not act aggressively. If you wave your arms about or shout, the magpies will see you as a threat to the nest – and they can recognise your face and have very long memories!

Mark swooping areas on Victoria's Swooping Bird Map
www.wildlife.vic.gov.au



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Parent / Caregiver / Guardian Opinion Survey 2024

The annual Parent / Caregiver / Guardian Opinion Survey is open and seeking your feedback. The survey, offered by the Department of Education, is designed to assist schools in gaining an understanding of families' perceptions of school climate, student behaviour, and student engagement.

You have been emailed a link to the survey. Please contact us if you have not received this.

It's important to us that you have a say in your child's education. Your opinions are important to us. We value feedback from interested, invested parents.

Survey responses can celebrate improvements we have made as a school community and identify areas for improvement in the school. The survey targets school planning and improvement strategies. The department will use the results from the survey for research purposes and to improve outcomes for students.

The survey will be conducted online and only takes 20 minutes to complete. It can be completed on any internet enabled device (desktop computer, laptop, tablet or smartphone) and is compatible with most browsers.

The survey is available in English and 10 other languages. If you require assistance in another language, resources may be available for you. Please reach out to your child's teacher, or the school if you require assistance in another language.

The Parent / Caregiver / Guardian Opinion Survey has been extended to Friday 20th September 2024.

PLEASE NOTE: Only one parent / caregiver / guardian from each household is invited to complete the survey on behalf of the student's family. Please reach out to your child's teacher, or the school if your child's family lives in two separate households, so both households can have the opportunity to provide their feedback.

If you have already completed the survey, thank you very much for your assistance.

Contact the office on 5199 2473 if you have any difficulty.