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Diary Dates

NOVEMBER

Movember for Men's Health

Thurs 5th Nov	Footsteps Dance program – last session 6:45pm – 7:45pm – Blokes Night
Fri 6th Nov	Ruskin News Disco Night – Prep to 2's 6-7pm & Yr 3-6's 7-8:00pm
Mon 9th Nov	9:15am-10:15am – Prep Transition 7:00pm – School Council
Mon 9th-Fri 13th Nov	CANCELLED - Years 2-5 Swimming
Wed 11th Nov	Remembrance Day – short assembly 10:30am
Mon 16th Nov	Assembly & Principal's Awards
Tues 17th Nov	<u>School Photos for Yr 6 Graduates, Teams, Choir</u> 7:30pm – Families & Friends Meeting
Thurs 19th Nov	Ruskin News 12:30-1:30pm – Prep Transition
Fri 20th Nov	Rehearsal for Concert at George Wood Theatre
Mon 23rd Nov	Assembly & Principal's Awards
Wed 25th Nov	Whole School Concert – 7:30pm
Mon 30th Nov	Assembly & Principal's Awards

DECEMBER

Wed 2nd Dec	7:00-8:00pm – Prep Orientation Night
Thurs 3rd Dec	Ruskin News 9:30-10:30am – Prep Transition Ann's Music Concert (changed from 26 th Nov.) School Council Dinner
Mon 7th Dec	Assembly & Principal's Awards / Teachers' Planning Day
Tues 8th Dec	Choir and Recorder Concert
Thurs 10th Dec	Thank you Morning Tea for all Parent Helpers & Volunteers
Fri 11th Dec	3:45pm – Stuart's Music Concert <i>Reports go home</i>
Mon 14th Dec	Assembly with Flute Performance Year 6 Graduation Night
Tues 15th Dec	Parent / Teacher Interviews
Wed 16th Dec	1:35pm onwards – Class Parties 3:15pm – Kids Hope Break Up Party
Thurs 17th Dec	Ruskin News Croydon ABC Christmas Concert in Courtyard-private function
Fri 18th Dec	1:30pm Dismissal – Last Day of Term 4

Happy & Safe Holidays to All!

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School Concert – 25th November

The highly anticipated biannual school concert will be held on Wednesday, 25th November-7:30 pm at the George Wood Theatre, Yarra Valley Grammar. There is *one half day rehearsal scheduled for Friday, 20th November* and the students will be bussed to the theatre on this day. Kindly sign and return the permission slips when you receive them.

Parents are asked to let their child's teacher know if their child will not be attending the school concert evening on the 25th November. Students who will not be performing on the 25th November will remain at school under supervision on the rehearsal day. Other than designated parent helpers, the rehearsal is restricted to students and staff from RPPS.

Ticket information will be available shortly and further inquiries or questions may be directed to Mrs. Jenny Rainbow, Concert Director and Manager. Call the school on 9723 3886.

Lunch Slips

From time to time students arrive at school without a lunch. On these occasions the school provides a couple of slices of toast with a choice of jam or vegemite for the children to eat. No food is provided from the canteen.

As of November 6, the school will send home a slip with each student for whom food is provided. This allows families to organise and discuss the preparation and bringing to school of lunch so that students can take greater responsibility for remembering to bring along a packed lunch or money on canteen days – Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Thank you for your attention to this important issue.

Photo Day for Graduating Year Six Students & Teams

On Tuesday, 17 November, all Year Six students will have their Graduation photo taken. All other teams and special groups such as the School Choir will also be photographed. Students, teachers and parents are asked to check with the school office to ensure that all special groups and teams have been included and acknowledged for photo takes on this day. A list of the groups is available for viewing at the office.

The school will be using **advancelife photography** www.advancelife.com.au for the Graduation and Team photos this year as well as for the school photos in February, 2010. The school benefits by receiving a commission towards additional program resources for the photo packages sold and families have the advantage of accessing their child's photos over time as these are archived for 30 years.

Families will be able to purchase from the *traditional* photo packages offered at various prices. Details will be available at the start of the new school year in 2010. All families who submit their orders by the due date in 2010 will be placed into a draw to win one of five gift vouchers for *one complimentary "A" Super Value School Photography Package* valued at over \$100 each.

The Family & Junior Australian Run

On Saturday 28th November children aged 11-14 will have an opportunity to run or walk 5km and those aged under 11 years of age can participate in the *Great Australian Family Run* over 2km. Parents are welcome to participate with the children.

