



RUSKIN PARK NEWSLETTER

29th August 2025



RIISING TO THE CHALLENGE

Upcoming Dates

SEPTEMBER

Tuesday 2 nd	Tony Bones Incursion
Thursday 4 th	Foundation – Year 2 Kids on Parade Music Father's Day Stall Bakers Delight Lunch
Friday 5 th	Year 3-6 District Athletics
Monday 8 th	Foundation – Year 2 Swimming Commences
Monday 15 th	Year 6 Camp
Wednesday 17 th	Year 6 Camp Returns
Friday 19 th	End of Term 3 Footy Day

OCTOBER

Monday 6th	Term 4 Commences
Thursday 9 th	Division Athletics
Monday 13 th	Foundation 2026 Transition 4:30pm Year 1 Program-a-Bots Incursion
Tuesday 14 th	Foundation-3 Cuber Safety Incursion
Wednesday 15 th	Year 4 Camp Year 5/6 Division Softball & Basketball
Friday 17 th	Year 4 Camp Returns
Monday 20th	Year 3 Camp
Tuesday 21 st	Year 3 Camp returns
Thursday 23 rd	Region Athletics

Friday 24 th	Subway Lunch Foundation 2026 Transition Year 3/4 Region Hooptime
Monday 27 th	Year 5/6 Region Basketball

NOVEMBER

Monday 3rd	Student Free Day
Tuesday 4th	Melbourne Cup (Public Holiday)
Wednesday 29 th	Foundation 2026 Transition
Monday 10 th	Year 6 Metro Incursion
Thursday 13 th	Foundation 2026 Transition
Friday 14th	Colour Run Year 5/6 Fun Sports
Tuesday 18 th	Year 6 Reach
Monday 24 th	Foundation 2026 Transition
Thursday 27 th	Year 2 Fun Night
Friday 28 th	Baker's Delight Lunch

DECEMBER

Monday 1 st	Foundation 2026 Info Night
Tuesday 2 nd	Foundation 2026 Transition
Thursday 11 th	Christmas Concert Art Show
Friday 12 th	Subway Lunch
Tuesday 16 th	Year 6 Graduation
Friday 19 th	End of Term 4 (1:30pm Dismissal)

Principal's Report

We've had another busy and rewarding fortnight at Ruskin Park, filled with exciting events and activities.

Book Week

Book Week is always a highlight, and this year was no exception! The effort that families went to for the Book Parade was truly commendable—everyone looked fantastic, and it was wonderful to see so many parents able to attend. The Book Fair was also a great success, with families visiting before and after school to purchase books. These sales will help us provide even more high-quality reading material in our classrooms.

Education Open Evening

Last Thursday's Education Open Evening combined the celebrations of National Science Week and Book Week. It was fantastic to see a strong turnout, with students and families moving through classrooms, completing activities, and earning points along the way.

Trivia Night

Our amazing Parents and Friends Committee hosted their Trivia Night last Saturday, and what a success it was! The dedication and effort that went into planning the evening was incredible, and it was wonderful to see so many families from across all year levels come together for a fun night. Thank you to all families who donated items, bid on silent auction prizes, or purchased raffle tickets—your support made the night such a success.

Year 5 Camp – Sovereign Hill

Our Year 5 students have spent three days at Sovereign Hill in Ballarat, immersing themselves in life during the Gold Rush. They enjoyed dormitory-style accommodation, tried their hand at traditional bowling, and even ventured into real mine shafts. Of course, one of the highlights was visiting the old-fashioned lolly shop!

Mobile Phone Policy

School Council has approved our new Mobile Phone Policy. This can be found on the school website at <https://ruskinparkps.vic.edu.au/about-us/#policies> and hard copies are available from the office.

Food Drive

A huge thank you to everyone who contributed to our recent Food Drive. Your generosity has made a real difference, and the Mooroolbark Umbrella Group has expressed their gratitude for all that has been donated. Well done to all who helped support those in need—it truly shows the strength of our community.

Thank you,

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Shannon Young

Acting Principal

Foundation

Hello families,

What an incredible week we've had! Our Foundation students had a fantastic time celebrating Book Week. The costumes were absolutely amazing, and it was wonderful to see the creativity and excitement during the parade. The students loved showing off their brilliant outfits and taking part in a range of fun activities.

Looking ahead, we're very excited for our *Tony Bones* incursion next week—it promises to be an unforgettable experience! Also, a reminder that our *Bakers Delight* lunch is happening on Monday for those who ordered—what a yummy way to start the week!

We're looking forward to another week filled with fun and learning!



Literacy

In Literacy, we've been celebrating Book Week with some fantastic activities! We read *Peek-a-Boo Lottie* and then created our very own *Peek-a-Boo Lottie* rabbits. The students had an absolute blast making them—it was such a fun and engaging activity.

