

# ROXBURGH RISE NEWS



## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Hello Parents and Carers,  
Thank you to all the parents who visited our classrooms during Education Week to see the great work our staff and students are doing in 'The Arts'.

Last week our staff attended an Ifta dinner, organised by a group of parents in the community centre. Thank you to these parents for going to the effort of cooking a wonderful array of delicious dishes and allowing our staff to break fast with them and experience part of their culture.

With the cold winter weather arriving, so do those little sniffles and viruses. To reduce the risk of illnesses, Sonia, our First Aid Officer has included some useful tips on avoiding nasty germs over the winter months. A reminder to parents, that if your child is absent to please notify the school or the classroom teacher of the reason. Please let us know by calling the office or reporting the reason on Compass asap on the day of the absence.

A reminder to parents and carers that the school will be closed on Monday, June 11<sup>th</sup> for the Queen's Birthday public holiday.



Regards,  
Chris Bozikas

### School Tour Dates:

*Tuesday 19th June, Monday 6th August and Wednesday 12th September*

## 2019 ENROLMENTS NOW OPEN

### 2019 FOUNDATION STUDENTS

Are encouraged to attend the following school transition sessions.

Sessions will be held from 9:30am—10:45am

Session 1	Tuesday November 13
Session 2	Tuesday November 20
Session 3	Tuesday November 27
Session 4	Tuesday December 4

## Important Dates:

4th—15th June  
Planning Weeks

8th June  
Interschool Sport  
(Home)

11th June  
Queens Birthday  
Public Holiday—NO  
SCHOOL

15th June  
Interschool Sport (Away)

21st June  
Light Incursion—Grade 5

22nd June  
Interschool Sport  
(Home)

28th June  
Parent Teacher Confer-  
ences (No School)

29th June  
Last Day of Term 2—  
2.30pm finish

16th July  
First Day of Term 3

18th July - 20th July  
Grade 4 Camp  
Lady Northcote

# STUDENT WELLBEING NEWS

## New Attendance Requirements

If your child is sick or absent, you are required to notify the school as soon as possible on the day of absence, by:

- phone (9305 4334)
- email  
([roxburgh.rise.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au](mailto:roxburgh.rise.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au))
- or by using the school's communication app, Compass.



Compass is the easiest and preferred method of communication. Please see our friendly office staff if you would like assistance.

Notifying the school of your child's absence either prior to, or by 8:30am on the day of absence, helps ensure the safety and wellbeing of children and will fulfil your legal responsibility.

We will contact you as soon as practicable on the day if your child is not at school and you haven't told us why. If you are notified by the school that your child is away without a reason, please contact us as soon as possible to let us know where your child is.

If we cannot reach you because we don't have your correct contact details, then we will make contact with any emergency contact/s nominated on your child's file held by the school.

Please remember it is your responsibility to contact us to provide an explanation for your child's absence from school, and where possible, please inform us in advance of upcoming absences.

We would much rather be teaching and helping your children, than trying to chase you for explanations for absences, so please assist us with providing reasons for absences as soon as possible.

If you would like help to get your child to school, please contact

Susan Bannister, Student Wellbeing Officer.



# HELPING YOU GET TO SCHOOL

## Hi! I'm Basimah!



I have been working at Roxburgh Rise since 2015.

I speak three languages and I have loved getting to know our Roxburgh Rise Community.

I was born in Iraq and have been living in Australia for 6 years.

I have a husband, two daughters and a son. My eldest daughter is studying at university, as is my son. My youngest daughter is completing Year 12.

I want the best for my children and I made them go to school every day, unless they were sick.

I want the best for Roxburgh Rise children too. I have been working hard in classrooms, helping students learn and I have been working hard with families, getting them the support they need.

Now, I have a new challenge! To help students get to school more often. I believe that every child has a right to an education. But almost 1 in 5 Roxburgh Rise students miss more than 20 days of school per year.

I am here to help. You may hear from me if you haven't let the school know why your child is absent.

I will do everything I can to help you get your healthy children to school.

I look forward to meeting more of our Roxburgh Rise Community!

