



RUSKIN PARK NEWSLETTER

3 May 2019



RIISING TO THE CHALLENGE

Upcoming Dates

May

Monday 6 th	Starlab Incursion Year 5/6
Tuesday 7 th	Foundation Zoo Excursion
Wednesday 8 th	Foundation 2020 Information Night 7:00pm to 8:00pm
Thursday 9 th	Mother's Day Stall
Monday 13 th	School Photos
Tuesday 14 th	NAPLAN fortnight commences Year 1 & 2 Healesville Excursion
Wednesday 15 th	Council Waste Incursion Years 3 & 4
Monday 20 th	District Cross Country
Tuesday 21 st	Open Morning
Wednesday 22 nd	Education Week Open Night
Tuesday 28 th	Subway Lunch Year 4 Coding Incursion

May

Wednesday 29 th	Japanese Day
Friday 31 st	Year 3 Coding Incursion

June

Wednesday 5 th	Foundation 2020 Meet and Greet 9:15am to 10:15am
Monday 10 th	Queen's Birthday Public Holiday
Friday 21 st	Student Free Day Student reports available to parents
Monday 24 th	Subway Lunch Parent Teacher Interviews 3:45 to 8:00pm
Wednesday 26 th	Parent Teacher Interviews 3:45 to 5:00pm
Friday 28 th	End of Term 2 – 2:30pm Dismissal

Principal's Report

ANZAC Day

We recognised the importance of ANZAC Day with a special ceremony in our school gym. Led by the students, and attended by Mr John Woolhouse from the Croydon RSL, we listened to emotive poems and a performance by the senior choir. The Last Post and Rouse, as well as the laying of floral tributes were also significant moments. Our students demonstrated high levels of respect for what is an important time of year.

Congratulations also to members of the senior choir who represented Ruskin Park PS at the Croydon RSL ANZAC Ceremony over the holidays. They sang a medley of songs and were an important part of a special service.

House Athletics

There is great house spirit today as students in Years Three to Six participate in our annual House Athletics. Participation is the focus of the day, with students having the opportunity to rotate through a series of track and field events. These include discus, shot put, long jump, triple jump and various running races.

It was pleasing to see high levels of student sportsmanship and also support for their peers.

A big thank you to all the parents who assisted today. We could not have done it without you. Thank you also to Michelle Mitchell and the Croydon Little Athletics club for their support.

NAPLAN

This week, families with students in Years 3 and 5 have received details of the upcoming NAPLAN assessments. This year our school will be completing NAPLAN online, with



assessments running over two weeks, commencing on Tuesday 14th May.

If parents have any questions, I encourage them to speak with their child's classroom teacher or myself.

Mother's Day Stall

The Mother's Day stall is always a special event with students enjoying the opportunity to go 'shopping' and search for that perfect gift. This year, the stall will run on Thursday 9th May in the courtyard. If you would like your child to purchase a gift please send \$5 and a carry bag to school on this day.

The stall would not be possible without the efforts of our Family and Friends Network. They have spent many hours preparing for the stall and I sincerely thank them for their support.

Education Week

Education Week is quickly approaching. We have a number of special activities planned, incorporating this year's theme of 'Celebrating Careers'.

One important date to mark in your diaries is the open night which will be held on Wednesday 22nd May between 6:30pm and 7:30pm. There will be an opportunity to visit classrooms and participate in a variety of activities. Stay tuned for further details.

There will also be an open morning for parents to visit their child's classroom. It will run from 9am to 9:45am on Tuesday 21st May.

School Photos

A reminder to all families that school photos are scheduled for Monday 13th May. Details regarding packages available for purchase were sent home earlier this week. Please contact the office should you have any questions.

School Production- Save the date!

I encourage you to mark in your diary Monday 26th August as this is the date for our school concert. Our whole school concert runs on alternate years, with all students having the opportunity to perform on stage with their peers. Rehearsals will commence shortly with further information sent to families in the coming months.

2020 Foundation Enrolments

I would like to remind families with children who will be beginning school in 2020 that we are taking enrolments now. To assist us with planning, I encourage you to complete your child's enrolment form and bring it to the office as soon as possible. There has been significant interest and a number of forms have already been received.

We also ask that members of our community assist us by informing any of their neighbours of the enrolment procedures and direct them to the office to collect an enrolment form and information pack.

School tours are available every Wednesday morning commencing at 9:30am and also upon request. Please call the school on 9723 3886 to book a tour.

There is a 2020 Foundation Parent Information Evening at 7pm on Wednesday 8th May.

