



THE WEEKLY NEWS

What	When
Curriculum Day—Pupil Free day	Friday 20th May
Gr 5 and 6 sport practice	Friday 27th May
Walk to school—healthy breakfast	Friday 27th May
Regional cross country	Tuesday 31st May
Grade 5/6 sport practice	Friday 4th June
Long weekend	Monday 13th June
Grade 5/6 sport practice	Friday 17th June
Last Day Term 2—2.15pm dismissal	Friday 24th June

“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.

[Assembly was run by the Prep Class today](#)

Contact School Council: rceps.schoolcouncil@gmail.com

A reminder that tomorrow, [Friday 20th May](#), is a.....



PUPIL FREE DAY

Birthdays: Gurnidh Singh, Benjamin Stone, Diesel O'Toole



Class Awards:

Prep: Logan Pittaway for being so brave during maths this week! It was so wonderful to see you sharing your thinking with your classmates and teachers when making 2D shapes. We were all so proud of you! Keep it up!

Grade 1/2: Frankie Cruise for the excellent learning choices you make in the classroom. You are always ready to learn both on the floor and at your desk and you stay focussed throughout learning time. Well done Frankie, you are a great role model for your peers.

Grade 2: Rylie O'Brien for the fantastic effort on your persuasive writing this week. Rylie, you have shown a strong opinion on our topic and used a variety of persuasive words to help convince your audience to agree with you. Great work Rylie and keep up the wonderful writing!

Grade 3/4: Grade 3—for completing NAPLAN and approaching every test with a positive attitude, showing persistence when the questions got tough. You showed consideration to your fellow classmates by remaining focussed for the whole time. Congratulations everyone!

Grade 4/5: Riley Rayner for always concentrating on your learning and finishing your tasks in time. It is great to see you concentrating on your work and putting in your best effort. Great work Riley—keep it up!

Grade 5/6: Isabella Norris for the effort you have put into all of your learning this week. You have completed all of your learning efficiently and to a high standard. Keep up the super effort Isabella!

COVID Testing Protocols—A Subtle Change

We have been informed by the Department that the protocols for COVID testing have been changed. We have been working on the schedule of testing 2 to 3 times a week. That has now changed to test only if you have symptoms. Of course you can continue to regularly test even without symptoms.

We will continue to send home RATs with the students every second week. It is important that you have supplies on hand as COVID is still very much around us in our community and the earlier you can detect it the better we will all be.

You will need to continue to test (daily) if someone in your house is positive. Please remember to contact the school as soon as possible if a child is positive. Siblings can still come to school if they are tested daily and have a negative result.

Thank you for your ongoing support. This virus and these protocols will be around for a long time so we must remain vigilant.

School Shirts And Jackets Have Arrived—Just In Time For School Photos!!!

We finally received our new school uniform, shirts and zip up jackets. We do apologise for the time that this has taken but it was beyond our control.

These can be purchased from the office as from today.

Cost:
Shirt—\$26
Jacket—\$26

Please, please, please make sure that your child's clothing is named.

Walk To School And Healthy Breakfast—Friday 27th May

On Friday 27th May we will be holding a Walk to School morning, followed by a healthy breakfast.

We invite all students and families to join us at the Stop and Stride sign at 8.20am where we will then all walk to school together.

The official walk to school day is tomorrow, but due to our pupil free day we are having ours the following Friday.

Come and join us for some morning exercise and a healthy breakfast.



Bringing Up Great Kids

After the success of the previous 'Bringing up great kids' sessions we are running it again. It is open to all our parents to come along and spend some time with other parents discussing the ups and downs of raising kids. The main focus during the 4 sessions is about self-care for parents. And lets face it we could all do with some help in this area!!

The 4 sessions are facilitated by Marg Burton from Mallee Family Care. We will run the sessions in the school Library on the following dates:

May 19th

May 26th

The sessions will run from 9.30 to 11.30am.

If you would like some more information please do not hesitate to contact Bonney at school.

Bringing Up Great Kids



Overview

Bringing Up Great Kids is a reflective, mindful, respectful program that provides parents with an opportunity to reflect on their parenting journey.

Bringing Up Great Kids provides a friendly and safe environment for parents to learn from each other as they continue their parenting journey.

Program Content

The Bringing Up Great Kids' program supports parents and carers to:

- learn more about the origins of their own parenting style and how it can be more effective;
- identify the important messages they want to convey to their children and how to achieve this;
- learn more about brain development in children and its influence on their thoughts, feelings and behaviour;
- understand the meaning behind children's behaviours, and how to respond to children's underlying feelings and needs;
- explore new ways of communicating with children;
- discover ways for parents to take care of themselves and to find support when they need it.

Mallee Family Care provide both face to face and online sessions over four weeks consisting of two hours of interactive and reflective engagement of participants.

To register your interest contact Mallee Family Care on 1300 667 382



Outside Of School Hours Care

We have been very busy this week at After School Care. The children have enjoyed playing outside (weather permitted) and have been busy with different art activities inside. We have made some new Hama Beads creations (such as Sonic Hedgehog, Knuckles and Tails, Dinosaurs and Flowers) as well as having a go at window art.

We have had a Birthday this week which provided the perfect opportunity for the children to indulge in some homemade chocolate muffins, fresh fruit platters and chicken nuggets to celebrate the special day. Happy Birthday Benjamin J

Over the next coming weeks we hope to be able to create a Cardboard box fort outside so children can get creative and express their ideas through play. We are still on the lookout for some dress up costumes, if anyone has got some spares we would welcome them to enable us to implement dress up days into our activity program.

Currently the program is still free of charge and we would welcome more families to take advantage of this and come and have a look at what we do at After School Care.



FREE WORKSHOP UNDERSTANDING BEHAVIOUR

A free interactive workshop for parents and family members of children (0-7 years) on the autism spectrum or those who have concerns about their child.

DATE:	Monday 30 th May 2022-Wednesday 1 st June 2022 Monday 6 th June 2022 **must attend all sessions
TIME:	7pm - 9.30pm
VENUE:	The Alfred Deakin Centre - Benetook Room 190 Deakin Avenue, Mildura, VIC 3500

REGISTER ONLINE AT:

This workshop will help you:

- Understand why your child has certain behaviours
- Develop strategies for reducing behaviours of concern
- Plan for success
- Support your child.

Early Days workshops are held in small groups and give families opportunities to share ideas with each other. They are run by highly skilled and experienced early childhood professionals.

For more information:

<https://www.amaze.org.au/news-and-events/events/#earlydays>

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Early Days is funded by the Australian Government Department of Social Services.



Early Days is a series of FREE workshops for parents and other family members of young children (0-7 years) who are on the autism spectrum. They are also suitable for parents who feel their child may be on the spectrum but have not received a formal diagnosis.

This workshop will help you:

- Plan for a successful transition to school
- Identify what you, your child and the school need to know
- Develop strategies to help your child prepare for school
- Identify what your child will enjoy about school.

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Progression to School Workshop for Parents

St Joseph's Primary School Red Cliffs
17 Fitzroy Avenue, Red Cliffs VIC 3496
Monday 16th May 2022
Time: 11.30 am to 2 pm

It is highly recommended you attend the "My Child and Autism" workshop prior to attending any other workshops



For more information about these workshops or other workshops and to register
<https://www.amaze.org.au/support/early-days/>



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