



# ***INFORM***

## **Romsey Primary School Newsletter**

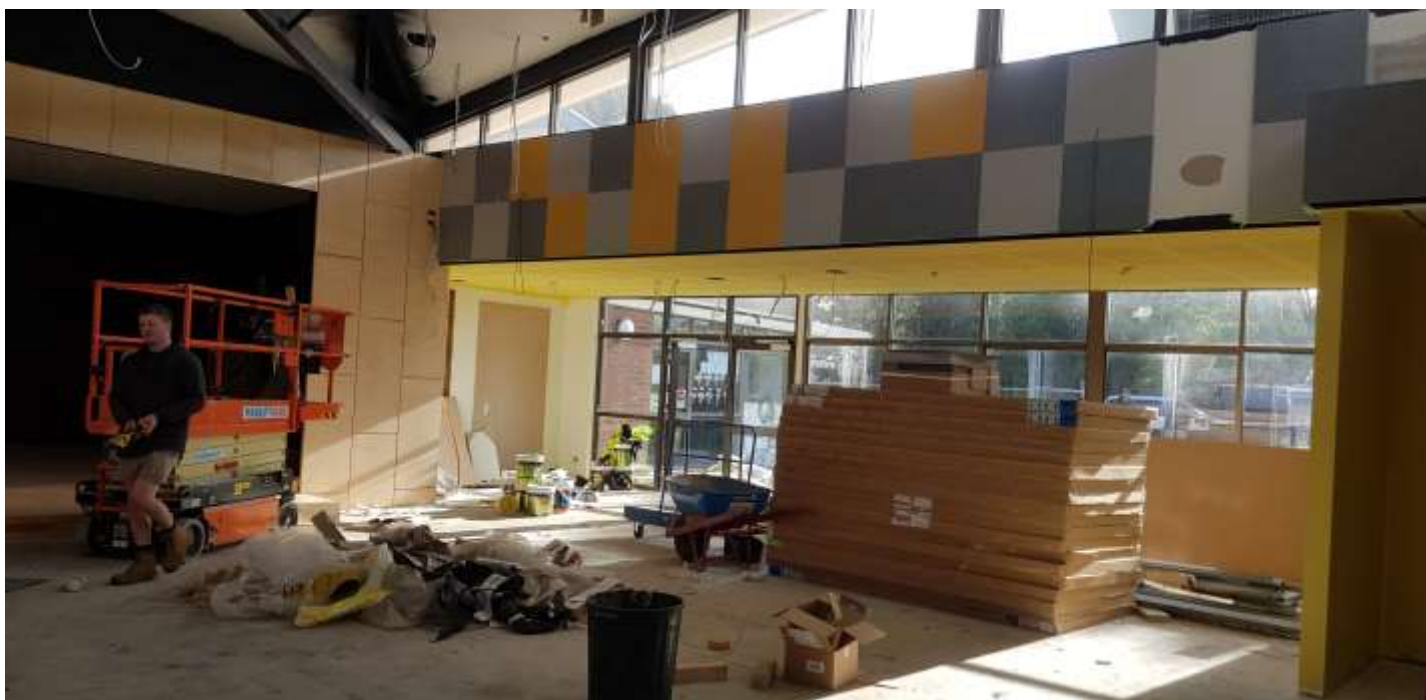
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Romsey Primary School is an inclusive and empowering learning community which fosters confident, creative, caring, curious and collaborative learners who “*dare to be excellent*”.



### **UPCOMING Events** MARK YOUR CALENDAR


<b>JUNE</b> Tuesday 22nd: Yr 5/6 winter sport  Thursday 24th: 3 way interviews Bookings through Sentral are open	<b>Friday 25th:</b> Last day of term 2. Dismissal at 2.30pm	<b>JULY</b> Monday 12th: First day of term 3 Curriculum Day  Monday 19th—Wednesday 21st Year 5/6 camp
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


There is still a way to go but our new STEAM / Performing Arts / Kitchen Garden Kitchen complex is really taking shape. We are very much looking forward to using this space during the next term.

### **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 to our responsibility

 **Child Safety Standards**  
Take effect Jan 1st, 2022



## Mrs Nicholls' Notes



Welcome to Week 9 Term 2 of 2021!

