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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Planet Ark & National Tree Day

Thanks to all the classes who participated in the recent Tree planting afternoon at school. A special thank you goes to Mrs. Beare, Mr. Scott and Natalie Tisch for all their efforts in organizing the plants and coordinating the day.

Reminder for maintaining good health

Good personal hygiene and leaving sick children at home or visiting your GP is the best way to stay well and prevent the spread of the flu. For more information and health updates, go to www.health.vic.gov.au/ideas/diseases/swine-influenza

NED Show and Yoyos

Students are reminded to: Never Give Up; Encourage Others; and Do Your Best! Yoyos may only be used in the school courtyard area during the school day. Any issues with purchased yoyos at the school may be referred to the school principal.

Working Bee-Sunday, 23 August

Students and their families are invited to attend the next working bee anytime between 9 and 12 noon. Years 3 to 6 students and their teachers are especially encouraged to join in and help out around the school. A pizza lunch will follow.

New Students at Ruskin Park

Throughout the school year students from other areas and states move into the Croydon area and select Ruskin Park Primary School as the school of choice for their children. We welcome all these new families as they settle into the community and enjoy friendly interactions with their new neighbours in the beautiful surroundings of the Dandenongs.

New arrivals and local families are always welcome to phone the school on 9723 3886 with any questions or concerns they may have and ask for either Elle May Laikve or Mary Kelly.

BER – Building Education Revolution funding

Work will commence at the start of October on a full-sized gymnasium, thanks to the Rudd Stimulus Package and focus on improving state schools' infrastructure and building needs. A letter to the community has been included with this issue of the newsletter and the immediate local community will receive a letter-drop shortly to inform them of this wonderful opportunity for the benefit of all the students at Ruskin Park Primary School.

Thank you,
Elle May Laikve,
Principal.

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ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL REPORT

House Points:

All children are working hard in their classrooms to earn points for the House Cup which is presented weekly at assembly. Last week's winning house was Yellow House.

Not OK To Be Away:

Remember to advise the school when your child is absent from school. A timely phone call, note or email to the classroom teacher or office is appreciated.

Head Lice:

While children are at school many families will have contact with head lice. Head lice are common in school-aged children and are the most adaptable of creatures. The good news... We know where they live and we know how to find them.

If you follow these steps, once a week, the control of head lice in your home will be greatly improved.

- Step 1 Comb inexpensive hair conditioner on to dry, brushed (detangled) hair. This makes it difficult for lice to grip the hair or run around;
- Step 2 Wipe the conditioner from the comb onto a paper towel or tissue;
- Step 3 Look on the tissue and on the comb for lice and eggs;
- Step 4 If lice or eggs are found, the child should be treated;
- Step 5 If the child has been treated recently and only hatched eggs are found, you may not have to treat since the eggs could be old.

If your child has head lice – tell anyone who has had head to head contact with them and ask them to check their family for head lice. Remind children of the importance of not sharing headgear or personal articles. Tying back long hair can help prevent the spread of head lice.

Mary Kelly,
Assistant Principal

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MS READATHON SPONSORSHIP RETURN

A big thankyou to the families and friends of our Ruskin Park Primary School Participants who have sponsored student's reading during the 30th year of MS Readathon.

It is nearing the time to return sponsorship funds and collect hard earned certificates and reading rewards. With an official money – due date of August 31st, the fastest way to return sponsorship is online with Mum or Dad.

Students can also return the Completion Form (which they received in the post recently) and any receipt books sent to them. If you have misplaced your form, a replacement can be downloaded from www.msreadathon.org.au or call 1300 677 323 to speak to the state Office.

The official money – due date is August 31st, however there is still plenty of time to complete your 30 days reading.



Many Thanks
Lynn Williams

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A NIGHT WITH THE STARS

Remember to keep the evening of November 25th free on your calendars. Students are now beginning rehearsals in their classes for our much anticipated concert. We are all looking forward to performing at the beautiful George Woods Performing Arts Centre.

Jenny Rainbow
Arts Convenor



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SOMERS CAMP

Last week, eight of our Ruskin Park children spent eight days at Somers Camp.

They had a wonderful time and participated in an array of different activities. A DVD of our camp is available if any parent would like to view it.

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BYE BYE BIRDIE

We are very proud to have been asked once again to join the wonderful cast at **Maroondah Secondary College** and take part in their annual production.

The children involved have easily learnt the songs and mastered the dances and are ready to perform on one of two nights - the 18th and 22nd August. We are delighted by their commitment to the show and know they will proudly represent Ruskin Park Primary School.



If you would like to see the show you can arrange to buy tickets by calling Maroondah Secondary College directly.

Jenny Rainbow
Julie Campbell

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FOOTY DAY

Next Thursday, August 20, is Footy Day. Children are asked to come in their footy gear and there will be a parade on the basketball court at 9.15am which parents are welcome to attend. There will be a special footy lunch menu at the canteen on this day also.



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OUT OF SCHOOL HOURS CARE (OSHC)

Programs

These programs are planned in consultation with the children and highlight "Special" activities based around the children's interests and requests.

We aim to repeat these activities during each week to ensure all interested children have an opportunity to participate.

Other activities available every day include: Dramatic Play, Construction, Music/DVDs, Game boys and Computers, Drawing, Junk Construction, Puzzles and Board Games, Quiet Area for Reading and Homework, Sports Equipment and Outdoor Games.

WHAT'S ON AT BEFORE SCHOOL CARE

<p>Monday 17th August – Friday 21st August 2009</p> <p>Craft: - Spiders and Creepy Crawlies Cooking: - Chocolate Spiders (Friday) Games: - Mummy Game Requested by Jasmine</p> 	<p>Monday 24th August – Friday 28th August 2009</p> <p>Craft: - String balls Cooking: - Juice Drinks (Wednesday) Games: - Number Soccer Outdoor Fun: - Bocce Challenge</p> 
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DIARY DATES

Please click [here](#) to download the full list of Diary Dates

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THE RUSKIN PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL VISION

Every student at Ruskin Park Primary School can develop their natural curiosity and imagination through new and engaging approaches to teaching and learning.

The encouragement of a positive attitude within a friendly community of learners will promote success today, tomorrow and into the future.

THE RUSKIN PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL VALUES ARE

Building Friendships
Creativity
Honesty, and
Respect

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