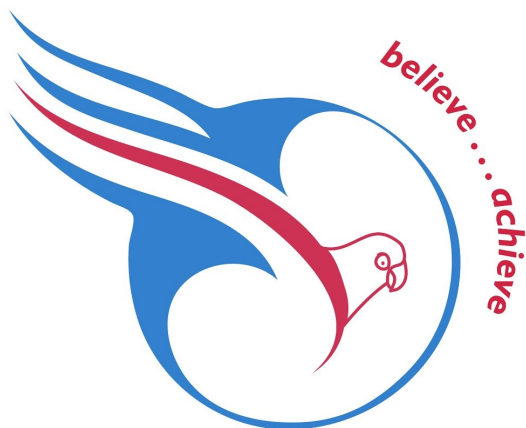


Ringwood North Primary School



RINGWOOD NORTH
primary school

**General
Information
Booklet
2023**

SCHOOL INFORMATION



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2023 START DATES

FRIDAY 27th & MONDAY 30th JANUARY

Teachers Resume— CURRICULUM DAY -Pupil Free Day

TUESDAY 31st JANUARY

First Day of School For Grades 1-6 9.00am start

First Day of School for Preps—9:30am start

To avoid congestion and ensure Prep children are not overwhelmed, their first day will commence at 9:30 am on Tuesday 31st . They will then continue to attend school from, 9:00am - 3:30pm Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday (no school Wednesdays) until the week beginning Monday 6th March.

SCHOOL HOURS

School commences	9:00am
Morning recess	10:50am to 11:20am
Lunch recess	1:10pm to 2:00pm
School dismisses	3:30pm
Lunch is eaten in the classroom	1:10pm – 1:20pm

2023 TERM DATES AND HOLIDAYS

TERM 1:	Tuesday 31st January - Thursday 6th April
TERM 2:	Monday 24th April - Friday 23rd June
TERM 3:	Monday 10th July - Friday 15th September
TERM 4:	Monday 2nd October - Wednesday 20th December

2:30 pm DISMISSAL BEFORE HOLIDAYS

On the day before each school vacation, (Terms 1, 2 and 3), all children are dismissed at 2:30 pm. On the last day of Term 4 children are dismissed at 1:30 pm.

PUBLIC HOLIDAYS

Labour Day	Monday 13th March
Good Friday	Friday 7th April
Easter Monday	Monday 10th April
Anzac Day	Tuesday 25th April
King's Birthday	Monday 12th June
Melbourne Cup Day	Tuesday 7th November

STUDENT FREE DAYS (Curriculum Days)

Friday 27th January
Monday 30th January
Monday 17th July
Monday 31st July

PLAYGROUND SUPERVISION OF CHILDREN

Supervision of your child in the school ground begins at 8:45am and ceases at 3:45pm, therefore it is not encouraged to have children in the school grounds outside of these hours.

We recommend that Foundation students are accompanied to and from school by a responsible adult.

Please be aware that if your child is not picked up from school by 4.00pm staff may put them into the out of School Hours Care Program at your expense.



SCHOOL PROFILE

Ringwood North Primary School provides a dynamic educational environment where your child will thrive. We ensure a breadth and depth of learning experiences for every student.

This is achieved by a team of highly focused, skilled and dedicated teachers working in partnership with the school and its community. We are faithful to our vision and motto 'believe...achieve.'



VISION


Ringwood North Primary School is committed to the education of the whole child. Teachers share mutual educational understandings, giving students a real sense of moral values and purpose, as active citizens in a civilised and cohesive global society. Children will be provided with appropriate resources enabling them to accommodate change, and enjoy a productive and fulfilling adult life.

VALUES



To be Respectful

CONSIDERATE
HONEST
INCLUSIVE
TRUSTWORTHY



To be
Neighbourly

COLLABORATIVE
CARING
COMMUNITY
MINDED
GLOBAL
CITIZENS



To be Positive

CONFIDENT
CREATIVE
GRATEFUL
RISK TAKERS



To be
Successful

RESILIENT
CRITICAL
THINKERS
PERSISTENT
FLEXIBLE
AND
ADAPTABLE

OUR SCHOOL

Ringwood North Primary School enjoys an important and well-respected place in the local community. It is situated in a peaceful residential area in the City of Maroondah and is a member of the Maroondah Network of schools. The school has continued to modify buildings to make way for the inclusion of new technologies and enhanced learning spaces. A three million dollar building, funded by the 'Building Education Revolution' comprising of 6 classrooms and break out learning spaces was built during 2010. During 2013, a specialists classroom area and auditorium was built. 2020 saw the completion of the new grade 1/2 classrooms, reading recovery room and toilet facilities.

The school site on Oban Road has native gardens and eucalypts surround the buildings. Staff, students and parents enjoy attractive facilities including pleasant grounds and playing areas, oval, paved areas and gardens. Classrooms are used creatively to highlight the school's program and the students' achievements. The school continues to extend digital technologies across all areas. Interactive whiteboards or Apple TV's are in all class and specialist rooms.