With best wishes,

مع اطيب التمنيات

Basimah



## EVERY DAY COUNTS

# SAME-DAY NOTIFICATION OF UNEXPLAINED STUDENT ABSENCES

## FACT SHEET FOR PARENTS/CARERS

If your child is sick or absent, you are required to notify their school as soon as possible **on the day of absence** using one of the following methods:

1. **Online:** log the absence directly using Roxburgh Rise Primary School's communication app, Compass.
2. **Telephone:** the school office and let the staff know your child's name, class, date of absences and reason.
3. **Email:** the school and provide the staff with your child's name, class, date of absences and reason ([roxburgh.rise.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au](mailto:roxburgh.rise.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au))

Notifying the school of your child's absence either prior to, or on the day that they will be away, helps ensure the safety and wellbeing of children and will fulfil your legal responsibility.

### Why do I need to notify the school if my child is absent?

Schools need to know when and why a child is absent and you need to know if your child isn't at school. From the end of Term 2 2018, all Victorian government schools are required to contact parents/~~carers~~ as soon as practicable on the same day of an unexplained student absence. If your child is absent on a particular day and you have not contacted the school to explain why, the absence will be marked as unexplained. This system also promotes daily school attendance.

***Going to school every day is the single most important part of your child's education, they learn new things every day – missing school puts them behind.***

### What is your responsibility?

You are legally required to ensure your child attends school every day or you must provide an explanation for their absence. You should let the school know in advance of any upcoming absences or let them know in the morning if your child won't be at school. In order for schools to implement the same day notification requirement, it's essential that you provide the school with your most up-to-date contact details. Generally, one notification will be sent per family. Should there be circumstances that require both parents and ~~carers~~ to be notified, please contact the school to make the necessary arrangements.

### What is the school's responsibility?

The school must notify you of an unexplained absence in relation to your child as soon as practicable on the same day. Schools will let you know either by your school's online communications app (Compass), SMS, phone call or email. If you can't be reached because the school does not have your correct contact details (i.e. changed phone number, SMS/email failure notification received etc.), the school will attempt to make contact with any emergency contact/s nominated on your child's file held by the school. Where possible, this contact will be made on the same day of the unexplained absence.

### Where can I learn more about the process for managing student absences?

Ask your school for a copy of the *Attendance Policy* which outlines the school's processes and procedures for monitoring, recording and following-up of student absences.

# ART SHOW 2018

## **Theme - What Lifts us?**

**Date – Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> of November 2018**  
**Time 5pm - 7.30pm**

We are very excited to announce the details of our up-coming Art Show. The theme of the Art Show this year is “What Lifts Us?” The theme promotes thinking and discussion in identifying what inspires us. What makes us happy? What drives us? What are we grateful for?

The student’s artwork this year will revolve around a bird and feather theme. Students will have 2 art pieces on display in the gym. The Kindergarten, Community Hub, parents and the local retirement village will be asked to contribute to the Art Show creating a showcase of community artwork.

Details of stalls, performances and events will be announced closer to the date. So keep your eye out!

We are seeking volunteers to assist us with a variety of tasks in order for the art show to run smoothly.

If you are available to assist in any of the following tasks, please fill out your details at the office. We need many parents to assist.

- Art Show set up
- Art Show pack up
- Labelling artwork
- Painting display boxes

Thanking you,

Clare Koumantaros and Nicole Baker  
Visual Art Teachers



# CHILDRENS EYE TESTS

Starting in Term 3 for  
Grade 4, 5 and 6  
students. Please  
return permission  
forms to the office!



student eyecare



## Free Eye Tests

Covered through Medicare

### Haven't had your child's eyes tested in a while?

According to the **Optometry Association of Australia**, every person should get their eyes checked at least once every two years.

Full eye tests will be conducted at **Roxburgh Rise Primary School**.  
At least **1 in every 6** students have vision issues that go undetected.  
All students are given a detailed report at the end of their eye tests.  
Find out if your child's eyes are in good condition!

## Don't miss out

# ILLNESS PREVENTION

Dear Families,

Many student absences are caused by viruses that are spread in classrooms where children are in close contact with one another. As the winter season of coughs, colds and sniffles is well upon us, we encourage you to take the following precautions to help protect you and your children from germs and illness.

- **Cover your nose and mouth** with a tissue when you cough or sneeze. Throw the tissue away after use and wash your hands. If a tissue is not available, cover your mouth and nose with your sleeve, not your hand.
  - **Wash your hands often with soap and water**, especially after you cough or sneeze. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand rub.
  - **Avoid touching your eyes, nose, or mouth.** Germs spread this way.
  - **Clean and disinfect surfaces or objects.** Clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces at home, work or school, especially when someone is ill.
  - **Keep your child home when they display unwell symptoms:** This will help prevent others from catching their illness. Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
  - **Visit the doctor for treatment if symptoms persist:** Verify if what they have is contagious and when it is safe for them to return to school.
- Inform your child's teacher promptly if your child has been diagnosed with an illness.**

Thank you, for your assistance regarding this matter.

