The GRPS weekly Newsletter is published each Thursday electronically in Compass and on the school website!

**From the Principal:**
As we approach the end of the term it is good to reflect on all that has been achieved, in what seems to be a very short time frame.
Amongst other things, our Chess Club has gotten off to a flying start this term with over forty students participating and a round of tournaments planned for Semester 2.

Students in the State Schools Spectacular troop are well advanced in their rehearsals with the Great Ryrie PS Sports and Performance Centre being selected as one of the mass rehearsal venues across the state.
Students throughout the school have been engaged in ICAS Tests and we have enjoyed a wide range of engaging learning activities from the Years 5&6 Urban Camp at the start of term, to the Foundation Zoo Excursion held last week!
We look forward to publishing students’ Mid-Year Reports next week and to planning for an exciting and rich learning program in Term 3.

**School Canteen Parent Forum Tonight:**
Interested parents are invited to attend a forum in the School Library on Thursday, June 16, from 7:30 to 8:30pm, to discuss the results of our recent Canteen Survey and to brainstorm ideas for future Canteen Operations at Great Ryrie.

Please note, this forum is for adults only. We would love your attendance and your input. Go to our website to register your attendance by email! (go to www.greatryrieps.vic.edu.au).

**What Gonski Means To Us:**
In 2016, Great Ryrie has benefited greatly from the injection of nearly $70,000 in Gonski Funding for the first time since the program was initiated in 2014 and unfortunately this seems to be the only funding we will enjoy from this initiative, if the Federal Government moves on its stated plan to not fund the remaining few years.
While other States injected Gonski Funds directly into schools in the first two years of the program, this did not happen at Great Ryrie.
not happen in Victoria. With most of the funding earmarked for Years 5&6 of the program, it appears that Great Ryrie will miss out on the chance to have a further $2m plus put into programs to address student learning needs between now and 2019!

The funds we have received this year have been injected directly to enhance teacher capacity to assess and address student learning needs, specifically in the areas of Numeracy and Literacy but this has only been a beginning of what could be ‘game changing’ improvements across our school!

In what had been hailed as a ground breaking report, leading to cutting edge reforms in education on the world stage, Great Ryrie had a notional amount of over $2.7m in Gonski Funding earmarked for it over the life of the program, 2014-2019.

It is our fervent hope that Gonski reforms will continue after the Federal Election!

**Speaking Of The Federal Election:**

Don’t forget to sign up to help out with our BBQ and Cake Stall Fundraiser at the school on election Day, Saturday, July 2! Every dollar counts!

**Reports Live On Compass Next Week:**

Over the past month, staff have been working hard to prepare the written Mid-Year Report for every child. Reports are currently being reviewed and it is our hope to have these ready to publish online early next week!

Parents will need to log into Compass to access their child’s reports. If you have any concerns or queries in relation to your child’s Mid-Year Report for 2016, do not hesitate to contact their teacher before the end of term or early in term 3.

Written reports are expected to be available on Compass from Wednesday, June 22.

**Final Call for Enrolments for 2017!**

Enrolments for Foundation children in 2017 close on the last day of term, Friday, June 24. If you have a young child turning five before April 30 next year or turning six during the year, make sure you complete an enrolment form and hand it in to the school office by this date.

Please let any friends in the area who are looking at enrolling their Foundation child next year know that they need to do the same. Tours are available most Friday mornings by appointment through the school office.

If you are transferring out at the end of this term or the end of the year, please let us know this also. All of this helps greatly with our forward planning!

**Planning Days for Term 3:**

Between Friday this week and Thursday next week each level will have all their specialist lessons on one day, so that teaching teams can meet to plan for next term’s units of work.

The Foundation Team will be planning on Friday this week while the Specialist Teachers will be planning on Monday next week, Years 3&4 on Tuesday, Years 1&2 on Wednesday and Years 5&6 on Thursday.

By having all their planning time for the week concentrated on one day, at the end of each term, our teachers are able to focus on uninterrupted planning when developing units of work for the following term.

On these days all children in each class cycle through the four specialist areas of PE, Performing Arts, Art and Indonesian, as well as Library and Computer Lab lessons.

**Celebrating Mrs Robins’ Retirement:**

We are celebrating Mrs Robins’ retirement, after an extraordinary career, with a BYO BBQ outside rooms 7&8 at 5PM on Tuesday, June 21. BYO meat, drinks and a salad or dessert to share. We hope to see you here to help us farewell Beth!

