

Welcome to Week 7 at Rocklea State School

We are officially on the other side of half way through the term. It never ceases to amaze me how quickly the time goes by during the school term. Our learners from Prep to Year 6 have done a great job navigating the changes we have had with staff....our younger learners have shown genuine concern for their teachers, Ms Robertson and Mrs Mellor, which is so lovely to see. Parents, thank you for your support and patience at this time. I can share that Mrs Mellor will be returning to school on Monday 8 March. Mrs Mellor will be backfilling Ms Robertson in Week 7 which will allow for certainty for our learners.

We are here to answer any questions or concerns you have so please do not hesitate to make contact directly via your preferred method – 3276 5333 or jbail154@eq.edu.au

Rocklea State School Principal Appointment

As communicated in an email to all families on Friday 26th February, I have been appointed as the permanent Principal of Rocklea State School. Mr Murray Branch, the previous permanent Principal, has been appointed to Watson's Road State School.

Having leadership certainty for our school community is critical from the individual student level right through to the broader scope of the future of Rocklea State School. I have regularly commented at RSS P&C Meetings, informal conversations and during our Prep 2021 Events that I have every intention of staying at Rocklea State School should the opportunity arise. It truly is an honour and a privilege to be leading this school across the next few years - I am committed to forging ongoing relationships with our learners, families and the Rocklea community. And, I am equally committed to building upon our strong team of educators and support staff to ensure that *every* student at Rocklea State School is succeeding.

As a school team, the staff have identified the following two priorities for Rocklea State School's 2021 explicit improvement agenda:

1. **Wellbeing:** students, families, staff;
2. **Community Engagement:** raising the profile of Rocklea State School, seeking opportunities to support our families (increased enrolments, after-school care options).



Parent consultation regarding what this looks like in 2021 will be sought via upcoming Rocklea SS P&C Meetings.

Year 3 – Year 6 Class Teacher

A warm welcome to Mr Lachlan Scott who has been appointed as the temporary Y3-Y6 class teacher. Mr Scott will be on class until the end of term at this stage, replacing Miss Sands who has taken Leave. If you



have any questions about any aspect of teaching and learning in the Y3-Y6 class, Mr Scott is your first point of contact. His email is lscot206@eq.edu.au

Business Manager News.....welcome, Mrs Megan Purvis

We are pleased to share that Mrs Megan Purvis will be joining the Rocklea State School team as of Monday 8th March. Mrs Purvis will be working four days per week in the role of Business Manager/ Administration. I know that she is looking forward to transitioning to Rocklea State School and we are very excited to have her start.

Parent Information Sessions – ‘Setting your child up for success with Home Learning’

- Home Learning Parent Workshop – **Wednesday 10 March 2021**
3.30pm to 4.00pm



Ms Bailey and Mrs Mellor will be facilitating this session in the Library. All parents of learners in Prep to Year 2 are encouraged to attend.

We look forward to seeing you there.

‘Rocky Waterholes Play Group’ Resumes



This week, we are resuming our free play group on a weekly basis from 9am until 10am every Wednesday. Taking inspiration from a bygone era, ‘Rocky Waterholes Play Group’ will focus on

nature-based play and will be a welcoming meeting place for local parents of pre-school aged children (0-5). Ms Justine will be facilitating play group this term while Mrs Spence is on Leave.





ANZAC Day 2021 – Invitation to represent *Rocklea State School*

Remembrance, Respect and Recognition

I am very proud to share that **all students from Prep to Year 6** will be invited to represent *Rocklea State School* at the Stephens RSL Sub-Branch ANZAC Day March on Sunday 25th April from 6.45am. In addition to our school-based commemoration on Friday 23rd April, *Rocklea State School* will be marching with other local schools and local community groups to show our support of fallen service men and women and, those currently serving.

The march will step off at 7.00am from outside Yeronga State School, Park Road Yeronga. The march will then travel along Park Road, turn right through the Yeronga Memorial Park Gates into Honour Avenue and proceed to the Cenotaph. Here our School Captains and I will be called to lay a wreath as a part of the service. Participation will be voluntary and parents will need to transport children to and from the event. I will continue to communicate details as we get closer to the date. I hope you and your family will consider participating.



