RUSKIN PARK NEWSLETTER

14 October 2016

RISING TO THE CHALLENGE
Welcome to Term Four. I trust our families had an enjoyable break and have returned to school refreshed and ready for a strong finish to the year.

Goal setting is a widely discussed topic at the commencement of each term. At Assembly, we challenged the students to identify something they would like to achieve and to consider the steps required to attain their goal. The focus was on creating a plan, getting to work and then demonstrating persistence. As has been a common thread throughout the school, we emphasised the importance of effort and attitude and the role these attributes play in leading successful lives.

I urge you to speak with your child and encourage them to pursue their own personal goals.

2016 School Fete - Saturday 22nd October

Our 2016 Fete is almost upon us. Excitement is building and a dedicated organising committee with the support of staff are putting the final touches to what promises to be a wonderful event. Posters placed around the school highlight the many and varied activities on offer, ranging from rides, animal experiences, car shows, show bags musical performances......the list goes on.
In addition to our incredibly hard working committee, I would like to thank in advance the many parents who have volunteered their time to assist on the day. An event of this size would not be possible without the support of our parent community.

A final reminder to pre purchase your child’s ride wristband at the discounted price of $30. From Monday 17th October the cost will be $35. Rides can be purchased on the day for $5 per ride. Wristbands can be purchased online at https://www.trybooking.com/226168

Due to the generous donations from a long list of sponsors, we also have some amazing raffle prizes. There are six hampers to be won, with items ranging from sporting goods to hardware and board games. These are complemented by a large number of vouchers.

The Fete will be a significant event on the Ruskin Park calendar and I encourage you to get involved!

**Walk to School**

This month Ruskin Park is participating in VicHealth’s walk to school initiative. The initiative encourages Primary School children to walk, ride or scoot to and from school throughout October, to help them get the 60 minutes of physical activity they need each day.

To get involved, all your child needs to do is walk either to or from school as often as possible for the remainder of October. Your child’s teacher will then make a record of this on a class calendar.

If you can’t walk all the way, your child can still get involved. Simply drive part of the way and walk, ride or scoot the rest! As safety always remains a priority, I would encourage parents to walk with their child, particularly those in younger year levels, and to use the school crossing.

We understand that some factors, such as parent’s work commitments, may prevent families participating. Therefore, a walking club at lunchtime is up and running providing all students with the opportunity to get involved.

**Curriculum Day**

A reminder to all families that Monday 31st October is a curriculum day. Students do not attend school on this day. OSHC will be running a program for those families that require assistance with supervision. Information about this program has already been circulated to families.

**Planning for 2017**

We will soon commence the process of formulating classes for next year. This is a complex process with consideration given to a variety of factors, including academic and social balance. If any parent has something specific they would like noted, this should be put in writing and addressed to me by Wednesday 2nd November.
Athletics

Over the past fortnight we have had a number of students represent our school at Division and Regional Athletics events. To reach this level of competition is a wonderful achievement and these students should be proud of their efforts.

I would also like to acknowledge the All Stars Hoop Time team who represented our school this week at the Regional Finals. They performed exceptionally well, and narrowly missed progressing to the State finals. Congratulations to all involved.

Again, I was pleased to hear many positive comments about the sportsmanship demonstrated by our students. They continue to be wonderful ambassadors for our school.

Best wishes for the term ahead

Andrew Moore
Principal

Foundation News

Excitement is building amongst our Foundation students as they eagerly prepare for our school fete. We are sure with parental support our Cake and Lucky Jars stalls will be a huge success. We would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who donated jars and treats to fill them. We have over 150 glistening jars filled with goodies to entice buyers. Special thanks must go to Tylie Allen who filled and decorated all of our Lucky Jars. The fete will provide a wonderful opportunity to reinforce the importance of money and the recognition of coins as our students help out on our stalls.

During reading lessons we are exploring the structure of traditional fairy-tales such as Goldilocks and the Three Bears and Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs. Last week many of our students were introduced to porridge for the first time and our taste testing resulted in mixed reviews. We will continue to provide our students with opportunities to develop their fluency, expression and comprehension skills in reading.

In Mathematics we are reinforcing rapid automatic recall of addition and subtraction facts to 10 using strategies such as counting on and counting back. This week we are introducing the concept of mass and our students will be comparing mass using the technique of hefting which is always a lot of fun.
We will be encouraging students to observe and describe a range of objects in their school and class environments during our Science unit ‘What is it made of?’ They will look for patterns and explore the properties of the materials and will compare similarities and differences. Over the past two weeks we have discussed the objects found in the school grounds in relation to their location and the materials they are made of. This week our students studied and discussed the purpose and features of maps. They also enjoyed recording their observations of the playground on simple maps they created all by themselves.