**Monday Assemblies:**

There will be no assembly next Monday, June 20, while we run the Specialist Planning Day and hold interviews for a teacher to replace Mrs Robins in 34A.

Instead we will have a final ‘End Of Term Assembly’ in the Brian Allen Hall at 9AM on Friday, June 24, the last day of Term. This week’s Student Of The Week Awards will be presented at the Friday assembly.

**Students are dismissed at 2:30PM on the last day of Term 2.**

Term 3 recommences at 8:55AM on Monday, July 11, when we will again hold a brief morning assembly in the Brian Allen Hall.

Wishing you a great weekend,

Doug Elliott
Dear Parents of students currently in Grades 3, 4 and 5,

This is to inform you of changes to the dates for the opening of enrolments and the receiving of offers by Catholic Secondary Schools in general and more specifically at Aquinas College.

WHAT CURRENTLY OCCURS?
Enrolment at Aquinas opens in the September of the child’s Grade 5 year and closes in the February of the Grade 6 year. Offers are made in April. This will remain the process for those enrolling to begin in 2018. So if you have a child in Year 5 now (2016), nothing will change. Enrolment will open in September 2016, will close on 17th February 2017 and offers will be mailed to the student’s residential address in late April 2017.

WHAT HAS CHANGED?
In 2017, as well as making offers of enrolment as mentioned above for places in 2018, we will be opening enrolment for families looking for places in 2019. Enrolment will open at the beginning of May 2017 and will close on 25th August 2017. Letters of offers will be mailed to the student’s residential address in early October 2017. So if you have a child in Year 4 now (2016), you will need to note these changes and call the College for an application form when enrolment opens (May 2017).

MOVING FORWARD:
The timeline for opening enrolment at Aquinas will be as follows:

- Enrolment will open in May of the child’s Grade 5 year (for enrolling years from 2019, 2020 and so forth).
- Enrolment will close in August of the child’s Grade 5 year.
- Letters of offer will be received in October of the child’s Grade 5 year.

WHAT DO YOU NEED TO DO:
1. If you have a student in Year 4 or Year 5 in 2016, note the dates so you can obtain an enrolment form at the applicable time. To obtain an enrolment form, all you need to do is contact the College when enrolment opens and one will be posted out to you.
2. Make a time to book for a tour of the College (dates are available on our website).
3. Check our website for further updates under the Enrolment tab.

FOR AQUINAS COLLEGE:
If you have any questions, would like any information or are interested in booking for a tour, please contact the College Registrar: registrar@aquinas.vic.edu.au or on 9259 3033. Information and enrolment criteria is available at www.aquinas.vic.edu.au

From the Office - Reminders:
Families wishing to claim a tax deduction for their contribution to the school’s library fund in the 2015/2016 year, please pay your library fund contribution prior to 24th June.

The second installment for the Years 3&4 Camp was due Friday 10 June. Please make payment ASAP if you have not already done so.
Camps, Sport & Excursions Fund (CSEF) applications for 2016. Last Chance Applications close 17 June. Please present your concession card for copying to the office.

CONGRATULATIONS

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK - 16 June

00A Naomi Cuang
00B Mabel Ridge
00C Charlotte Brierley
00D Sylvia Thawng
12A Jack Cungnun
12B Ara Choi
12D Pippa Warrender
12E Jasper Liu
12F Tara Liu
34A Mia Nguyen
34B Lani Quick
34C Jiya Ramchul
34D Abigail Lawnsang
34E Layla O’Brien
34F Cung Cung
56B Sienna Neil & Zahara
56D Robert Ceu Pa Chung
56E Elise Ball
56F Michayla Ferguson

Indonesian – Juliette Hawker
Chloe Chasemore

Physical Education – Oscar Jenvey
Zuri Oxworth

*PE News*

Congratulations to the 3 boys who competed at Regional Cross Country on Tuesday! It was a beautiful afternoon out at Yarra Glen Race Course and the boys ran really well and achieved some great results. The races consisted of about 100 runners in each race so for the boys to achieve the placings they did was a great effort! Here is how they went:

- Tyrese Pomponio – 64th
- Tom Dellow – 10th
- Jacob Henry 5th

NUDE FOOD RESULTS THIS WEEK

We encourage all children to bring their snacks, drinks and lunches, but leave their rubbish at home. Especially on Tuesdays!

