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Romsey Primary School Newsletter

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Our School Values Are: *Resilience Respect Responsibility*

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COMING EVENTS

FEBRUARY:

Tuesday 14th:

Meet the teacher 3.45-8pm

Thursday 16th:

School Council meeting

Thursday 23rd:

District tennis
Meet the teacher 3.45-6pm

MARCH:

Friday 3rd:

District Summer Sport

Monday 6th:

Preps commence full time attendance

Monday 13th:

Labour Day public holiday

Welcome to the 2017 school year. I hope everybody had a relaxing break and enjoyed the festive season. It was lovely to see everybody's smiling faces over the last 2 days. It was also a joy to welcome our new Preps today. It was a very successful morning with no tears from our preps, but I am not so sure about our mums and dads. We have also welcomed a number of new families to the school with our enrolment increasing from our predicted numbers at the end of 2016.

School Captains announced:

At the end of 2016 the new school captains and vice captains were selected and presented to the school community. The students wrote applications for the roles and were interviewed for the positions. The new captains are Jakira Bowen-Duarte and Harrison Banon and vice-captains Callum Murer and Elizabeth Farrell (pictured). It was a pleasure to interview all 15 students who applied for the roles. I was very impressed with the confidence shown by all of



the applicants. The new leaders met with the outgoing captains Cooper O'Brien, Tahlia Hartney, Bethany Wilmann and Darcy Lockens and have passed on some very handy tips for 2017.

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Teacher Professional Learning

The teachers spent the first 2 days of the year building on their knowledge and skills. Day 1 staff worked with Jill Flack on the role of the student in their own learning and how we as adults empower children to be self-motivated and independent learners. This will be the focus of our work in 2017. On Day 2 Sharon Hocter-Turner led the staff in our school wide reading and spelling practices.

School refurbishment and maintenance.

While we were on holidays a lot of work took place at the school. During the break the Prep -2 atrium refurbishment was completed. The classrooms are looking refreshed with new carpet, vinyl and paint. The operable doors between rooms are now able to be opened and closed. Teacher offices and one storeroom have been relocated and a library nook and sensory room have been created. Visibility in the building has also been increased with the removal of the static bag areas and the addition of new internal windows. The new learning space looks fantastic and will enable students and staff to effectively use all of the available spaces for learning activities. Both toilet blocks between rooms 1-10 have had new vinyl and toilet bowls installed. The lights in rooms 6-10 have also been upgraded to more energy efficient and bright globes. This work was the result of the \$120,000 State Government grant with an additional \$50,000 from school council funds. Please come in and have a look when you have the chance. We are very excited to start using this area of the school.

Work also took place in the grounds with the removal of a number of unsafe trees and the maintenance of other trees. We now have more mulch for our gardens and we will be calling on the parent body to support us in upcoming working bees to spread this mulch across our beautiful gardens. **Twilight Working Bee, Monday 20th February 2:30pm – 5pm. Saturday 18th March 9am – 12noon.** We really need family support to maintain our gardens so please clear your calendars and make yourself available to attend these sessions.

We are all look forward to an exciting 2017,

Loren Peavey

Principal

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Staffing 2017

| Year Level Special-ist | Teacher | Room |
|------------------------|--|------|
| Prep TC | Tara Clancy | 1 |
| Prep FH | Fiona Holland | 2 |
| 1/2 KC | Kailla Coffey/ Casey McGuffie | 3 |
| 1/2 JH | Jacinta Hipwell | 4 |
| 1/2 SW | Simone Wood | 5 |
| 3/4 BT | Brian Tannenberg | 15 |
| 3/4 IS | Iain Sparrey | 16 |
| 3/4 HT | Sharon Hoctor-Turner | 17 |
| 5/6 LS | Leanne Stewart | 18 |
| 5/6 MM | Michael Monrose | 19 |
| 5/6 ND | Nicole Dettmann | 20 |
| Intervention/Support | Marilyn Killender Andrea Evans (.6 over 4 days) Mon- Thurs | |
| Arts | Liam Devlin (3 days) Tues- Thurs | |
| Music | Andrew Zollia (3 days) Mon – Wed | |
| Phys. Ed. | Annie Horton (2 days) Tues- Wed | |

