



# RPSnews

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## Dates to Remember

### March

- 9 Labour Day Holiday
- 10 Whole School Swimming Program Begins 10 March - Finish 20 March

### April

- 3 Term 1 ends - 2:30pm
- 20 Term 2 commences

## Labour Day Holiday

A reminder that Monday 9th March is a childfree day (Labour Day).

## Premier's Reading Challenge

Grades Prep - 4

If you would like your child to take part in the Premier's Reading Challenge please forward a consent form to your child's teacher.

Details about the Challenge can be found at:

<http://www.education.vic.gov.au/prc>  
or contact Kate or Tracey.

Happy Reading!

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## Dear Parents and Carers

Last Friday Richard Wynne MP, State Member for Richmond, officially opened the new GP and Art rooms. This was a wonderful way to celebrate the effort that went into making this project a reality. I would like to thank Mr Wynne for supporting the school over a number of years and his assistance in obtaining the \$200,000 grant that made the building works possible. A huge thank you also goes out to Simon Walter who managed the project from its humble beginnings to what you see today. continued over

The next challenge for the School Council, and interested community members, is to access the Federal Government's "Building the Education Revolution" funding to further improve our school facilities. There are two avenues for obtaining funding;

National School Pride Program - we may be eligible to receive up to \$125,000 for small scale infrastructure or refurbishment projects

Primary Schools for the 21st Century - a school of our size may be entitled to receive up to \$2,000,000 with the focus being on libraries, multipurpose halls, classrooms or upgrading existing facilities.

The Federal Government would like all projects to be completed by 31 March 2011 so the timeline is very tight for the School Council. Further information can be found on the Building the Education Revolution website at [www.deewr.gov.au/Schooling/BuildingtheEducationrevolution/pages/default.aspx](http://www.deewr.gov.au/Schooling/BuildingtheEducationrevolution/pages/default.aspx) If you are interested in working with members of the School Council on this project please let me know.

The newly formed School Council met this week. Congratulations to the elected office bearers for 2009;

President: Tom Pagonis

Treasurer: Hamish Patterson

Secretary: Cathy Cavedon

Please contact the office if you would like to be a member of one of the School Council Subcommittees; Fundraising, Grant writing, Promotions, Buildings and Grounds, Education and Outside of School Care.

Photos and email contacts of all School Council members will be posted on the school website [www.richmondps.vic.edu.au](http://www.richmondps.vic.edu.au) Please contact any of the members with your suggestions/ concerns for discussion at future Council meetings. Regards **Megan**



**Around RPS** Above: Team RPS at the Weet Bix Kids Try-athlon - well done!  
Below: Nick and Riley at the First Aid course last week

## The Importance of Sleep

If your child sleeps well, they will be more settled, happy and ready for school the next day. Getting enough sleep strengthens their immune system and may reduce the risk of infection and illness.

Children aged six to nine need 10-11 hours sleep a night. They are usually tired after school and may look forward to bedtime from about 7.30 pm.

### Bedtime routine

A bedtime routine is very important at this age so your child can wind down from their day. Keep the bedroom dark, cool and quiet so that they can drift off easily.

A bedtime routine might look like this:

Time	Routine
6.30 pm	Put on pyjamas, brush teeth, go to the toilet.
7.00 pm	Quiet time in her room with a book and a bedtime story or quiet chat.
7.15 pm	Goodnight and lights out!

After a big day at school, many of the day's events and worries are still rattling around in your child's head. If they are still unresolved when they goes to bed, it can cause a restless night or bad dreams. From <http://raisingchildren.com.au>

Send your ideas for parenting snippets to [mbaschuk@parentingrc.org.au](mailto:mbaschuk@parentingrc.org.au)

# Student of the week



Prep

**Mietta Idle** for her beautiful work, excellent behaviour and for settling into Prep really well.

**Tom Campbell** for showing resilience and settling into Prep nicely.

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**Liam Hounihan** for his outstanding start to the year. He has been setting a great example to all the other students with his hard work in the classroom and his great sportsmanship during sporting activities. Well-done Liam.

**Tobin Lindbom** for the fantastic work he is doing in reading groups.

**Luc Bohn** and **Nick Pagonis**, Grade 4, for their positive, imaginative and highly motivated approach to the school day. Also, for their work on the Water Rocket and the Solar System chart.  
PS: We must not let little sister go ahead too far, Nick!

# Immigration Museum

By Anthea Handley

On the 17th of February years five and six eagerly waited at the front gate to leave the school and go to the exciting museum that was ahead of them. The museum was the 'Immigration Museum'. We went there to expand our knowledge on the subject we were currently learning and to teach us new things about Australia, the settlers in Australia and the strict Immigration laws and rules.