Sonia Crockford  
First Aid Officer  
Roxburgh Rise Primary School



## **SECOND HAND CLOTHING SALE**

\$2 per item.

Lots of jumpers/jackets/polo shirts.

**AVA. NOW UNTIL END OF TERM—OR WHILE STOCK LASTS**

**ITEMS ARE ON DISPLAY IN THE OFFICE.**

# MATHS @ HOME—PARENT TIP SHEET

## NUMBER SENSE AND NUMERATION

### One Half Equals One Half—Or Does It?

#### Benefits

A fraction shows the relationship between a part and the whole. When comparing two fractions, your child will learn to consider what the size of the “whole” is.

#### Tip!

Children come to know that one half of a small amount (such as a short rope) may be much smaller than one third of a large amount (such as a longer rope).

#### Experiences

- With your child, gather several similarly shaped objects, such as a piece of paper, a towel, a placemat, a picture frame, a mirror, a magazine and a book.

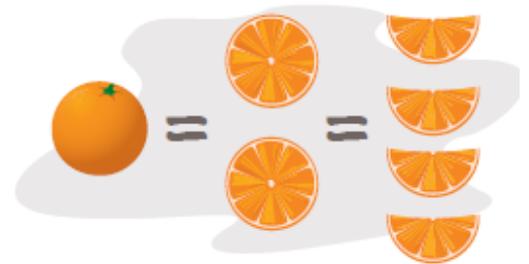
Ask your child to show you one half of each object, perhaps by using a string to mark the halfway point. This is also an opportunity for your child to see that fractional portions must be of equal size.

Compare one half of a towel with one quarter of a blanket. Ask, “Is one half always larger than one quarter?” Use other materials to extend the conversation to a variety of situations, such as portions on different-sized plates or space in different-sized rooms.

#### Joke

Why can't your nose be 12 inches long?  
Because then it would be a foot

Reference: Doing Mathematics with Your Child, Kindergarten to Grade 6: A Parent Guide



## BRAIN BUSTER

### Grade Prep – 2 Problem

Question: How many days are there in the WINTER season?

### Grade 3 - 6 Problem

Question: How many seasons does the Aboriginal community recognise in Victoria? What and when are they?

Please note all Brain busters must be written on the slip of paper provided at the office.  
Please submit your answers in the box provided.

# LAST REMINDER TO APPLY FOR CSEF

## Winter uniform support for Foundation school students

Apply for uniforms for your eligible Foundation students in time for winter



Children in school uniform

All Foundation (prep) students eligible for the Camp, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF) are automatically eligible to receive a winter uniform package.

## Applying for the uniform pack

Families cannot apply directly to State Schools' Relief. Applications on behalf of families must be made by your school.

The uniform package includes:

- 1 x rugby top, windcheater or long sleeve polo top
- 1 x tracksuit pants
- 1x pair of shoes

**Applications close  
Friday 21st September 2018**

When your school receives confirmation of a prep student's CSEF eligibility, please provide their family with an order form, which they return to your school, see: [CSEF Prep Winter Warmer Uniform Package order form](#)

Schools can submit applications for their prep students' winter uniform packages to State Schools Relief from



## ITALIAN WORD OF THE WEEK

**Week 7**  
Stella

Star

**Week 8**  
Ottimo!

Great!

Italian School Website [www.roxyriseitalian.weebly.com](http://www.roxyriseitalian.weebly.com)

# STUDENT OF THE WEEK—TERM 2

	<b>WEEK 7 1st June</b>
Foundation A	Daveen
Foundation B	Shaahad
Foundation C	Mahdi
Foundation D	Lawrance
Foundation E	Salma
1A	Dawood
1B	Sarah & Omar G (Arslan)
1C	Lewis D
1D	Katrina S
1E	Phillipa A
1F	Dilay & Zakwan
2B	Samaria
2C	Keira
2D	Fatima
2E	Ali & Daniella
2F	Lorenzo H
3A	Saajid
3B	Dominic
3C	Zara
3D	Elaf & Reehana
4A	Fadi
4B	Alexander C
4C	Adem
5A	Marina
5B	Raphael
5D	Kaira F
5E	Taylor
6A	Chloe, Rick, Gokay, Hana
6B	Zainab, Linda, Basma
6C	Hajar
6D	Christopher, Katrina
Visual Arts	Mustafa FB Jayolah FC