Andrew Moore

Principal

Foundation News

This term we are conducting our unit 'Amazing Animals' which has been designed to encourage our students to investigate the features animals have which enhance their survival. During Science investigations, our students will be encouraged to make predictions, to record their observations and to share their findings. We will be encouraging our students to become active learners who engage in experiments and participate in discussions.

There is no doubt excitement is building amongst our Foundation students, as they prepare to attend their first school excursion. We are going to the Royal Melbourne Zoo on Tuesday 7th May. The key understandings we will be reinforcing during our excursion and throughout our Science unit are:

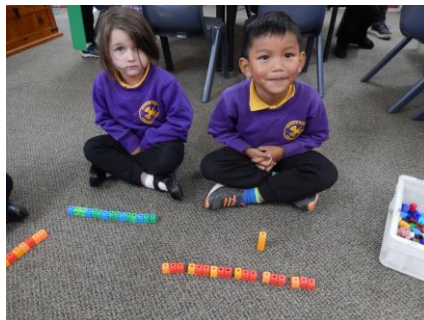
- All living things grow, move and reproduce
- All living things including humans have basic needs for survival such as oxygen, water, food and shelter
- Living things have features and characteristics that help them survive

We are now implementing the Reading Workshop model, which reinforces reading strategies, comprehension and develops student's stamina to read independently. It is wonderful watching our students eagerly selecting their books from the book boxes and seeing them engaged in independent reading.

This term our students are exploring the difference between fiction and non-fiction books. Last week we began guided reading groups with the focus being one to one correspondence and using visual clues such as the initial letters and picture clues as well as prior knowledge to predict unknown words. While we work with guided reading groups, the remaining members of the class work independently to complete reading activities.

In Mathematics, we have introduced the days of the week and their order through songs. Our students have created a simple timetable linking school activities to specific days of the week. For instance, P.M.P is on Monday and on Thursday we do Japanese and PE. You can help at home by drawing your child's attention to the day of the week and highlighting the extra-curricular activities they do each day. Also highlight the specific time associated to activities they do daily, for example at 7am we have breakfast and at 4pm you go to swimming lessons. It is important students understand the order of events throughout the day and the times related to them to develop their understanding of the concept of time.

This week our students have worked cooperatively to create simple patterns using a range of concrete materials. They are currently exploring two and three part patterns related to colour, picture and shape patterns.



This week we began our P.M.P sessions thanks to our band of merry helpers who supervised the seven working stations. The aim of the program is to teach and develop the children's skills in the following areas: locomotion, balance, fitness, eye-hand co-ordination, body awareness, laterality, the development of memory and an understanding of location concepts. The launch of the program was a huge success and we know our students are looking forward to the next session.



Junior School

Year 1

This term Year 1 have begun a new Science focus on living things, needs and habitats. We will be linking this to an excursion in week 4 (Tues 14th May) to Healesville Sanctuary. We've made a great start to our learning by exploring our school grounds this week to find examples of living things. We talked about various insects, and researched earthworms. Some of us had a chance to start creating worms and caterpillars as an art activity.

In Literacy, Year 1 students have a new author to focus on. It's Eric Carle. We started with his most famous book *The Very Hungry Caterpillar*. Most of us were familiar with this story and loved joining in and predicting what would happen next.

In Maths, we have been continuing our work on addition and subtraction. We are developing our skills of using number lines as well as discussing other strategies to help us work out addition and



subtraction worded problems. It would be great if you could support their learning of this tricky concept by harnessing opportunities to add and subtract when they arise at home, i.e. counting money, objects, using cooking opportunities.

Year 2

In Year 2 we are also studying information reports, focusing on how facts are organised, how to use contents, index and glossary pages and how to learn new information from photos and diagrams. We are working on broadening students' understanding of information reports by reading about topics other than animals. So far we have read a lot about the earth, different countries and space. Students are beginning to use their choice writing time to write their own information reports on topics they have expertise in. It is very exciting to see students independently writing reports on space, their pets and their favourite sports. In the latter half of this unit students will be organised into groups with similar interests, and will be taught how to research and record new information. This research task will be the basis for their final information reports. We will share more about this in the next newsletter.

In Maths, Year 2 students have been learning about money. They have learnt to skip count coins to find amounts, and have started learning to calculate the total of small handfuls of mixed coins. Students have enjoyed the hands on tasks in this unit, and have enjoyed taking on the roles of 'cashier' and 'shopper' to practise.