ANZAC Day March Leaders – Expression of Interest

Rocklea State School will be leading with an ANZAC Day banner that will be held by two students. I am seeking Expressions of Interest from families who have a strong connection to ANZAC Day to nominate their child to lead our march with our dedicated ANZAC Day banner. Please email Ms Bailey if you (and your child) is interested outlining your personal connection to this day of commemoration (jbail154@eq.edu.au)

Your child will need to be available to attend the ANZAC Day March in full school uniform on Sunday 25th April from 6.45am.

Please know that we welcome your contact should you have any questions, feedback or concerns. We are constantly seeking to improve our processes and value your contribution.

Have a great week!

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Rocklea State School P&C Messages

Annual General Meeting (AGM)

You are invited to attend the Rocklea SS P&C Meeting scheduled for **9th March 2021** Library from 3.30pm. At the AGM, all P&C Executive positions become vacant. As published on the Department of Education's website:



'Parents and Citizens' (P&C) associations work in productive partnership with their school principal and the community to promote the interests of the school, and facilitate its development and further improvement to achieve the best possible outcomes for students'.

You can learn more by visiting: <https://education.qld.gov.au/parents-and-carers/parent-participation/p-and-c>

If you have any questions about the P&C and/ or how you can get involved, please contact Georgia on 0415 218 519.

REMINDER Uniform orders - **PAYMENT DUE NOW**

Thank you for your support of our uniform ordering process. Invoices have now been forwarded to all families and are now due for payment. If you have any questions please contact Georgia Railton-Stewart on 0415 218 519.



ROCKLEA STATE SCHOOL.....WHAT WE'VE BEEN UP TO!



Dream catching



Breeze catching



Spider Web Circle Time



Cubby House Building



Play Dough Creating



Smile Making



Safe Keeping

Rocklea State School: Calendar Week 6, Term 1

Event	Date and Parent Information
Term 1, 2021	
Student Resource Scheme invoice	Invoices have been emailed out to all families. Payments are due now – thank you.
RSS P&C AGM + General Meeting	Tuesday 9 th March 3.30pm in the Library – all welcome
Rocky Waterholes Play Group	9am – 10am at Rocklea SS Wednesday 10 th March – free ☺
Parent Information Sessions – <i>Setting your child up for success with Home Learning</i>	P-2 Home Learning Parent Workshop Wednesday 10th March 3.30pm in Library
Weekly Parade	Friday 12 th March in the Library from 2.15pm. Parents welcome
Ms Bailey off campus	Friday 12 th March – all day Attending and Presenting at 2021 QAGTC State Conference
Harmony Week	Wednesday 17 th March – details to be confirmed this week
Shoot for the Moon – Week 10, Term 1	Wednesday 31 st March Celebration activity – Movie + Popcorn in the Library (bring a pillow)
Parent Teacher Interviews, Week 10, Term 1	Wednesday 31 March Invitations to book your 15 minute timeslot will be sent home soon.
End of Term 1	Thursday 1 st April (Good Friday Public Holiday)
Term 2, 2021	
Term 2 Resumes	Monday 19 th April
Date Claimer Rocklea SS ANZAC Day March	Sunday 25 th April – 6.45am Yeronga State School. Students are invited to participate in the Stephens RSL Sub-Branch ANZAC Parade. More details to be sent home early next term.
ANZAC Day Public Holiday	Monday 26 th April (Week 2)
QLD Labour Day Public Holiday	Monday 3 rd May (Week 3)

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BE RESPECTFUL

BE YOUR BEST



Creating a clean
and green Brisbane

FREE EVENT

Community tree planting

Rocklea and Archerfield community street
tree planting event

Saturday 13 March 2021, 9am-12 noon

Brisbane City Council invites you to help keep Brisbane
clean and green by planting a tree in your neighbourhood.
Meet at Fauna Parade Park, Rocklea.



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