

RGPS CONNECTIONS

'Together We Can for every child, every day'



JANUARY ISSUE #1

WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL

Welcome back to school for the year! A special welcome to all our new families and Foundation students joining our community for the first time.

We are looking forward to a successful school year where we work together to live our school values of: **Respect, Excellence, Inclusion & Equality.**

We value our connections and relationships with our community and welcome you to share your feedback about our school.

Robyn Trzeciak | RGPS Principal

*We will be moving to a monthly publication in 2024...our next edition will be at the end of February.



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2024 GOALS

This term we will participate in our four year review to set new long term goals for our school .

Our annual goals for 2024 are:

- 1.To build our Community Learning Culture including parent engagement in learning.
- 2.To foster a positive climate and culture for aspirational learning to improve student outcomes (with a maths focus).
- 3.To embed a consistent positive whole school behaviour approach; including the BSEM, our school values and school pride.

We look forward to sharing our achievement with you as the year progresses.



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SCHOOLS' PRIVACY POLICY

Please see the links below for how our school implements the DET Privacy Policy and the standard reasons that schools need to collect and use information in order to perform their core functions.

1. www.vic.gov.au/schools-privacy-policy
2. www.vic.gov.au/schools-privacy-policy-information-parents
3. www.vic.gov.au/schools-privacy-collection-notice



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CHILD SAFETY

RGPS is committed to continuous improvement in our approach to child safety and wellbeing and welcome feedback from families and members of our school community on ways that we can further strengthen our child safety policies, procedures and practices. If you have any suggestions, comments or questions, please contact Robyn Trzeciak - RGPS Principal for more information.

Our policies are available on our school website:
<https://www.rivergumps.vic.edu.au/>

Keeping children safe is everyone's responsibility



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2024 STUDENT LEADERS

Congratulations to our 2024 student Leaders who were presented with the badges at assembly on the 2nd February.

School Captains

Salam, Zechariah, Dylan & Tiah

House Captains

Blue Tongue Lizards: Michael & Linda

Yellow Cockatoos: Yasir & Zamzam

Orange Dingos: Eljay & Masooma

Purple Parrots: Robert & Jhovana



BELL TIMES

Bag Bell: 8.35am

Morning Circle: 8.45am

Session 1: 8.55am

Session 2: 9.55am

Session 3: 10.55am

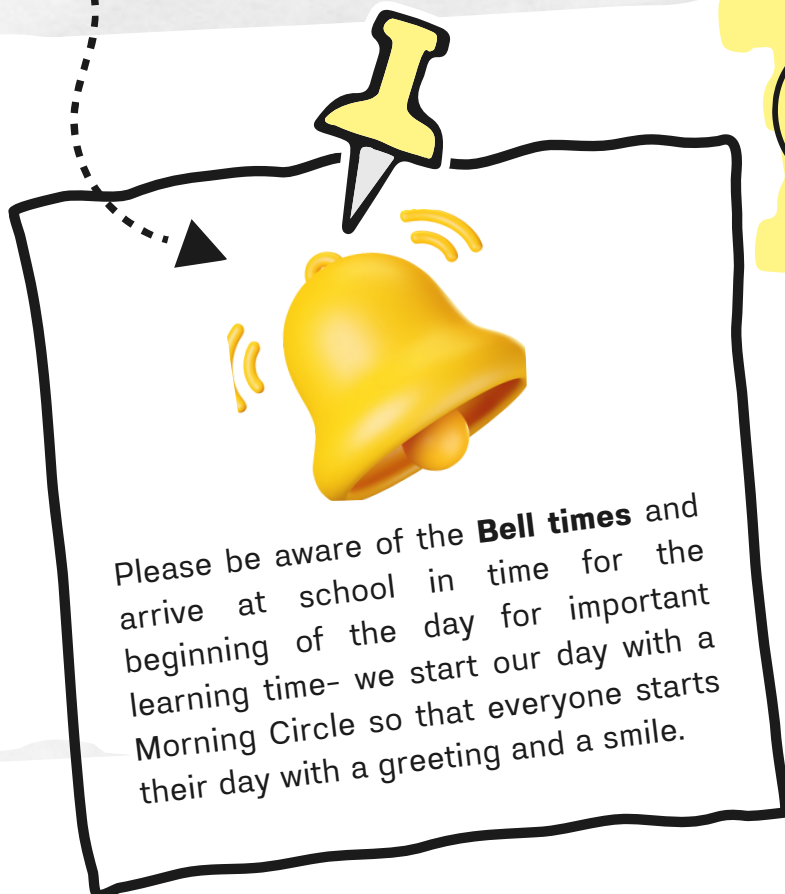
Eating Time/Lunch: 11.55am

Session 4: 12.40pm

Eating Time/ Snack: 1.40pm

Session 5: 2.15

Dismissal: 3.15pm



Please be aware of the **Bell times** and arrive at school in time for the beginning of the day for important learning time- we start our day with a Morning Circle so that everyone starts their day with a greeting and a smile.