We have also started a new Science topic – life cycles. Students have started to grow beans in the classroom, and will be investigating the life cycles of many different animals and plants. We have an exciting excursion coming up to support our learning in this area – a trip to Healesville Sanctuary!



Middle School

Welcome back to Term 2. We hope you all had a nice and relaxing break

This term, the Years 3 and 5 students will be completing NAPLAN. The assessments are undertaken nationwide every year and the NAPLAN window will be open from 14th-24th May.

NAPLAN is made up of tests in four areas:

- Reading
- Writing
- Language Conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation)
- Numeracy.

NAPLAN tests skills in literacy and numeracy that are developed over time, through the school curriculum. All tests will be completed online except for the Year 3 writing task.

Students in Years 3-6 enjoyed participating in House Athletics today. Great sportsmanship was demonstrated by students in different year levels and houses, with plenty of cheering and celebrating of one another's achievements. It was amazing to see everyone join in and challenge themselves, especially the Year Three students who were competing for the first time.

Year 3 students have been given their first Homework Grid for the year. Both the Year 3 and 4 students will be given homework on a Tuesday each week to be completed and returned by the following Monday. Students are also expected to continue to practice their nightly reading and spelling.

Film Club began this week and the selected Middle and Senior school students gathered to begin learning about filming. Students are eager to develop their skills in filming for the Ruskin Reporting group and Personal Best Ambassadors group.

Senior School

Welcome

Welcome back and we hope you enjoyed your Easter break. We have an action packed Term 2 in the Senior School with much learning to be done and many activities to be enjoyed. We look forward to a fabulous term of learning in the Senior School.

Earth and Space Science

This term our STEM unit focuses on Earth and Space Science. Students will explore earth and it being part of a system of planets orbiting around a star (the sun). They will inquire about the characteristics of different planets and compare them to earth. In week three students will participate in an incursion named the Science Discovery Dome. Furthermore, students will explore sudden geological changes or extreme weather conditions that affect the Earth's surface, such as earthquakes and volcanoes.

Health

This term Year 5 and 6 students will investigate areas around personal and social health. To complement this students are invited to attend sessions conducted by Interrelate - Moving into Teens. Families can pay and give consent online via Compass.

Transition

Year 6 to Year 7 transition forms have now been distributed to all Year 6 students. We encourage parents and students to attend Open Nights and Secondary School tours to help them make this important decision. Transition

forms are due back to school no later than **Friday 17th May**. Included in the pack was a Frequently Asked Questions leaflet which strives to answer most of your questions. If you are experiencing difficulty completing these forms or need some assistance please don't hesitate to contact Mrs. Pratley, Miss. Marshall or Mr. Coffin.

Winter Interschool Sports

Next week our Year 6 students and selected Year 5 students will participate in Round One of the Winter Interschool Sports Competition. Winter sports included this year are: Football, Soccer, Netball and Newcomb. We will be traveling to Mount Evelyn Primary School to play. Parents are encouraged to come and support their children. Students are reminded to wear their sports tops (if they have one) and appropriate footwear.

Please ensure your child has consented and paid for the event through Compass.

Numeracy at Ruskin Park

According to Peter Sullivan (Open-Ended Maths Activities, 2018) closed questions are those that simply require an answer or a response to be given from memory, such as a description of a situation or object or the reproduction of a skill. Open questions are those that require a student to think more deeply and to give a response which involves more than recalling fact or reproducing a skill. Questions which encourage students to do more than recall known facts have the potential to stimulate high levels of thinking.

So here is a question which will have multiple answers. How many can you think of? Let your teacher know.

Question: What do these numbers have in common? 30 12 18

Japanese Day

On Wednesday, May 29 we will be having a Japanese Day at Ruskin Park Primary School.

Normal classes will not be running and for the entire day students will take part in Japanese cultural activities.

We are inviting students to dress up in something 'Japanese' so please give some thought to what your child might wear on the day. We will be starting the day with a costume parade in the gym, which parents are invited to attend. There will be some small prizes given to the best Japanese costumes.

All students will rotate through four different cultural activities. These activities will include fan making, origami helmets and every class will have one special activity which will include, sumo wrestling, karate, manga drawing, character bento making or rice-ball making.

The day will conclude with a Karate demonstration in the gym.

We will be charging \$8 per student to help cover the costs of materials and incursions.

This event is now live on Compass.

It should be a fantastic Japanese Day!