Ringwood North Primary School provides an educational environment that fosters an active partnership between home, school and the community. This belief is demonstrated by the strong sense of community spirit that permeates all school activities. The intrinsic feature remains the manner in which staff work together providing professional and personal support for each other. This commitment and care is extended to all members of the community and is generously reciprocated and demonstrated in diverse ways.

The school has a range of additional programs which enhance students' learning in the Victorian Curriculum and provides enrichment and extension of skills and understandings. These include: portfolio assessment; Information and Communication Technology; Biannual Productions: group ensembles; school choir; participation in Eisteddfods, participation in the ICAS Competitions; camps; transition programs from Kindergarten to Prep, and Year 6 to Year 7; internal transitions between year levels structured to cater for individual children's needs; Developmental Curriculum; swimming programs; Perceptual Motor Program for Preps and Grade 1 and interschool sport for Year 5 and 6 students; participation in Hooptime competitions; Buddy system between Foundation, Year 3 and Year 6; and other lunch time clubs.

Private music lessons are given during school hours for which parents pay directly to the instructor. A biennial school production is held. All students and staff are involved in the production through the integrated curriculum. Since 1995, musical productions have become an exemplary tradition in school life, which enshrine and unify school community spirit and ideals.

Many whole school events are highlights of our year. These often include: House Sports Athletics Day, Footy Day, Indonesian Day, The Billy Cart Grand Prix, Carols on the Oval, Discos and Special Lunch days. Many parents, family and local community members enjoy becoming involved in these events.

Ringwood North is positioned at the forefront of educational opportunity and innovation. Enrolments at the school remain strong with approximately 435 in 2022. School tone is one of valuing individual competencies, professionalism and admiration for endeavor.

Ringwood North maintains a 'can do culture', shared by Students, Parents and Teachers. High levels of engagement are hallmarks of this culture. All stakeholders share a firm belief that our community is preparing students to be effective members of a global community, yet valuing individualism. Members of the school community take responsibility for their part in the learning process.

For the students this means to recognise the school's learning culture and be active members of it, to communicate effectively, to be independent workers, team players, and build up their capacity as learners to contribute meaningfully in their world.

For the parents this means supporting their child's learning within the culture of the school, contribute to the future needs of the school through forums existing within the school and by maintaining open dialogue with administration, class teachers, and each other.

For the staff this means valuing the agreed culture and progressive nature of the school, valuing the talents of individual staff members and working together as a team to keep up with new directions in learning theory and pedagogy.

The shared beliefs and values devised by the school community are actively modeled by the staff and school council. There is an expectation that the whole community shares the same desires and beliefs. The strength of our school is the cohesiveness between the various groups within the school, giving rise to a unity of purpose and is promoted by a forward thinking and inclusive leadership, which works towards presenting every opportunity (direction, resources and support) to make success a reality.

We continue to acknowledge the individual student, performing and visual arts, information technology, digital and innovative curriculum. At the core of everything we do, is what's best for our students. Sharing this belief across the community allows us to move forward with complete confidence.

POSITIVE EDUCATION

Ringwood North Primary School is part of the Positive Education network, and promotes and values the positive psychology pedagogies. Staff and students focus on the nurturing and development of positive relationships, emotions, health, engagement, accomplishment and purpose. At the heart of Positive Education is the exploration of character strengths and mindsets that allow students to flourish in all areas of their lives.

Ringwood North continues to build on the principles of building resilience through the exploration of gratitude, empathy and mindfulness, and we encourage our school community in its entirety to live and teach these values. Students will have the opportunity to work with their class, as well as teachers and students from other year levels to make the language and actions of Positive Education part of the rich culture of the school. RNPS also implements the Friendology program to help students to enjoy healthy, strong and supportive friendships.

SCHOOL COUNCIL

The School Council is a legal entity composed of unpaid voluntary members elected by the school community. The Council consists of the principal, as Executive Officer, four staff and ten parents.

Ringwood North Primary School Council is required:

- ◆ To work with the principal and staff in shaping the educational policy of the school
- ◆ To ensure that buildings and grounds are kept in a good state of repair
- ◆ Suggest improvements/extensions to buildings and grounds
- ◆ Stimulate interest in the school
- ◆ Conduct an Annual General Meeting each year
- ◆ Be the employer of staff employed through RNPS school local payroll.
- ◆ Draw up a budget each year.

Meetings are held on the third Tuesday of each month, commencing at 7:00pm. Parents are welcome to attend any meeting. The Annual General Meeting and council elections are held in March.

COMPASS

Our school uses Compass as our Parent Portal. Using Compass allows you to access up-to-date and meaningful information about our school and your child's progress. Compass includes many different features, including the ability to:

- Monitor your child's attendance, and enter approval for absence or lateness
- Communicate with your child's teachers, and update your family contact details
- View your child's timetable and school calendar
- Monitor your child's homework and assessment tasks
- Download and view your child's progress and semester reports
- Book parent-teacher conferences
- Pay and provide consent for events and school fees

Compass is accessible on any modern web browser (Internet Explorer, Firefox, Chrome, Safari) or by using the Compass IOS or Android apps. Search for 'Compass School Manager' in the store.

