



# 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

#### DECEMBER

##### Friday 8th

- Meal Deal Day
- Assembly to farewell Year 6 students at 9:15am

##### Monday 11th

- Assembly to announce 2024 leaders at 3:00pm.

##### Tuesday 12th

Statewide Transition

##### Wednesday 13th—Friday 15th

- Year 5/6 Camp
- Canteen closes 15/12

##### Monday 18th:

- Parent Helper Morning Tea at 9:15am
- Water Fight

##### Wednesday 20th

- Final assembly for 2023 at 1pm.
- Last Day Of Year—1:30pm
- Early dismissal

#### JANUARY 2024

##### Monday 29th

Term 1 starts—Teachers return

##### Tuesday 30th

Curriculum Day—No Students  
Staff PD Day

##### Wednesday 31st

All students return—Preps from 9:00am—12:50pm (for remainder of week)



On behalf of the teachers & staff, we wish you all a safe and Merry Christmas



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.



### **Macedon Ranges Shire Council Grant**

On Monday 20th November I was fortunate enough to join Ellie Parker in attending the Macedon Ranges Shire Council grants presentation. Both Ellie Parker and Mandy Meehan put in a lot of work in applying for a council grant and were successful in us receiving \$12,000 funding towards the resurfacing of our basketball courts. I would like to express a big thank you to them both for their hard work on this. Works are underway in regards to this project and we are hoping to have it completed by the end of the Term 1 holidays 2024.

### **Romsey Carols**

A reminder that tomorrow the Romsey Community Carols will be taking place from 6pm onwards on our north oval. The committee has been working hard at bringing everything together. We are looking forward to our students performing Aussie Jingle Bells led by our Education Support Staff Sharon Brasher.

### **Graduation awards and ceremony**

On Thursday we held a special day for our 30 Year 6 graduating students of 2023. Students enjoyed a special lunch with staff at Solten Pepper followed by an evening of celebration.

Congratulations to our Year 6 students on their amazing performances and a wonderful year. They have been outstanding role models throughout the whole year.

Congratulations to the following students for receiving awards which were presented on the night in the following categories:

#### **Visual Arts Awards:**

Cruz K  
Chad J  
Catherine T  
Leo D

#### **Physical Education Awards:**

Joe M  
Matilda M  
Zac P  
Matthew R

#### **Auslan Awards**

Leo D  
Rosie G

#### **STEAM awards**

Ruby D  
Christian C

#### **Mary Anne Thomas Resilience Awards**

Addison J  
Jenson G

#### **Bendigo Bank Award**

Catherine T

#### **McEwen Award**

Kaden P

#### **Lions Club Award**

Siobhan A

#### **Student Choice Award**

Leo D

### End of year countdown

We have 8 school days left until the end of the year with a lot of activities jam packed into that time.

- Monday 11th - 3pm Assembly. 2024 student leaders announced.
- Tuesday 12th - Statewide Transition Day. 9-12:50 students will be in there 2024 grades
- Wednesday 13th - Friday 15th Year 5.6 students head to camp.
- Monday 18th December - Whole School Reward water fight, Christmas Clothes casual dress day
- Wednesday 20th December. Final day of 2024
- Final assembly 1pm. Early dismissal 1:30pm

It has been an absolute pleasure being the principal of Romsey primary School for 2024 - the 12 months has definitely flown by. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the community, staff and families for their support and welcoming Ollie and me so warmly this year.

In particular I want to thank the amazing Romsey PS students, who make every day worthwhile with their infectious smiles, funny stories and positive attitudes.

I wish everyone a wonderful holidays and a well-deserved break with family and friends.

Mel Stewart





# The Bulletin Board



## Canteen

Please remember orders for the canteen automatically cut off on Qkr at 9:00am sharp each day so please ensure you place your orders early to avoid disappointment.

If you have placed a lunch order via the QKR app and then your child is absent on that day, please contact the office **before 10:00am** to notify us so we can provide your child's lunch order when they return to school. After this time food is thawed and preparation begins therefore a credit or refund will not be given.

**Please note that the canteen will close on Friday 15th December for the year.**

## Unwell Students

Please remember that if your child is displaying any virus or gastro like symptoms and/or is saying they are feeling unwell please keep your child home until they are symptom free.

