Sunny weather greeted us for this week’s House Athletics. It proved to be a wonderful day with students having the opportunity to participate in a variety of track and field events. I was impressed by the encouragement they provided each other and also the manner in which they approached each activity. Great determination was evident, particularly in some of the more endurance based events. My thanks go to Mr McDonald, the teachers and the parents who assisted on the day. It was also pleasing to see so many parents coming along to cheer on the students.

**Student Reports**

This is a particularly busy time of year as teachers are preparing students’ end of semester reports. Considerable time and effort is taken to ensure parents and guardians are provided with an accurate account of how their child has progressed throughout the first six months of the year. The reports will also identify goals and areas to focus on for the remainder of the year. Reports will be available on Compass on Wednesday 22nd of June.

**Canberra Camp**

Our Grade 6 students spent last week in our nation’s capital. The students were able to see and experience firsthand topics studied in their Government and Democracy unit. I have enjoyed hearing about their experiences since their return with highlights proving to be many and varied. Further information about camp will be shared at upcoming assemblies and in newsletters. I would like to thank Mrs. Rainbow, Mrs. Pratley, Mr. McDonald and Mr. Stelfox for providing our students with this wonderful opportunity.
Persistence

I recently read an article by leading parent educator Michael Grose. It resonated with me as both an educator and parent, as it highlighted the importance of effort and a positive attitude. This message has been a focus at Ruskin Park in assemblies and also the classroom. We are encouraging our students to embrace challenge and persist when challenged.

The article provided some practical strategies which parents may find useful.

1. Develop a vocabulary for persistence. Words like "Hang tough", “Work Hard” and “Hang in there” can become part of their everyday vocabulary.

2. Point out to children when they stick at a task. Most parents know it pays off when they catch their children being good but it also pays off to catch them being persistent. The behaviours you focus on as parents expand so let them know when they have been persistent. Also remind them that persistence generally pays off.

3. Help children to remember times when they experienced success by hanging in when they were younger. Let them know that persistence has paid off before and it will again.

4. Talk about hard work with your children. They need to understand that to be successful not all things are fun or easy. While it would be good if all work and learning was fun, in reality, this is not always the case.

Assistant Principal

Student Attendance - It’s NOT OK to be away!

It is important that children attend school every day. As parents and carers, it is important to actively encourage your children to:

- attend school on ALL school days
- be on time every day
- have a positive attitude towards school

If your child is absent please ensure you:

- provide the school with an explanation if your child is away
- contact the school if your child does not want to go to school
- arrange doctor and dentist appointments out of school hours
- arrange personal shopping trips with your child or birthday celebrations out of school hours
- do not allow your child to stay at home for minor reasons.

Unfortunately there are a number of children who are late to school. During these colder months it can be difficult to get up in the morning. However things will start to run smoothly when a child's daily schedule is established. Give your child some input into the morning routine and then stick to the routine every day. It is equally important that the child attends school for the whole school day.

A record of the child’s attendance can be found on the student report.
Last week, 37 of our Grade 6 students attended our Nation’s Capital. What an amazing week we had. After a lengthy bus trip on the Monday, we spent three, very full days, exploring many of the political and cultural centres in Canberra. Just a few of these places included Questacon, the Australian Institute of Sport, The Royal Mint, The War Memorial and we even viewed the night lights from the top of the Telstra Tower. At Parliament House we were treated when Tony Smith gave our group permission to view his Speaker’s Suite. We returned home on Friday full of stories to share with our families.

We teachers were so proud of the students and the way they conducted themselves throughout this tour. We believe this opportunity has enriched their knowledge of Australia’s Democracy and they will carry memories of this trip forever.

Jenny Rainbow and Nina Pratley
**JUNE**

- **Friday 3rd**
  Grade 1/2 Swimming
  Grade 6 Sport at Ruskin
- **Wednesday 8th**
  Foundation 2017 Meet and Greet Session
- **Friday 10th**
  Grade 1/2 Swimming
  Grade 6 Sport at Pembroke
- **Friday 17th**
  Grade 1/2 Swimming
- **Wednesday 22nd**
  School Disco
- **Monday 11th**
  Start Term Three
- **Thursday 14th**
  Cross Country
  Grade 3/4 Swimming
- **Friday 15th**
  Grade 5/6 Hootime

**JULY**

- **Thursday 24th**
  Grade 3/4 Swimming
  Grade 6 Kate Wilde Parent Night
- **Wednesday 27th**
  Foundation 2017 Story Time Session
- **Thursday 28th**
  Grade 3/4 Swimming
- **Friday 29th**
  Tree Planting

