



# Key Dates for 2017

Term I
Wed 8Feb - Fri 13th April
Easter break
Fri 14 — Tue 18 April
Term2
Tue Mon I May - Fri 7 July
Term 3
Mon 24 July - Fri 29 Sept
Term 4
Mon 16 Oct - Thurs 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 12.55pm to 1.25pm Lunch 1.25pm to 2.40pm Period 3

# STUDENT FREE DAYS 2017

Professional Learning Monday 24 July 2017 Friday 27 October 2017

# Principal's report

As we progress through Term 3 I would like to touch on the fantastic work our students are involved in at the moment as I walk round the classes on my general visits, I am seeing great learning happening linked to some wonderful units. Over the coming newsletters and on Seesaw we will endeavour to share this work with our school community.

We will again this year be participating in the Woolworths Earn & Learn program. This program will allow us to purchase new educational resources for our school. Please place the stickers in Rokeby Primary School boxes at Eastlands and Shoreline or take them to our school office. We are also participating in the Reward My School program at Eastlands this is where you register your receipts after shopping or donate items to foodbank. Depending on our result we can win up \$5000 in prizes for our school.

The Swimming and Water Safety program has commenced this week for Grade 3-6 students, it has been great to see the enthusiasm of students in the pool and excitement of learning new skills. Please remind your children to have their swimming gear ready each day and an extra drink to re hydrate after being in the warm pool.

I would also like to congratulate Kobe and Shane on their selection in the Clarence Roos representative football team. Both these boys will participate in the Winter Carnival and represent our school with skill and spirit, "good luck boys"

NAPLAN results have arrived this week and I am extremely happy to report that we are now achieving above similar schools. I would like to congratulate staff and students in Grade 3 & 5 on their wonderful efforts, these results really confirm that the systems and structures we have put in place are working! Students will be sent home with a summary of their results this week that will inform Parents of their progress.

I would also like to encourage any Parents who think they would like to contribute to RPS community to attend the School Association AGM on Wednesday 30 August, 12.30pm. We are seeking more volunteers and members to join the Association to help support the small number of Parents who currently organise school events. We encourage all Parents to attend this meeting and contribute to the future planning of Rokeby Primary.



# SCHOOL HEALTH NURSES &



Sallyann our School Health Nurse is celebrating Dental Week and will be doing activities with classes on the 15<sup>th</sup> August.

- \* Did you know that most people say that your smile is the most important feature of your body?
  - \* Cavities and tooth decay are preventable with good oral hygiene habits.
  - \* All it takes is 2 minutes every day twice day with a fluoride toothpaste.
  - \* Spit and don't rinse the fluoride toothpaste once finished brushing

Oral Health Services Tasmania provides **FREE** dental care for ALL children and teenagers!

If you are concerned about your child/teenager's teeth, Please ring and make an appointment with your local children's dentist, or if you would like some advice, please feel free to come and see Sallyann, your school health nurse, I am available at your school: Nurse Sallyann can also send referrals or seek further advise from oral health services.

#### **BSC News 7 August**

#### School Ski trip

While the prefect group are busily planning the end of year grade 10 Launceston trip to celebrate their first 4 years at Bayview Secondary College and their move into the college system, we are unbelievably excited to announce our first grade 9-12 school trip in July of 2018 to Mt Hotham, Victoria.

This trip will be available to all eligible students in year 9-12, therefore we have recently sought expressions of interest from all current year 8-11 students to ensure adequate time for planning and saving/fundraising.

Although it is still only in the initial stages of planning the rough itinerary looks like a day in Melbourne CBD to shop, check out the zoo and watch the evening AFL game, then travel to Mt Hotham early the next morning to start our skiing/ snowboarding adventure. Students will participate in 5.5 days on the slopes, including a lesson each day to fine tune their skills.

This will provide a fantastic experience and we are extremely excited to be providing this new opportunity for our amazing BSC students!