If your child is sent to the sick bay feeling unwell or showing virus like symptoms, parents will be called to collect their children as soon as possible.

If any students develop symptoms at home we ask that parents keep their children home until they are symptom free.



## Lost Property

Lost property is at an all time high! Most of the items are not labelled therefore it makes it extremely difficult to return these to students.

Whilst we do attempt to return labelled clothing and items, the volume of items can often make this task very difficult.

Lost property tubs will be emptied over the coming days therefore we encouraged you to come and have a look before all items are disposed of or

donated.

All unnamed items will be disposed off if not collected by Tuesday 19th December.

## Cash Payments To The Office

Please be advised that the office will be closed for cash payments from Monday 18th December.

You can still make Eftpos payments at the office or Qkr payments on the Qkr app.



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## HAPPY BIRTHDAY



*Happy birthday to everyone celebrating their birthdays  
this fortnight and over the Christmas holidays*

Matilda N	Caelan R	Oli W	Millie H	Josiph TR
Heidi B	Kayleigh P	Paige N	Harper P	Jeremiah M
William V	Hunter J	Blake G	Milla F	Charlie P
Serina H	Maddie T	Thomas F	Lucas B	Ollie G
Max I	Lain HP	Ava C	Ephraim M	Lilly P
Klara M	Jude H	Lara J	Emma R	Ruby-Lee P
Emma S	Ani G	Tiffany G	Luke T	Neeltje M
Hunter F	Oliver C	Charli P	Aria F	Kayden S
Jayda H	Charlie K	Lacy K	Cooper G	Peter Z
Sasha M	Tyson H	Ailey W	Raymond C	Darcy P
Indi B				



# Important

## Collection Of Medication

Please be advised that as part of our 'End Of Year' procedure, all prescription medication on-site will need to be picked up on or before your child's last day of school for the year by either a parent, guardian or an listed emergency contact.

No prescription medication will be held over the holidays for the next school year as these medications can expire during long periods of time and dosages may change after medical appointments during the school holidays

This includes prescription medication, Epipens and asthma puffers. Pain relief and antihistamines can remain at school if not needed during the holiday break.

If your child requires medication next year, please complete the 'Permission To Administer Medication' form attached to the newsletter and return it to the office with your child's medication when your child returns to school in the new year.

We kindly ask that if your child requires half tablet doses whilst at school, that tablets are halved before bringing to the office and that all medication is clearly labelled on either the original box/bottle or a photocopy of the box/bottle.

We also ask that if your child has an asthma, allergy or anaphylaxis plan, that you ensure these are updated by your GP in time for the new year with a recent photo of your child.





## **RPS Late Arrivals & Early Departures Procedure**



Please remember that if your child is late to school they must present to the office before heading to class to obtain a late pass. This eliminates absence notifications being sent to parents causing unnecessary worry.

If you need to collect your child early from school, please present to the front office to obtain an 'Early Departure' slip from the school Kiosk iPad before heading to your child's classroom. Office staff will happily assist with this if needed.

**In an emergency you may phone the school to arrange for your child to be brought to the office for collection otherwise all parents/guardians are required to collect their child from their classroom to minimise announcements and interruptions to other classes.**

If you need to pick up your child for an appointment, we kindly ask that you arrive 5-10 minutes earlier to allow time to collect your child from their classroom.

For safety reasons, can we please remind families that only people listed as emergency contacts are able to collect your child. If you would like someone to collect your child on your behalf and they are not listed as an emergency contact, you must notify the school accordingly either by phone or email.

If you are not sure who you have listed as emergency contacts for your child, please enquire at the office. A maximum of 4 people can be listed for each family.

If you know in advance that you will not be able to arrive on time it is important for alternate arrangements to be made or to contact the Out of School Hours Program to see if there are any available spaces. This will ensure that your child is suitably supervised. (The Kidzone Out of School Hours Program number is 0481 212 047)

**Just a reminder that assembly is held every Monday afternoon at 3pm, therefore if you need to pick up your child early on a Monday, we strongly recommend you arrive before 3pm.**

We thank everyone for their cooperation and understanding

# Weekly Toot Toot Awards

To Be Presented Friday 8th December

## PHB

Henry A for your positive outlook towards your learning and the amazing creations you build with Mobilo to show me during Developmental Play. Good work Henry!