We also explored a variety of Book Week titles, including *We Live on a Bus*, which inspired a wonderful display in the Foundation area. Students designed and created their own paper plate buses, showing great creativity and attention to detail. It's definitely worth a look next time you're in!

As part of our literacy work, students also completed book reviews about *We Live on a Bus*, and wrote recounts about our exciting Book Week dress-up day. Their writing is proudly on display in our classrooms—be sure to check it out!

Our Foundation students received an exciting delivery this week—our Toybox from the Melbourne Museum! Through this engaging resource, we'll explore toys from various eras and embark on enriching activities that delve into the history and evolution of play.

In Phonics, we've been focusing on the digraphs ll, ss, ff, and zz. Students have been learning to say, read, and write these sounds, and have been practising them through reading and writing words in fun, hands-on ways.



Maths

Our Foundation students have been eagerly exploring the concepts of length, mass, and capacity through a range of hands-on activities. They've been actively investigating questions like, "How do you know something is heavier?" and "How can you tell which object is longer?" A special focus has been placed on measuring objects end-to-end, helping students develop a solid understanding of measurement in a practical and meaningful way. It's been wonderful to see their curiosity and critical thinking grow as they engage with these important math concepts!



Junior School

Year 1

Book Week

We had such a fantastic time celebrating Book Week on Monday! It was wonderful to see both students and teachers dressed as their favourite book characters. The week was filled with exciting activities, including a whole-school parade where students proudly showcased their creative costumes, as well as an art activity where they designed a spider and web inspired by the book *Spiro*.

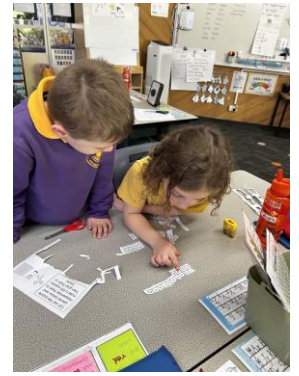


In Reading, students have been working hard on their personal reading goals and practising them with their 'Just Right' texts. We've also kicked off our brand new unit on Poetry! Using a range of Julia Donaldson books such as *Room on the Broom*, *The Gruffalo's Child* and *The Smartest Giant in Town* as our mentor texts, students have been exploring how to visualise, creating pictures in their minds while they read and identify interesting adjectives in the stories. They are really enjoying discovering the magic of poetry and the way words can bring such vivid images to life.

In Writing, we wrapped up our unit on Procedural Texts. The students loved creating their own unique sandwiches after reading *Carla's Sandwich*. There were some very creative (and unusual!!) ingredient choices such as sour worms, marshmallows, BBQ Shapes, hot sauce and even pineapple! This week, we have been focusing on free choice writing, encouraging students to let their imaginations run wild while also paying attention to using interesting word choices and making sure their sentences are structured correctly. It has been wonderful to see the creativity flowing through their stories while still practising those important writing skills.

Maths

In Maths, we have been focusing on place value and understanding that 0 is an important placeholder. Students have been practising finding 10 more and 10 less than a number and had fun putting together a mixed-up 120 chart to challenge their thinking. We've also learnt a few new games to help build our number skills, which your child might enjoy teaching you at home. It has been wonderful to see the students working confidently with numbers, explaining their thinking and supporting each other as they problem solve.



Cyber Safety

This week in Cyber Safety, students explored the importance of asking permission before doing things online. Using Junior Emotions cards, they discussed scenarios like posting photos, playing online games, and sharing contact details, practising how to ask for consent respectfully. We also talked about how to respond if someone says no and what to do if something online makes them feel uncomfortable, including speaking to a trusted adult. The students enjoyed sharing their ideas and practising polite ways to ask and give permission.

History

This week, students explored how changes to our school grounds, such as playgrounds and basketball courts, have affected our daily lives at school. Through a slideshow and class discussion, they recorded and described how these changes impact playtimes and the games they enjoy. It was wonderful to see students thinking critically about their environment and sharing their observations.

Year 2

It has been a fun-filled fortnight in Year 2! We had Book Week, Science Open Night, and an excursion to the Croydon Library and Historical Society. It was great to see all the families joining in and celebrating the students' learning. The children have been so engaged and enthusiastic, and we are really proud of the effort and creativity they have shown across all areas of their work.

Congratulations also to our Year 2 Principal Award recipients for this fortnight.



Literacy

We started with Book Week and it was great to see all the different costumes and hear about everyone's favourite books. The students loved reading our shortlist book 'One Little Dung Beetle' and designing our own bugs inspired by the book. We used line and colour to create unique wings for each of the beetles.

