



# ***INFORM***

## **Romsey Primary School Newsletter**

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**Our School Values Are: *Respect Integrity Responsibility***

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Romsey Primary School is an inclusive and empowering learning community which fosters confident, creative, caring, curious and collaborative learners who "*dare to be excellent*".

# **UPCOMING Events**

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR**

## **FEBRUARY**

### **Friday 22nd:**

Coffee, Cake & Conversation 9.00am  
Bulk catering orders and meal deals close  
5/6 incursion forms and payments due  
School council nominations close

### **Wednesday 27th:**

**Curriculum Day– no students**  
Forms for Semper Dental due back

## **MARCH**

### **Friday 1st:**

5/6 incursion  
Meal Deal Day

### **Wednesday 6th:**

District Summer Sport  
Semper Dental

### **Thursday 7th:**

Semper Dental

### **Friday 8th:**

Permission forms & payments for Bush Dance close

### **Monday 11th:**

Labour Day Public Holiday

### **Tuesday 12th:**

RSVP and potato orders for Bush Dance due

### **Wednesday 13th:**

GRIP Leadership day

### **Friday 15th:**

Bush Dance and Picnic 6pm  
Close the Gap Day  
CSEF applications close

### **Thursday 21st:**

Harmony Day  
Development Fund Applications due

### **Friday 22nd:**

School cross country day 9-1pm  
(Back up day Monday 25th)

### **Wednesday 27th:**

Annual General Meeting

## **APRIL**

### **Tuesday 2nd:**

District Cross Country

### **Thursday 4th:**

School photo day

### **Friday 5th:**

Sausage Sizzle Day  
Last day of Term 1  
Dismissal 2.30

Over the holidays our kitchen for the Garden Program was established.

This was made possible by our Kitchen Garden Committee who have secured grants to create this wonderful space.

Next week some classes will commence using the new facility.



## Mrs Peavey's Post

This week I must start by congratulating the children on their wonderful start to 2019. The learning and play behaviours they have been exhibiting over the last 17 days has been exemplary. They are all owning their behaviours and are showing empathy and respect to their peers and the adults in our community. Assembly positive behaviour has been a standout and the children should know that their efforts have been noticed. We can all learn to our highest potential when we respect and support each other. National anthem singing has been joyful. I encourage our adult visitors to assembly to also sing with us as this models your values around national pride. I have also been impressed by the level of independence I am seeing with our students. Carrying their own bags to and from school and their independence in setting themselves up for their day of learning. Keep up the good work encouraging this mums and dads.

### RPS Student Development Fund – Applications are now open

Year 3-6 Students at Romsey Primary School have the opportunity to apply for a grant to support their development in the areas of leadership, sport, music or academia or to purchase resources to support the afore mentioned areas. Year 3-6 students, supported by their families have the opportunity to apply for a grant of up to **\$500** for a student's development. Examples:

- Attend skill development camps i.e. sports, music, technology ,community engagement, leadership or any area of the curriculum .
- Sport representation at state or country level..
- Purchase resources i.e. technology to pursue knowledge and skill building beyond the school or local level.

Applications are related to the development and participation in learning above the local level. **Students must be representing or extending beyond the bounds of local clubs, events or activities.** Students and family will be required to attend a brief meeting with the School Council President and Principal to discuss the application. Applications are open now and are due by **Thursday 21 March**. Students must come to the office to collect an application form.

### Learning News

#### SMART Spelling

Last week SMART spelling home learning commenced. All children will be bringing home their home books with their current home learning words in them. All students are expected to practise these words each week at home. We ask all parents to support this part of our home-school partnership. If you are unsure about how to support your child with SMART spelling please contact your classroom teacher or Mrs Hctor-Turner. In 2018 our NAPLAN spelling scores improved greatly and we believe this has been supported by our new approach to spelling. Please help us to keep raising the spelling abilities of our children. Parents of children who do not regularly bring their SMART home books back to school each week will be contacted by teachers.