Every family receives a separate login to Compass which will be provided to you. To access the parent portal, go to our school website and click the Compass link on the homepage. Alternatively, if you are having trouble finding the Compass Link you can go to <http://schoolsjdjf.com.au> where you can search for and find our school's direct URL.

YOUR CHILD'S ATTENDANCE

Absences hinder a child's progress

- ◆ It is a DE&T (Department of Education and Training) requirement that an explanation is recorded for **every absence, late arrival and early dismissal**.
- ◆
- ◆ Again, should an explanation not be forthcoming, the absence will be recorded as unapproved.
- ◆
- ◆ If your child is absent from school for an extended period due to illness, the school will provide appropriate schoolwork for the child.
- ◆
- ◆ **Absences are to be recorded by you on Compass, our parent portal and learning management system.**
- ◆

REGULAR ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUAL ARRIVAL ENCOURAGES

- ◆ Positive work habits
- ◆ Positive social skills
- ◆ Reliability and responsibility.

DE&T policies encourage school attendance. Their catch phrase is:

'IT'S NOT OK TO BE AWAY'

Each year of a child's schooling is MOST important. It is inadvisable to send a child back to school who is weak as a result of an illness from which they may not have fully recovered. It is unrealistic to expect a sick child to learn. A child who has been very ill may easily catch other complaints if they have not regained their strength. Home is the best place for a sick child.

LEAVING SCHOOL EARLY

When you need to collect your child from school early you **MUST** come into the office and a staff member will telephone your child's classroom to ask your child to come to the office. Staff will also enter your child's early dismissal on Compass.

At no stage is another person allowed to collect your child without your prior consent given to the office.

GENERAL INFORMATION (HEALTH)

Details of addresses and telephone numbers are kept so that you or the person you nominate may be contacted if your child is ill or has an accident at school. Please notify us immediately of any changes in residential/business addresses and telephone numbers or change of doctor. These records are regularly updated on the administration database.

In addition, please inform us of any change in your child's state of physical and emotional health, e.g. development of allergies; reaction to medication; family upsets. We want to be in a position to give your child the best possible support.

In the case of sudden illnesses the following procedures are used:

Serious Cases: A teacher will give help and remain with students until appropriate assistance arrives. The principal or assistant principal is notified and the parents are immediately telephoned if possible.

If the school is unable to contact any parent or guardian listed on the child's emergency contacts, medical treatment deemed necessary will be undertaken. All of the medical costs will be the responsibility of the parents. Details of these cases are reported to the Department of Education and Training.

Minor Cases : When a student becomes unwell or suffers a minor accident, appropriate first aid is given and the child is placed under observation. Parents are then notified if it is considered necessary and the child may be collected. Accidents are recorded in the School's Accident Register.

PLEASE let the school know if your child has:

- ◆ Asthma
- ◆ Anaphylaxis
- ◆ Diabetes
- ◆ Epilepsy
- ◆ Allergies
- ◆ Any other chronic illness

MEDICATION AT SCHOOL

Children ARE NOT to keep any form of medication in their school bags other than an asthma puffer.

Prescribed medicines will only be administered to children by staff members if a 'Medication Authority Form' has been completed by parents or guardians.

The medication must be in its original packaging.

This form can be obtained from the office or downloaded from School Resources in Compass from the Whole School folder.



HEAD LICE

Please contact the school office if your child has head lice. We are then able to notify the school community to be vigilant.

Instructions on how to treat head lice can be found in School Resources (under the Pencil Icon) on Compass in the Whole School Folder.

Minimum period of exclusion from primary schools and children's services¹ for infectious diseases cases and contacts

