Dear Parents/caregivers,

This week, we welcome back Mrs Watson. Mrs Watson will take the senior class Monday-Friday. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mrs Whitfeld for covering for Mrs Watson while she was absent. We look forward to seeing Mrs Whitfeld at other times throughout the year.

**Year 6 Leaders**

On Tuesday, our year 6 students were presented with their School Leader badges. It has been a while since we have had year 6 leaders at RPS & I have no doubt that the boys will set a fabulous example for our younger students to aspire to. Congratulations boys.



**Stage 3 Camp: Canberra**

Our year 5 & 6 students recently received information regarding Stage 3 camp. As the camp is early in Term 2 it essential that all forms are returned as soon as possible, and any money paid on time. Please see me if you have any further questions at this stage.

**Swimming Carnival**

Students recently attended the Bathurst Small Schools Swimming Carnival. I was extremely impressed by their willingness to participate in activities and by their exceptional behaviour! Congratulations to all students!

**Gala Day – March 22**

Yesterday, eligible students would have received permission notes for the Bathurst Small Schools Gala Day. On this day, students who turn 8 years or older this year will compete in the cross country events. Following that, those students who want to trial for Bathurst Small Schools PSSA team will be given the opportunity to try-out. Those students not trying out will engage in rotational activities. All students are expected to attend.

Students may wish to try out for the following sports and will need to nominate beforehand:

* Girls Hockey (must ensure they have the appropriate protective wear)
* Girls Touch Football
* Boys Touch Football

**K-Year 2 Homework** – As we are still waiting on delivery of homework books there will be no homework for students in Kindergarten to Year 2 at this stage.

**National Anti-Bullying Day – 16th March**

Our school will be participating in the National Anti-bullying Day on Friday 16th March. To support this day all students are encouraged to wear **BLUE** for the day and to bring along a gold coin for the Do It for Dolly campaign.

**Easter Hat Parade**

Our annual Easter Egg Hunt and Hat Parade will be held on Wednesday 28th March from 2:00pm All families are welcome to attend. Students (including younger siblings) are asked to decorate a hat or bonnet at home and bring it along to show. After the parade the students will enjoy an Easter egg hunt in the school grounds.



**General Reminders**

The start of the year is a good time to remind parents & carers of the following:

* **Student arrival: 8:30am – 8:55am**. Students are to enter the school via the front pedestrian gates. Staff are not required to be onsite until 8:30am and any staff arriving prior to this are doing so to prepare for their day. We understand that there are times when parents may need to drop students off earlier than 8:30am due to commitments. *In these exceptional circumstances*, please contact the school beforehand so that we can ensure that two members of staff are onsite as per departmental policy.
* **School gates are locked by 9:10am**. Any students arriving after this time will need to be accompanied into the school by a parent or carer. A doorbell if available to notify staff of your arrival or alternatively phone the school prior to arriving.
* **Absences**: Students absences need to be explained, with a written note, within 7 days of the absence.
* **Sport:** Sport this term is on Thursday afternoon. Please ensure students are dressed appropriately and have their school hats.

Louise Francis

Principal

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| Dates for your diary | |
| 22nd March | Gala day |
| 28th March | Easter Hat Parade |
| 30-2nd April | Easter Break |
| 11th April | BMEC Excursion |
| 13th April | Term Ends |
| 25th April | ANZAC March |
| 29th April | Car Rally Catering |



**P & C News**

**Winter jumpers** have arrived and will be sent for embroidery and I will let you know when they are ready for purchase.

Our next fundraising effort will be our **Easter Raffle**. Tickets will be sent home to each family next week and we would like a couple of volunteers to sell some tickets at the hotel in upcoming weeks. Please let Leanne know as soon as possible if you are able to help with this.



**Tuckshop Prices**

Unfortunately we have had to increase tuckshop prices. The new prices are as follows:-

Pizza Single $2.00

Sausage Rolls $2.00

Party Pies 0.80c each

Chicken Nuggets 0.60c each

Moo box’s(milk) $1.20 each

Warm ups can still be provided from home – wrapped in foil and labelled with your child’s name please.

Thank you

Leanne