Middle School

The Middle School teachers hope all of our families had a refreshing holiday. We welcome back Mr Scott, who had a fantastic adventure on his Long Service Leave. Term 4 is going to be a very busy term full of learning for the Grade 3 and 4 classes.

The Grade 4s are off to Camp Gundiiwindi on Monday 17th October. They will return to school on Wednesday 19th October.

This term, the Grade 3s will be working on creating their own simple machines and will have a Science day in late November where they will showcase these machines to all Grade 3 students.

Homework and Home Reading is in full swing this week. Grade 3 homework will be handed out on a Wednesday and due the following Tuesday. Grade 4 homework will be handed out on a Thursday and will be due the following Wednesday.

In English, Grade 3s are exploring narratives and play writing. Students will also be learning the skill of summarising and making connections to real life experiences. The Grade 4s have enjoyed learning about procedural texts and after camp will be looking at the genre of personal recounts.

In Mathematics, the Grade 3s are focussing on multiplication, place value, mapping and chance. The Grade 4s will be learning about area and volume, time and angles.

This semester the Grade 3s and 4s will be studying Physical Science. The grade 3s will be learning about forces and simple machines in a unit called Smooth Moves and the Grade 4s will be exploring heat in a unit called Heating Up.

The Middle School teachers are looking forward to spending another term with our amazing classes.

SENIOR SCHOOL

Welcome to Term 4. It is shaping up to be a very busy and fun filled term.

Curriculum

This term our Integrated Unit will be on Health and Wellbeing. We will be discussing strategies to enhance our own and others’ health, safety and wellbeing at school and in the community. A large focus in Term 4 in the Senior School relates to transition to Secondary School and also promoting Leadership Skills. To support this learning several incursions have been organised.

Leadership Incursion (Grade 5)

19th October: Children will remain at school and will be involved in a range of activities to develop their leadership skills
**Red Earth Day (Grade 5)**

25th October: Familiarisation with Secondary School Campus and learning to interact with students from other schools.

**Peace Day Incursion/Excursion (Grade 5/6)**

14th October/11th November: As a prelude to a Remembrance Day Service held by Melba College, students will be visited by a Secondary School Teacher who will run sessions related to a “Peace Day” event. From here, selected students will have an opportunity to attend the service on the 11th November supported by Maroondah Council.

**Cyber Savvy Incursion (Grade 6)**

14th November: As part of our unit on Health and Wellbeing Grade 6 students will be involved in a workshop to develop their awareness of safety in the Cyber World.

**Swimming Fun Day (Grade 5/6)**

18th November: This fun day will be held at Aqua Hub Croydon. Students will rotate through a range of activities including swimming, Zumba and Gymnastics.

**Kate Wilde Transition Session (Grade 6)**

21st November: As a conclusion to the ongoing transition sessions held throughout the year, Kate will be returning to complete a final session to conclude the program and answer any remaining questions the students may have.

**Secondary School Orientation Day (Grade 6)**

Tuesday December 6th: Orientation Day for State Secondary Schools will be on Tuesday December 6th. Private and other schools will notify families directly.

**Grade 6 Graduation (Grade 6)**

13th December: To mark the end of their Primary School journey, Grade 6 students will take part in a Graduation Dinner and Ceremony at Ruskin Park Primary School in the Gymnasium from 5:45pm. We require students to provide a Prep photo of themselves to be used for the evening. More information to follow.

**Grade 6 BBQ (Grade 6)**

20th December: A barbecue will be provided for the students on the last day of school.

**Garden Club**

In the last week of last term the Bunnings Community Team held a spring planting workshop at Garden Club. The students learned about mounding the garden beds to provide good drainage for the seedlings, and the consistency of beautiful soil. Which I'm pleased to say we got top score for that!

The Bunnings team were terrific to work with, sharing their knowledge and love of the garden with all of us, as well as providing a selection of herbs and vegetable seedlings, a ballerina apple tree and some sugar cane mulch to top things off.

Over the holidays we were fortunate to have our new garden shed installed at the veggie patch.

Pauline Lane and the Garden Club Crew
**OSHC NEWS**

**OSHC Clean Up Club**

This week Daniel and Corbin initiated a “Clean Up Club” in After School Care. Each afternoon Daniel and Corbin and a group of friends have been cleaning up rubbish in the school grounds.