## PJM

- Serena H for your neat handwriting and always taking the time to complete colourful, detailed illustrations. Great work Serena!
- Brayden R for your increased confidence and persistence with all of your learning tasks. Great work Brayden!

## 1/2A

- Charlotte P for always coming to class ready to learn and try her best.
- Ruby P for completing her spelling work to a high standard. Well done!

## 1/2C

- Flynn M for his fantastic effort to make new words on Reading Eggs. Keep up the amazing work, Flynn.
- Olivia R for her amazing skills using the computer to add a shape and then, turn, flip and slide it. Well Done, Olivia!

## 1/2G

Lucy G for always putting her best effort into all learning tasks she undertakes.

## 1/2P

- Hunter B for her fantastic work on the computer to insert a shape and then flip, slide and turn the shape. Well done!
- Lucas B for using his excellent computer skills to help teach his classmates. Well done!

## 1/2S

- Harry E for trying really hard with his rhyming poem 'A cat in a Hat'. Well done Harry!
- Bonnie C for being a responsible classroom VIP for the day. Thanks for your help Bonnie!

## 3/4D

Lily G for developing her researching and note taking skills when exploring the customs and festivals of people from around the world.

## 3/4H

Isla W for branching out her friendship group and making a lunchtime game club called Bounce Ball inviting all ages to come along and play. Well done!

## 3/4M

Luke T For all the hard work and effort you have put into your reading this year. Well done, keep it up!

## 3/4S

Riley G for doing a great job at jumping straight back into learning and the expected behaviours after his break. Well done Riley.

## 5/6H

Heidi B for working with peers to provide constructive feedback on their writing

## 5/6K

Thomas D for his excellent effort in drafting and accepting teacher feedback during the revising of his poem.

## 5/6M

Aiesha M for her creativity and persistence writing a water poem for a specific audience. Well done Aiesha!

## 5/6P

Noah M for sharing his knowledge and learning with his peers.

## Art

- Lucy G 1/2G for listening carefully to instructions and having a positive attitude in every Art lesson.
- Hayley R 5/6K for persisting with a time consuming part of her fantastic woven basket.

## PE

- Ailey W 1/2P for always demonstrating the values of respect, responsibility and integrity in Physical Education lessons.
- Lily Rose M 1/2C for demonstrating a strong work ethic and willingness to improve her skills.

## Auslan

Abbie S 1/2S for her exceptional work in Auslan, identifying signs that use the flat handshape. Well done!

## STEAM

- Rosie G 5/6H for your positive contributions to group planning and confidently sharing your opinions.
- Oliver W 3/4D for always being focused on your STEAM learning and following instructions to conduct experiments.



# Weekly Toot Toot Awards

To Be Presented Friday 8th

## PHB

Hudson B for your enthusiasm and eagerness towards your learning that you bring into our classroom every day. Thank you Hudson!

## PJM

- Dylan R for the amazing effort you have put into your reading! Fantastic work Dylan!
- Luka C for putting in the effort to stay on task to complete your work to the best of your abilities! Great effort Luka!

## 1/2A

1/2A for being a wonderful class to teach this year. I am very proud of every one of you!

## 1/2C

1/2C for an amazing year of learning. Well done for trying your best everyday! You should be very proud of yourselves.

## 1/2G

Joe R for the effort he has put in to improve his reading. Well done!

## 1/2P

1/2P for being a wonderful grade this year. You are all amazing!

## 1/2S

- Harry E for trying really hard with his rhyming poem 'A Cat in a Hat' Well done Harry!
- Bonnie C for being a responsible classroom VIP for the day. Thanks for your help Bonnie!

## 3/4D

Summer S for her positive approach to learning. Well done on continuing to do your best.

## 3/4H

Nate C for being able to problem solve when he is feeling upset by bringing up his worries and working through them

## 3/4M

3/4M for all of your incredible work throughout this year. You have all done an amazing job, and should be so proud of yourselves! Well done, keep it up!

## 3/4S

Paige S for using great self reflection to create personal goals for her learning in the classroom.