Education Support Staff- Rebecca Cudmore, Nerrida Ellard, Sue Nolan and Denise Polidoro

Technical Support - Ravi Kanneganti

Office Staff- Bernie Carter and Robyn Moore/Library

Principal Class Staff

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|---------------------|------------|
| Loren Peavey | Principal |
| Assistant Principal | TBA Term 2 |

SunSmart

Term 1 is a SunSmart term. All students must have a suitable broad-brimmed protective hat to wear at all times when outdoors at school. Baseball caps are not suitable. Children who do not have a hat will be required to remain in a shaded area in the vicinity of the school buildings.



Working With Children Checks

Parents who wish to volunteer at the school in any capacity (classroom, canteen, Parent Committee, special events etc) must have a current Working With Children Check. We need to see your current Working With Children card before you participate as a volunteer. If you do not have one you can apply for it online or at the Post Office free of charge. You only need to pay for your photo.

Uniform

Uniform is now supplied by PSW in Sunbury (in the Aldi shopping complex). Please see the office if you require further information.

Parking

Parents are reminded that parking in the staff car parks is not permitted for dropping off and/or collecting children. This is for the safety of all students, staff and visitors. Please use the car parking spaces in Station Street and White Avenue for this purpose. Please also remember that it is illegal to stop on the pedestrian crossing to drop off

Sandpit Team

In 2017 we are wanting to build a sandpit near the courtyard area. Thanks to the Parent Committee we have enough money to start the project. In order to get this project up and running we need to bring together a team of willing volunteers from the school community for the planning and implementation. If you would like to be a part of the creation of this much needed resource please come to the office and put your name down. Our children really have missed having a sandpit to play in.



Asthma Management Plans

All students with asthma need to have a current asthma management plan at school, which need to be updated at the start of every school year. Forms and letters will be sent home shortly for those students who already have asthma management plans, and we would request any new parents to the school who have children with asthma to provide a plan from their doctor as soon as possible. Forms are available from the office.

Newsletter Distribution

Normally the weekly newsletter is distributed on Thursday by email. This week we are providing a hard copy while we set up our distribution lists. If your email address has changed since last year and you have not told us, please let us know as soon as possible. You can also access the newsletter on the school's website.

Bus Travellers

If your child travels by bus to school could you please contact the office to confirm that this arrangement still applies. We will also need travel days confirmed.

From the Office

Absences

When students are absent for any reason (illness, family commitments, appointments etc) parents are required by the Education Department to provide the school with an explanation for the absence. This can be done by phone, in person, by email, or by sending a note to school. If explanations are not received the school will send a reminder note home to parents.

Visitor Sign In—Sign Out

All visitors to the school (including parents who are coming to volunteer in the classroom) are required to call in to the office to sign in on arrival and sign out when departing. Visitors are also required to wear a red visitor badge while on the school grounds.

Enrolment Information

We will soon be sending home a printout of enrolment details for all students. Parents are requested to check that all details are correct, and return the document to the school with any corrections highlighted. If there are no changes please return it with no changes written on the front. It is particularly important that we have correct contact details, phone numbers, addresses, emergency contacts etc. It is also very important that we have up-to-date medical information about students.

Canteen

Canteen is now open each Tuesday to Friday (no canteen on Mondays).

A new menu for term 2 was sent home with students yesterday.

VOLUNTEERS are needed to help run our canteen each Friday. If you can help out please let Trish know or leave your name at the office. You will need a current Working With Children card. Unfortunately due to safety considerations children cannot accompany canteen volunteers

Awards to be presented Monday February 6th:

Organisation:

Kyra J. 1/2KC for being organised in the mornings.

Mason H. 1/2SW for completing tasks on time.

Tyler W. 5/6ND for being a brilliant helper when getting our learning spaces organised.

5/6LS for commencing the 2017 school year in a positive and very organised manner.

Getting Along:

3/4IS Lenny Jay F. for starting the year with a great attitude!

