



IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

Monday 21 July

Term 3 begins

Monday 4 August – Friday 15th August

Grades 3, 4, 5 & *Grade 6 at risk*

Swimming & Water Safety Program

Monday 11 August

Forest Education Foundation Incursion

Prep/1 & Grade 2

Thursday 7 August – Tuesday 12 August

Fissure Sealant Program

Monday 18 August

Book Week

Thursday 21 August

Book Week Parade

Monday 15 September – Thursday 18 September

Growing Up Program

Wednesday 17 September

BHS Production Grade 6

Friday 19 September

BHS Production Grade 4/5

Tuesday 23 September

Whole School Music Assembly 9:15am

Friday 26 September

Term 3 ends

Term dates

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Monday 21 July – Friday 26 September

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Monday 13 October – Thursday 18 December

NEWSLETTER 3 July 2025

What a fantastic term we've had at RPS!

This term has been filled with achievements in learning; sports and we have a powerful sense of purpose in making everyday count.

Our term has been full of incredible learning in our classrooms and our Assembly this week showcased this in many ways. It was an amazing celebration of our students and a snapshot of their learning.

Our year-to-date attendance is 91.6 %. Keep supporting your child/children to attend school. We understand that children get sick and we don't want them here if they are unwell and contagious, so please keep getting medical certificates and present to the office.

As a collective of both new and experienced educators, we have worked extremely hard to implement the minimum schooling requirements for literacy. Our whole school reading data is holding steady, and we will continue to allocate our support to students at risk of reading. We need to remember that it is not a race and to sit and see what our results are for end of year. However, for now we are encouraged and celebrating.

We have quarantined the entire morning through to lunchtime for 3 to 4 days per week to prioritise high-quality literacy and numeracy instruction. We have adjusted eating and play times to enable students to move after periods of learning plus we have increased the break times during blocks so that students can have a brain break.

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As Principal, I am extremely proud of every single one of our students, and of our teaching and non-teaching staff. Despite stepping outside of their comfort zones, we have shown unwavering dedication to creating an outstanding learning environment.

We continue to strive for improvement at RPS and are thrilled with the feedback we've received from both parents and students. Through the dedicated efforts of our Student Leaders, Student Wellbeing Team, and Citizenship Team, we're gaining valuable insights into what our community believes will make RPS an even better school. The feedback collected during Parent-Teacher shapes our future directions with communicating with our families. Thank you who contributed—your input reinforces our shared commitment to enhancing student wellbeing and academic achievement. Together, we are building a stronger, more connected learning community.

I'm pleased to announce Mrs. Jones will be returning to full-time work with us in Term 3. I would also like to take this opportunity to express my heartfelt appreciation to several team members who have gone above and beyond this first half of the year:

- Mrs. Corbett has stepped into leadership with grace and strength, showing remarkable flexibility and capacity to support all students. Her ability to manage multiple responsibilities and take on the role of Teacher in Charge has been invaluable.
- Mrs. Purton and Mrs. Belbin have stepped forward into various roles, particularly in providing MTSS support to students at risk. Their dedication and care have made a significant impact.
- A special thank you to Mrs. Tracey Ross from Somerset Primary, who has joined us one day per week to share her literacy expertise. Her support in our professional learning journey in reading and English has been greatly appreciated.

I cannot thank these ladies enough for their flexibility, teamwork, and unwavering commitment to our students and school community.

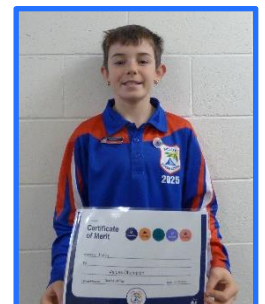
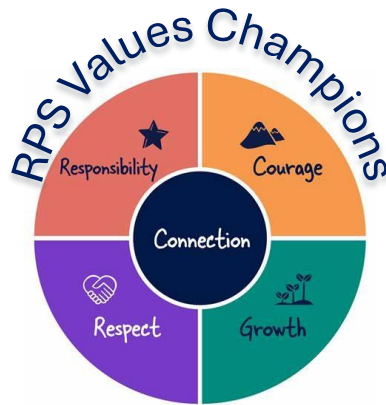
Finally, a heartfelt thank you to our 111 students and all our teachers, teacher aides, administration and EFA's. Without your dedication and efforts, we wouldn't be standing here with such an incredible team and a strong sense of belonging within our learning community.

Enjoy the school holidays, stay safe, and we look forward to seeing you all in Term 3.