Greg Brown
Japanese Teacher



Earn and Learn

As you would have read on Compass, we are participating in the Woolworths Earn and Learn program for schools in 2019. From Wednesday 1st May until Tuesday 25th June, for every \$10 spent at Woolworths, you will

receive a sticker which can go towards items that we can purchase for our school. There are Ruskin Park boxes at Woolworths Churinga and Arndale where they can be inserted or they can be placed onto the sticker sheets that came home yesterday with the eldest child. Please return the sticker sheets either when full, at the end of June or use the Ruskin Park boxes at the supermarkets.



We would love your support with this initiative as it allows us to purchase a range of products to support our students both inside and outside of the classroom.

If you have any questions, please see the office.

Attention Parents and Guardians

Staff are looking to run a range of lunchtime activities at Ruskin Park and need your help!

We are looking for donations of board games, Lego and puzzles that are in reasonably good condition with all pieces included.

Please drop off any donations to the office.

Thank you in advance for your support.



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

Book Club

Dear Parents,

The best gift any parent can give a child is the love of books and the joy and benefits of independent reading for fun. Children who read at home, or are read to, have a head start on reading success in school.

Our school participates in **Scholastic Book Club**. Up to twice a term, during the school year, we will send home a Club catalogue with a different selection of books offered for all ages.

You'll find award-winning books and bestsellers, as well as old and new favourites. I recommend them because the books span a wide range of children's reading levels and interests and because they are inexpensive (some books cost as little as \$2).

Issue 3 has just been given to students in all year levels. It is easy to order. The **Book Club LOOP** platform for parents allows you to pay by credit card. Your child's order is submitted directly to school and the books will be delivered to class. You can place your child's order at scholastic.com.au/LOOP or using the **LOOP** app, which can be downloaded from the App Store or Google Play. Parents can also complete the order form attached to the back of the catalogue and return it to school by the due date in a sealed, named envelope with the Year included.

Owning your own books is something special! I hope that you will encourage your child to order books this year. Each order helps earn free books and teaching materials for our classrooms, however there is never any obligation to order. I know of no better way to encourage reading than to allow children to choose the books they want to read.

Sincerely,

Samantha Cutcliffe

Scholastic Book Club Organsier



Thank you

Thank you to parents and students for their donations with the Free Dress Day and the Easter Colouring Competition at the end of last term. We raised \$562.25 for the Royal Children's Hospital Good Friday Appeal.

These students have recently celebrated their birthdays

Yuanna	Ngun Cer	Isabella	Matthew	Sigourney
Rosy	Townes	Rita	Summer	Delan
Nathan	Lexie	Hezekia	Millie	Cooper
Milo	Samuel	Adam	Nome	Sunny
Cooper				



Just in case you have
misplaced your form we have
extended the date to Friday 10th May

Reusable Lunch Order Bags



Dear Parents,

Family and Friends Network are offering these awesome re-useable lunch bags to purchase and use for your children's lunch orders. They come in a variety of colours and even offer an insulated bag option which is great for keeping food hot or cold.

If your child suffers from allergies, they have specified the ORANGE binding lunch wallet, however they do not offer this option in the insulated bag variety.

Each bag folds and fastens closed into a convenient wallet when not in use.

Each bag has two clear pockets, one to display your child's name and class and the other is zippered to display your child's order and secure money in.

****Samples are available to view. Please see the office staff****

Alternatively you can view the bags on the website www.stickybeaks.com.au

****Don't forget to ask Friends, Family and even Neighbours if they would like to order****

Lunch Wallet \$10.50 each

Insulated All Rounder \$12.50 each



*Allergy Alert Reusable Lunch Order Bag now available in Orange Binding!!

23cm(h) x 18cm(w) x 10cm(d)

23cm(h) x 19cm(w) x 11cm(d)

**Please have all orders and
money in by Friday 10th May**

Order Form



Name: _____ Class: _____

STYLE	QUANTITY	PRICE	TOTAL
LUNCH WALLET		\$10.50 each	
Black with Blue Binding			
Black with Pink Binding			
Black with Green Binding			
Black with Red Binding			
Black with Yellow Binding			
Black with Grey Binding			
Black with Purple Binding			
Black with Orange Binding(Allergy Alert)			
INSULATED ALL ROUNDER		\$12.50 each	
Black with Grey Binding			
Black with Blue Binding			
Black with Red Binding			

Now taking Enrolments




Take the first step in your child's education

OPEN DAY

SATURDAY 25TH MAY
10.00am - 1.00pm
21 Palm Grove, Kilsyth - 9725 4502



Come & see our preschool *in progress*, open sessions available for interested parents/guardians
3y.o: Thursday May 30th 2:30pm-3pm
4y.o: Fri 31st May 10:30am-11am

3 & 4 YEAR OLD KINDER PROGRAMS
Naturalistic Play Space * Caring teachers * Nurturing Environment
* Play based education * Secure facilities

"Enrichment beyond the classroom"



Hansen Park Preschool

OPEN DAY

18th May from 11:00am to 1:00pm

Call: 9728 1006
10 Tower Street, KILSYTH, VIC, 3137




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.