## 5/6H

5/6 H for being such an amazing class that always supports each other and enjoys having fun together. Thank you for making my year so enjoyable and memorable.

## 5/6K

Evelyn Z for all the effort you have put into your learning this year. Well done!

## 5/6M

Kayleigh P for crafting a fantastic shape poem. Well done Kayleigh!

## 5/6P

5/6 P for working together and supporting each other to learn! Also, thank you for a great year, the good times and memories we have created will be cherished

## Art

- Carly T 5/6H for the fantastic improvement she has shown in her weaving skills.
- Levi C 5/6 for persisting with a weaving task one handed and doing a great job of it! Well done!

## PE

- Astin W 3/4M for always demonstrating the school values during games and activities.
- Thomas C 1/2C for showing good leadership skills and working well with others during games and activities.

## Auslan

- Isla B 5/6H for your hard work and dedication to your role as Auslan Captain.
- Thank you.
- Heidi B 5/6H for your hard work and dedication to your role as Auslan Captain. Thank you.

## STEAM

- Haylee J 1/2S for your creativity when designing your own Rube Goldberg Machine
- Eva W 1/2S for thinking about your design thoughtfully when designing your Rube Goldberg machine

# 2023

Year 6 Graduation

*Our Year 6 students enjoying their Graduation Lunch at Solten Pepper. Congratulations to all of our Year 6 students. We wish you all the best on your high school journey.*











## Wellbeing Wonderings

### 'Toot Toot' Update

**(Romsey Primary Positive Behaviour - RPPB)**

As mentioned at assembly last week (and an email sent out 2 weeks ago) we have changed the date for our students' Celebration Day to Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December (last week of term).

On this day we will be having a

**'Water Fight, Bubble Blowing & Christmas Themed Casual Clothes Day'.**



Students can come to school in christmas casual clothes and engage in a water fight and/or bubble blowing activities. The water fight and bubble blowing activities will commence at approx. 2.45pm until the end of school (3.30pm).

Bubble wands of all sizes, water pistols and super soakers can be bought to school however, **water balloons and buckets will not be allowed.**

*Parents are most welcome to join in. 😊*

Please see the flyer regarding this day at the end of the newsletter for more details.

**Congratulations everyone for doing so well with all your positive behaviour throughout the school this year – it has been noticed and 4 Celebration days earnt is an amazing feat. 😊**

**You should all be very PROUD of yourselves.**

## Water Fight, Bubble Blowing Day & Christmas Casual Clothes Day

**On Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December (week 12)  
(weather permitting) 😊**

**Toot Toot 😊**

**All Aboard, for your positive behaviour journey. Toot Toot!**

**Leanne Stewart (Toot Toot)**



## Wellbeing Wonderings cont..



Thank you to everyone who attended our Susan McLean Cyber Safety parent information evening last Wednesday night. It was a great turn out with parents from our school community and other school communities in the Macedon Ranges.

Susan was absolutely brilliant and her presentations (to RPS staff, parents and students) were dynamic and entertaining.

If you were unable to attend the parent information session last week please see below some information that we as teachers and parents found extremely helpful.

Did you know that the following apps have an age limit of age 13+ :-



**Snapchat, Instagram, Tik Tok and Discord are the main apps where online predators are found.**

Susan McLean has a website which has short videos and fact sheets, that you can access, on the topics she discussed - <https://www.cybersafetysolutions.com.au/>

Please take the time to click on this link and look at the short videos and read the fact sheets.

Below are a couple of TIPS from Susan's fact sheet on 'Internet Safety Tips for Parents, Teachers & Carers'

- ✚ The use of computers, laptops or any internet enabled devices (iPad, phone, iPod, Xbox) **SHOULD** be in a common area of the house **NOT IN THE BEDROOM!** Need an alarm – buy a clock radio!
- ✚ Parental monitoring is vital – walk past and see what your child is doing, who they are talking to and what sites they are on....be aware if their mood changes. This is **NOT** invading their privacy at all...it is parenting in the digital space.
- ✚ Make sure there is no response to rude or harassing emails. (keep a record in case of further investigation).
- ✚ Children Under 13 **ARE NOT ALLOWED** on Facebook, Instagram, Kik, SnapChat, iTunes and many more. Don't support your child to break the rules & they won't be the only one without these accounts. Learn to say **NO!**