This event takes place at Albert Park and Cathy Freeman will be present as well as loads of different sports for children to try out. A discounted entry fee of \$20 per child is required to enter this event. If a group of 10 or more children take part and enter as a school group, an additional discount is available. The school offers this information to interested families and will not be organizing a school group to enter the event this year.

Entry forms and details are available at www.greataustralianrun.com.au

Reminder of Swimming Program Cancellation

Due to insufficient numbers this year's supplementary swimming program for students from years 2-5 has been cancelled.

Blokes Night

Remember that on Thursday, 5th November, boys from years 4-6 and their fathers, grandfathers, uncles or other significant carers are welcome to attend a puberty talk from 6:45 -7:45 pm. Light snacks will be provided. See Mrs. Bickford for more details.

Mothers & Daughters Night

Thank you to all the girls and their mothers/carers who attended the recent puberty session held on 29 October. The presenters did a terrific job and on behalf of those who participated I'd like to once again thank Mrs. Bickford, Ms. Plant (school nurse), Mr. Robbie Boyle (Chaplain) and Mrs. Kim Dall.

Disco Night – Friday, 6th November

All students are invited to attend a FREE Disco Night this coming Friday. Years Prep to Two are welcome from 6-7pm and Years 3-6 are welcome from 7-8:00 pm. All parents are welcome to join in or drop off their children who will be supervised for the designated times of the year levels.

Remembrance Day Ceremony

A brief ceremony will take place in the school courtyard from 10:40-11:00 am on Wednesday, 11th November. All parents and family members are welcome to attend. Lest we forget!

Thank You to...

Thanks to Mr. Brown for organising a fantastic Japanese Day on Tuesday, 20th October. Everyone had a great time and learned new skills as well as enjoying interesting demonstrations of Japanese Daiko Drumming and Ninja self-defence.

Thanks to Mrs. Vistarini for organising the 2009 Walk-a-thon which raised over \$1200 towards the purchase of an electronic white board for the Library. Thanks also to all the parents who joined in and to the helpers at the water station, Sam and Steve Unsworth.

Thanks to Mr. Alexander for organising the annual 'Music Count Us In' singing event where schools across Australia sang the same song Music is Everything at the same time on the same day – Thursday, 22 October at 11:30 am. Well done to everyone for their participation – it sounded fantastic!

Thanks to Mr. Scott for organising the collection of plastic bags to save the environment event. While the school had a late start with this activity, more than 1000 bags were collected by students! Thanks to everyone for caring about the environment.

Thank you to Mr. David Cook for the time and effort he has contributed to the school to finalise the plans and selection of new playground equipment for the students at Ruskin Park Primary School. New playgrounds will soon be installed for the children to enjoy.

Thank you to Families and Friends who are running the SunBlock Australia fundraiser at this time. Remember to be safe this summer and ensure that your children are wearing sun block to school every day. The school will receive a \$2 profit for every item sold and these funds will also go towards the purchase of the electronic whiteboard for the Library.

Congratulations to all Solar Boat competitors

Thanks again to Mrs. Pope, Mr. Cain, Ms. Thompson and the parents for their support of all the students who prepared to compete in the 2009 Solar Boat Challenge.

A special mention goes to Holly W and Angel C who were the Metro winners and have been asked to return to compete at the Australian Championships.

Well done to everyone and good luck to Holly and Angel!



Elle May Laikve
Principal

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Japanese Drummers and Ninja Warriors





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Assistant Principal's Message

Safety on the internet

At school the internet is used to support learning. All internet usage is supervised and monitored. At home, the internet can be used for projects, but also as a social space to meet, play and chat. The internet can be lots of fun. If you have the internet at home, encourage your child to show you what they are doing online. Make time to sit with your child to find out how they are using the internet and who else is involved in online activities. Have the computer with internet access in a shared place in the house – not your child's bedroom.

It's recommended that at home that you ask questions when your child shows you what they are doing, such as:

- How does it work and how do you set it up?
- Who is else is sharing this space or game? Did you “meet” them online?
- Can you see any risks or dangers in the activity? - What are you doing to protect yourself or your friends from these potential dangers?
- When would you inform an adult about an online incident that concerns you?

Some students like to publish information about themselves and their friends on social networking sites like Facebook, however it is important that they understand that they should not provide personal details or the personal details of other students as once published, this information, image or comment could be seen, changed or used by others.

Remember to also encourage students to password protect any accounts they have and most importantly be aware of strangers

If you need any further information: Check the website [Cybersmart](#) – which provides cybersafety education and awareness for children, young people and parents.

Thank you,
Mary Kelly

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Walktober Spring Walk-a-thon

Congratulations to all those who participated in our annual Spring Walk-a-thon on Wednesday 21st October.