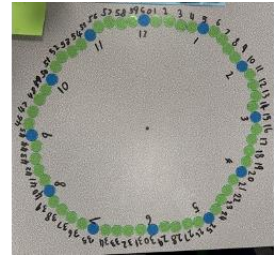
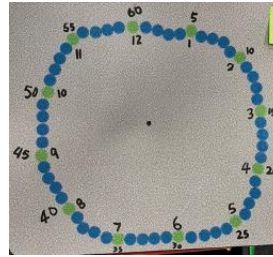
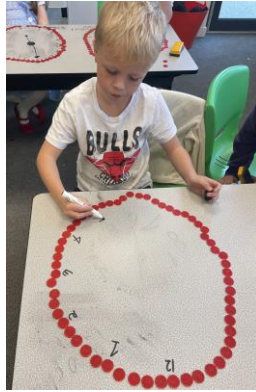


The Year 2s have been continuing to build our skills in inferring—using clues from the story to work out what isn't directly said. We've been focusing on characters, thinking about their feelings and traits, and looking closely at what a character does, thinks, or says to help us understand them better. The students have been practising how to notice these little clues and then recording their ideas in their Reader's Notebooks.

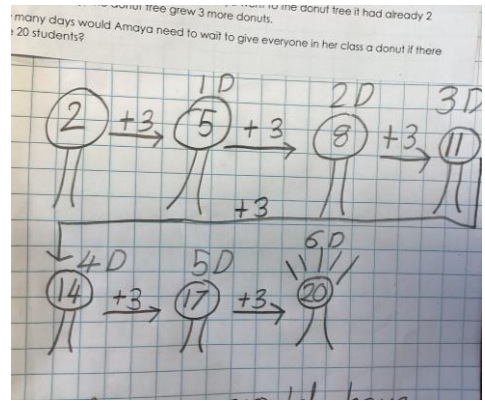
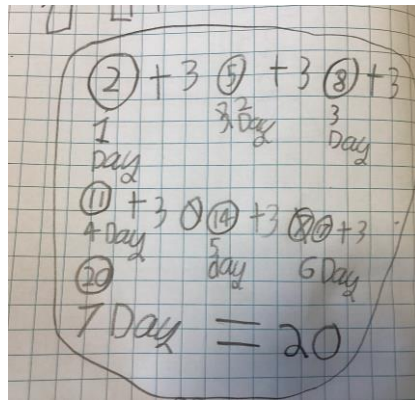
In Writing, we have been planning, drafting, and editing our own narratives. Many of the students took inspiration from the wonderful characters we met during Book Week, while others used picture prompts to spark their creativity. We've been working on writing stories with bold beginnings to hook the reader, mighty middles full of action and detail, and excellent endings to wrap everything up. Along the way, the students have been learning how to expand their writing by adding interesting details, using adjectives to paint a picture, and joining ideas together with conjunctions. It's been so exciting to see their imaginations come to life on the page!

Maths

In Maths last week, we explored Time. The students learned about the parts of a clock—minutes and hours—and even built their own clocks using counters to help understand how they work. We then practised making and reading times to the hour- half past, and quarter past, which the students really enjoyed.



This week, we moved on to additive patterns. We've been learning what these patterns are, how to recognise them, and how to create our own. One of the highlights was using matchsticks to build growing patterns with different shapes, before moving on to solving problems using these patterns. It's been a great mix of hands-on learning and problem-solving!



History

In History, we enjoyed an excursion to the Croydon Library and the Historical Society. The students loved the experience of walking there together. During our visit, we learned about the history of Croydon and how it has changed over time. The students identified what life was like then compared to now, and they had the chance to look closely at a range of fascinating artefacts. It was a wonderful hands-on way to bring our history learning to life!





Middle School

Year 3

Reading

Last week, the Year 3s celebrated Book Week by dressing up as their favourite characters. The Year 3 team joined in the fun by coming as *The Day the Crayons Quit*. Our Book Week craft was a big success, with students reading the story *The Garden of Broken Things* and then creating their own garden piece using coloured clay. Students were inspired by Graeme Base's *Uno's Garden* to bring their ideas to life. We have also been continuing our author study, focusing on understanding messages and morals in stories and making text-to-text connections.