Public Health and Wellbeing Regulations 2019

Schedule 7

Column 1 Number	Column 2 Conditions	Column 3 Exclusion of cases	Column 4 Exclusion of Contacts
1	Chickpox	Exclude until all blisters have dried. This is usually at least 5 days after the rash appears in unimmunised children, but may be less in previously immunised children	Any child with an immune deficiency (for example, leukaemia) or receiving chemotherapy should be excluded for their own protection. Otherwise not excluded
2	Conjunctivitis	Exclude until discharge from eyes has ceased	Not excluded
3	Cytomegalovirus (CMV) infection	Exclusion is not necessary	Not excluded
4	Dianthoal illness*	Exclude until there has not been vomiting or a loose bowel motion for 24 hours	Not excluded
5	Diphtheria	Exclude until medical certificate of recovery is received following at least two negative throat swabs, the first not less than 24 hours after finishing a course of antibiotics and the other 48 hours later	Exclude family/household contacts until cleared to return by the Chief Health Officer
6	Glandular fever (Epstein-Barr Virus infection)	Exclusion is not necessary	Not excluded
7	Hand, Foot and Mouth disease	Exclude until all blisters have dried	Not excluded
8	Haemophilus influenzae type b (Hib)	Exclude until 48 hours after initiation of effective therapy	Not excluded
9	Hepatitis A	Exclude until a medical certificate of recovery is received, but not before 7 days after the onset of jaundice or illness	Not excluded
10	Hepatitis B	Exclusion is not necessary	Not excluded
11	Hepatitis C	Exclusion is not necessary	Not excluded
12	Herpes (cold sores)	Young children unable to comply with good hygiene practices should be excluded while the lesion is weeping. Lesions to be covered by dressing, where possible	Not excluded
13	Human immunodeficiency virus infection (HIV)	Exclusion is not necessary	Not excluded
14	Impetigo	Exclude until appropriate treatment has commenced. Sores on exposed surfaces must be covered with a watertight dressing	Not excluded
15	Influenza and influenza like illnesses	Exclude until well	Not excluded unless considered necessary by the Chief Health Officer
16	Leprosy	Exclude until approval to return has been given by the Chief Health Officer	Not excluded
17	Measles	Exclude for at least 4 days after onset of rash	Immunised contacts not excluded. Unimmunised contacts should be excluded until 14 days after the first day of appearance of rash in the last case. If unimmunised contacts are vaccinated within 72 hours of exposure with any infectious case, or received Normal Human Immune Globulin (NHIG) within 144 hours of exposure of any infectious case, they may return to the facility
18	Meningitis (bacterial—other than meningococcal meningitis)	Exclude until well	Not excluded
19	Meningococcal infection	Exclude until adequate carrier eradication therapy has been completed	Not excluded if receiving carrier eradication therapy
20	Mumps	Exclude for 5 days or until swelling goes down (whichever is sooner)	Not excluded
21	Molluscum contagiosum	Exclusion is not necessary	Not excluded
22	Pertussis (Whooping cough)	Exclude the child for 21 days after the onset of cough or until they have completed 5 days of a course of antibiotic treatment	Contacts aged less than 7 years in the same room as the case who have not received three effective doses of pertussis vaccine should be excluded for 14 days after the last exposure to the infectious case, or until they have taken 5 days of a course of effective antibiotic treatment
23	Poliovirus infection	Exclude for at least 14 days from onset. Re-admit after receiving medical certificate of recovery	Not excluded
24	Ringworm, scabies, pediculosis (head lice)	Exclude until the day after appropriate treatment has commenced	Not excluded
25	Rubella (German measles)	Exclude until fully recovered or for at least four days after the onset of rash	Not excluded
26	Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS)	Exclude until medical certificate of recovery is produced	Not excluded unless considered necessary by the Chief Health Officer
27	Shiga toxin or Verotoxin producing Escherichia coli (STEC or VTEC)	Exclude if required by the Chief Health Officer and only for the period specified by the Chief Health Officer	Not excluded
28	Streptococcal infection (including scarlet fever)	Exclude until the child has received antibiotic treatment for at least 24 hours and the child feels well	Not excluded
29	Tuberculosis (excluding latent tuberculosis)	Exclude until receipt of a medical certificate from the treating physician stating that the child is not considered to be infectious	Not excluded
30	Typhoid fever (including paratyphoid fever)	Exclude until approval to return has been given by the Chief Health Officer	Not excluded unless considered necessary by the Chief Health Officer

Regulation 111

A person in charge of a primary school, education and care service premises or children's services centre must not allow a child to attend the primary school, education and care service premises or children's services centre for the period or in the circumstances:

* specified in column 3 of the Table in Schedule 7 if the person in charge has been informed that the child is infected with an infectious disease listed in column 2 of that Table; or

* specified in column 4 of the Table in Schedule 7 if the person in charge has been informed that the child has been in contact with a person who is infected with an infectious disease listed in column 2 of that Table.

*Dianthoal illness includes instances where certain pathogens are identified including Amebiasis (*Entamoeba histolytica*), *Campylobacter* spp., *Salmonella* spp., *Shigella* spp. and intestinal worms, but is not limited to infection with these pathogens.

Further information

Please contact the Communicable Disease Prevention and Control Section on 1300 651 160 or visit www2.health.vic.gov.au/public-health/infectious-diseases/child-exclusion

¹ Children's services cover the terms 'education and care service premises' or 'children's services centre' used in the regulations. It includes centres such as childcare centres and kindergartens.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

In accordance with the Department of Education and Training guidelines the School Council of Ringwood North Primary School introduced compulsory school uniform. All students of the school will wear the correct uniform at all times. The Uniform Policy is available on our website.

JEWELLERY, ACCESSORIES

- ◆ Children are permitted to wear watches, but they are the child's responsibility.
- ◆ Students may wear small sleepers or plain studs. However they are **not permitted** to wear decorative earrings.
- ◆ Make-up and nail polish are **not permitted**.
- ◆ Hair ties are to be navy blue only – other hair accessories are not permitted.