We found lots of rubbish and even a Tennis Ball!

It is wonderful to see the children caring for their school environment.

The ‘Clean Up Club’ would like to encourage everyone to stop littering around the school and put rubbish in the bins.

**Curriculum Day Program – Monday 31st October 2016.**

We will be running an all-day, Curriculum Day Program on Monday 31st October 2016.

We can take a maximum of 49 children on the day so book in early as places fill quickly.

It’s Halloween so we have planned lots of fun, Halloween themed activities.

Booking forms will be distributed to all families this week.

**OSHC Educator Team**
Fete Updates

Come and join us at the

Ruskin Park Primary School

FETE

Saturday 22nd October 2016 from 10am - 4pm

Loads of activities, entertainment, stalls, and fun for all the family

Food
Rides
Crafts
Stalls
Car Display
Silent Auction

18-20 Ruskin Avenue, Croydon (Melways 51C4)
Try Booking – Unlimited Ride Wristbands

Sale price $30 - Available until 9-00am Monday 17th October

Regular Price $35 after 9-00am 17th October

Online sales closing Thursday 20th October at 11-00pm

Friday 21st October sales at the school office only

Saturday 22nd October sales at the Fete ONLY

Purchase ‘rides wristbands’ online at Trybooking. https://www.trybooking.com/226168 or at the School office with completed order form.

One wristband per person - $30 each until Sunday 16th October 2016.
From Monday 17th October wristbands will be $35 per person which can also be purchased on Fete day, Saturday 22nd October 2016.
Individual ride tickets can be purchased on the day for $5.
Wristbands can only be collected at the Fete by producing your receipt. NO REFUNDS.

Wristband rides include, Big Kahuna, Cha-chas, The Edge, Jungle Adventure, Churr-O-Plane and Animal Farm (age and height restrictions apply to rides).

18-20 Ruskin Avenue, Croydon (Melways 51C4)
From the Fete Committee

Hello Ruskin Park Families!

With the fete only around the corner, we would love you to help spread the word on Facebook by sharing our page. https://www.facebook.com/ruskinparksfete2016/

All upcoming information will be posted there, including what's happening, what we need and what you can do to help!

Thanks in advance

The Fete Committee

FOUNDATION FETE CAKE STALL

Our Foundation students will be running the Cake Stall at our upcoming fete next week. Everyone loves the smell and taste of freshly baked cakes, biscuits and slices and it's especially nice when someone else bakes their family favourites. In previous years the cake stall has been extremely popular and is often the first stop many people make to collect a yummy morsel.

In order for the Cake Stall to be a huge success we are asking families to bake and donate a delicious cake, slice or a plate of homemade biscuits.

On Monday 17th October every family at Ruskin Park PS will receive a plastic plate and a freezer bag. We are hoping you will help us stock our stall by making some homemade goodies. We will also supply a sticker for you to record the name of your treat, the main ingredients and the date the goods were baked.

Your donations can be dropped off at the office on Friday 21st October or you can deliver them directly to the cake stall on Saturday morning before 10:30am. Our stall will be located beside the canteen so it will be easy to find. If you require additional plates they will be available for collection from the office.

We are sure with your support our Cake Stall will once again be a huge success.

In anticipation

The Foundation students and teachers

Grade 1 Request for Donations

Crazy Hair Stall

Parents, please could you help us by donating...

Coloured hair spray (especially white) for our Crazy Hair Stall.

We would also love donations of...hair accessories, ties, hair bands, clips etc.

Nothing expensive - but new ones please.

Our school fete isn’t far away now, so your help would be greatly appreciated.

Many thanks, Mrs Dickinson (1D).
3/4 Fete Update

Sausage Sizzle
For the fete this year 4A will be organising the sausage sizzle. A notice will be sent home soon with further details. The sausage sizzle will require a roster of enthusiastic volunteers working 1 or 2 hour shifts to help with the cooking.

Photo Booth
This year at the fete 4W will be running a photo booth. There will be lots of costumes and props for everyone to take an amazing photograph. 4W will also be running a staff baby photo competition.

Nail Polish and Body Art
This year for the fete 3P will be running a nail polish and body art stall. This will include a variety of coloured nail polish, body glitter and temporary tattoos. We currently have a good amount of nail polish, if you are able to donate some body glitter or temporary tattoos that would be fantastic. If you have anything to donate, please either drop it off at the office or Room 1 to Mrs Poynter.