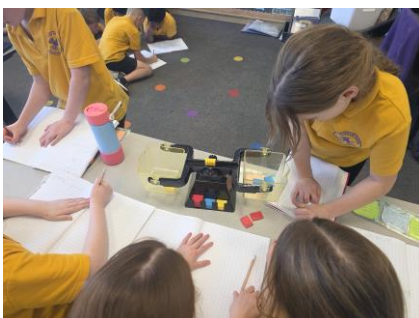
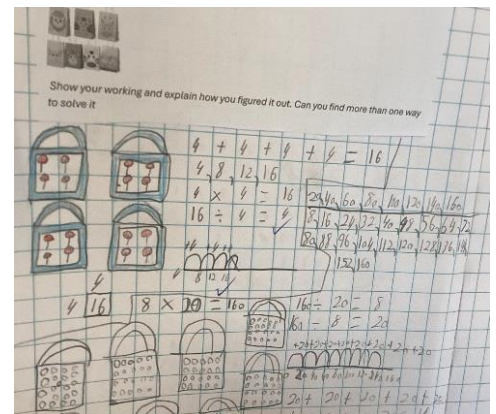
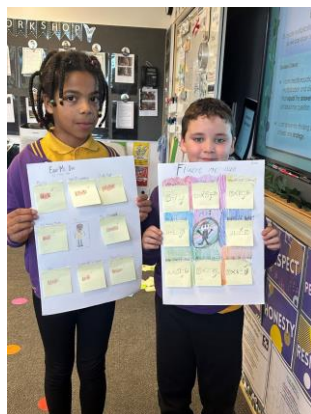
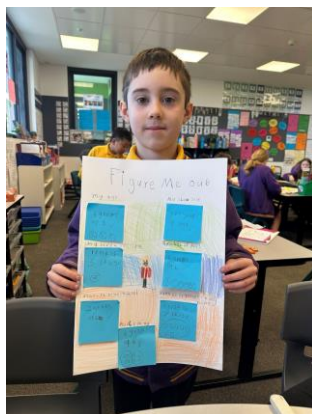
Writing

Students have been busy editing and revising their Graeme Base-inspired stories. They then published their work on special bordered paper and added detailed illustrations to showcase on our Writer's Wall. The focus of this writing unit has been on using rich descriptive language, including adjectives, nouns, verbs, and adverbs, to bring their stories to life.

Maths

In Maths, we have been exploring division and its connection to multiplication. To celebrate the end of our unit, students created a "Figure Me Out" poster that showcased equations about themselves. They designed number sentences to represent details such as their age, family size, number of pets and shoe size. Students showed their thinking using a variety of strategies, including equal groups, arrays, short division, and the area model.

Year Three students have also been exploring the concept of mass. Using balance scales, they measured and compared objects with familiar metric units such as grams. They also investigated items that were more, less, or equal to one kilogram, using mini collectables to help make meaningful real-life connections.



Wellbeing

In our wellbeing lessons, students have been learning to recognise different events and situations that can lead to strong emotions. They are developing the ability to identify and name these emotions, as well as understand the types of experiences that may cause them. Students have also been practising strategies to help manage and control feelings such as anger, ensuring they can respond to challenging situations in positive and constructive ways.

Some of these strategies included taking a deep breath, counting to 10 in their head, having a drink of water, or taking a walk.

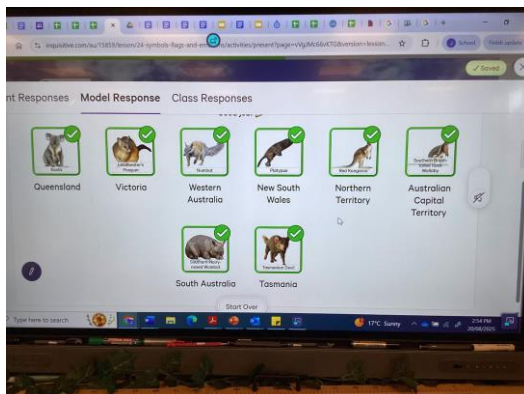
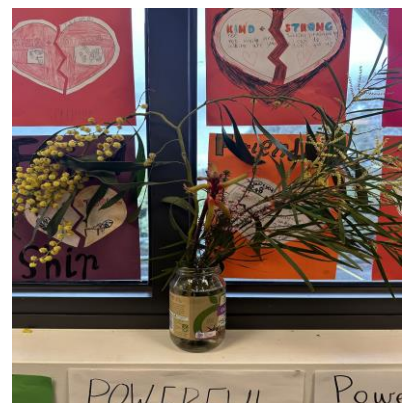
Digitech

In DigiTech, students were introduced to Scratch and they began to explore the basics of coding. They have been experimenting with changing variables to move Scratch the Cat in different ways and using what they learnt in previous lessons to create simple sequences of movements.



History

In History, students have been learning about the significance of Australian flags, symbols, and emblems. They have been developing their knowledge through a quiz by matching each flag to its state or territory, as well as identifying the correct animal and floral emblems that represent each state and territory. Thank you to Mrs Campbell, who brought in some of her very own red and green kangaroo paw, two types of golden wattle, and common heath from her garden to share with the Year 3s.