## Wellbeing Wonderings cont..

I would like to take this time to wish our Romsey community a very happy and safe Christmas,



and leave us all with this little message regarding 'Technology' especially during the Christmas holidays. 😊

### Time Away From Technology

Sometimes technology and social media can be a lifeline but sometimes they can be completely overwhelming and it feels like notifications and messages are never ending. When we feel like we are constantly attached to everyone and all that is happening in the wider world it can become exhausting. **That's one of the reasons why lots of people find time away from social media a really important part of their daily self-care (even if it does feel weird at first!)** There are, ironically, a range of apps which can help you manage your use of technology. The **Space App** is a personalised behaviour change programme designed to help you think about how you use your phone and how it affects your life. It helps you to see the opportunities to put down your phone and to look up at the world around you.

A reminder that our kids also need this approach. Putting devices in a box during meal times and at night can help with the temptation to "check" just in case! **It also helps increase the connection within your family and builds conversation.** We need to remember that the positives of internet access, communication and entertainment in our current world also poses risks. Monitoring your child's usage can help establish healthy habits. **It is also highly recommended that children do not have access to devices in their bedrooms at night.** Although we do provide our students with cyber safety awareness teaching, putting them into practise away from the classroom remains a challenge for young minds.



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# COMMUNITY GIFT GIVING

HELP US SPREAD THE SPIRIT OF

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SUPPORTING LOCAL  
FAMILIES IN NEED

## Gift Giving Days

Sat 9th Dec (9:30m - 4:00pm)

Sun 10th Dec (9:30am - 1:00pm)

Strictly parents/carers only event

Help those in need by being a  
helper/donate goods/funds

Helpers required  
on 8th - 10th Dec

All unwrapped gifts to be  
received at Romsey  
Neighbourhood House by 5th Dec

Book-in to be a helper



For information contact  
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# Christmas IN ROMSEY

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SATURDAY 9TH DECEMBER

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**Romsey Community  
Carols  
@ Romsey Primary school**

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**Food Trucks from 6pm  
Carols from 7pm**



**Macedon Ranges  
Summer holidays**

# Creative Writing Workshops & Competition

Workshops are for children aged 8 to 14 years old and are a \$50 investment for 2 hours. All materials are provided. Dates and times are to be announced but will be in the week starting 15 January.

**Poetry Basics:** Students will undertake hands on activities which will have them explore haiku, odes, limericks, pantouns and more. They will receive examples and templates, look at common literary techniques used in poetry and leave with a folio of works, of which they could submit several into the Summer Writing Competition.

**Short Story Editing:** Students are encouraged to bring their work in progress or completed short story to refine, shape and polish with the option to submit to the Summer Writing Competition due in on 27 January 2024.

Email [kbuttigieg@macedonrangeswriters.com](mailto:kbuttigieg@macedonrangeswriters.com) to register your interest.

**Poetry and Short Story Competition:**

Opens November 27th, closes January 27th and is open to Grades 3 to 8. Entry is FREE. Scan the QR Code to view the Terms and Conditions and entry form.







**Online Exhibition**



# ***The Ranges in Focus***

**Photography of the Macedon Ranges  
by the members of the Macedon Ranges Photographic Society**

***17 December 2023 - 28 January 2024  
Gisborne Village Shopping Centre***



**General Enquiries:**  
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# BIG SUMMER READ

**JOIN. BORROW. READ. WIN!**

**December 1 - January 31**

Register for the Big Summer Read at <https://plv.beanstack.org>  
or visit your local library to find out more.



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# BIG SUMMER READ

JOIN. BORROW.  
READ. WIN!

at Goldfields Libraries  
this summer

## CREATIVE COLOURING CHALLENGE

0-8 years: art pack  
9-12 years: art pack

## MAJOR PRIZES

0-8 years: \$100 book voucher  
\$50 Smiggle voucher x2  
9-12 years: \$100 book voucher  
\$50 Smiggle voucher x2  
13-18 years: \$100 book voucher  
\$100 EB Games voucher

## BRANCH PRIZES

\$20 book voucher