	<b>WEEK 7 1st June</b>
P.E.	Gemma A 3C Yusuf S 6A Annabela E 6D
Visual Arts	Mustafa FB Jayolah FC Ronnie 4A Savannah FA Matias FE
Music	Fawzi 5B
Italian	Rina E 4C Rawan 2A

## WEEK 6

**All our wonderful  
students at Roxy Rise are Week 6  
Students of the Week.**



# Education Week

Education Week 2018 was all about **celebrating the arts** and an opportunity for our school to showcase the work our students are doing in the arts subjects including dance, drama, music, visual arts and media arts.

A special thanks to the Arts Department and teachers for inviting our community into our classrooms to take part in different creative activities. It was great to see many parents/ carers visiting our school.

This is what our week looked like:



**EDUCATION WEEK 2018**  
*celebrating the arts*

20-26 MAY  
#EDWEEKVIC

at Roxburgh  
Rise Primary  
School

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Help the fire engine to cross the river. STEM challenge to design a strong bridge that will hold the weight of a vehicle.



# COMMUNITY HUB NEWS



Dear Roxy families,

The winter weather doesn't stop us from having some fun and sharing in good times together. One day we found a patch of sunshine in the Piazza for the Mother's Day Photo Booth. We also celebrated an IFTAR Dinner in the Hub last week which was a lovely evening. Enjoy some great photos below!

Stay warm, Veronica



## ADULT ENGLISH CLASS FOR BEGIN-

**Learn English with a very good teacher and nice group of students. Job Active participants can check with their provider to approve this activity.**

**Every Wednesday in term at Bluebird Way Family Centre**

**Time: 9:15am—2.45pm**

No childcare. You need Green Medicare Card.

Cost: Only \$86 with Health Care card (for the whole year)

To enrol contact school office on 9305 4334.

## IFTAR DINNER

The IFTAR Dinner with families and staff was a beautiful evening. We enjoyed sharing a meal in friendship and gratitude. We send a big thank you to Cigdem for organising the night and cooking a delicious feast along with parents: Sarah, Neriman, Pinar, Nicole, Michelle, Robin, Salima, Seeham, Rawafad, Naseem and Zohreh. Thanks also to our Hub cooking class who also baked food for the dinner.



# VOTE TO WIN A GRANT



## VOTE TO WIN A LOCAL LEADER GRANT

Great news! Roxburgh Rise Primary School is now a finalist in the Local Leader Grants.

Our Junior School Council students want to win the grant of \$1000 so they can run an extra day of breakfast club. They know lots of children go to school without breakfast. They want to help by serving tasty and healthy breakfasts to our students. They hope this will help children will feel good, be happy and be better learners in the classroom by having a good breakfast.

### We need everyone's help!!

The finalist with the most votes wins the \$1000 grant. Let's support our JSC students so they can run an extra breakfast club to help fellow students in our school community.

### Please vote now for our students:

[https://www.leaderlocalgrants.com.au/finalists/?\\_sft\\_category=northern-leader](https://www.leaderlocalgrants.com.au/finalists/?_sft_category=northern-leader)

- We ask every family to click on the link above and vote for our school before Friday 8<sup>th</sup> June 5pm.
- You can invite other parents, friends, relatives and neighbours to all vote to help our school.
- It only takes a few minutes to register and then you can vote 10 times for our school.

Tip: To register you need to create a password and an easy way to do this is to follow this example:

Animal8Food! Some examples could be: Dog8Bone! Or Cat8Seed!



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## Visit Us

### SCHOOL TOUR

Tuesday 26 June at 9.30am

This is a great opportunity to meet the Principal, tour our learning environment and ask any questions about enrolment at Kolbe College.



For bookings please contact the College on 03 8339 3060  
[www.kolbecc.catholic.edu.au](http://www.kolbecc.catholic.edu.au)

- ✓ Contemporary Learning Spaces
- ✓ Robotics and Manual Arts Centre
- ✓ Dance Studio
- ✓ Recording Studio
- ✓ Hospitality Centre
- ✓ Sports Stadium
- ✓ Sport Oval and Athletics Track

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