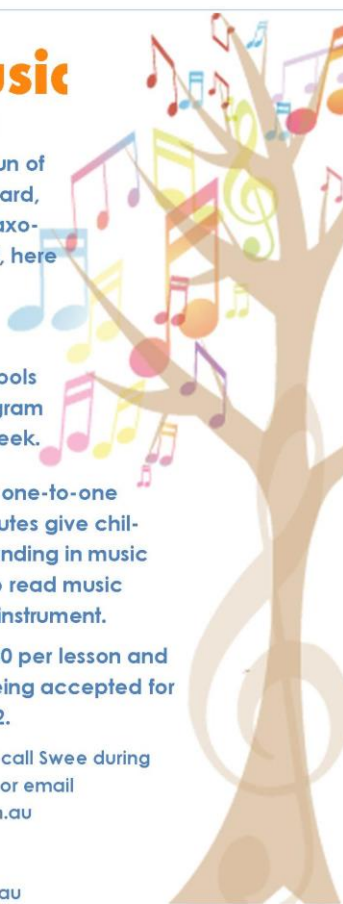
Creative Music for Schools conducts a music program here at school each week.

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 \$17.00 per lesson and enrolments are now being accepted for limited places in term 2.

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

 **Creative Music**
www.creativemusic.com.au



2019 Photo Day Envelope and Order Instructions

Dear Parents and Students,

Ruskin Park Primary School PHOTO DAY IS 13-05-2019

School photo order envelopes have been or will be distributed to every student and it is important that the order instructions (below) are followed.

**** IMPORTANT PLEASE NOTE – ONLINE ORDERING FOR SIBLING PHOTOS WILL CUT OFF ON 12-05-2019 ****

ONLINE ORDERING Your child's school photos are now available for secure online purchase, please note if you are ordering online, you do not need to return an envelope to the school

4 EASY STEPS TO ONLINE SCHOOL PHOTO ORDERING

- Step 1: [CLICK HERE: Easy Access Link](#) - Click on this link if you are using a supported device
- OR - Go to www.advancedlife.com.au before photo day and enter your school code [QCW W8A TB1]
Step 2: Enter your student's details
Step 3: Choose the package that best suits your needs (all orders will be returned to the school for collection)
Step 4: Pay for the photos via the shopping cart (upper right corner of the page)
**** Online Orders will attract a \$1 service fee**
Please Note: Late fees will apply once orders are closed (5 days after photo day)

FAMILY / SIBLING PHOTOS No envelope required if ordering online

4 EASY STEPS TO ONLINE SCHOOL PHOTO ORDERING

- Go to www.advancedlife.com.au before photo day and enter your school code [QCW W8A TB1]
- Family/Sibling photo orders online close on 12-05-2019
- Orders can be placed by returning an envelope up until photo day with cash or cheque enclosed

ORDERING USING AN ENVELOPE

ENVELOPES WILL BE HANDED TO EACH CHILD, PLEASE SEE THE SCHOOL OFFICE IF YOU HAVE NOT RECEIVED ONE

- Step 1: Student Details: Complete the student details section on the front of the order envelope.
Please use black or blue pen.
Step 2: Purchase Details: Complete the purchase details on the front of the envelope.
Step 3: Payment Method: Select your payment method.
Credit Card – Online Only at www.advancedlife.com.au
Cash – Please enclose correct money – no change is given under any circumstances
Cheque – Make payable to Advancedlife Photography with your name & address on the back of cheque
Please allow 60 days for your cheque to be finalised - a \$25 fee will apply to any dishonored cheque payments

Please Note: A portrait and a class group photograph will be taken of every student at the school, regardless of purchase. Photographs of your children taken as part of a class group are only permitted to be distributed within their own class. Your child's name will appear on the class group photo. If you **Do Not** wish your child to be photographed, please contact your school office with your instructions prior to Photo Day.

Please feel free to contact us via email or phone should you have any queries in regards to your child's school photo order.

info@advancedlifevic.com.au or 03 9852 1133

Advancedlife Team