



Newsletter

Ridgehaven Primary School

Term 2 - Week 3

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Dates To Remember

Year 8 High School Placement forms
Due by Friday 18th May

SAPSASA Cross Country
Friday 18th May

Tacky Toastie Tuesday
Fundraiser for the Starlight Foundation
Tuesday 22nd May

School Assembly
9am Thursday 24th May

Volunteer Training
9am 30th May
1:30pm 21st June

School Disco
Friday 1st June

Student Free day
Friday 8th June

Public Holiday
Monday 11th June

From Leadership Team

What a busy week it has been with NAPLAN this week. Well done to our Year 3, 5 & 7 students for your great attitude towards completing the tests. Thank you also to staff and students not sitting the tests for your flexibility and support over the 3 days.

Attendance at School

Most of our students have good attendance records. Regular attendance is strongly linked with continuous achievement. When children are regularly late they start the day in a less organised manner often missing important information. Frequent absence often results in major gaps in learning. We report to you on your child's attendance on the mid year and end of year reports so that you can keep informed. We also make contact with families by phone if a student has had 3 consecutive days of absence from school and no contact has been made with the school explaining the reason. We realise that students fall ill and should not be at school, but we need to make sure that those absences occur only when necessary. Attendance data is reported to the Education Department, the Governing Council and community in the Annual School report.

Did you know?

- If your child misses 15 minutes of class time every day, they will miss over 12 hours for 1 term and over 50 hours for the school year
- Missing six days per term adds up to 24 days per year which is approximately half a term of schooling missed.
- Missing 6 days per term during each of your child's primary years of schooling is equivalent to missing almost one full year of schooling.

Duty of Care

Schools have a number of processes in place to ensure safety at the site. One such process is making sure that a member of staff is on duty in the yard before and after school and at playtimes. Recently we have noticed a number of students arriving at school early in the morning before we have a teacher on duty. I remind families that our morning yard duty begins at 8.35am in the morning. After school, a teacher is on duty in the yard until 3.15pm. We would appreciate the yard being clear by 3.30pm. The blue gate on the western side of the school is locked by 3.45pm.

Dress Code

Last week we visited classes to check on our school dress code. Nearly everyone was in correct dress code. The recent cold weather may have caught a few families without correct clothing. We ask that you put a note in your child's diary or communication book when your child will wear something that is not dress code.

Our policy is due for review. If you have any information that you would like to share with us that relates to the school dress code, please let us know in writing by 31 May. If you would like to join a subcommittee of Governing Council members, staff and students, please leave your name and contact details at the front office by 31 May.

Jean Perks, Martin Woodcock & Sharon Foweraker

Our School Values:

Caring

Honesty

Excellence

Respect

Responsibility

The Program Achieve Keys To Success:

Confidence

Persistence

Getting Along

Organisation

Resilience



Trolls School Production
Golden Grove Arts Centre

Monday 30th July 6pm
Tuesday 31st July 6pm

Cost: \$12.30 (inc GST)

Book online at
<https://trybooking.com/book/event?eid=383506>

Entertainment Books

To purchase your book, come to the front office to pay in person or use the link below for a digital copy.

<https://www.entertainmentbook.com.au/orderbooks/160r869>

Entertainment books will be sent home with your child on Thursday 24th May. If you do not need a book sent home, please contact the front office.

For only \$70, Entertainment™ Memberships are packed with hundreds of up to 50% off and 2-for-1 offers for the best restaurants, cafés, attractions, hotels, accommodation, travel, and much more. So get in early, before they sell out.



Tacky Toastie Tuesday

Next week is Tacky Toastie Tuesday. Don't forget to order those nice warm toasties and drinks for lunch next Tuesday the 22nd of May. If you do not have an order form let your child's class teacher know and another one will be provided. Remember all proceeds for the day will donated to the Starlight Foundation, helping young children and their families deal with childhood cancer.

Students will be able to wear tacky clothes and we encourage students to wear a mismatched outfit for the day. Maybe odd socks, maybe two different shoes, be creative with your fashion style. We just ask that the clothing that you wear is appropriate for school with enclosed shoes, shoulders covered etc. Other than the clothing being appropriate, go crazy. We are asking if you could give a gold coin donation to your teacher on the day.

Thanks for your support; it will be a great day



Science in Room 10

Living and Non-Living Things

This term, room 10 have been learning about life cycles and living & non-living things in Science with Mrs Whitwell and our student teacher Mr Mertin.

We are looking at how plants grow from a seed and what is needed for them to grow, as well as learning about animal life cycles. We have explored different ways to group living things such as seeded or seedless plants and animals born or hatched from an egg.

We have planned experiments to investigate how different amounts of sunlight, water and soil affect plant growth. We have also been working with room 11 and 12 looking into the greenhouse effect and have made



In science we are planting some bean seeds and we have to follow a watering plan. -

Our group is investigating if a seed with more sunlight will grow bigger than a seed with less sunlight - Grace

We think that a seed with less water will grow bigger - Lily

Animals can be grouped into mammals and reptiles - Max