#### Home reading

Just a reminder that children should be reading each night. In the lower grades it is imperative that families listen to children at least 5 times a week. As the children become independent readers they should be reading and talking to you about their books (please see our home learning guide on the website page). Reading diaries should also be filled out each day by families. *Runners become good runners by running regularly, good readers become good readers by reading regularly.*

#### Parents/Caregivers as learners

Last week 32 parents/care givers trained as classroom helpers. Thank you to all of you who are able to support the learning of all of the children in the school. We are so excited about the number of parents who attended. If you were unable to make the sessions and would like to help in the school please contact the office so we can establish some more training sessions. If we have parents/caregivers who want an evening session this can be arranged if people call the office and commit to an evening time. Parents/caregivers must be trained each year before they can assist in any capacity in the school, this is a child safety requirement. If you require assistance obtaining the Working with Children's Check, please contact the office.

#### Whole School Curriculum Day- Berry Street Model training Day 3 and 4

Next **Wednesday, February 27** is a curriculum day. Staff will be completing Day 3 of our Berry Street training. Our final day of training will be on **Wednesday May 8**, which will also be a curriculum day. Please do not send children to school on these days.

## School Matters

### Family Bush dance – Save the date—Friday 15th March

Friday the 15th March will be our whole school get to know you Family Bush Dance. The dance will commence at 6pm. Food will be available for purchase on the evening or families can bring along a picnic dinner. This will be a fun community event, so come along and get to know your school community.

### CCC( Coffee Cake and Conversation) - Friday 22 Feb 9am

We had our first CCC on Tuesday and focussed on parents understanding the Positive Behaviour Matrix and how they can support their children. Mrs Leanne Stewart led the session and we had 3 attendees. We have a second session tomorrow morning Friday 22 February at 9am in the Library. Please come along and learn about our behaviour support program.

### Cooking and Gardening Parent representatives

This year we are hoping to have at least 1 parent per class to be the Cooking/Garden representative to assist once a term with a class cooking activity. This activity will be provided by the Kitchen Garden Committee. The parent's role will be to assist with cooking and cleaning up with the class. Please see your child's classroom teacher if you could be this person.

We really require parent support to run a cooking program so we hope you will all get on board.

### 2019 School Council Nominations and AGM

We are seeking nominations for school council in 2019. We have 6 vacancies available for the 2019 school council. If you would like to contribute to the school by being a part of the council please collect a nomination form from the office. **Nominations must be received by 4pm Friday 22 Feb.** The AGM for 2019 will be held at **6:30pm on Wednesday 27 March** everyone is invited to attend.

### Fire drill

Next week we will be having an announced fire drill at the school. It is scheduled for 12:40pm on Tuesday 26, weather permitting. The staff will prepare the children for this event. It is however worth parents discussing and practising fire

## CSEF (Camps, Sports, Excursions Fund)

This is a government provided fund to assist eligible parents with the cost of camps, sports events and excursions conducted by the school. Eligible parents are those who hold a health care card or a Centrelink pensioner concession card.

If you applied for the CSEF at your child's school in a previous year, you do not need to complete an application form in 2019 unless there has been a change in your family circumstances. Your child's school will apply for the CSEF on your behalf.

You will only need to submit an application form in 2019 if any of the following changes have occurred:

