



# THE WEEKLY NEWS

What	When
NAPLAN begins (Gr 3 and 5)	Wednesday 11th March–26th March
'STOMP' dance week	Monday 23rd–Thursday 26th March
Curriculum Day (pupil free day)	Friday 27th March
Resilience Project family session	Wednesday 1st April 5.30-6.45pm
School Council meeting	Tuesday 31st March–7.30am
World Autism Day	Friday 2nd April

### “Every Day Counts”

If your child is absent from school we must have a note, phone call or you can also enter the reason directly onto COMPASS to explain the absence. This is required by the Department for our records.

Contact School Council: [rceps.schoolcouncil@gmail.com](mailto:rceps.schoolcouncil@gmail.com)

*Assembly this week will be run by Grade 3/4 @ 2.45pm tomorrow*

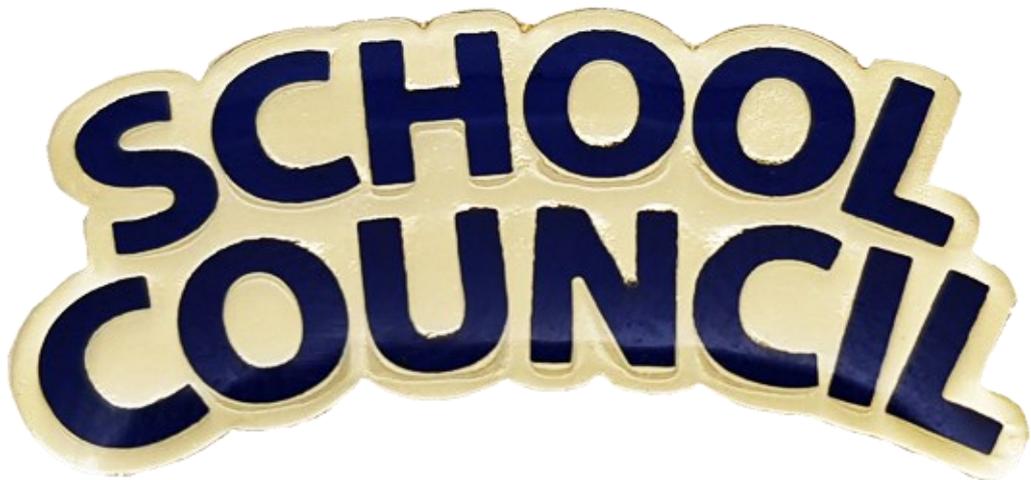
### School Council 2026

On Tuesday we held our School Council AGM. The new Council has been formed with the following members:

- President: Daniel Englefield
- Vice President: Matt Marinucci
- Secretary: Jodie Judd
- Treasurer: Kendall Gathercole
- Members: Craig Warn, Donna Seipolt, Nerellee O'Brien, Michael Nystrom and Rebecca Fagan

Thank you to the members who have volunteered to govern our school in 2026. Your time and dedication is greatly appreciated.

These members represent our community so if you have any questions or suggestions for our school, please feel free to approach any of them for a chat. The Council meets twice a term so there are many opportunities for your voice to be heard.



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### **Well Done Grade 3 And 5 Students**

This week the Grade 3 and 5 students commenced their NAPLAN sessions for 2026. You may have heard that our students (and many students around Australia) experienced technical difficulties on the first day during their writing session. This only affected the Grade 5 students and not the Grade 3's (they did not need to complete their session online). The writing session had to be abandoned part way through it, which meant that the students needed to start again today. To their credit, they each attacked their writing with resilience and a 'can do' attitude.

We will continue with the remaining session over the next week or two.



### **Planned Australian Education Union Industrial Action**

The AEU is planning stop work action on the 24th March. Schools right across Victoria will be effected by these actions, with many teachers taking part in rallies. At the moment, the industrial action is planned for this date, but the circumstances may change between now and then.

The purpose of the article is to inform you of the potential for stop work action. If it does go ahead, our school will be effected. We have AEU members that will choose to stop work, which will mean that their classes will not have teachers for that day. We are not permitted to employ relief teachers to cover industrial action.

The three classes that may be involved are Grade 1/2, 4/5 and 6. We will keep you updated as to the planned action as we get it. We will give you enough information for you to make alternative plans for your child if they are in one of these classes. Other classes will operate as usual.

Keep your eye on COMPASS as well as the newsletter for updates.

**Planned industrial  
action  
24th March**

## Curriculum Day—27th March

The planned curriculum day (pupil free day) for the 27th March will involve all staff. This means that the usual full day after school care program will not be running. We understand that this may be an inconvenience for some families, but it is important that all staff attend the training on this day.

# Pupil free day—Friday 27th March

## Resilience Project—Family Information Session—Wednesday 1st April

On Wednesday 1st April, 5.30-6.45pm, we are running a family information night focusing on The Resilience Project.