Lob a Chocolate
3S will be running the famous lob a chocolate stall. This is where you toss a coin and if it lands on a block of chocolate you get to keep it! Thank you to everyone who has been sending along blocks of chocolate for our Lob a Chocolate class stall.
In order for our stall to be successful we need everyone to donate a family sized block of chocolate. The more chocolate blocks we have the more money we can raise for our wonderful school. Be sure to watch out for specials at the supermarket in coming weeks.
Please send your donations directly to Grade 3S or the office. Your support is very much appreciated.

Mini Golf
What is the only thing better than playing mini-golf? Making a mini-golf course! At the fete, Grade 4M will be in charge of mini-golf. The students have been busy planning, modifying, and evaluating their designs but we would like some adult help in constructing some mini-golf holes. If you have some plastic pipe, can knock up a ramp, or have always wanted to make a windmill, please come and talk to Ms Mitchell about helping make our course.

SENIOR SCHOOL
Thank you for all of the donations we have been receiving for our trash and treasure stall. As this is one of the most popular stalls we need to have it well stocked. We would love to hear from anyone who would be willing to remove the left over items at the end of the day to take to a Second Hand shop. This would probably require a trailer. If you are willing to help us out with this important job, please contact Jenny Rainbow or Nina Pratley. We would make sure there were plenty of helpers to load up the trailer at the end of the fete day or early the following week.
The Grade 5s are continuing to accept all contributions of lollies and novelty items for their stall and these can also be brought to school as soon as possible.
Get ready for some exciting entertainment at our upcoming Fete

### Fete Performance Schedule (Gym Stage)

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Many thanks to our Amazing Sponsors!

A HUGE shout out to our amazing sponsors who have helped make our Fete successful.

Ruskin Park Primary School thanks you for your continued support. Please support our sponsors.
Second Hand Uniform Shop

A second hand uniform shop will be held on the first Friday of each month, before and after school assembly, on a trial basis. The next day will be Friday 4th November. If it is difficult for you to attend at this time, please contact the office and we can work out a way for you to make a purchase.

Listed below are the current items on hand that are ready to be purchased.

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will be sold for $5.00 each

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Elizabeth Fowler

Birthdays

These students have recently celebrated their birthdays

Kalen    Peter    Molly    Delaney
Rishabh  Max      Aidan    Lachlan
Nina     Joshua   Sean     Emma
Wisnu    James    Tully    Jordan
Phoebe   Jules    Adam     Harvey
Hayley   Owen     Daniel   Zach
Joseph   Giovanna Amy     Mercy
Patrick  Chloe    Thwe Thwe Aisha
Abisak   
THE RUSKIN PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL VISION

Every student at Ruskin Park Primary School can develop their natural curiosity and imagination through new and engaging approaches to teaching and learning. The encouragement of a positive attitude within a friendly community of learners will promote success today, tomorrow and into the future.

THE RUSKIN PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL VALUES ARE

Building Friendship, Creativity, Honesty & Respect

Learn music here at school

Come and join in the fun of learning to play keyboard, guitar, flute, clarinet, saxophone, drums, trumpet, here at Ruskin Park Primary School.

Creative Music for Schools conducts a music program here at school each week.

Small group classes or one-to-one lessons of up to 30 minutes give children an excellent grounding in music where they will learn to read music and play their chosen instrument.

Tuition costs from $16.20 per lesson and enrolments are now being accepted for limited places in term 4, 2016.

Interested parents should call Swee during office hours on 9818 2333 or email swee@creativemusic.com.au

CHIRNSIDE PARK SCHOOL REWARDS

$10,000 FOR OUR LOCAL SCHOOLS

+ WEEKLY PRIZES FOR YOU

+ GRAND PRIZE FOR YOU

1 SEPTEMBER – 19 OCTOBER

HOW DOES SCHOOL REWARDS WORK?

1. Make a spend at any store in centre from 1 September – 19 October.
2. Submit your receipt/s – either online or in-centre.

ONLINE

Register online at chirnsidepark.com.au so you can begin loading receipts at your own convenience.

or

IN CENTRE

Visit the customer service desk to register and begin submitting your receipts. For bulk receipts you may drop these at the desk and collect at a later date.

By submitting receipts (either online or in-centre) you go into the draw to WIN a weekly gift card and the major customer prize, a $2,000 gift card for donating the most points.
Open Night for 2017 on Thursday 27 April.