Last Term I attended the Victorian Registration & Qualifications Authority information session on Child Safe Standards, which focuses on managing the risk of child abuse in schools. To create and maintain a child safe organisation at RMPS, we must continue to build a child safe culture, where strategies, policies and codes of conduct are in place, and where we promote the participation and empowerment of children. On Wednesday the Education Committee met and discussed a child safe environment at RMPS and worked on the policy to Our Commitment to Child Safety. This policy includes:

- promoting the safety and participation of all our children
- educating and empowering our children
- Mandatory Reporting
- camps- expectations and requirements for volunteers
- training & supervision
- recruitment
- allegations, concerns and complaints

All schools are required to have a number of documents in relation to Child Safety in place by the end of this year to meet all the Child Safe Standards. Our Commitment to Child Safety Policy is our first document we have been working on.

Child safety is paramount at RMPS, and we will continue to work together to ensure our staff, parents and volunteers are committed to identifying, preventing and removing risks for our children.

Amanda Wigg, Assistant Principal
DATES TO REMEMBER

Wednesday, 20 July
- Finance Committee Meeting 5:30pm

Thursday, 21 July
- School Discovery Program 2:45 – 3:30pm

Friday, 22 July
- School Tour – Meet in the School Foyer 9:30am

Monday, 25 July
- PSD Morning Tea in the Staffroom 9:00 – 10:30am

Tuesday, 26 July
- Full School SHREK Rehearsal 11:30 – 1:30pm

Wednesday, 27 July
- School Council Meeting 7:00pm

Thursday, 28 July
- School Discovery Program 2:45 – 3:30pm
- PFA Meeting at Robin’s House – 7:30pm

Monday, 1 August
- Full School SHREK Rehearsal 11:30 – 1:30pm

Wednesday, 3 August
- Full Day Rehearsal @ Besen Centre for Shrek
- Shrek School Production – 7:00 – 8:30pm

Thursday, 4 August
- District 1500m event at Bill Stewart Athletics Track – After School (selected children)
- Shrek School Production – 7:00 – 8:30pm

Friday, 5 August
- School Tour – Meet in School Foyer – 9:30am

Monday, 8 August
- 3/4 Science Incursion – All Day

Saturday, 20 August
- PFA Movie Night in the Hall

Tuesday, 9 August
- 56W Excursion to Parliament House – 9:00 – 1:00pm
- 56V Excursion to Parliament House – 11:00 – 3:30pm
- 3/4 Science Incursion – All Day

Wednesday, 10 August
- 56A Excursion to Parliament House – 11:00 – 3:30pm

Thursday, 11 August
- School Discovery Program – 2:45 – 3:30pm

Friday, 12 August
- Golden Ticket Family Fair Donation Day – FREE DRESS DAY

HOW DO WE MAKE A DIFFERENCE?

"I LEARNED ALL ABOUT THE SEATS PARLIAMENT AND WHAT THEIR ROLES ARE" - CHARLIE 5/6H

"I LEARNED WHO RUNS THE LEVELS OF GOVERNMENT" - SCARLETT 5/6H

THIS WEEK THE 5/6'S STARTED THEIR EXCURSIONS TO PARLIAMENT HOUSE AND THE TREASURY BUILDING. AT THE TREASURY BUILDING WE LEARNT ABOUT DEMOCRACY AND THE CONSTITUTION. AT PARLIAMENT HOUSE WE DID A ROLE PLAY WHERE WE DEBATED ABOUT PREVENTING THE USE OF PLASTIC BAGS. IT WAS A GREAT DAY AND WE LEARNT A LOT!

"IT WAS FUN LEARNING ABOUT DEBATING AND WHAT YOU WOULD SAY IF YOU AGREED OR DISAGREED" - MITCHELL 5/6H
What’s Happening?

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ROBBIE MAC CHAT

BULLY PROOFING YOUR CHILD
July 26th at 6.30pm

What can you expect from the session?

• Information on what bullying is in today’s schools and how it can be prevented.
• Strategies the school is using to prevent bullying from impacting your child’s learning.
• Ways that parents can support a child who is bullied… and also how they can help a child who does the bullying.
• Deep knowledge of how we are using restorative approaches at the school to respond when bullying rears its ugly head.
• A sound understanding of how the home environment plays a critical role in bullying prevention.

YouTube video invitation - https://youtu.be/75PV0DPnQ8Q

SCHOOL DISCOVERY BEGINS NEXT WEEK, July 21st 2.45-3.30pm

Children must be enrolled to attend the sessions.
Valuing Our
Parents

What’s Happening?

Scholastic Bookclub

You can now place your orders for Scholastic Bookclub for Term 3. You can order via LOOP www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP, the LOOP Ao or complete the order form in the catalogue and return to the office with your payment. All orders must be received before Monday, 25th July.

The Scholastic Bookclub team (Fiona, Clara and Jodie)
A huge THANK YOU to all parents who came along to help out and support, a fantastic day was had by all and the weather was very kind to us. CONGRATULATIONS to WITHERS HOUSE on their win. Jayne and myself are working hard to select children for District Athletics which will be held on Monday, 29th August.

Tim Fearn-Wannan

Many THANKS to Tim and Jayne for organising such a wonderful House Athletics Day.

Amanda Wigg – Assistant Principal
From the President

Hey, hey, it’s PFA!