This learning is becoming a very important part of our culture at RCEPS and we want to share it with all our families.

We are inviting parents and students to come along to a session and engage with the activities together. We will share some of the reasons why this learning is so important, not just to our students, but to all the adults in their lives as well. Then we will spend some time participating in just a few of the activities that help us build resilient young people.

We know we are asking you to come along to school around tea time, so to help out we are having a free sausage sizzle after the session (6.45pm). You can stay and eat your sausage or you are welcome to simply take one and head home.

Our Wellbeing team are putting in a lot of time organizing this session, so we hope to see you all here. It will be a bit of fun with you hopefully gaining a better understanding of the learning your child is engaging with at school. You never know, you might even leave with a few personal goals of your own.

When: Wednesday 1st April (5.30-6.45pm)

Where: RCEPS

Who: Students and their parents

**THE RESILIENCE PROJECT.**

## We're working with The Resilience Project

We're proud to be implementing TRP's evidence-based whole school wellbeing program. Students will engage in weekly lessons to understand and strengthen their practice of **Gratitude**, **Empathy**, **Mindfulness** and **Emotional Literacy**.

<b>Gratitude</b>  Gratitude involves recognising and expressing appreciation for the people, places and things in our lives. Practising gratitude allows us to pay attention to what we have, increasing feelings of happiness and leading to a more positive outlook on life.	<b>Empathy</b>  Empathy involves understanding others' feelings and perspectives and is practised through kindness, compassion and curiosity. Developing empathy fosters deeper connections, increases our likelihood of acting kindly, and helps us experience positive emotions.
<b>Mindfulness</b>  The practice of mindfulness is about an awareness of life as we are living it. It allows us to be responsive to our experiences rather than being reactive, and to live with greater balance, presence and connection.	<b>Emotional Literacy</b>  Emotional Literacy involves learning to identify and label our emotions, as well as developing emotional regulation skills. When we can accurately name our feelings and emotions, it reduces the impact of uncomfortable emotions and enhances the effect of positive ones.

TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE RESILIENCE PROJECT, HEAD TO:

[@theresilienceproject](#) [The Resilience Project](#) [The Resilience Project](#) [theresilienceproject.com.au](#)

We're proud to be partnering with **THE RESILIENCE PROJECT.** in **2026** to build a resilient school community.

Learn more about The Resilience Project:

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We would like to say a big thank you to our wonderful community for your continued support over the past couple of weeks. Our attendance data has been fantastic, and it has been lovely to see so many children enjoying the program and making the most of their time with us after school.

With the warmer afternoons, the children have been spending plenty of time outdoors on the playground. The snails continue to be a big hit, with many children enjoying observing and gently playing with them outside. It has been wonderful to see their curiosity about nature and the care they show for these tiny playground visitors. The sandpit has also been a very popular spot recently. Children have been getting very creative, opening their own "restaurants" and serving up all sorts of imaginative meals made from sand and natural materials. The teamwork, role-play and creativity on display has been fantastic to watch. Indoors, the fun continues with some favourite activities still going strong. Magnetic tiles remain extremely popular, with children building a wide variety of impressive structures and designs. Craft activities have also been well loved, particularly Hama beads and friendship bracelet making, which have kept many busy while chatting and relaxing with friends.

### Important Notice:

Unfortunately, there will be **no Afterschool Care on Wednesday 25 March**. We

apologise for any inconvenience this may cause and appreciate your understanding.





## Rivaside Hockey Club

### Hockey Beginner Skill Sessions

Want to give hockey a try and learn new skills?  
Come along to our junior skill sessions.

Starts Thursday March 12  
5.15pm – 6.15pm  
Aero Oval  
adjacent to hockey and  
opposite the Little Aths oval




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## EASTER MARKET

**FREE ENTRY FOR ALL**

**SAT 28 MAR 2026**  
10 AM - 1 PM



Get a selfie with Easter Bunny

HOME BASE HOOPS

## FREE BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

FOR YOUTH AGED 10 - 17 YEARS

5PM TO 8:30PM

CHAFFEY SECONDARY COLLEGE BASKETBALL STADIUM

EVERY FRIDAY NIGHT  
20TH FEBRUARY TO 20TH MARCH

FREE MEAL AND TRANSPORT HOME INCLUDED

RESERVE YOUR SPOT NOW




FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT EVE MIPPEN ON 0498 872 439 emippen@schs.com.au

WANDERERS BASEBALL CLUB INVITES YOU TO



## COME AND TRY DAY

**BBQ AND ZOOPEER DOOPERS PROVIDED!**

Calling all kids! Come along and play the great game of baseball! Bring your friends and join in on the fun!

**INTERCLUB SENIOR MATCH TO FOLLOW!**

SATURDAY 28TH MARCH - 10AM

✓ THROWING

✓ HITTING

✓ FUN

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