3/4 BT Aaron C. for being positive and eager to learn

Hamza S. 3/4SH for listening to others and waiting his turn to talk.

Confidence:

Bella W. 1/2JH for a positive start to term 1 and her new class.

Resilience:

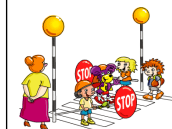
Judd R. 5/6 MM for quickly getting over a minor setback and settling back into school routine.

Our Achievement Awards are presented each Monday at assembly at 3.00pm. We welcome parents to come along to assembly and share the achievements of our students.

Pedestrian Safety

There are 2 school crossings at Romsey Primary School. One is an unmanned one in White Avenue and the other one is at the front of the school in Station Street. This crossing is supervised by staff before and after school.

All students and parents are reminded of the importance of using these crossings to be safe when crossing the road. We encourage parents to reinforce this important safety message with their children.



Term 1 junior sports Romsey Recreation Centre

Shooting Hoops basketball development program (5-10 years)

31 Jan-28 Mar

\$87.30 per child

Tuesdays 4pm-4.45pm

Don't miss out enrol now online: mrsc.vic.gov.au/rrc

Junior Winter comps starting from April 27



Junior volleyball Term 1

Volleyball skillz sessions (5-8 years) Wednesday 4pm-4.45pm. Cost \$87.30/child

Mini volleyball comp (9-14 years) Wednesday

4.50pm-5.45pm. Cost \$87.30/child

1 Feb-29 Mar

Enrol online: mrsc.vic.gov.au/rrc

Goal Kick soccer development program (5-10 years)

3 Feb – 31 Mar

\$87.30 per child

Fridays 4pm-4.45pm

Don't miss out enrol now online: mrsc.vic.gov.au/rrc

Junior Winter comps starting from April 28

Where: Romsey Recreation Centre, 12 Park Lane, Romsey.

For further information contact 5429 5637 or visit mrsc.vic.gov.au/rrc



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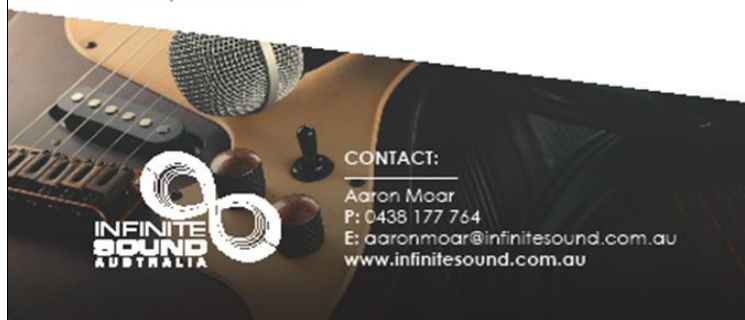
WEEKLY GUITAR LESSONS

Weekly Guitar Lessons during School Hours.
Lessons available for students aged 7+

GROUP LESSONS PACKAGE:
(2-5 students) - \$190 per term*
*Price per student and GST inclusive.

Package includes: Enrollment in weekly lessons, end of term prizes, and participation in annual guitar concert.

- Engaging kids in a quality music education.
- Encouraging creativity and self-expression.
- Combining the learning of contemporary guitar music and an insight into traditional music notation.
- Helping kids to focus on the discipline of practice and performance.



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Music Tuition

Romsey Primary School offers extra-curricula music tuition in school time on a contractual arrangement between the tutor and parents. Currently the instruments available are guitar, keyboard, drums and violin. Information is available from the office.

Keyboard Tuition

I am Peter Hagen and I teach both in group lessons and private lessons. I have an international standing in the music world with many performances throughout Australia, Britain, USA and Europe as well as some CD's taken up by major recording companies. My teaching experience spans many different areas and my students frequently go on to further studies at university levels. I have commenced keyboard lessons on Thursday 2 February with my continuing students from last year and new students can pick up an enrolment form to start on 9 February. Alternatively you can email me on peter@peterhagen.com.au and even look at my website.

For the continuing students, please remember to bring your books and your headphones. I am looking forward to seeing you all and hope you can get in to some practice between now and Thursday!

Regards
Peter Hagen