VALUABLES & TOYS

- ◆ Toys brought to school are the child's responsibility and should be clearly labelled.
- ◆ Children are asked not to bring jewellery and other valuables or fad items to school. Whistles, toy guns and knives, water pistols and electronic games are not permitted. The school takes no responsibility for expensive toys brought to school.

FOOTWEAR

- ◆ For safety reasons it is expected that sensible, practical footwear is worn at all times. Open toed or slip on footwear is not suitable. **No thongs are allowed at any time.** Black footwear is preferred with uniform. Runners are recommended on days when your child/ren has Physical Education lessons or sport.

UNIFORM SHOP

- ◆ R H Sports Pty Ltd is the company we use to buy all uniform items. They are located at Unit 12/100 New Street, Ringwood. For over the counter sales they are open Monday to Friday 9 am to 5 pm, or online at rhsports.com.au.
- ◆ The school also has a Second Hand uniform shop that is located near the school office. Please contact office staff in relation to purchasing items and opening hours.

NAMING OF ARTICLES

- ◆ Please ensure all items of clothing are clearly named so they can be returned. Initials on labels tend to fade and eventually wear off, so please check them occasionally. We would appreciate your co-operation in attending to this.

LOST PROPERTY

- ◆ Lost property is located near the School Office. Unclaimed articles are resold in the uniform shop. It is your responsibility to name your child's articles of clothing.

WEARING OF HATS

- ◆ Ringwood North is a 'Sun Smart' school. Hats are to be worn by all children during the school day for all outside activities from the 1st September until 30th April – consistent with Cancer Council guidelines and our Sun Smart Policy.

UNIFORM SHOP



RHS Shop

Unit 12/100 New St.
Ringwood 3134

9 am - 5 pm
Monday to Friday
9870 1377
info@rhsports.com.au

Online Ordering

Visit: rhsports.com.au
go to clothing/school uniforms



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School Uniforms can be purchased using the following options:

1. Retail Showroom

Unit 12/100 New Street, Ringwood. 3134.

Open Monday to Friday. 9.00am to 5.00pm.

Ph:9870 1377

2. Order Online

Visit: www.rhsports.com.au

3. Phone order to Retail Showroom on 9870 1377

4. Email an order to: sales@rhsports.com.au

For online ordering, visit: www.rhsports.com.au and select "SHOP SCHOOL UNIFORMS"



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SCHOOL POLICIES

School policies are determined by the School Council, a representative body of parents and members of staff. Policies are developed in areas such as Education, Facility Management, Canteen, Before/After School Care, Uniform, Camps and Excursions but not school operation as this is the responsibility of the principal.

Policies can be found on Compass (in School resources under the Pencil Icon) for you to access at any time.

THE CURRICULUM

This curriculum is the Victorian Curriculum.

Ringwood North Primary School incorporates 'Challenged Based Learning (CBL) across the school. This involves a whole school concept such as 'Success' which is looked at from a variety of angles by the different grade levels. Students are given a challenge and work in facilitated groups to develop a solution. You will hear about those solutions at some assemblies during the year, special events or in the newsletter.

The greater amount of weekly classroom teaching is devoted to English and Mathematics.

Your child is with his/her class teacher for the majority of time each week. Specialist teachers provide instruction in the areas of Art, Music, Indonesian and optional Instrumental music.

CAMPS AND SPECIAL EVENTS

The Camping and Special Events Program is a whole school developmental program which provides children with the opportunity to participate in activities outside the classroom. It includes a school wide, camping program and year level excursions.

The camping program is as follows:

Prep	Breakfast at school
Year 1	Dinner at school
Year 2	One night sleep over at school
Year 3	3 Day/2 Night camp - Wandin (Gundiwindi)
Year 4	3 Day/2 Night camp - Waratah Bay
Year 5	4 Day/3 Night camp - Beechworth
Year 6	2 Day Team Building camp - Phillip Island (Term 2) 5 Day Tour - Warrnambool (Term 4)

Excursions are organised throughout the year by class teachers.

Please be aware School Council has determined, as policy, that if your child has been sick during the previous 24 hours before camp departure a doctor's certificate is required on the morning of departure or they are not permitted to attend.

Swimming lessons are held daily over a two-week period during term 4.

HOUSE COLOURS

WIMMERA
Green

AVOCA
Red

CAMPASPE
Blue

YARRA
Yellow

MUSIC

Our school has a variety of music programs that children can access.

Choir: Years 3 – 6 Children audition and participation is optional.

Instrumental Ensemble: Years 3 – 6

Instrumental Music Tuition: Grade 1 – 6, rotating timetable where practical during class time. Parents must pay all associated costs when participating in this program.

Musical Production: Held every second year. Previous productions have been :-

1995 - Wizard of Oz

1997 - Peter Pan

1999 - Cinderella

2001 - Pinocchio

2003 - Snow White

2005 - Aladdin

2007 - Wonder in Aliceland

2009 - Wind in the Willows

2011 - Beauty and the Beast

2013 - The Wizard of Oz

2015 - Doctor Dolittle

2017 - The Amazing Adventures
of Superstan

2019 - Robin & the Sherwood Hoodies

2023 –Aladdin Trouble



INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC PROGRAM

Ringwood North Primary School offers parents/ guardians the opportunity to enrol children in our instrumental music program.