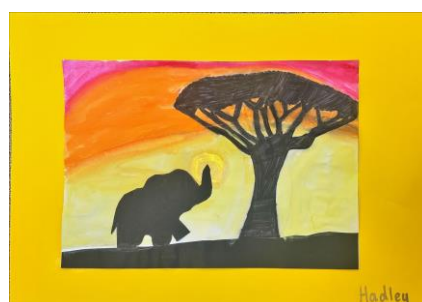


Year 4

What an amazing fortnight of fun and learning it has been! The most anticipated week of the year has rolled around and what fun it was! With many activities taking place across the school such as the bookmark competition, the 'Guess the Title' activity, Book Week Parade, Book Fair and Book Week craft activities, the students have enjoyed every second of it! Well done to all the Year 4 students that embraced another amazing Book Week at Ruskin Park. The creativity and effort that went into the costumes should be commended! Well done!



The students thoroughly enjoyed recreating an image from the shortlist book 'How to Move a Zoo'. This nonfiction picture book tells the incredible true story of how Taronga Zoo in Sydney was moved from its original location at Moore Park to its new home on the harbour in 1916. It describes how elephants, lions, bears and even penguins were carefully transported through the busy streets of Sydney. With lively illustrations and engaging text, the book captures the wonder, humour and challenges of moving an entire zoo. Students enjoyed reading the text as well as the beautiful illustrations. To create their pieces of art, they used water colour paints to reflect a sunset, followed a directed drawing to create a tree unique to each picture and used a template to draw their elephant. Students were highly engaged in the activity, which can be seen in their detailed and unique pieces of art. Head down to the Year 4 area to check them out!





Literacy

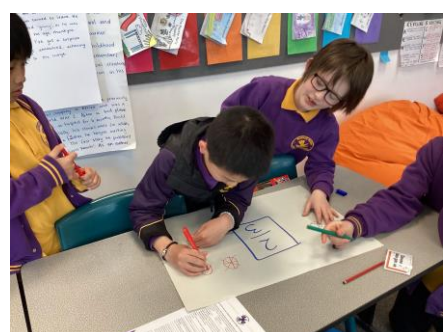
This week in literacy saw us wrapping up our much loved David Walliams unit in Reading and Writing. Students finished reading the whole class novel 'Gangsta Granny' and enjoyed reading all about Ben and his 'international jewel thief' Granny! Upon finishing the text, students were able to analyse how the main character Ben changes throughout the story and how his relationship with his Granny has changed. We focused on writing high quality Reader's Notebook entries, being sure to support our thinking with evidence from the text.

The Year 4 classes have been working towards creating 'The World's Worst Class Collection of Stories' inspired by David Walliams' much loved 'Worlds Worst' series. They have begun publishing their stories, ensuring they included literary elements used by David Walliams such as onomatopoeia, illustrations and humour.

Maths

Last week in Maths, students used algorithmic thinking to identify rules and patterns within a set of numbers. They looked at the various ways patterns could be shown and worked to identify the rules and algorithms and write them as equations.

This week students are reviewing their knowledge of fractions and building upon this knowledge to place common fractions on a number line. Students have been revisiting concepts of equivalent fractions and sharing their understanding of different fractions.



Year 4 Camp Gundiwindi

As the term progresses, there is not long until the Year 4 students will be attending Camp Gundiwindi. Please make sure you have checked the Compass event and keep an eye out for forms that have begun to come home to be completed. Forms, permission and payment are due by Tuesday 16th September. Whilst we won't know our final numbers for a while, there is a possibility that we will need a parent helper or two for camp. If you are interested in joining us at Gundiwindi, please send a message to your child's teacher to express your interest. We hope to be able to confirm any parent helpers before the end of term, based on our final numbers after the 16th September.

Senior School

Year 5

Book Week

Last week kicked off to a great start with the much anticipated Book Week Parade. It was fantastic to see so many Year 5 students embrace the whole school event and come dressed up as a character from a book. We loved seeing all the different costumes! After the parade we met up with our Foundation buddies to see each other's costumes. The Book Week celebrations continued with a craft activity inspired by the book, 'A leaf called Greaf', which is a 2025 shortlisted book. We also listened to a recording of a mystery book, and designed our own front cover and title to suit the story.



Open Night

Thank you to everyone who came along to the STEM Open Night last Thursday. The Year 5/6 activity was solving a Solar System escape room. Students and some parents collaborated to solve the problems to save planet Earth.

Sovereign Hill Camp

We have had an absolute blast on our Sovereign Hill Camp! The Year 5s took part in some amazing activities and have created many memories that will last them a lifetime. We explored different mines while at Sovereign Hill, learning about different mining techniques and how the mines were constructed. We attended two education sessions where students researched significant people from the Gold Rush era, and had the opportunity to dress up in 1850s clothing and recreate the Eureka Stockade. We were very excited to see the confectionary making demonstration and were fascinated to see a gold pour demonstration. On our second night we saw the amazing AURA Light and Sound show, where students learnt about the origins of gold, the local Indigenous stories and the story of the Eureka Stockade.