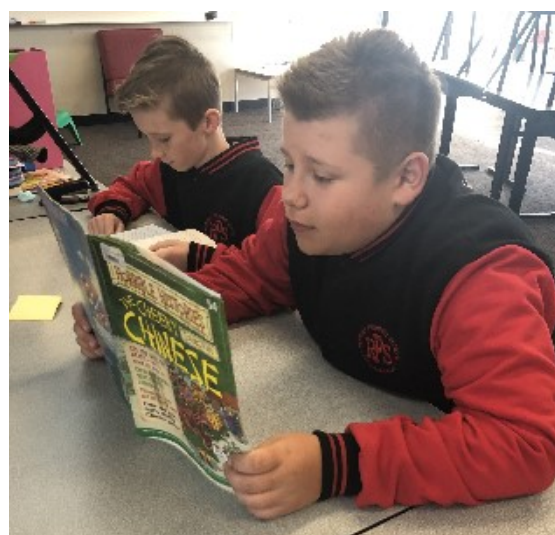
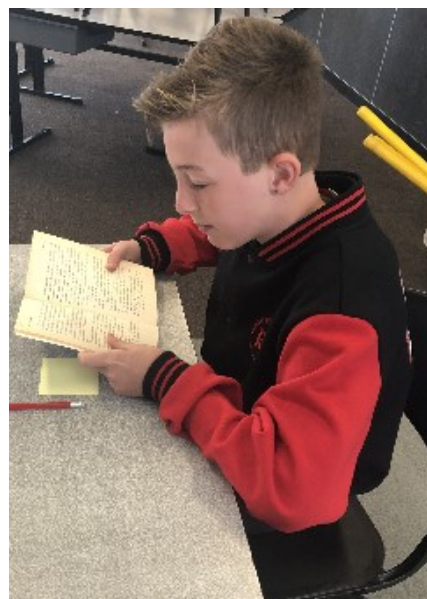
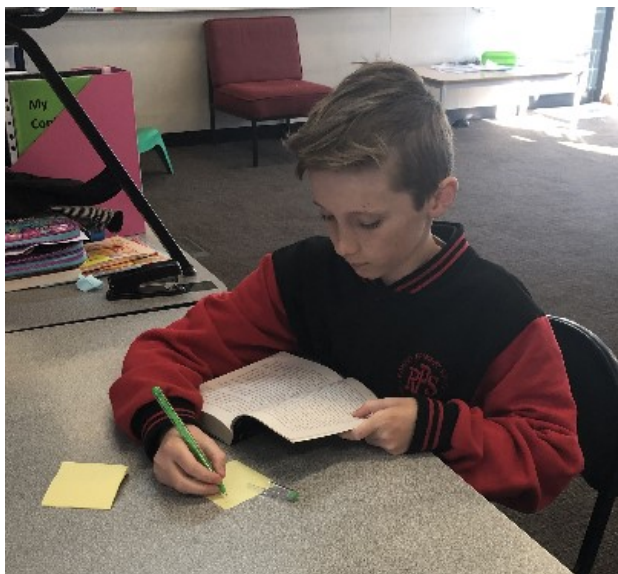
**new student enrolments:** your child has started or changed schools in 2019 or you did not apply at the same school in a previous year

**changed family circumstances:** such as a change of custody, change of name, concession card number, or new siblings commencing at the school in 2019.

Application forms for CSEF are available at the office. Please return your completed form to the office and bring your pension or health care card in for verification. **Applications close on Friday March 15th.**

## FROM THE CLASSROOM

Students in 5/6 DM have started the year by working on independent reading. They have been improving their stamina each day. We are focussing on questioning as we read. Students have been encouraged to use sticky notes when reading to record their questions. They have been sharing their responses during our reflection time.



## Canteen Volunteers

Our canteen manager Trish Edmond would love to hear from anyone who can volunteer some time in the canteen on Fridays at lunch time. A note about this was sent out last week. If you can help please fill out the slip and return it to the school as soon as possible, or if you would like further information please call the office. Note: You will need a current Working With Children Check and you will need to have completed a parents helper's session this year to be able to do this voluntary work. Please also note that due to health and safety reasons children cannot come in with parents working in the canteen.





February 18<sup>th</sup>-22 2019

This week in STEAM students in grades prep-two focussed on the planning stage of the design process. Students were shown plans that included diagrams, labels and a materials list and were encouraged to attempt planning with these in mind. The challenge involved building a new bridge for the Three Billy Goats Gruff from 5 straws, 5 pieces of card and masking tape.

Students in grades three-six were shown a number of cardboard attachment techniques and needed to create a display showing these techniques. Students learnt how to make flanges, tabs, splits and L braces.

Coding club also started for grades one and two children and this week we learnt how to control our Beebots and make them spin in circles.





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## Awards to be presented Monday Feb 25<sup>th</sup>

