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Romsey Primary School Newsletter

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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

DECEMBER 2025

Thursday 18th
Christmas Dress Up Day



Friday 19th
Last Day Term 4
Assembly at 12.30pm
Christmas Raffle Drawn
Students dismissed at 1.30pm



JANUARY 2026

Tuesday 27th
Statewide Curriculum Day


Wednesday 28th
Curriculum Day


Thursday 29th
Students return—First Day Term 1 2026

Congratulations to all of our recent Toot Toot & Deadly Award award recipients !



Our School Values Are: *Respect Integrity Responsibility*

 I respectfully acknowledge the Traditional Owners of Country throughout Victoria and pay respect to the ongoing living cultures of First Peoples.

 **VICTORIA** State Government

Education and Training

PROTECT

Protecting children & young people from abuse is our responsibility

 **Child Safety Standards**

Take action for Jan. 2024



Another wonderful year of fun and learning is coming to an end at Romsey Primary School. It has been my pleasure to serve as principal for my third year, working alongside our incredible staff, partnering with our supportive families, and—most importantly—spending each day watching our amazing students grow academically and socially.

I would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and an enjoyable break with family and friends over the summer break.

Romsey Community Christmas Carols

On Saturday evening, the Romsey Community Christmas Carols were held on our North Oval. Our Koorie students opened the event with a beautiful Acknowledgement of Country, followed by approximately 40 of our students who delighted the audience with their performance of *Bluey's 12 Days of Christmas*. They were absolutely amazing and performed with huge smiles on their faces.

A big thank you to Sharon, who spent many lunchtimes rehearsing with students and preparing props—it truly showed on the night.

Our wonderful Parent Club also ran a sausage sizzle during the evening. Thank you to all of the parent volunteers who helped out; we could not do it without you.

Christmas Dress-Up Day

Today was a fun-filled day as students and staff dressed up in their Christmas outfits. Congratulations to our students on achieving 4,000 positive acknowledgements and earning a well-deserved Christmas dress-up reward day!

Cosmo Dome

Last Friday, our Prep–2 students were lucky enough to experience a mobile planetarium right here in our MPB. They thoroughly enjoyed learning about the solar system, the sun and moon, and many other fascinating facts.

Year 5/6 Camp – Lake Dewar

Last week, our Year 5/6 students attended a three-day camp at Lake Dewar. It was an exciting camp filled with adventure activities such as geocaching, tunnelling, the flying fox, stand-up paddle boarding, canoeing, and kick biking, as well as downtime activities including air hockey, table tennis, basketball, and billiards.

A huge thank you to our teachers, education support staff, and parent helpers who volunteered their time and spent days away from their own families to make this experience possible.

Congratulations to our students on their exemplary behaviour at camp. We were extremely proud to hear from the camp leader that Romsey Primary School was the best school they had hosted all year and that our students were exceptionally respectful.

Graduation Awards and Ceremony

On Tuesday, we celebrated a very special milestone for our 45 Year 6 students graduating in 2025. Students enjoyed a special lunch with staff at the 1860 Romsey, followed by an evening graduation ceremony filled with celebration and reflection.

Congratulations to our Year 6 students on a wonderful year. They have been outstanding role models throughout the school.

Congratulations to the following students who received awards presented on the night:

- Visual Arts Awards -Jasmine R, Zara F, Emma S and Laura T
- Physical Education Awards – Dakota R, Abbey B, Indi L and Bella P
- STEAM Awards – Hunter J, Indi L, Oliver H, Lian H
- Mary Anne Thomas Resilience Awards – Tyrian S, Luke V
- Community Bank Award of leadership – Tully C
- McEwen Citizenship trophy – Ella J
- Lions Club kindness and care Award – Gian D
- Student Choice Award – Luke V

Staffing for 2026

As the year draws to a close, we farewell some valued staff members and prepare to welcome new faces to our school community.

We extend our best wishes to Mrs Marion Maxted, who will be moving to another school in 2026. We know she will bring her dedication and passion to her new role and wish her every success.

A heartfelt thank you also goes to Mrs G. Officer, who has held a Grade 1/2K job-share position this year. We would also like to thank Erica Duke and Hayley Fisher, two of our Education Support staff members, who will be taking on new and exciting opportunities in 2026. We wish them all the very best.



