



## Issue 4 - 3rd May



### Key Dates for 2017

#### Term 1

Wed 8Feb - Fri 13th April

#### Easter break

Fri 14 —Tue 18 April

#### Term2

Tue Mon 1 May - Fri 7 July

#### Term 3

Mon 24 July – Fri 29 Sept

#### Term 4

Mon 16 Oct – Thur 21 Dec

### 2017 SCHOOL TIMES

8.45am 11.05am Period 1  
11.05am to 11.25am Recess  
11.25am to 12.45pm Period 2  
12.45pm to 12.55pm Eating time  
12.55pm to 1.25pm Lunch  
1.25pm to 2.40pm Period 3

### STUDENT FREE DAYS 2017

#### Professional Learning

Tuesday 7 February 2017

Monday 24 July 2017

Friday 27 October 2017

#### Moderation Day

Thursday 13 April 2017

From the Principal....

Welcome to term 2, it has been fantastic to see all the enthusiastic faces and attitudes back at school over the last few days. Teachers and staff are refreshed and ready to jump into a new term.

The holidays saw a hive of activity continue at school with building works completed to solve the ongoing drainage issue at end of the oval and a new fence being erected around the playground outside the library block. The canteen has also had an upgrade with new roller doors attached for aesthetics/safety and improved access.

In regards to staffing we were planning on welcoming back Mrs Sawbridge however a golfing accident has left her with a broken ankle so Mrs Orr will continue in the role until Mrs Sawbridge has recovered. We also see Mrs Brown join Mrs Pollard on the 5/6 class and Miss Turner join Mrs Penfold on the 3/4 class.

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate Logan Emond who has been selected to compete in the State Athletics Carnival in Launceston. This is a fantastic effort and we wish him well during the races!

The school Fair was a huge success at the end of term 1 with the Parent group raising thousands of dollars for our school. I would like to say a huge thankyou to Kristi Leitch and the Parent group for their outstanding work leading up to and during the Fair. This was a huge effort put forward by a small number of volunteers, moving forward we would love to see some more community members involved to help out. ***If you are interested in joining the Parent Group or helping as a volunteer please make contact with the office.***

I would also like to thank the brilliant SRC members who made the inaugural SRC camp so successful at the end of term 1. The students had a fantastic time and planned some great fundraising events that will happen throughout the year.

**NAPLAN** testing commences next week can I please remind Parents/Carers to support students next week by making sure they have plenty of sleep and breakfast to set them up for success during the testing. There are some Parent tips supplied later in the newsletter.

Hopefully Parents also saw a fantastic article in the Eastern Shore Sun during the holidays explaining our new values and exciting learning happening at Rokeby Primary School.

Once again I look forward to working with our School Community in term 2 and continuing to build fantastic learning opportunities for our students and families.

## NAPLAN

NAPLAN stands for **N**ational **A**ssessment **P**rogram – **L**iteracy and **N**umeracy

It is a test that is taken all over Australia by all children in year 3,5,7 and 9.

It tests children's

Reading  
Writing  
Spelling, Grammar and Punctuation  
Numeracy

The benefits of the NAPLAN test

Shows you and the school how your child is progressing with their learning. An individual report that shows your child's results and compares their performance against other Australian children in their year group.

Helps teachers and the school work out your child's areas of strength and where future focus is needed. Also how best to support or extend your child's learning.

Helps the Principal and our school to plan programs and provide resources and extra help for children who need it.



Make sure that they have a good breakfast on the morning of the NAPLAN test.

Also make sure they get to school on time!

**(Breakfast Club will be open on these days)**

**At Rokeby our testing days are on**

**Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> May**

**Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> May**

**Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> May**

Children who participate fully in all testing, will be rewarded as a group at the end of the week!!!

### Bayview Secondary College - Connect. Inspire. Achieve.

*21<sup>st</sup> century learning for a changing world*

A special invitation for all parents and students currently attending our feeder primary schools to attend the Bayview Secondary College

#### Prospective Students Information Evening

6:00pm - 8:00pm on Tuesday, 16 May 2017  
in the Student Learning Centre



The night will include:

- An introduction to our school's vision, our curriculum and exciting school developments.
- A tour of our specialised learning areas.
- An opportunity to meet staff and students of Bayview Secondary College and have all your questions answered.