Hi all. PFA met last week. Where were you all? All PFA members are welcome and you should all be PFA members due to your excellent value contribution of $5 at the start of the year. Our next major event is the Family Movie Night which was a very popular night out for families 2 years ago. If anyone has suggestions for films suitable for all ages, please let us know.

On Monday I went to the house athletics day which was very well attended by parents. I think Mr. F said there were 35 volunteer parents and there were many more there to support their kids. I really enjoyed it. All the children were trying hard and the events were very new to some of them. I was very pleased to see the wonderful sporting spirit shown. Lots of kids pushed themselves to run extra races to make up numbers for no points and in some cases, slowed down to accompany slow runners, which showed real heart. Lots of fresh air, sunshine and exercise was had by all. There were a few injuries, notably, blisters on the hands of the parents raking the sand pits all day! I was exhausted just watching and I know my kids slept well. We love our sports, but I am still keen to see other house competitions.

Have a great week!

Help needed

Junior Maths Night Sausage sizzle.

We need a couple of parents to run the barbeque for the Junior Maths night on 11th August. If you are planning on going anyway and would be happy to cook up a few snags beforehand please let us know. PFA email: rmps.pfa@gmail.com

Family Movie Night

This is pretty low key. If you would like to help out in a small way.

PFA Morning Tea and Meeting

Morning tea Monday 25th July.

Next meeting to be held on Thursday 28th July 7:30 pm. Robin’s house.

PFA looking ahead…

August

11th Junior Maths Night Sausage Sizzle
20th Family Movie Night

September

Book Swap
Father’s Day Breakfast
Footy Day Walkathon

Contact the PFA

PFA email: rmps.pfa@gmail.com
Robin Fripp: 0402 245 488

Save the Date

20th August 2016

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PARENTING INFORMATION FORUM
Supporting Parents, Grandparents and Carers

Managing your Child's Worries

Learning to cope with anxiety and fear is a normal part of a child's development.

Whilst it's estimated that between 10 to 20 percent of children and adolescents will experience significant anxiety at some time, it is important to note that most cases are short lived. Recognising and managing anxiety, as early as possible, enables children to gain knowledge, skills, confidence and a sense of power in managing their own worries.

In this forum Michelle Graber, the CEO of Anxiety Recovery Centre Victoria, will cover:

- Understanding anxiety and normal childhood development
- How personality and environment contribute
- The signs and symptoms in your children
- Methods and strategies to teach your children
- Where to go for more information/help

Date: Tuesday 9 August 2016
Time: 7:30pm-9pm (please arrive 7pm for registration inc. tea and coffee)
Venue: Manilla Room, Whitehorse Centre, 307 Whitehorse Road, Nunawading (near of Nunawading Library)
Further information: Please contact Council’s Parent Resource Office on 9832 6735 or info.ccc@melbourne.vic.gov.au
Cost: $2 gold coin donation payable on the night.

Other information:
- There will be Auslan interpreters available if required. Please indicate if you require Australian interpreters through the online booking process.
- Please note we are unable to accommodate children.

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PLAY ON AFTER THE BELL!

A Fun, Professionally Run Grass-Roots Team for Boys & Girls Aged 7 - 12 Years Preparing for Grades 3 - 7.

WHERE: At your school (After School Care)
WHEN: Every Tuesday from 2nd August

Play On Footy provides the adults, AFL coaches, and support staff to ensure your child is given the greatest opportunity to develop their AFL skills and enjoy active sports participation.

Run over 10 weeks, each 1 hour session is limited to only 15 children. The cost of the program for morning sessions is $80. The cost of the program for afternoon sessions is $120. Register now at: playonfoots.com.aust registeration
After School Care Program

OSHClub News
Before School / After School Care Program

Program Update
This week we have had an absolute blast exploring the theme of the ocean!

In Science Club we learnt all about how ocean currents work, we created our very own sea creature craft and we tested our competitive sides in marine animal themed trivia. The children have been bringing interesting new facts about the ocean to our meeting at Before School Care, it is so exciting to see them each engaging so positively with the theme.

Alongside this theme we have been working towards a goal of personal responsibility and ownership of actions. Group discussions about what it means to be responsible and how we can demonstrate our personal responsibility at OSHClub proved very interesting. The children each demonstrate insight into what it means to be responsible for themselves and for our shared space and with the occasional reminder to pick up their equipment began to demonstrate this sense of communal ownership and responsibility for the OSHClub environment and the enjoyment of everyone in the program. I was certainly stoked to see just how responsible these champions really are and look forward to kicking more goals with them throughout the year!!

A friendly reminder that the program concludes at 6pm each evening with a $2.00 per minute charge thereafter. If you are running late please contact us to let us know. All children enrolled in OSHClub must have fully updated anaphylaxis/asthma/risk management plans if needed and any medications required are to be held at the facility. No pen, no plan, no play.

This Week’s Activities: Celebrations of diversity!

Highlights
- Sign language workshops
- Indigenous language workshops
- Exploring the world map
- Trivia
- Pokemon Dodgeball

OSH program phone: 0407 634 842 (Available Mon - Fri 7am - 9am, 3pm - 6pm)
Coordinator: Grace
Assistant: Martin, Tom, Tim, Gabi
OSHClub Head Office: 03 8564 9000

All families must be enrolled to attend the program, remember this is Free!! Please create an account online at www.oshclub.com.au all bookings and cancellations can also be managed via your online account. For on the day bookings please contact the Coordinator direct at the program.