Donna Jaffray
Principal

HEALTH & WELLBEING, ART & MUSIC CERTIFICATES

Kinder	
Health & Wellbeing	Lilly & Karson
Music	Brylee & Samara
Art	
Prep/1	
Health & Wellbeing	Oliver & Cali
Music	Blake, Braxton, Maddison & Thea
Art	Lyla & Thea
Grade 2	
Health & Wellbeing	Darcy & Amarli
Music	Mia & Charlie
Art	Huey & Rylan
Grade 3	
Health & Wellbeing	Regan & Aria
Music	Regan & Aria
Art	Wyatt & Archie
Grade 4/5	
Health & Wellbeing	Albus & Amber
Music	Jobe, LJ, Katie & Kaylen
Art	Mariah & Layna
Grade 6	
Health & Wellbeing	Montanna & Ruby-Mae
Music	Jarrah & Charli
Art	Myah & Mathew





HEALTH & WELLBEING

ART & MUSIC CERTIFICATES





As the term draws to a close, we have been working hard to include families into our programs as much as possible. This term we

contacted our Indigenous families to ask for assistance in establishing an authentic Indigenous Garden/area in our playground. Thank you to Mr David Lowery who provided us with the names of a number of plants that we could use in this area.

Mother's Day morning tea was a very successful event with many mother figures enjoying a tea/coffee, delicious banana bread and lemon slice whilst enjoying spending some time in class with their child/grandchild. Thank you to Mrs Sharon Elphinstone who spent hours cooking for us.

Thank you to those who attended the Simultaneous Storytime and enjoyed viewing the story, '**The Truck Cat**'. A competition to identify a number of famous cats (from movies/cartoons etc) was run with Jobe and Darcy naming 17/18 correctly and our community members Bec and Tamara who named several cats also.

We have seen the installation of path paintings in our Early Childhood Playground. Children can be seen counting, jumping along our alphabet snake and playing hopscotch.

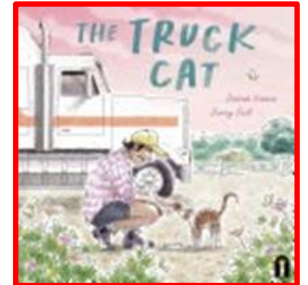
In the final week of term we are having an Indigenous Games afternoon, a collaborate colouring project undertaken by all students in the school alongside an early Childhood and Primary colouring competition to highlight and celebrate NAIDOC week. We will also be having a smoking ceremony by a local Indigenous community member later in the week.

Events to look forward to in term 3 will be a Father's Day morning tea, National Science Week and Book Week, with plans well underway for decorating classrooms. Further information will be given closer to the events.

If you have anything that you think we need to be doing, any events you feel we should celebrate then please feel free to let me know.

Thanking you all

Sheryl Belbin
Lift Co-ordinator



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Aussie of the Month
Reflect. Respect. Celebrate.

FEBRUARY – WYATT



MARCH-OLIVER



APRIL - MIA



MAY - DAISY



JUNE - RUBY



STUDENTS LEADER'S REPORT

These past two terms student leaders have done several fundraising events.

Our first fundraising event for Kalinda was organised by the student leaders, it was a Zooper Dooper day!! Our next one was in combination, with the zooper dooper day, and that was a coin line also for our bus driver calendar. The student leaders organised a game after noon for the class with the longest line, and the line with the most money. Grade six had the most money, and 4/5 had the longest line, and we did a game called t ball ran by student leaders. In totally we raised \$839.30

There also was a do it for dolly day that was to spread awareness about and bullying and kindness we did a blue dress up day for it, since it was Dollys favourite colour, and we raised \$155 and donated it to the Dollys dream charity.

We had the brixhibition LEGO competition this term and, we had 20 entries this year and one student with the most votes will go to another competition in Ulverstone. The age group winners and participation certificates will be presented today.

We also had a pink dress up for breast cancer that was on the 26th of June to raise awareness for breast cancer. To do the dress up it was a gold coin donation; the pinkest class was going to be awarded a prize by the student leadership team, but we couldn't choose just one class so everyone will be rewarded as a thank you! We were absolutely blow away by the amount of money we raised, with our online fundraising page and the cash donations we raised a total of \$1,268.50c!!

The final event of the term is going to be a pizza day on the Friday 4th of July. And on the same day we also had a pyjama day, for you to wear your pyjamas for no cost.

For the rest of the year, we will be meeting and organising other activities.

Thank you for all your support and contributions to making it fun for all plus raising money for great causes and supporting the student leadership team on their leading journey.





NAIDOC GAMES



Brixhibition Lego Challenge

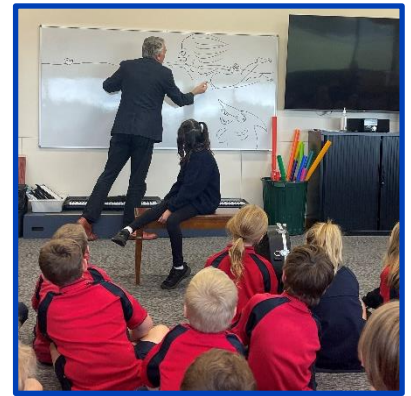


Thank you and well done to those who entered our Brixhibition Lego Challenge. Congratulations to the winners listed below:

- P/1 age group** - Oliver Duff
- Grade 2**- Darcy Corbett
- Grades 3-6**- Aurora Roughley
- Overall winner** - Fynn Bakes



More of our Term 2



We would like to acknowledge all our 2025 sponsors to date. We appreciate all that you do.

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