Staffing arrangements for 2026 are as follows:

Melanie Stewart	Principal
Sally Davies	Assistant Principal - curriculum
Jess Kile	Leading Teacher – Disability Inclusion
Leanne Stewart	Mental health and Wellbeing Co-Ordinator
Jessican Gidman	Business Manager
Helen Sly	Business Manager
Nerrida Ellard	Office Assistant /Education Support Coordinator
Stella Ames	Prep A – PLC leader
Clorinda Stewart	Prep S – Literacy Leader/Learning Specialist
Leesa Mills	Prep S – Thursday and Friday
Sophie Conlon-Brown	Prep C
Priscilla Gale	Year 1/2 P -PLC leader
Marilyn Killender	Year 1/2 K
Tayla Harris	Year 1/2 H Monday - Wednesday
Jessica Kile	Year 1/2 H Thursday and Friday
Jane Mitchell	Year 1/2M
Sharon Hoctor	Year 3/4H -PLC leader
Jacinta Perryman	Year 3/4P -PLC leader
Jane Nixon	Year 3/4N
Liam Devlin	Year 3/4D – ICT leader
Fiona Holland	Year 5/6H – PLC leader
Melissa Spiteri	Year 5/6 S
Alice Skimming	Year 5/6 A
Tyler Maslen	Year 5/6M
Specialists	
Jarrold Milsom	Physical Education
Casey McGuffie	Visual Arts
Linda Andrea	Steam– PLC leader
Amy Green	Intercultural Studies/Drama
Leanne Stewart	Social and Emotional Learning –Kimochis & Resilience Project
Education Support Staff	
Charlotte Gidman	Office/First Aid
Tony Dixon	Handyman
Trish Castle	Canteen Manager
Tam Carrington	Canteen Assistant
Keith McDougall	IT Technician
Donna Reddish	Cleaner
Kimberly Anderson	Student Support/Library
Alex Stewart	Student Support
Chulee Owen	Student Support
Sam Aitken	Student Support
Kimberley Anderson	Student Support
David Rose	Student Support
Ewa Pettet	Student Support
Sharon Brasher	Student Support
Angela Ogilvie	Student Support
Brandon Dowell	Student Support
Laura Oates	Student Support
Lili Taylor	Student Support





Year 6 Graduation Lunch



16/12/2025 - 'The 1860 Romsey'





HAPPY BIRTHDAY

**to everyone who celebrate
their birthday's from
29th November -
31st December.**

Ryder B	Hannah R	Millie H	Lucy K	Paige N
Harper P	William V	Ethan K	Hunter J	Blake G
Milla F	Charlie P	Serina H	Rosalie C	Maddie T
Thomas F	Eliseao S	Lucas B	Carter R	Lain H-P
Harper B	Ava C	Ephraim M	Klara M	Jude H
Jasmine R	Thomas B	Lara J	Emma R	



Congratulations to this fortnight's '*JSC - You've Been Noticed*' award recipients.



- You've Been Noticed Award -



christmas hamper raffle



We are kindly seeking donations from families for our Annual Christmas Hamper Raffle.

Tickets will be sent home this Friday 28th November. More will be available from the office if needed.

Each class have a theme for their donations. Suggestions for each category are below.

Donations to be handed into the office please. Money raised will go towards buying new sandpit toys, large draughts for our chess board and storage for our chess pieces.



Prep - Kids/Toys
(balls, frisbees, bubbles, cars, coloring books, pencils, textas, teddies)

Year 1/2- Holiday
(buckets, spades, pool toys, handballs, beach towel, deck of cards)



Year 3/4- Games
(skipping ropes, board games, cards, handballs)

Year 5/6- Parents
(chocolate, beauty/relaxation products, car wash supplies)



Any class- Xmas
(decorations, mince pies, crackers, wrapping paper, cards)

**\$1 each
3 for \$2**



Community Bank
Lancefield and Romsey

 Bendigo Bank



Christmas IN ROMSEY

2025

Community Christmas Gift Giving
Register with Romsey Neighbourhood House
6 and 7 December

Christmas Sparkle In The Park
Romsey Ecotherapy Park
Saturday 6 December, from 7pm

Community Christmas Lunch
Register with Romsey Neighbourhood House
Friday 12 December

Twilight Christmas Market
Romsey Primary School, North Oval
Saturday 13 December, 4-7pm

Romsey Community Carols
Romsey Primary School, North Oval
Saturday 13 December, 6pm for 7pm start

CFA Santa Run
See Romsey Fire Brigade's Facebook Page
Friday 19 December

Christmas Night Market
St Paul's Anglican Church, Romsey
Sunday 21 December, 6-10pm





Oak and Koa from Prep C bought their pet rats in to show the Preps.

Mrs Ames thought it would be nice to have a cuddle, I have a feeling that one of the rats is telling Mrs Ames a secret!

I wonder what it is?



Q: What do you call Santa when he loses his pants?

A: Saint Knicker-less?

Q: Why is Santa so good at Karate?

A: Because he has a black belt!

Q: What says 'Oh Oh Oh'?

A: Santa walking backwards

Q: What do you get if you cross Santa with a duck?

A: A Christmas quacker!

Q: What kind of photos do elves take?

A: Elfies!