### Organisation:

**Jackson S. 3/4FH** for always presenting a very high standard of bookwork. Well done!

**Jett L. 5/6LD** for using his learning time better and improving his reading stamina.

**Logan C. 3/4AG** for completing his SMART Spelling homework to an exceptional standard. Keep up the great work!

### Confidence:

**Thomas L. 1/2 MC** for speaking with a clear, confident voice in front of the class!

**Tahlia N. P/1JP** (Visual Arts) – for her fantastic work creating a flower with crayon and watercolour.

**Jerome R. 5/6DM** for his fantastic work ethic in his school and home spelling book. Keep up the good work!

**Oliver V. 5/6SD** for his increased confidence and success in 5/6 sport. Well done!

**Ava N. P/1JP** for always trying her best to complete all learning tasks.

### Resilience:

**Jasper G. 3/4LS** for demonstrating resilience during games in Physical Education.

**Tyler W. 1/2SH** for working hard at producing neat handwriting.

### Getting Along:

**April B. 1/2 MK** for being a great friend in the playground to the younger students.

**Trinity S. 3/4FH** (STEAM)- for being a great partner in a teamwork challenge.

**Lili W. 3/4FH** (STEAM)- for being a great partner in a teamwork challenge.

**Charlotte R. 5/6LD** for showing care and support to all students.

**Brody G. Prep MS** for being a fantastic, positive member of Prep MS!

**Astin W. Prep EM** for always being a respectful and responsible member of our class and demonstrating school values. Well done!



Our award winners at assembly on Monday.

## HAVE YOU RETURNED:

The permission form and payment for your child's attendance at the **Bush Dancing classes—due Friday March 8th**

**Meal Deal Day orders—closing on Friday February 22nd.** Late orders will not be accepted.

**Semper Dental Forms—due Wednesday February 27th** if you wish to use this service.

**Year 5/6 Incursion Permission and payment—Parliamentary Process due FRIDAY FEBRUARY 22nd**

**Food, wrap, foil and baking paper orders due Friday February 22nd**

**RSVP and Potato orders for Family Bush Dance evening due Tuesday March 12th.**

## School Photo Day

School photo day is Thursday April 4th. We will be sending home photo order packs with each student in the next couple of weeks. Please do not lose these as they are coded individually for each child.

Watch the newsletter for more information.



## Romsey Parent Committee

Our Parent Committee has sent out information with all students today inviting parents to join this group of hard working school fundraisers. Your support and participation would be very much appreciated.

The committee will be holding its Annual General Meeting on Friday March 1st at 2.30pm in the staffroom and they would love to see some new faces as well as the regular members who support the school so well.

School Council Nominations close at 4.00pm this Friday February 22nd. If you are considering nominating for school council please collect a nomination form from the office and return it by Friday's deadline.



## RPS 2019 School Captains



### 2019 SCHOOL HOUSE CAPTAINS

#### **Clement house captain**

Emma-lee M

Jett L

#### **Clarke house captain**

Jerome R

Alice B

#### **Shaw house captain**

Jordyn T

Andreas B

#### **McIntyre house captain**

Emily W

Klem E



### 2019 SCHOOL CAPTAINS

#### **Wellbeing**

Aaron G

Taylor P

#### **Numeracy**

Billy S

Sebastian I

#### **Literacy**

Juniper D

Benjamin C

#### **ICT**

Kendra F

Daniel T

#### **STEAM**

Hamza S

Meisha A

#### **ART**

Caitlin R

Zoe M

### 2019 Junior School Council

#### **5/6 DM**

Brodie D

Emma P

#### **5/6LD**

Josie L

Declan D

#### **5/6SD**

Sam B

Emily B

#### **3/4AG**

Scarlett J

Logan C

#### **3/4LS**

Matilda G

Cain S

#### **3/4FH**

Ned B

Trinity S

## PE/SPORT

Hi, my name is Jarrod Milsom and I have taken the Physical Education and Sports Co-ordinator position at Romsey Primary School for 2019.

On Friday 15<sup>th</sup> February, we had the first sports day of the year for Tennis. Josie L. represented the school in the girl's competition, she won her three qualifying matches and then lost a close semi-final by one game to only narrowly miss out on playing in the Grand Final.

There is no district swimming meet, so if any students want to compete in the division swimming parents need to contact me before 26<sup>th</sup> February 2019 as this is the cut-off date. Contact me on [mil-som.jarrod.l@edumail.vic.gov.au](mailto:mil-som.jarrod.l@edumail.vic.gov.au) or ring the school on 54295099. The following information needs to be looked at carefully:

Ages are calculated as at December 31<sup>st</sup> 2019 e.g. a child who turns 11 at any time during 2019 will compete in the 11 years event. Children must be turning 9 or 10 in 2019 to be eligible for the 9-10 years event. Children must be born in the years 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009 or 2010 to be eligible to compete.

Each competitor may enter only two individual events, one relay and one medley relay.