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HOW CAN YOU HELP?

If you would like to get involved at RGPS there are some ways you might like to help:

Volunteer

This is a great way to support our school with activities like classroom reading.

School Council

Consider nominating yourself for a position on our School Council. Being a school council member means taking part in shaping the future of the school. You will need to attend meetings and may need to develop new skills.

The School Council:

- helps create and check the school's budget.
- contributes to the school strategic plan.
- makes decisions on policies like investments, payments by parents,.

Please see the office or speak to Robyn Trzeciak if you are interested.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

See the school calendar for a list of upcoming events & Public Holidays; but for special note are **2024 Student Free Days:**

Term 1: Monday Jan 29th

Term 2: Friday May 31st

Term 3: Friday Aug 30th

Term 4: Monday 4th Nov & Mon 16th Dec

Reminder: You need a hat for school every day in Term 1. Visit the office to purchase one.



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THEIR CARE

Our school has partnered with an independent provider called **TheirCare** to provide exceptional Outside School Hours Care services for our school community.

The program is available for all children at River Gum Primary School from 6:30am until 8:35am in the morning and from 3:15pm until 6:30pm each school day.

During School Holidays & Pupil Free Days the service will operate from 6:30am until 6:30pm.

Families wishing to use this service can visit the TheirCare website: www.theircare.com.au
Families are eligible for a Government Rebate called the Child Care Subsidy which can reduce the cost per session by up to 90%.

More information can be obtained by contacting the school or ringing TheirCare Support Team on 1300 072 410.

TheirCare provides a stimulating and safe environment for all children. During sessions, children develop life-skills, friendships, confidence and creativity through play-based programs.



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For more information see:
<https://theircare.com.au/>



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TERM 1 CALENDAR

Keep this handy!

Colour Code

Sport

School Events

Curriculum Days

After School Events

Assembly

Camps

Public Holidays

TERM 1

RIVER GUM
PRIMARY SCHOOL

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 1 29/1	CURRICULUM DAY NO STUDENTS	FIRST DAY OF TERM 1 FOR ALL STUDENTS			WHOLE SCHOOL ASSEMBLY 2.15PM
Week 2 5/2	WHOLE SCHOOL WELLNESS WEEK BEGINS & FOUNDATION ASSESSMENT DAY 1	MEET THE LEADERSHIP TEAM AND SCHOOL COMMUNITY REVIEW/ CONSULT	STOMP F-3	STOMP F-3	STOMP F-3
Week 3 12/2	FOUNDATION ASSESSMENT DAY 2	LIFE EDUCATION 5-6	LIFE EDUCATION 5-6	LIFE EDUCATION 5-6	LIFE EDUCATION 5-6
Week 4 19/2	FOUNDATION ASSESSMENT DAY 3		LIFE EDUCATION 5-6	LIFE EDUCATION 5-6	LIFE EDUCATION 5-6
Week 5 26/2	YEAR LEVEL ASSEMBLIES & FOUNDATION ASSESSMENT DAY 4	SCHOOL REVIEW VALIDATION DAY #1 & LIFE EDUCATION 5-6	LIFE EDUCATION 5-6		FREE DRESS DAY
Week 6 4/3	SCHOOL REVIEW FEEDBACK DAY #2		STUDENT LED CONFERENCES	SCHOOL REVIEW FIELDWORK DAY #3	SEMESTER 1 INTERSCHOOL SPORTS BEGINS
Week 7 11/3	LABOUR DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY & RAMADAN	RAMADAN	NAPLAN & RAMADAN	SCHOOL REVIEW FIELDWORK DAY #4 & NAPLAN & RAMADAN	NAPLAN & RAMADAN
Week 8 18/3	NAPLAN & RAMADAN	NAPLAN & RAMADAN	NAPLAN & RAMADAN	NAPLAN & RAMADAN & HARMONY DAY DRESS UP	NAPLAN & RAMADAN & WHOLE SCHOOL ASSEMBLY 2.15PM
Week 9 25/3	NAPLAN & RAMADAN	RAMADAN & HOUSE CROSS COUNTRY	RAMADAN & YEAR 4 CAMP	YEAR 4 CAMP & END OF TERM 1	GOOD FRIDAY

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COMING SOON...



You are invited to meet our Leadership Team and learn about our school goals in 2024, and what you can do to support our school community.

Meet the Principal

There will be an opportunity for you to share your ideas about our school, with afternoon tea provided.

Tuesday 13th February @ 3:30

*River Gum Performing Arts
Centre*