### Create My Career

Year 9 students have been focusing more on career education in recent weeks, working through several My Education modules and beginning to formulate a better idea about their ideal career when they've finished school. As part of this line of study, students completed a personality type survey at the end of second term and identified a potentially suitable career cluster based on the survey results. With this information in hand they registered for the annual Creating My Career event which was held at the University of Tasmania on Thursday, August 3. Students were able to undertake a range of tasters based on their industry of choice and were given valuable hands-on experience as well as a better understanding of appropriate pathways into specific career paths. The work now will turn towards developing a better understanding of how to access specific education and training pathways and how best to develop the range of personal skills and tools including resumes and cover letters required to work towards employment in their preferred occupation.



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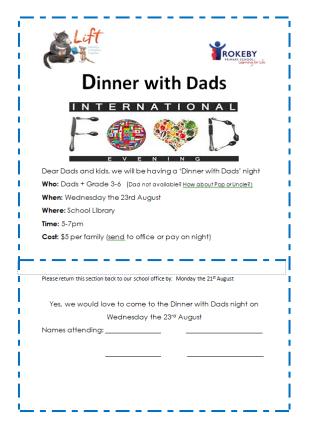


## **DADS WITH DINNER**

#### LIL - Grade 2



#### Grades 3 - 6



#### **NATIONAL SCIENCE WEEK**

Last week was National Science Week and our 2/3 classes were lucky enough to participate in the Young Tassie Scientists program. The program aims to engage and motivate students about science and science careers and students enjoyed sessions with Tom, a Medical Researcher, and Sarah, a Marine Biologist. Students learnt a lot – from how best to tie a sling, to the science behind how to stick a skewer through a balloon without it popping! Students loved this insight into real life science and were inspired by the session. We thank the Young Tassie Scientists for paying us a visit!











#### **DEBATING**

This Thursday a group of year 5/6 students will be the first from our school to participate in the 2017 Primary Schools Debating Roster. Charlotte, Mia and Kyeisha will compete against students from Bellerive Primary, debating the topic "that all primary students should be able to bring a mobile phone to school". The R.P.S. team is arguing for the negative, and we are eagerly awaiting hearing those persuasive arguments! The girls have been working hard developing their skills during our Options program and are looking forward to debating against four other schools this term. The first debate will be at 4pm on Thursday 10th August at Bellerive Primary School. We wish the R.P.S. team all the best!

#### LAUNCHING INTO LEARNING

Monday: Play and Learn - 9-1 Iam

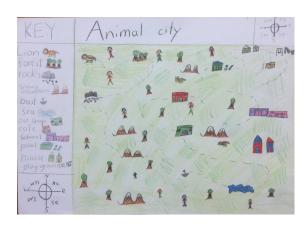
Wednesday: Pre-Kinder - 9-10.30 am

Wednesday: Baby Club - 1.40-2.40 pm

Thursday: Kinder Gym - 9-10.30am

#### 3-4B PENFOLD/TURNER

In 3-4 Penfold/Turner we have been learning about mapping. We learnt about keys, compasses and writing instructions so others can navigate their way through our maps easily. We had fun creating our own themes for our maps while learning essential skills along the way. Here is an example of one of our amazing maps.



#### **SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB**

Closes this Friday 11th of August

#### **AUGUST**

Monday 7th - Friday 18th - Swimming and Water Safety Program, Grades 3 - 6. Oceana

Thursday 10th - Primary Debating Competition

Monday 14th - Friday 18th - Science Week

**Monday 21st** - 5-6B Berry—Molesworth Environment Centre

**Tuesday 22nd** - Diary of a Wombat Excursion - selected students only

Wednesday 23rd - School Sports at Warrane Primary

Wednesday 23rd - Dinner with Dads Grades 3-6

Thursday 24th - Primary Debating Competition

**Wednesday 30th** - Afternoon Sports at Rokeby Primary

Wednesday 30th - Dinner with Dads LIL - Grade 2

#### **SEPTEMBER**

**Wednesday 6th** - Afternoon sports at Clarendon Vale

Thursday 7th - Debating Competition