Those who participated enjoyed a 5km walk around Dorset Golf Course with their teachers, parents and classmates on a beautiful sunny afternoon.

Students are now reminded to collect money from any sponsors they collected prior to the walk. So far we have managed to raise \$1,253.80 and this money will go towards the purchase of a new electronic whiteboard.

So keep that sponsorship money coming in and enjoy the sunny weather by continuing to walk and staying healthy!

Mel Vistarini





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Out of School House Child Care (OSHC)

2010 Enrolments

All families are required complete new enrolment forms each year. 2010 enrolment forms will be available at the Oshc program from **Wednesday 2nd December 2009**. Enrolments will be accepted in order of receipt and families will be notified in writing of their child/children's place in the program. If the need arises for a waiting list, Australian Government Priority of Access Guidelines will be applied as stated in our Policy And Procedure manual.

Please note that enrolments for 2010 will not be accepted until outstanding accounts have been paid.

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 09th November – Friday 13th November 2009</p> <p>Craft: - Butterfly Painting Cooking: - Popcorn Caramels (Thursday) Gardening: - Weeding and Mulching Outdoor Fun: - Basketball Skills</p> 	<p>Monday 09th November – Friday 13th November 2009</p> <p>Craft: - Bottle Critters Cooking: - Apple Tea Cake (Tuesday) Gardening: - Planting Tomatoes Outdoor Fun: - Balloon Games</p> 
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OSHC Team

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Solar Boats

A group of 14 Level 4 students have been working on designing, building and testing 6 boats for the Model Solar Challenge run by Monash University. They spent many lunch times last term, a day during the holidays and just about every day this term working on their boats to have them ready for the competition which was held last week end (October 17th and 18th).

We have had a very limited chance to trial our boats in preparation for the competition, so were not sure how our boats would perform.

Saturday was the BIG DAY! We all arrived at Scienceworks by 9am to have our boats scrutinized and hand in our posters. Then the fun started! We had until 10:30 to test out boats and iron out any problems. We used washers, nuts and even a 50c coin to balance our boats.

Each boat had 3 races in a Round Robin in the morning, which allowed us to make modifications to help the boats go faster. Most of our boats had at least one win and a couple of them were looking promising. As the cloud cover became lighter, the racing became faster.

After lunch the Knock Out Finals began. The clouds were beginning to lift and we had some sunny patches. Unfortunately a couple of our boats were knocked out in the first round as they raced against the faster boats, but were actually faster than a lot of boats that went on to the next round.

We ended up with 2 of our boats in the last 6, Josh C's 'Silver Tide' and Holly W. and Angel C's 'The Marshmallows'. Unfortunately Josh's boat was beaten in the semi finals, but Holly and Angels boat won and had made it into the Metropolitan finals. It was the best of 3 races. "The Marshmallows" won the first race convincingly, also the second. They came 2nd in the third race, but had enough points to be overall winners!! Congratulations girls.

Both boats were then asked to return on Sunday and race against the top 6 country boats to decide which boat was the Victorian Champion.

Sunday proved to have heavier clouds than the day before, but both boats performed extremely well against the Regional boats and were once again in the top 6 Victorian boats! Unfortunately, they were both beaten in the semi finals, but have still been asked to compete in the Australian Championships to be held in November.

We will continue to modify the boats and hope for full sun for "The Marshmallows" to perform at their best at the Australian Championship!

The students all had a wonderful day. It's a great way to enjoy the fruits of their labour! I would like to thank Steve Cain for helping me to work with the students and have their boats ready for the competition and to all the parents who made the trip to Scienceworks with their children. Also the Marnie Thompson, a trainee teacher for coming with me and making sure the teams were at the pool in time for their races.



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Come and Hear the School Rock Band *Platinum Anarchy*

**COME AND HEAR THE SCHOOL ROCK BAND *Platinum Anarchy*
PERFORM AT 11:15 am THEIR FIRST GIG OUTSIDE OF SCHOOL IN 2009!**

Great Food:

BBQ, Pancakes, Morning Tea,
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Children's Activities:

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Come along and support the Ruskin Park Rock Band

“Platinum Anarchy”

at the Croydon Uniting Church Fete this
Saturday November 7th.
(Croydon Rd, next to Croydon P.S., just round the corner from Coles)

On Stage about 11.15 am

Be there or be



A Night with the Stars

A separate handout will be given out today to the oldest in the family outlining details about our concert. Tickets will be on sale soon so take the time to read the information carefully. Thank you.

Jenny Rainbow

Arts Convenor

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Ruskin Park Primary School Vision & Values

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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