Each school may enter only one competitor or team per event.

The competition is held at the Bendigo East Swimming Pool, Bendigo on Tuesday the 12<sup>th</sup> of March. Competitors will need to make their own way there and parents of competitors may be required to fill a role as an official on the day.

Our school cross country has been booked in to be held on Friday the 22<sup>nd</sup> of March at the school. There will be further information soon.

**Jarrod Milsom**  
**PE/Sports Co-ordinator**



## Semper Dental

For the third year Semper Dental will be visiting our school for dental assessment and minor treatment of students on site. In order to participate in this program parents need to complete and return the Semper Dental form which was sent home yesterday.

**Forms need to be returned to the school by Wednesday February 27th.**



The dates of the visit at our school are Wednesday March 6th and Thursday March 7th.

## NetSetGo

### Junior Netball Program

A fun introduction to skills and games for girls and boys aged 5—9

Commences Term 2

For further information contact Hope Evans on 0439 344 411





# Romsey Primary School

## PREP INFORMATION SESSIONS AND SCHOOL TOUR DATES FOR 2020 ENROLMENTS

### Information Session & Tour

Date: Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> May 2019  
Time: 6:45pm - 8.00pm  
Venue: Library

### Information Session & Tour

Date: Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> May 2019  
Time: 9.15am - 10.30am  
Venue: Library

### Prep Tours

Date: Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> June 2019  
Time: 9.15am - 10.00am  
Venue: Office

Date: Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> June 2019  
Time: 9.15am - 10.00am  
Venue: Office

### Information Session for families enrolled for Prep 2020

Date: Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2019  
Time: 7.00pm - 8.00pm  
Venue: Library

Date: Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2019  
Time: 9:15am - 10:15am  
Venue: Library



## School Council News

Our first School Council meeting is on **Wednesday 20th February 2019**

I would like to announce the Notice of Election and Call for Nominations. The March School Council meeting is on Wednesday 27th March for the new School Council for 2019. The Annual General Meeting will be held before the March meeting. The positions are for a 2 year period

### School Council Elections 2019

#### ***What is a school council and what does it do?***

All government schools in Victoria have a school council. They are legally constituted bodies that are given powers to set the key directions of a school within centrally provided guidelines. In doing this, a school council is able to directly influence the quality of education that the school provides for its students.

#### ***Who is on the school council?***

For most school councils, there are three possible categories of membership:

**A mandated elected Parent category** – more than one third of the total members must be from this category. Department of Education and Training (DET) employees can be Parent members at their child's school as long as they are not employed at the school. We have 10 parents School Council positions.

**A mandated elected DET employee category** – members of this category may make up no more than one-third of the total membership of school council. The principal of the school is automatically one of these members. We have 5 DET employee positions.

**An optional Community member category** – members are coopted by a decision of the council because of their special skills, interests or experiences. DET employees are not eligible to be Community members. On School Council we currently do not have any Community members.

#### ***Why is Parent membership so important?***

Parents on school councils provide important viewpoints and have valuable skills that can help shape the direction of the school. Those parents who become active on a school council find their involvement satisfying in itself and may also find that their children feel a greater sense of belonging.

#### ***How can you become involved?***

The most obvious way is to vote in the elections, which are held in Term 1 each year. However, ballots are only held if more people nominate as candidates than there are positions vacant. In view of this, you might seriously consider standing for election as a member of the school council or encourage another person to stand for election.

#### ***Do I need special experience to be on school council?***

No. What you do need is an interest in your child's school and the desire to work in partnership with others to help shape the school's future. Ask at the office for help if you would like to stand for election and are not sure what to do.

Consider standing for election to council this year

Be sure to vote in the elections.

## Schedule 4: Notice of Election and Call for Nominations

An election is to be conducted for members of the School Council of Romsey Primary School.

**Nomination forms may be obtained from the school and must be lodged by**  
**4.00 pm on Friday 22nd February 2019**

If a ballot is required it will close at 4.00 pm on Friday 22nd March 2019.

**Parent members positions to be filled x 7**

**Nomination Forms** can be collected from the office along with the School Council Handbook. I would encourage parents who are considering nominating to speak to a present member of School Council or myself for additional information.

**The School Council AGM will be held 6.45pm on Wednesday 27th March 2019**