WOW what a way to end last week! I have been catching up with students and they have been telling about fallen trees in their properties. I hope that all of our community is remaining safe. Last week was definitely a trying one, not having power really shows you how much we rely on things! I sincerely apologise if information was not out to all members of our school community as quick as you would have liked it, but like the rest of Romsey we also had no power and I had to either drive out to Monegetta to post onto Facebook or drive home to Sunbury to be able to make a phone call. I know it wasn't perfect but we did get through it together and we will continue to work together to finish off this term strong!

The school suffered some damage, we lost a lot of trees and have some roof leaks which are all being looked at currently. Leo has done an amazing job chopping up the fallen trees and I thank Mr Maslen for also lifting up lots of fallen branches off the footpath. A big thank you also to Nicole & Ash for coming over the weekend to help clean up and the Romsey CFA for helping to move fallen trees.

We are still unable to have parents & carers in classrooms and atriums and I thank everyone for their support with this. Should this change I will be sure to inform everyone.

### 3-way conferences:

Our conferences will be held on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> of June starting at 10am with the last conference beginning at 7:45pm. This year we will be holding our conferences through Google meets due to the current climate. This way you will be able to log in and still meet with your child's teacher and they will be able to share information with you. Further log in details will be sent out closer to the date, once you have booked your 15 minute time slot.

You will be able to log into google meets using your child's access code then

If your child has already had an SSG meeting so far this term then you will not be required to have a 3-way conference.

### Attitude to school survey:

Due the changes last week students in Year 4 – 6 students will be undertaking the Attitude to School survey (AToSS) this week. It is very important for the students in these year levels to take part in this survey. It allows them to have a voice in their education and tell us how they are going. Answers are anonymous but they will help to continue to shape and guide the future direction of RPS.

### Prep tours / School tours:

At this point in time all prep tours / school tours are cancelled and will be rescheduled to an early time next term. I will confirm dates and times as soon as possible. I apologise for any inconvenience this change has occurred but this is a departmental guideline. We do have our online tours still available on our website.

### Enrolments for 2022:

If you still waiting to drop off your enrolment pack then please just come into the front office and we will be happy to take your enrolment. Our numbers for next year are growing every day which is very exciting!

Keep looking after each other and stay safe!

Kimberley Nicholls

# news

## From the office.....

### Enrolments for 2022

Enrolment packs for the 2022 school year are available from the office and we would appreciate early enrolment so that planning for the new school year can commence. Enrolment documents can also be found on the school's website. Please let any other families know who may be considering enrolling at Romsey Primary School for any year level. If anyone has any queries please contact us on 5429 5099.

### Arrival at School

Just a reminder to parents that children should not be arriving at school much earlier than 8.45am. Staff are not rostered on for yard duty before this time so there is no formal supervision of students in the school grounds. It is very concerning to see some students arriving before 8.00am when it is unlikely that any staff will be on site.

### Thank You!

A huge thank you to Leo our handy man and Nic (Business manager) and her partner Ash who came out on Friday and Saturday to start cleaning up many of the damaged and fallen trees on the school property after last week's wild weather. We really are very lucky to have such people at our school to give up their own time to look after our environment.

### "Mrs Davies Diary" Acting Assistant Principal

A big thank you for all students, staff and families for your ongoing resilience in the last week with all the disruptions to our school.

From last Wednesday, we had a major storm, power cuts and then the closure of school on Friday. This meant that our routine had dramatically changed and that resilience was needed to get through.

This resolve and resilience is important in life, skills include being flexible and being open to changes- especially when they are unexpected.

Big changes also are happening with the new building works, especially with landscaping works near the 3/4 BER building and 1/2 toilet block.

As we enter the end of term I hope that your resilience assists you!  
Keep counting!

**Mrs Sally Davies**

### Birthdays

Happy birthday to our students who are celebrating a birthday this week:

