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From the Principal

Dear Rapid Bay Families,

This term has been a whirlwind of exciting developments and enriching learning experiences for our students and staff at Rapid Bay Primary School. We're thrilled to share some of the highlights with you:

Empowering Young Voices: Introducing the Kids' Parliament!

We're incredibly excited to unveil a ground-breaking initiative – The Kids' Parliament! This program replaces the Student Representative Council (SRC) and takes student participation to a whole new level. The Kids' Parliament empowers our Rapid Bay students to actively engage in shaping the life of our school. They'll have the platform to voice their ideas, collaborate on solutions to school-related issues, and contribute meaningfully to both our school environment and the wider Rapid Bay community.

A big congratulations to our newly elected student leaders!

- Prime Minister: Addi
- Equality Minister: Emily
- Environment Minister: Billy
- Education Minister: Emma
- Public Relations Minister: Kole
- Community Minister: Sage
- ATSI Minister: Indigo
- Sports Minister: Lexi

Save the Dates!

- **Grandparents Day (POSTPONED):** Stay tuned for later date.
- **Sports Day: Thursday 28th**
- **Easter Long Weekend:** Please note that Good Friday falls on March 29th, with Easter Monday on April 1st. We hope you all have a relaxing and enjoyable break filled with quality time with family and friends.
- **JP/MP Swimming- (POSTPONED)!** Due to Mel's pool being out of action, we have had to postpone swimming lessons scheduled for Week 11 to later in the year. Stay tuned for more information and new dates once confirmed.



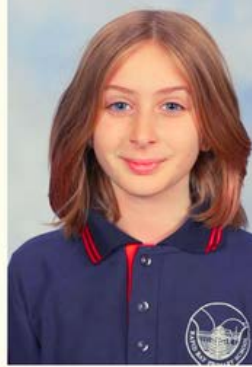
Rapid Bay Kids Parliament



Environment Minister



Sports Minister



Equality Minister



Prime Minister



Public Relations Minister



Education Minister



ATSI Minister



Community Minister



Groundsman

“The mind is not a vessel to be filled but a fire to be ignited.”

– PLUTARCH



We're confident that The Kids' Parliament will provide a fantastic platform for these student leaders to develop essential leadership skills, have their voices heard on a broader scale, and make a real difference in the lives of their peers and the Rapid Bay School community. In fact, once our ministers find their footing, they'll have the opportunity to appoint an apprentice to learn the ropes and get involved! This is a great chance for even more students to participate in shaping the future of our school.



A Heartfelt Thank You to Our Local Sponsor!

We owe a huge debt of gratitude to Fleurieu Milk, a fantastic local company, for their incredibly generous sponsorship of our recent BeachHouse Excursion. Their support made a significant difference in providing our Rapid Bay students with a fantastic opportunity to get out of the classroom and work together on a whole new level.

Investing in Your Child's Education: Staff Focus on Enhanced Learning

During recent student free days, our dedicated Rapid Bay teaching staff did not take a break! They were actively engaged in professional development, focusing on implementing the innovative Bond Blocks and Problem-Solving program created by Dr. Paul Swan. Additionally, there was a strong emphasis on fostering positive partnerships within the school community. This commitment to continuous learning and collaboration will undoubtedly benefit your child's educational experience as these new learning methods and strategies are implemented in the classroom.

Sports Day

Calling all sports fans! Get ready to cheer on students at Sports Day, happening next week on March 28th. There will be exciting competitions, a vibrant display of school spirit, and of course, delicious hot dogs available for purchase! Don't forget to bring your appetite – hot dogs will be available for \$5. Delamere Van will also be joining us on the day providing coffee, ice cream and snacks.

NAPLAN 2024 Wrap Up! Great Work Students!

NAPLAN testing for 2024 is complete, and we're thrilled with the effort put in by all our students. This year, the testing environment felt much more relaxed, with students approaching the challenges positively and openly discussing them. It was a true testament to their hard work and determination.

A Reminder: More Than a Test Score

While NAPLAN provides a snapshot of student performance on a specific day, it's important to remember it doesn't capture the whole picture. It can't measure a student's character, resilience, or the amazing individual they are. We're proud of all our students for giving their best shot!

We're
incredibly
proud of
everything our
Rapid Bay
students and
staff have
accomplished
this term, and
we look
forward to a
successful
remainder of
the term
together!

Jen