Literacy

Students have now participated in 5 Super Speak workshops lead by a brilliant public speaking coach. Students have been practising various public speaking techniques and working on their own ability to write and present speeches. We have a showcase session on Monday 1st September where students will present their speeches, poems and tongue twisters to parents and Year 4 students. They will be presenting a combination of group items and individual items, showcasing their new skills and confidence in public speaking. We hope to see many parents there.



Maths

In Maths we have been exploring patterns and algebra. Students discovered a wonderful magic trick with the answer always your age and shoe size. We were able to solve a puzzle with the shapes representing different numbers and solving the missing number. Students also explored a 100s chart working out why diagonal numbers equalled the same when put in a sum. We also explored input and output machines coming up with our own rules.

Year 6

It's been a whirlwind of a fortnight with Book Week, Open Night, the Book Fair and lots of learning. It was fantastic to see so many Year 6 students embrace their final Book Week dress up day and lead by example.





Reading and Writing

This week students started learning about limericks as part of our poetry unit. Students read and analysed several poems, identifying the structure and language features.

Students identified that limericks all have a certain rhythm and pace and they have rhyming words which follow the structure AABA. Students also found the main idea in the limericks.

*There once was a mountain so steep,
Where snow at its peak lay so deep,
It wished for some fun,
For climbers to come,
Its slopes were too quiet to sleep.*

*A limerick is not hard to define,
But it has to do more than just rhyme,
It's the meter that matters,
The pitters and patters,
If not, you're just wasting my time.*

Students started writing their own limericks on a topic of choice. Some chose to base it on hobbies, books, food, sports or animals. They worked through the writing process of developing their ideas, drafting and continuous revising to ensure their limerick followed the correct structure and language features. It's great to see their creativity and word knowledge at play.

Maths

In Maths, students have commenced learning about Statistics. Students have been learning to interpret and compare data sets, making sense of the data, representing their findings in a graph and drawing and making conclusions based on the given data. Students have also been collecting data and representing the data in graphs. One example of this was when students traced one of their feet and then counted the area of their foot in square centimetres. Students then compared their results with students from other birth months and identified any conclusions about the data. Furthermore, students have been learning about identifying the range and mode of data sets, including 'Stem and Leaf' plots.



Social games

This week we trialled playing various indoor games and activities to help develop and maintain their social skills and relationships. Students needed to choose between board games or card games, Lego and other building or drawing. Through these activities, students are practising resilience, patience, persistence, communication, turn taking, honesty and respect. It was a great success and we're looking forward to running more sessions.



Physical Education

Congratulations to our 5/6 Netball Championship teams, who conducted themselves with excellent sportsmanship and incredible effort. You wore the purple and gold with pride and made all of your supporters proud! Our 'black' team was undefeated all day. Then, unfortunately, they lost by 2 points in the final game, knocking them out of progressing to the final's championships day. Wonderful teamwork!



Term 3 Events

Week 7 Friday 5th September - Year 3 - 6 District Athletics

Students who have progressed to District Athletics have been added to the Compass event and had their names/events posted on the gym window. Students have the opportunity to train on Wednesdays at lunchtime. Singlets will be handed out on Monday at lunchtime.

Week 8 - Foundation, Year 1, 2 and 3 swimming program

This will run from Monday 8th September - Friday 12th September at Aquahub in Croydon. The Compass event is live with more information.

Week 9 Friday September 19th - Footy Day

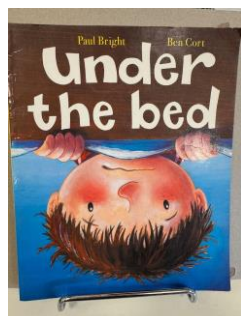
Keep an eye on the newsletter and Class Dojo for more information.

Molly Marshall
Physical Education

Visual Arts

Foundation

In Foundation to start the term we were inspired by aboriginal art to create and share our own visual stories using the symbols in oil pastels. Currently we are working on a textile artwork inspired by the book 'What's under the Bed?' which will involve a patchwork quilt on a bed and wool wrapped monsters!



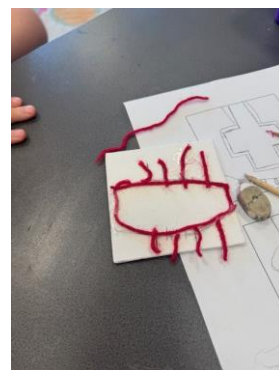
Year 1 and 2

In Year 1 and 2 we have been working on weaving skills for our textiles unit this term. Year 1s made their own Australian animal looms and have been having fun weaving little winter jumpers for them. Year 2s have been working on a weaving which they will eventually hang. They have been exploring using different colours, textures and thicknesses of wools as they weave.



Year 3 and 4

Our Year 3 and 4 students have been busy exploring wool as a creative material. They've experimented with plaiting, twisting, and arranging wool in different ways before planning their own mini artworks inspired by famous artists such as Kandinsky, Mondrian, and Van Gogh. Each student is now creating a unique 4x4 inch wool painting that will be turned into a fridge magnet!