FDB 56% 12F 69% 34D 68% 56B 70%

LIBRARY

The “GUESS THE NUMBER OF MONSTERS AROUND THE LIBRARY” competition for the children will run until tomorrow FRIDAY 17th June, so why not have a go and enter. The entry forms and box are located on the table just near the entry door to the Library.

HINT: Look for the monsters inside and outside the Library.

BOOK RETURNS

All library books are due back to school next Wednesday 22nd June and overdue notices will be printed early next week.

FOUND - A generous parent donated clothes for our Fete this year and FOUND in one of the bags was a set of keys!! It is a FORD key and a remote with a few other keys on the ring. Please contact the office if you believe they may be yours.

Chaplain’s Spot Term 2 Week 10 2016

Ways to make your life calm and creative – today I will

[one for every day of the month]

1] Flavour my conversation with vibrant words and expressions
2] Dance through my day to music of enthusiasm
3] Consider resolving a conflict
4] Refresh my soul with 2 minutes of silence
5] Treasure myself as a unique soul
6] Give up an addiction … for a day
7] Empower someone through words of encouragement
8] Transform an everyday moment into something special
9] End the habit of blaming others
10] Express my feelings creatively
11] Compose my own wise saying
12] Creatively seek solutions
13] Courageously look fear in the face
14] Simply let go
15] Ask ‘who am I?’ and ‘why am I here?’
16] Live in the present moment, and focus
17] List my goals
18] Change a habit
19] Clear the air of misunderstanding
20] Take time to reflect
21] Reach out to someone ‘different’
22] Rearrange things
23] Replenish through nature
24] Write a piece of poetry
25] Consider alternatives
26] Shake off the past and move forward
27] Acknowledge that I am doing the best that I can
28] Regard upheavals as opportunities for spiritual growth
29] Simplify my life
30] Go for a pleasure walk
31] Follow my passion in life to the full

Alan Silverwood – Chaplain
[silverwood.alan.a@edumail.vic.gov.au] Pastoral care for our community.
[The Chaplaincy program is a voluntary program funded through the Federal Government. Feel free to
contact me if you have something you would like to discuss

**Head Lice**

A reminder to parents to be vigilant with regard to head lice. Please check your children’s heads regularly. We have had many reports of outbreaks recently. If your child has had lice and you have treated it, don’t forget to re-treat about 10 days later to ensure any residual eggs are also destroyed.

**Community Notices**

Is there some good news in your family that you would like to share with the rest of GRPS? A new addition to the family, a win in a Grand Final, a great sports game …. Let Janine at the office have the details by Wednesday morning and we’ll let everyone know!!

**COMMUNITY BUSINESS PARTNERSHIPS**

We would like to acknowledge and thank the following sponsors for their support. (For more details please see our website!)

ALL SMILES
Sorrento Ocean Beach & the Yarra Valley
Donate vouchers for all fundraising events

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email: info@antrenovations.com.au

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**AMAZING TRANSFORMATIONS**
Costume Hire kindly donate all the wonderful costumes we use for school functions.
33 High Street Glen Iris, 9885 4714

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**BENDIGO COMMUNITY BANK (Heathmont & East Ringwood Branches)** sponsor our school and along with Student Banking donate the following amounts for services taken out.
The amounts are:
$400 for a Bendigo home loan greater than $250,000
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$50 for a Bendigo equipment finance loan
$50 for a Bendigo personal loan
$20 for a Bendigo credit card

Heathmont branch: 9870 6654
East Ringwood branch: 9870 3655
"Great Ryrie are selling Entertainment Books this year as part of our fundraising program. $13 from every book/digital membership sold supports your school! Go to www.entertainmentbook.com.au/orderbooks/1967w06 to order your book or digital membership. Books can be collected from the office. Contact Sheridan at grpsentbooks@gmail.com if you have any questions"
Dear Parents

Beth Robins is Retiring
Come and Celebrate

Bar-b-que Pot Luck Dinner
Tuesday 21st June 2016
5:00 pm onwards
Rooms 7 & 8 Great Ryrie Primary School
Please bring your own meal to cook, drinks and a salad or dessert to share
Cordial will be supplied.
RSVP The office at IRPS by 17th June 2016
Lunar Drive In

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