



BOTANIC BUZZ NEWSLETTER

TERM 3
WEEK 8
2026

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Settling into school life

Principal News



Mrs Fuller

Dear Families

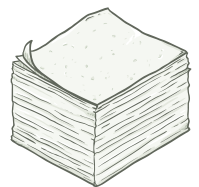
Principal Awards: It has been wonderful to see our Principal Awards get underway this week! Congratulations to Ruby, in Foundation, who was the very first student to receive a Principal Award. Ruby was recognised for her wonderful effort and the positive way she approaches her writing. I have also loved seeing the wonderful work, effort and persistence across our school as students have worked towards earning the next award. There are so many students demonstrating our school values and striving to do their very best. We will be presenting our next Principal Awards at Assembly next week. I can't wait to celebrate more of our students!

Footy Day: Get ready for a fun-filled Footy Day next Friday, 11 September! Students are invited to come dressed in their favourite footy colours or sporting team colours, and we will parade at 9am (parents are welcome to attend). One of the highlights of the day will be our annual Year 6 vs Staff Footy Game! I have a feeling our Year 6 students are going to be very keen to take on the staff! We look forward to seeing everyone getting into the spirit of the day.

Little Birdie Market: Our next Little Birdie Market will be held on Saturday 14 November, and we are already getting organised!

We are currently seeking donations of items including:

- Cans of Coke or Coke Zero (375ml)
- Bottled water
- Large Bottles of Tomato Sauce
- Napkins



If you are able to donate, please bring your donations to the school office. Every contribution, big or small, is greatly appreciated and helps make our market a success. We are also looking for volunteers to help on the day. If you are able to lend a hand, please send us an email. Thank you to our wonderful community for continuing to support our school events!

Staff Updates: We have a couple of staff updates to share with our community. Ms Amanda Houldcroft, one of our wonderful Education Support staff, will be leaving us next week as she takes up an opportunity at Ramleigh Park Primary School. Amanda will be returning to us at the beginning of 2027, so this is certainly not goodbye forever! We wish Amanda all the very best for her time at Ramleigh Park Primary School and look forward to welcoming her back next year. Last week, we also said goodbye to Ms Simone Newsome as she begins her maternity leave. Simone has been such a valued member of our school community, and we will certainly miss her. We wish Simone and her family a wonderful time together as they welcome their new addition and make lots of happy memories.

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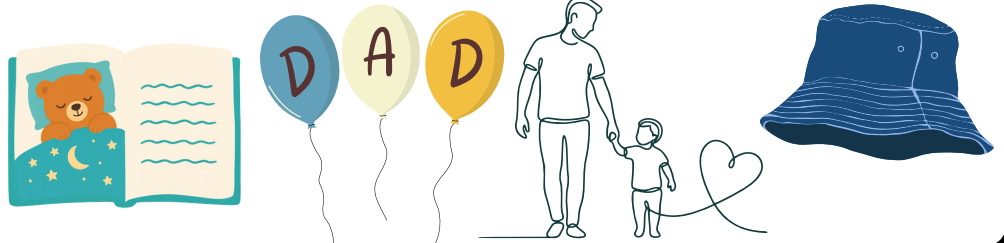
Grade 1 Bedtime Story Night: Our Grade 1 Bedtime Story Night was a huge success! It was wonderful to see our Grade 1 students enjoying such a special evening at school. A huge thank you to our Grade 1 teachers and Education Support staff who helped make the evening run so smoothly. Events like this are such a lovely way to build connections and create special memories for our students. Thank you to everyone who helped make the night so memorable.

Father's Day Activities: Our Father's Day activities will take place in classrooms on Monday 7 September from 2.15pm. We would love to see families attending and sharing this special celebration with our students. We hope many of our dads, grandfathers, special people and significant adults are able to join us. Looking ahead, next year we will be introducing Mother's Day and Father's Day stalls at school, so watch this space for more information!

Hats Are Back! With spring arriving, it is time to make sure our students are bringing their broad-brimmed hats to school each day. Please remind your child/ren to bring their hat from home so they are ready to enjoy the warmer weather safely. Thank you for your support in keeping our students safe in the sun!

As always, thank you to our wonderful families for your continued support of our school. It is lovely to see our community coming together, celebrating our students and making the most of the many opportunities we have ahead this term.

Have a wonderful weekend!



Attendance Matters!

Unexplained absence notices will be sent home shortly for students who have absences that have not yet been explained. If you receive a notice, please complete and return it promptly so that our attendance records can be updated. If we do not receive a response, further attendance follow-up may be required.

Going on Holiday?

If your family is planning a holiday or will be away from school for more than 10 days, please notify both your child's classroom teacher and the school office in writing before at least a week before you leave or earlier if you know it is coming up.

This allows us to accurately record your child's attendance and work to develop an Attendance Learning Plan for the days or weeks they will be away. This helps your child stay connected to their learning and reduces the impact of extended absences on their progress.

Thank you for working with us to make every day count. Your support with attendance makes a real difference to your child's learning, wellbeing and success at school.

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Teaching and Learning Buzz

Building strong mathematicians: Multiplication & division



Mr Bloomfield

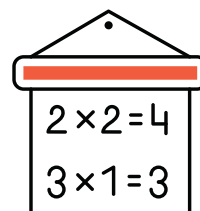
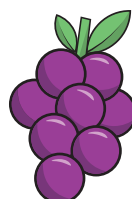
This term in Mathematics, students in Years 2–4 have been developing their understanding of multiplication and division. These are important skills that provide a foundation for many areas of mathematics, including fractions, percentages, measurement and more complex problem-solving. Before simply memorising times tables, it is important that students understand what multiplication and division actually mean. Students explore multiplication as equal groups and repeated addition, and division through sharing and grouping. Teachers use concrete materials, arrays, diagrams and number sentences to help students see the connections between the two operations. As this understanding develops, quick recall of multiplication and division facts also becomes important. When students can recall number facts automatically, it frees up their thinking to focus on solving more challenging mathematical problems.