Year 5 and 6

Our Year 5/6 students have started to design and sew their very own plushies! (soft toys) They've been busily cutting out felt pieces and adding unique details to their plushie designs. They're now looking forward to learning the backstitch and stuffing their creations to bring them to life!



Wellbeing



It's been a pleasure connecting with parents and students around the school to discuss student wellbeing. These conversations provide valuable first-hand insight into how our young people are feeling and help us better understand how to support both students and their families.

If you have any thoughts, experiences, or ideas you'd like to share in the wellbeing space, please don't hesitate to drop in for a chat—I'd love to hear from you.

Maroondah Council has some pretty cool events on at the moment, check them out below!

Fun, free or low-cost - come and try art, craft, dance, filmmaking and more!

- Weekend experiences
- Term classes
- Drop in experiences
- Creative round robin

Free and low cost activities



To register or learn more visit Website: www.maroondah.vic.gov.au/imagine

Children aged 8 to 12 years are invited to get creative with Maroondah's playful program of art experiences that encourage learning new skills, exploring nature and making art!

The [Imagine: Creative experiences for children](http://www.maroondah.vic.gov.au/imagine) opened for bookings this week.



TAKE OUR
SURVEY



Closing soon... If you haven't had a chance to complete the survey yet, please consider doing so — it only takes a few minutes, and your input really makes a difference.

Partnering with Families to Support Student Mental Health & Wellbeing at Ruskin Park Primary School https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdryo68_eltesFierb9PI7u-PCFBt9NAAVs-PtSdu5-kjWqQ/viewform?usp=header

I hope you've all had a great fortnight,

Katrina Tozer

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

These Students have recently celebrated their birthdays

Jaxon	Arthur	Jaden	Sarah N	Sarah T	Isla	David	Thomas	Archie
Peyton	Lizzie	Max	Reyansh	Parku	Ella	Moses	Jayce	Rahwin
Madison	Phillip	Jack						

School Vision

Every student at Ruskin Park Primary School is encouraged to develop their natural curiosity and imagination through new and engaging approaches to teaching. We believe a positive attitude toward learning in a friendly community promotes success today, tomorrow and into the future.

Our values are:

Respect

Honesty

Persistence

Resilience

Trivia Night 2025

The Trivia Night was a great success, with plenty of fun and laughter shared throughout the evening. Thanks to the generosity of our amazing guests, we raised an incredible **\$5,500** for the school!

The night featured:

- **130 guests**
- **46 Silent Auctions**
- **4 Lucky Key Prizes**
- **Lucky Chair Prizes**
- **Over 45 Raffle Prizes**
- **A Coin Toss Game**
- And, of course, our **Overall Table Winners**

We couldn't have made the night such a success without the generous donations from **136 sponsors**, as well as the many families who donated items for our hampers. Your contributions truly made a difference.

A massive thank you goes out to all the wonderful people who helped — from collecting donations, driving around to pick up items, making hampers, setting up on the day, selling raffle tickets and lucky keys, running the coin toss game and silent auctions, to the big clean-up the next day.

Special thanks to our amazing Trivia Helpers:

Vicky, Gemmi, Emily, Rach, Russell, Melissa, Julie & Deb – your support was invaluable.

Congratulations to all the winners of the silent auctions, raffles, and table trivia!

And finally, thank you to everyone who came along to our **Ruskin Trivia Night**. We hope you had a great time, met new people, reconnected with old friends, and enjoyed a fantastic night out. We can't wait to see you all again next year!

Warm regards,

Deb

Family & Friends Network





4 Ingredients



BAYSWATER HOTEL

Dushi Does Painting



Bendigo Bank



Croydon Post Shop

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TheirCare Newsletter



SERVICE HOURS

Before School Care: 8.45am - 8.45am

After School Care: 3.30pm - 6.30pm

Holiday Program/Pupil Free Day: 8.45am - 6.30pm

ROUTINE

Before School Care

8.45am - 9.00am - General Play/
Activities

8.15am - Breakfast Closes

9.30am - Pack-up & Mini Meeting
(Group games, show & tell, roll call)

8.45am - School Time!

After School Care

3.30pm - 3.45pm - Sign in/Mini Meeting

3.45pm - Afternoon Tea

4.00pm - 5.30pm - General
Play/Planned Activities

5.30pm - 6.30pm - Room Pack-
up/Quiet Play + Home Time!

Bookings for our holiday program are now open!





Book Week

Week 5 Term 3



We had a fantastic time celebrating Book Week at TheirCare! Throughout the week, the children took part in a range of story-inspired activities that brought our favourite books to life. Using craft supplies, we created fun Cat in the Hat faces, fluffy Green Sheep covered in cotton balls, and sparkly Rainbow Fish decorated with glitter. The children also enjoyed making their own bookmarks, tackling tricky word searches, and showing off their creativity in our Book Week colouring competition.