For more information please phone the School on 6247 7800



## How can you help your child?



Talk about the NAPLAN test in a positive way and use encouraging words like, "do your best", "try your hardest".



Encourage your child to fully read the question before answering. This is a way to make sure they do their best!

Make sure they are getting plenty of sleep before the test (10-12 hours each night is recommended for children).

## SCHOLASTIC BOOKCLUB

Book club opens today and closes on Tuesday the 16th May

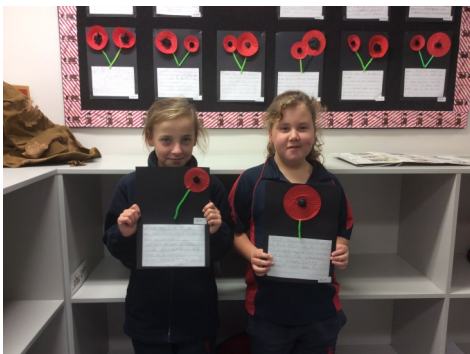
## CANTEEN

We have a new canteen menu for Term 2. We have put it on our Facebook page. If you would like a copy please call into the office to collect one.

**Soup of the week:** Corn Soup with a warm bread roll.  
\$2.50

### 3-4 A Vince

Last term 3/4 Vince learnt all about Anzac Day which is on the 25th of April each year. It is a day to remember Australian and New Zealand soldiers and the sacrifices they made for us. In class we read the story 'The Last Anzac' by Gordon Winch and explored some Anzac coin collections. We discussed why we have Anzac day and the different ways in which we can show our respects on Anzac Day. We also learnt about the Poppy flower and why it is a symbol for the Anzacs. We made some Poppies out of different materials to go along with some writing we did about Anzac Day. Please visit our class to see this work up close!



### Fair

On the last school day of Term 1 the Parent Group held our annual school Fair. The afternoon was a great success, everyone had worked hard to prepare their stalls and their items were soon snapped up by eager members of the public.

Our school Choir, Band and Dancers were wonderful and received lots of applause.

A big thankyou to all of our sponsors who we will mention in our next newsletter.

Well done to our wonderful Parent Group who work tirelessly for our school.





Do you want to have some fun one-on-one time with your child?

If so, the Parents and Kids Together (PAKT) program is for you!

PAKT is a fun craft-based program for children aged 6-12 years and their parents or carers. Parents and carers work one on one with their child to create something special together, mainly from recycled materials! There is no need to have art or craft experience to succeed in this program – you'll just need a willingness to have a go and maybe get a little bit messy!

The PAKT program is free, and healthy snacks are provided!

In term 2 the PAKT program is being offered to families with children in grade 2/3 at Rokeby Primary School. The program runs once a week for six weeks, and is held on the school grounds during school time.

If you would like to participate in this program please contact the school office, or contact the PAKT office directly on 6214 1326. But be quick as there are only 8 places available!

## WHATS COMING UP

### MAY

**Mon 8th** - 5/6 C Pollard Brown- Doc's for a Day

**Wed 10th - Frid 12th** - Naplan Testing

**Frid 12th** - Mothers Day Morning Tea

**Mon 15th** - Lil and Kinder Mothers Day Morning Tea

**Tue 16th** - 3-4A Vince & 3-4B - Parliament House

**Wed 17th** - Families Afternoon

**Fri 19th** - Ride and Walk Safely to School Day

**Wed 24th - Thur 25th** - Dance students performances  
Bayview High.

**Tue 30th** - Cross Country

### JUNE

**Mon 5th** - School Photos

**Mon 5th** - 5-6B West - Docs for a Day

**Wed 7th** - Competition winners - "Emily Loves to Bounce" performance, Theatre Royal

**Wed 11th** - Inter-School Cross Country

**Wed 28th** - Books in Homes - Prep book presentation in assembly