Children may learn from a range of instruments including electronic keyboard, piano, violin, guitar, clarinet, flute, recorder and saxophone, trumpet, trombone and percussion including drums.

Participation in the program is optional. Lessons are half an hour in duration and take place during the school day on a rotating timetable.

At Ringwood North we view our Performing Arts Program as an enriching opportunity for students. We value the importance of this program in the education of children. The goals of the program are clear: to provide the opportunity at school to learn a musical instrument, in order that children develop lifelong leisure music skills.

The Instrumental Music Program aims to:

- encourage skills that are developed through this initiative to be extended into normal core curriculum areas, notably: self discipline, commitment, perseverance, enhanced self esteem and increased confidence
- provide lessons at affordable rates in groups of no more than 3 children thereby increasing access to instrumental music to greater numbers of children
- provide opportunities for group performances at concerts, public gatherings in the local community and in the school band
- provide parents with 2 reports each year discussing their child's progress

PAYMENTS TO SCHOOL

Our method of payment/consent for most activities is via the Compass Parent Portal.

Every effort is made to help make your payments as easy as possible.

School Fees can be paid in full or with the option of the instalment plan via Compass. Please contact our Business Manager if you require an alternative arrangement.

Excursion payments and consent is via the Compass Parent Portal..

Staff planning these activities try to give a minimum of two weeks for families to pay. In relation to Camps every effort is made to give parents the optimum time to make the payment.

You can also come into the office to pay by credit card/efpos cash or cheque.



COMPASS
School Manager



SCHOOL CROSSING

The 'No Parking' signs erected near the school crossing are there for your children's safety. Please set the correct example by using the school crossing and by insisting your child use the school crossing and obey the supervisor's signals. The crossing operates only when the red crossing flags are displayed between 8am and 9am in the morning and between 3pm - 4pm in the afternoon. The speed zone in the vicinity of the school is 40km between 8.00am - 9.30am and 2.30am - 4.00pm each school day.

PARKING

The school car parks are available only to staff and commercial vehicles. **These areas are out of bounds to children and pedestrians, who must use the main gate to gain access or to leave the school.**

Students should not be delivered into or be collected from the car park areas.



NEWSLETTER

Our Newsletter, The Oban Oracle is published fortnightly on a Tuesday. It contains items of interest regarding school happenings. These publications can be found on the Compass parent portal.

All notices are on Compass or emailed to prevent loss of hard copies and to encourage environmental awareness.



OBAN ORACLE

LUNCHES/CANTEEN

Lunches are eaten in classrooms under supervision, from 1.30pm. Children are dismissed into the yard from 1.40pm.

The school has a canteen operating each week day.

Orders are distributed at lunchtime by the classroom 'Lunch Monitors' (Monitors are chosen by the class teacher and all children are given the chance to be one!) Our canteen is operated by H & H Catering and Vivian is our Canteen Manager.

Lunch orders are made online by registering and creating an account via QuickCliq.

During recess and lunchtimes the canteen is open for over the counter sales for children to buy snack foods and drinks. Parents are requested to minimise the amount of cash children bring to school.

Alternatively, lunch orders can be brought to school. Please write clearly, on the lower half of a CLEAN paper bag, as in the following example:

MARY SPARROW
Grade 1S

Order

E.g. 1 Salad sandwich	3.00
1 Apple	<u>1.00</u>
Total	<u>4.00</u>
Amount enclosed	4.00

A canteen list of available foods is available on Compass under Resources. Menus may change seasonally.

The aim of the canteen is to provide healthy choices at reasonable cost.

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New to Quickcliq? SIMPLY REGISTER AT: www.quickcliq.com.au

Ringwood North PS Canteen Summer Menu 2023

Supadupa Sangas

(Wholemeal or Multigrain Bread)	
White High Fibre Bread	add 20c
Rolls or Wraps	add 50c
Toasted	add 50c
Cheese (low fat)	add 50c
Vegemite	2.40
Cheese (low fat)	2.40
Cheese & Tomato	2.70
Cheese & Vegemite	2.90
Egg & Lettuce	3.00
Salad (Lettuce, Tomato & Carrot)	3.00
Salad with Cheese	3.50
Ham	3.00
Ham & Cheese	3.50
Ham & Cheese & Tomato	3.70
Roast Chicken	3.50
<i>Roast Chicken, Lettuce & Mayo</i>	<i>4.30</i>