**Abbey B.**

**Cara B.**

**Natalie W.**

**Thomas L.**

**Ryley D.**

**Lyric M.**

**Charlee F.**

**Mason G.**



# Awards

To be presented Monday 21st June



## Organisation

**Tony I. 5/6LS** for working diligently on our budgeting activity and organising a gaming event.

**Nick S. 5/6LS** for working diligently on our budgeting activity and organising a gaming event.

## Getting Along

**PE - Declan R. 5/6LS** for always being supportive of his classmates.

**STEAM Norah H. 1/2TM** for your great teamwork skills in creating a pulley system.

**STEAM - Honey D. 1/2TM** for your great teamwork skills in creating a pulley system.

## Confidence

**Brody G. 1/2SC** for his confidence using his rainbow facts and extending his knowledge with higher numbers!

**Zac P. 3/4ES** for his confidence in maths when challenging himself with his money skills.

**Mia S. Prep MS** for sharing her ideas to help the class solve a problem.

**Layla M. 1/2 MK** for her confidence when making connections between addition and subtraction.

**Summer S. 1/2 MK** for her increased confidence to decode challenging words.

**Indi L. 1/2 TM** for her confidence moving through the writing process with her narrative. Well done!

**Oliver H. 1/2AG** for always putting his best effort into his learning.

## Persistence

**Jeremiah M. 3/4AG** for reading avidly on Bug Club during remote learning.

**Sophia G. 3/4AG** for reading avidly on Bug Club during remote learning.

**Toby P. Prep JM** for doing an amazing job with his reading. Well done, keep it up!

**Isla W. 1/2SC** for completing all her work during remote learning!

**Madison B. Prep EM** for putting a lot of effort into your work and completing your work on time. Well done!



This is just a small part of the damaged tree debris that had to be cleaned up and removed after last week's wind and rain. Many large trees and branches came down around the school.

## Meet the Team

Name: Jess Gidman

Position at RPS: Auslan teacher, and the office

What do you like to do in your spare time: watch footy, hang out with family/ friends and exercise

What do you like about RPS: I like to teach Auslan to everybody

How long have you been at RPS: 3 years

How long have you been working in the department of Education: 7 years

Favourite subject to teach: Auslan

Favourite food: chocolate

Hobbies/interests: exercise and watch the Demons play footy

Favourite sporting team: Melbourne Demons



## Meet the Team

Name: Sharon Hoctor-Turner

Position at RPS: Learning Specialist and Literacy Leader

What do you like to do in your spare time: Gardening, singing and meeting with my friends to eat and drink.

What do you like about RPS: Declan and Jaxson because they listen to me. I like the community that has been developed by the staff, parents and students, it makes me feel happy.

How long have you been at RPS: 11 years

How long have you been working in the Department of Education: 14 years

Favourite subject to teach: Reading and writing

Favourite food: Seafood and chocolate

Hobbies/interests: Walking and riding horses

Favourite sporting team: Essendon Bombers



The logo features the word "zart" in a blue box with a rainbow-colored bar above it. To the right, "National Student" is written in blue, and "ART PRIZE" is written in large, colorful, multi-colored letters.

# zart National Student ART PRIZE

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

Inviting all young student artists to enter our National Student Art Prize – win for you & your school!

Create an artwork celebrating our theme **OUR CELEBRATION OF AUSTRALIA**.

The National Student Art Prize 2021 Theme is: **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). One entry only per student.

## Important Dates

**Entries Open:** 14 June 2021 at 9:00am

**Entries Close:** 19 July 2021 at 11:59pm

**Shortlisted Finalists announced:** 23 July 2021 at 1pm

**People's choice judging closes:** 28 July 2021 at 5pm

**National Student Art Prize Winner Announced:** 30 July 2021 at 1pm

## 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)

## Win!

1. The National Student Art Prize will be awarded to ONE entrant, in EACH of the SIX categories as judged by the nominated judges – each will receive a **\$250 Zart Art & Craft Voucher** and a **\$450 Zart Art & Craft Voucher for their enrolled School**.

*NB: Australian home-school students can enter into their relevant category but are only eligible to win the student portion of the awarded prize. The remaining school portion of the prize will be distributed equally amongst the other SCHOOL category winners.*

2. Twenty **Shortlisted Prizes** will be awarded per prize category as judged by the nominated judges. Each student winner will receive a **\$50 Zart Art & Craft Voucher**.

3. **Plus!** A **People's Choice Prize** will be awarded to one entrant per prize category who's work receives the most votes during the prize, each student winner will receive a **\$250 Zart Art & Craft Voucher**.

**How many artworks can a student enter?** A student is only allowed to submit one artwork.

**Should my images be of high quality?** Yes. Judging will occur digitally. If your images are clear and descriptive, then the judges can properly appraise your submission.

For more information and FAQ go to: <https://zart.us.launchpad6.com/studentartprize>