Supporting Learning at Home

Short, regular practice at home is a great way to build both understanding and fact recall. Here are some simple ideas families can try:

- **Card Flip:** Use a deck of playing cards. Flip over two cards and multiply the numbers together. For an extra challenge, ask your child to give the related division facts.
- **Dice Multiplication:** Roll two dice and multiply the numbers. Older students can use two dice to create larger numbers or race a family member to find the product.
- **Arrays Around the House:** Look for multiplication in everyday objects – an egg carton, rows of tiles, muffin trays or blocks. Ask, “How many rows? How many in each row? How many altogether?”
- **Sharing at Snack Time:** Use grapes, crackers or other snacks to practise division. “We have 20 grapes to share equally between 4 people. How many will we each get?”
- **Times Table Challenge:** Choose one multiplication fact family to practise for the week. Ask quick questions in the car, while preparing dinner or on the walk to school. Keep it short and fun!
- **Fact Families:** Start with a fact such as $6 \times 4 = 24$ and see if your child can find the other related facts: $4 \times 6 = 24$, $24 \div 6 = 4$ and $24 \div 4 = 6$.

The goal is not just to answer quickly, but to understand how numbers are connected. A few minutes of regular, enjoyable practice can make a big difference in helping students develop confidence, automatic fact recall and flexible mathematical thinking.



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Ms Spinucci

Wellbeing Buzz

RUOK Day 2026



Ms Symons

Thursday 10 September 2026 is **R U OK? Day**. This year's theme is, 'Ask R U OK? Any Day'.

The theme emphasises that every day is the right day to check in with people around you.

By starting this conversation, you can change a life. If the person says they are not okay, you can follow conversation steps to:

- show them they're supported
- help them find strategies to better manage the load.

If they are okay, that person will know you're someone who cares enough to ask.

Conversation steps:



1. Ask



2. Listen



3. Encourage action



4. Check in

This year participating staff will be walking or running 100km for the month starting from RUOK Day and ending October 10th. This is to raise money for both the RUOK Organisation and BRPS Mental Health and Wellbeing. Demonstrating how getting active and moving your body can be great for your mental health.

You can follow the progress of our staff at 100km.4.BRPS on Instagram and there will be details posted shortly on how you can donate to this worthy cause.

Classes will be undertaking some learning and lessons on RUOK Day and we hope this has an impact moving forward knowing that we can all be 'R U OK? Any Day!'

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Colour Fun Run

The countdown is on for our Monty the Monstar Fun Run on Wednesday 16th September!

Don't forget the main attraction - SLIME A TEACHER. Our very own Mrs Fuller & Mr Bloomfield has volunteered to be slimed! Along with a few other names, bring a gold coin donation on a Wednesday morning before school or to the office to cast your vote!

The teacher that raises the most money, will be slimed on the day after the Colour Fun Run!!!

Jump online at myprofilepage.com.au to create your profile today. There are lots of prizes to be won and we are raising money for PE and Music equipment!

This is one event you won't want to miss!



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Upcoming Dates & Reminders

- Father's Day Activity - September 7th
- I Sea I Care (select students) - September 8th
- Footy Day - September 11th
- Division Athletics - September 14th
- Colour Run - September 16th
- Last day of term 2:30pm finish - September 18th

Even though you might not be in the Care Squad, you can still help around the school!





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Wednesday 14 Oct - 9 Dec
3:15PM - 4:30PM



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Classes opening
19th September!

RIDGE!



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mornings at Botanic Ridge Primary School!

- ⚽ Little Kicks (1.5 years - 2.5 years)
- ⚽ Junior Kickers (2.5 years - 3.5 years)
- ⚽ Mighty Kickers (3.5 years - 5 years)
- ⚽ Mega Kickers 1 (5 years - 6.5 years)
- ⚽ Mega Kickers 2 (6.5 years - 8 years)



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September Activities for dads & kids in Casey

**SEPT
04**
7.00 PM
The Meetup
men's group



**SEPT
06**
10.00 AM - 12.00 PM
Man With A Pram



**SEPT
17**
7.00PM - 9.00 PM
Jump Start



**SEPT
18**
7.00 PM
The Meetup
men's group



**SEPT
19**
10.00 AM - 11.30 AM
Gardening Together



**SEPT
20**
10.00 AM - 12.00 PM
AFL Fun



**SEPT
26**
1.00 PM - 2.30 PM
First-time Dads
Community Catch-up



**SEPT
28**
6.30 PM - 7.30 PM
Bikes & Bubs
Evening story & play time



The community-led
groups are supported by:



City of
Casey

Dads Matter
for a better group

E Bikes/E Scooters



A guide to safe and legal e-bike and e-scooter use

E Bikes



- Maximum assisted speed: 25 km/h
- Have working pedals
- Always wear a helmet
- No mobile phones while riding
- Don't carry others
- Only riders 12 and under can ride on footpaths

E Scooters



- Must be 16 or older
- Ride at no more than 20 km/h
- Always wear a helmet
- No mobile phones while riding
- Don't carry others
- No riding on footpaths

Not all e-bikes or e-scooters sold are legal to ride on public roads and paths.
Check it is legal before you buy.

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