**AUGUST**

- **Thursday 18th**
  Grade 3/4 Swimming
- **Friday 19th**
  Foundation 2017 Mathematics Session
- **Monday 22nd**
  Waverley Eisteddfod
- **Thursday 24th**
  Grade 3/4 Swimming
- **Wednesday 27th**
  Foundation 2017 Mathematics Session
- **Thursday 28th**
  Grade 3/4 Swimming
- **Friday 29th**
  Tree Planting
- **Monday 29th**
  Wednesday 31st Interviews

**SEPTEMBER**

- **Thursday 1st**
  African Beat Incursion
- **Friday 2nd**
  Montrose District Athletics
- **Monday 5th**
  Curriculum Day
- **Tuesday 13th**
  Foundation 2017 P.M.P. Session
- **Friday 16th**
  Junior Choir Performs at Assembly
  End Term 3

**OCTOBER**

- **Saturday 22nd**
  Fete
Our next fete meeting is on Wednesday 8th June. Lots of planning is underway and we hope to get as much help and support as possible.
If you have a suggestion or great idea, please see one of the fete committee members and let them know or send a message to the office via your child.

**FOUNDATION LUCKY JARS FETE STALL**
As you know plans are well underway for our school fete which will be held in October. The Foundation students will once again be responsible for the Lucky Jar stall. Our stall proved to be very popular at the last fair. In fact we had over one hundred jars filled with goodies and we sold them all. The best part about this stall is our students are actively involved in designing, decorating and filling the jars for everyone to enjoy.

Can you help us?
In order for our stall to be a success we are asking everyone to donate clean glass jars with lids. We also need little things to the value of $2.00 to be donated such as bags of lollies, pencils, new hair ties, little figurines or toys. Lots of families cleaned out their toy boxes and discovered figurines and little items that would fit into a jar and they sent them along too. The more jars we fill and sell the more money we can raise to buy resources for our school.

Please send your donations directly to the Foundation rooms.
Your support will be appreciated.
Alaine Beare & Julie Donaldson
The Foundation Team

**Senior School Trash and Treasure**
In October, when we hold our Fete, the Grade 6 students are running the Trash and Treasure Stall along with the Second Hand Book Stall. We are excited to host this stall as we traditionally raise lots of money for the school whilst parents are happy to donate their pre-loved goods. Whenever you are ready, items can be brought to the Grade 6 rooms where we will store them in a locked area. Closer to the day we will send out a sign-up sheet for parents to offer their assistance in selling on the day.

Many thanks for your upcoming support.
Jenny Rainbow and Nina Pratley

**Community Stage Area**
The Fete Committee will be organising a community stage area and a sporting expo area at this year’s fete. You can help by asking your sporting, dance, or performance club if they would like to be a part of this year’s fete. For those clubs who would be interested in taking up this offer, please leave your club’s details at the front office and I will make contact.

Ajne Graham
06 Birthdays

Lachlan  Sui Sui  Jonathon  Joel
Noah  Grace  Jayden

07 Contact Details

Compass

Welcome to Compass at Ruskin Park Primary School!

This is the primary means of communication between the school and home. Parents can login to Compass via the phone app or school website (http://ruskinparkps.vic.edu.au).


If you lose or forget your login details, simply click on the 'Can't access your account?' link on the homepage. Your details will be sent to you via email or sms. The first time you log in, you will need to update your contact details. It would be a great idea to do this regularly.

Facebook: - The official Ruskin Park Primary School Facebook page is

www.facebook.com/pages/Ruskin-Park-Primary-School-Croydon-Vic/619153468191707

Please visit to see what is happening at Ruskin Park Primary School.
SAVINGS TRACKER
ACTIVITY SHEET

What to do

Work out how much you need to save to reach your savings goal and mark up the target amounts at each point on the thermometer. Then each time you add money towards your savings goal, colour in the thermometer.

I'M SAVING FOR

STICK A PICTURE HERE OF WHAT YOU WANT

THIS COSTS $ __________
I ALREADY HAVE $ __________
I NEED TO SAVE $ __________

- $ _______ YOU DID IT!

- $ _______ ALMOST THERE!

- $ _______ YOU'RE HALFWAY!

- $ _______ GREAT START!

For more tips and fun activity sheets, visit The Beanstalk at commbank.com.au/youthsaver
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