Monday was the highlight of our week, where the children showed off their wonderful costumes ahead of the parade. From spider-man and soccer players to classic book characters, it was so much fun seeing the effort and imagination that went into each outfit.

To keep us fueled for all the fun, our afternoon teas were just as special. We enjoyed tasty nachos, crackers with dip and dried fruit, fried rice, custard with fruit, and even a batch of homemade banana bread.





Lego Week

Week 6 Term 3



This week at OSHC we had a fantastic time celebrating Lego Week!

Our activities were all about creativity and imagination, with children making paper mini figures, popsicle stick Lego heads, colourful playdough pictures, and even trying their hand at Lego painting.

We explored problem-solving through mazes, designed unique bag tags, and created self-portraits inspired by Lego characters.

One of the highlights was the “1 cup of Lego challenge,” where students tested their building skills to see what they could design with only a small handful of bricks—it was amazing to see the inventive results!

Alongside all the fun, we enjoyed some delicious meals and treats including toasties, nachos, pasta, noodles, and homemade honey joys to end the week on a sweet note



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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
 22 SEP  Spring Break <p>Today is going to be jam packed Spring Break FUN right at service! Unleash your inner superstar in a flip sync battle, sculpt with colour in Chihuly-inspired playdough creations, create vibrant works of art with art explosion, and bring the energy in the floor is lava! Plus, guess who's who, in a Life Sized game of "Guess Who?".</p> <p>From as low as \$7.20* Full fee \$72.00**</p>	 23 SEP  Mad Hatter's Tea Party <p>Tumble down the rabbit hole and join us for a whimsical Mad Hatter's Tea Party! We'll get to craft our own quirky top hats, turn the white roses red with science, try your hand in a round of wonderland croquet, brew up a bubbling tea sensory activity, and find Cheshire cat's grin with pin the grin!</p> <p>From as low as \$7.20* Full fee \$72.00**</p>	 24 SEP  Pass the Popcorn! <p>Lets head to the movies to see the latest flick from Dreamworks - The Bad Guys 2! The Bad Guys are struggling to find trust and acceptance in their newly minted lives as Good Guys, when they are pulled out of retirement and forced to do one last job by an all-female squad of criminals. Rated PG.</p> <p>From as low as \$10.33* Full fee \$103.26**</p>	 25 SEP  Feathers, Fur & Scales <p>Get ready to meet some reptiles in this exciting hands-on excursion! Children will get to learn and engage with a range of fascinating scaly creatures! Then, continue the fun with colourful salt painting flowers, create your own chatterbox animals, and sneak into action with a playful round of cat and mouse!</p> <p>From as low as \$8.21* Full fee \$82.13**</p>	 26 SEP  Service closed!
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
 29 SEP  Wilderness Wonders <p>Embark on a journey as we go on a Wildlife Park Adventure! Get up close with friendly animals and learn all about these fascinating creatures. Then the fun continues with more activities! Craft beautiful living art with flapping butterfly craft, engage in a lively group caterpillar race and craft vibrant pop up rainbow cards!</p> <p>From as low as \$10.33* Full fee \$103.26**</p>	 30 SEP  Animal Antics <p>Explore the animal kingdom through sensory, art, and play! Splash into science fun with a bubbly puffer fish experiment, create colourful and vibrant 3D doodle bugs, and craft wiggly dancing snakes! Then get moving with animal freeze tag and show off your drawing skills in a wild round of animal dictionary!</p> <p>From as low as \$7.20* Full fee \$72.00**</p>	 1 OCT  Gumbuya World Carnival <p>Join us for the biggest event of the year at Melbourne's iconic Gumbuya World! With epic rides and animal park there is something to suit little and big Gumbys! Please note we will not be entering the splash zone on the day.</p> <p>From as low as \$12.46* Full fee \$124.58**</p>	 2 OCT  Hidden Gems <p>Get ready to dig deep and discover the sparkling surprises in Hidden Gems! Search high and low in a hands-on gem hunt that is part mystery, part adventure! Then, fizz things up with a lemon volcanoes science experiment, and then let's create swirling masterpieces as we create marbled paper art!</p> <p>From as low as \$7.82* Full fee \$78.24**</p>	 3 OCT  Secret Garden <p>Step into a world of wonder with Secret Garden! Enjoy a picnic and play session, then grow your curiosity with a magical walking rainbow STEM experiment. Bring little caterpillar friends to life with pipe cleaner caterpillar craft, crack mysteries with secret codes, and bring the energy in the action-packed fly group game!</p> <p>From as low as \$7.20* Full fee \$72.00**</p>

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