Hoppity Hot Food

<i>Mac 'n' Cheese</i>	<i>5.00</i>
<i>Lasagne</i>	<i>5.00</i>
<i>Spaghetti Bolognaise</i>	<i>5.00</i>
Neapolitan Twista Pasta (Vegetarian)	4.50
Hamburger (Lettuce & Tomato)	4.50
<i>Warm Chicken & Mayo Roll</i>	<i>4.20</i>
Plain Rice	2.80
Vegetable Fried Rice	4.00
Vegetable Fried Rice with Chicken	4.50
Teriyaki Chicken Rice with Vege	4.50
Stir Fried Noodles with veggie	4.00
Pastries - Cheese and spinach (2pcs)	2.50
Chinese BBQ Pork Bun	2.50
Quiche mini (2pcs) Cheese or Lorraine	2.50

Drinky Drinks

Fruit Juice box 200ml (Apple or Orange)	2.00
Flavoured Chocolate Milk or Up&Go (Chocolate or Strawberry)	2.20
Natural Spring Water 350ml	1.50
Frozen Chocolate Milk Cup	1.20
Icy pole (fruit juice)	1.00
Frozen Jelly cup	1.00
Slush Puppie (Strawberry/Grape/Lime/Raspberry)	2.60

Rocky Wraps

Mexicana (Chicken, Tomato, Corn, Lettuce & Salsa)	4.50
Lamb Wrap (Roast Lamb, Lettuce & Mint sauce)	4.50
Salad Wrap (Lettuce, Tomato, Cucumber, Carrot)	4.20
Hawaiian Wrap (Chicken, Lettuce and pineapple)	4.50

Snacks and Fruits

Large Chocolate Muffins	2.00
Small Chocolate Muffins	1.00
Large Anzac Cookie (Homemade)	2.00
Small Anzac Cookie	1.00
Garlic Bread	1.00
Baked Potato Wedges (6pcs)	1.00
Rice cracker (10 pcs)	1.00
Slinky Apple	1.40
Salad Bowl	3.50
Fresh Fruit (in season)	1.00
<i>Frozen Pineapple ring</i>	<i>1.00</i>
<i>Frozen Strawberry stick or grapes</i>	<i>1.00</i>
<i>Carrot sticks (4-5pcs)</i>	<i>1.00</i>
<i>Cucumber sticks (4-5pcs)</i>	<i>1.00</i>
Mixed sticks (Carrot/Cucumber)	1.00

Tantalising Tuesday

Sweet Chilli Tender Wraps (Chicken, Mayo & Lettuce)	4.50
<i>Pork & Vege Dumplings (6pcs)</i>	<i>5.00</i>
Soy sauce	0.20
Vegetarian Burger	5.00
Chicken and Vegetable Roll	3.00

Wacky Wednesdays

Pizza Margherita or Pizza Hawaiian	4.20
Spinach and Cheese Roll (Vegetarian)	4.50
<i>Meat Pie</i>	<i>4.50</i>
<i>Sausage Roll</i>	<i>3.60</i>
Chicken Burger (Lettuce and Mayo)	4.50
Chicken Dino Nuggets & Salad	4.00
<i>Hot Dog</i>	<i>3.70</i>
Tomato Sauce	0.30
Dim Sim	1.20

STUDENT AND CLASS PHOTOGRAPHS

Class photographs are taken each year by commercial photographers. Students each receive a package of photographs to take home. Parents are able to order and pay to the provider online. Information will be sent home prior to school photo day. There is no obligation to purchase. The photographic studio pays a small commission into school funds each year.

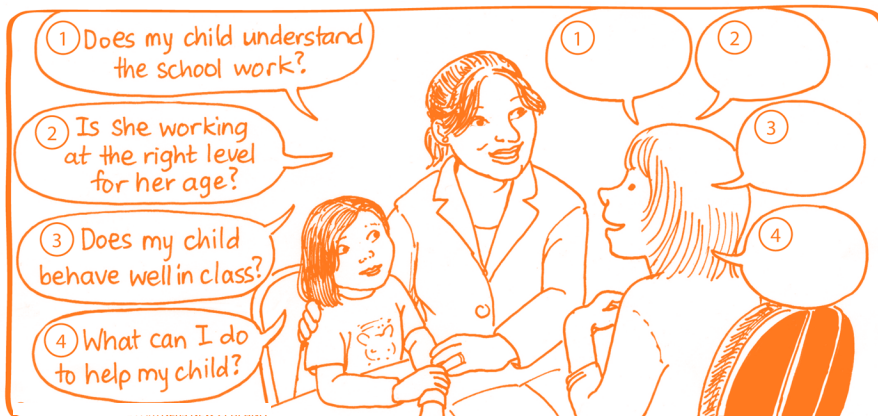
BOOK CLUB

Scholastic Australia offer books at reasonable rates. The school office distributes catalogues once a term. Orders are made on line via the 'LOOP' ordering system. Purchase is optional. Delivery to the school and distribution to students is approximately 3 weeks.

PARENT/TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Formal contact with parents is twice a year - once during Term 1 and the other, in Term 2 following mid-year reports. These meetings give the opportunity to discuss your child's progress with the class teacher.

However, if any particular problem arises and you wish to discuss this with your child's teacher or the principal you are welcome to do so at any mutually convenient time. Please ring the office to make an appointment.