The day started by us walking and using public transport and then a quick play in the park. After that we all walked along the Yarra River and after a lot of excitement we finally arrived at the Museum.

We were then guided into a room and walked in and surprisingly saw large objects on the desks, we then in small groups had to open and see what was inside them and see whose immigration story it was. People then presented them to the class and even dressed up in the particular pieces of clothing.

We then watched a short movie of people's lives before they came to Australia and the terrible lives they had before. We then saw large displays of people and their lives and their immigration stories; we also saw what they brought with them, the things that meant a lot to them, and their lives that they left behind. There was also a timeline of all the years from the early 1800's to the late 1900's and it recorded how life was in each year and also had immigration information like who was allowed in and most commonly stated

was which countries were allowed in.

The next room was the one that interested the five/six's the most, it was a large ship-like room but inside it was 1840's Square Rigger type room, a 1900's Steamer and 1950's Post War. From this room, we then had to compare between the different zone of time and most people were extremely surprised on how the living conditions had changed and how much better they are now. From going into the ship here is something we learned:

"On the boats from England to Australia 1 in 5 children died due to disease and flu outbreaks. Most of the disease was caught on the toilets or other places that weren't cleaned often, due to that many people died of a painful death."

"When people were migrating from England to Australia on a boat for a better life the people advertising said it would be 'A holiday of a life time' but it actually wasn't and they lived in small and stuffy areas and disease outbreaks were not unheard of."

In the next room we went into a room with many posters and pictures of people before they immigrated and after they immigrated to Australia. It was also grouped in four time periods before and after the White Australia Policy.

We then had to go a large distance to get back to school and when we arrived there were a lot of very tired children.

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## KidsQuiz

Write your answer on a piece of paper, along with your name and grade, and put it in the cream letter box in the office. The first correct entry drawn will win a Student Pass for one hour.

The winning entry will be drawn on Tuesday at 3.30pm.

### NOTE:

- > You may place only one entry per week in the box.
- > Each player must put in their own entry (no joint entries)
- > If you win, you are win-binned (disqualified) for one week, to give others a go.

### This week's clue:

**If you take the last letter from this Area 1 student's name and add two others, you'll have what cricket captains do when they close an innings.**

Last week's clue:

This Area 3 student's name rhymes with something that is very useful when it's raining.

Answer: **ELLA Walsh** G6, or **ELLA Murray** G3 (Ella rhymes with 'umbrella')

Winner: **Hannah Carlile** G3...let's hope you'll have use for one before long, Hannah.



Another happy and busy week in the Out of School Hours Care Program.

A reminder to Prep families to please provide a separate hat for your child attending the OSHC program. This will make for smoother transitions during your child's school day, as their hat can remain in their school tub. A basket labeled "Hats" will remain in the OSHC room, so please place a broad brimmed labeled hat in the basket or in your child's bag. It does not need to be a school hat.

Well done and thank-you to Dougal Patterson for representing the OSHC students and for doing such a great job with his speech last Friday at the Grand Opening of our room!

We would appreciate donations of jars, tins, boxes and fabric for our Sewing Club, small or large pieces.

Please take the time to look at photos of your children displayed about the room.

Cheers

Mia and the OSHC Team

#### Little Chefs Cooking Club

Fruit Skewers & Yoghurt Dip

Ingredients:

Bananas, Grapes, Strawberries, Melon, Plain/Vanilla Yoghurt, Cinnamon

Cut up fruit into small pieces, children to arrange on skewer. Mix cinnamon and yoghurt together. Children can dip or drizzle yoghurt on top.



*Your school community is here to help. If you have any comments, concerns or praise, please speak to your child's teacher, the principal or a School Council member*



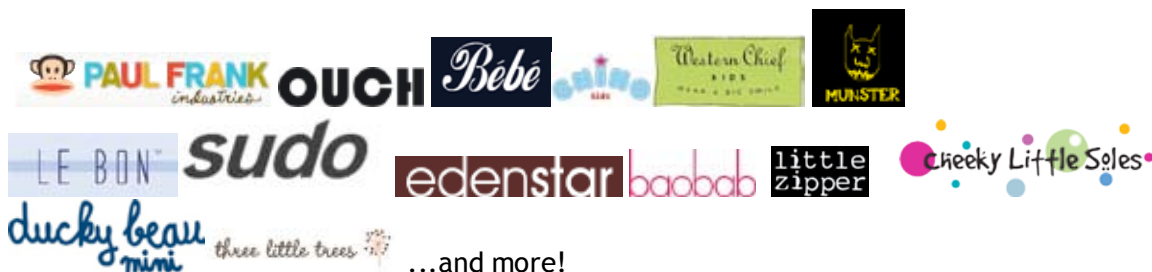
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