Individual student portfolios are sent home in June and December.

Year level information evenings are held in Term 1. At these meetings expectations for the year in all curriculum areas and homework expectations are clearly outlined. At this time you are encouraged to ask questions on any matters of interest or concern.



TRANSFERS (LEAVING OUR SCHOOL)

Should you require a transfer to another school, please give advance notice where possible. Requests should be made in writing or by visiting the office, stating, if known, the name of the new school, suburb, or state.

OUTSIDE SCHOOL HOURS CARE (OSHC)

This service will operate from 7:00am – 8:45am, 3:30pm – 6:30pm every school day, and will also operate on curriculum days provided sufficient students are enrolled for the day to be financially viable. Child Care Benefit rebates from Centrelink apply.

Before School Care: Between 7:00am – 8:45am the cost will be \$18 per child with breakfast. **Child Care Benefits rebate applies.**

After School Care: Between 3:30pm – 6:30pm the cost is \$25 per child. **Child Care Benefits rebate applies.**

Curriculum/Pupil Free Days: **Between 7.00am—6.00pm the cost is \$50 per child**
Child Care Benefits rebate applies

If you are interested in the program collect an OSHC Parent Information Book and enrolment form from the office. A new enrolment form needs to be completed for each child every year.

HOLIDAY CARE PROGRAM

Our school offers a Holiday Care Program run by TeamKids. This program is offered to the wider community not just Ringwood North Primary students. Information about the program will be advertised in the Oban Oracle. Parents enrol with TeamKids online.



PARENT AND FRIENDS ASSOCIATION - (PFA)



PFA provides various services and social events for the school community. Regular events include Mothers' and Fathers' Day Stalls, Christmas Stalls, Discos, Hot Cross Bun Drives, Meet the Teachers and Welcome to Parents' morning teas, Gardening Club and a range of other activities. PFA is separate from Fundraising, however, when profits are made funds are directed towards initiatives that benefit our children such as Grade 6 Graduation and improvements around our school grounds. PFA meeting dates are listed in the Oban Oracle.

STUDENT LEADERSHIP

There are opportunities for students to develop leadership skills at Ringwood North Primary School. Two School Captains are elected each year from among Year 6 students. All Year 5 and 6 students vote in these elections as do members of staff.

Male and Female House Captains and Vice Captains are also elected from Year 5 and 6 students for the four Houses of Avoca (Red), Campaspe (Blue), Yarra (Yellow) and Wimmera (Green).

Representatives for all grades can become members of the Environmental Club whose role is to help maintain clean and attractive grounds.



JUNIOR SCHOOL COUNCIL

The major aims of Junior School Council are to promote a strong school spirit and to allow students to be part of the decision making process in the matters that affect them.

Our two School Captains and two students from each year level from Grades 2 – 6 form the Junior School Council.

SCHOOL ASSEMBLIES

School Assemblies are positive weekly meetings of the whole school. Successes and student awards are celebrated and school information shared with the school. Parent attendance is definitely encouraged. If raining, Assembly will not take place.

School Assembly 2.40pm Friday afternoon.

PARENT REPRESENTATIVE SYSTEM

To enhance links between our school and parents we have a 'Parent Representative System'.

One or two parent volunteers represent each grade to help:-

- ♦ organise informal social gatherings,
- ♦ liaise with the class teacher to organise parent helpers for class activities or excursions.

Your child's success at school very much depends on positive HOME-SCHOOL links. Reading information presented in this booklet should enable you to be better informed about school organisation and enable you to participate fully in your child's schooling.

PARENTS IN OUR SCHOOL

The school promotes active involvement of parents in school programs and activities. Parents are always welcome in our school. Parents are encouraged to be involved in programs such as Literature, Maths groups, Perceptual Motor Program (P.M.P.), Library, Investigations, Technology, eLearning, swimming, writing, excursions and numerous other activities.

Working With Children (WWC) Check and Volunteer Induction Pack

"The Victorian Government has a checking system that will affect many adults who work or volunteer with children-under 18 years of age. This check helps protect children from sexual or physical harm by checking a person's criminal history for serious sexual, serious violence or serious drug offences and findings from certain professional disciplinary bodies such as the Victorian Institute of Teaching. The WWC Check creates a mandatory minimum standard for a range of child-related industries." [Taken from the WWC Application Form].

As a volunteer working with children across a range of school activities you are required to apply for the WWC Check at an Australia Post outlet. Only the photograph taken at Australia Post fits the ID card. We do not wish to limit parent involvement or contact with school programs. Rather we want to ensure that all of us who work with children at Ringwood North have been checked. By law you are unable to volunteer at the school without this WWC. The duty of care we share for the safety of children in our care at all times is undeniable.

To ensure your involvement around the school it would be a good idea to apply for your check now. There is no charge for volunteers to have the check conducted. However there is a charge for the passport quality photograph.

It is also a requirement of the State Government that **every volunteer** working at the school has acknowledged that they have read and understood the contents in the Volunteer Induction Pack.

