

NEWSLETTER

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Dear Families,

I want to begin this week's newsletter by saying a big thank you to all of the families that are regularly reading with their children. I have cut and pasted some relevant data on the time spent reading at home, with the improvement that is made to a child's overall reading growth. The studies used were international, although published for a U.S based website. However, they are still relevant to all students in our school (website below).

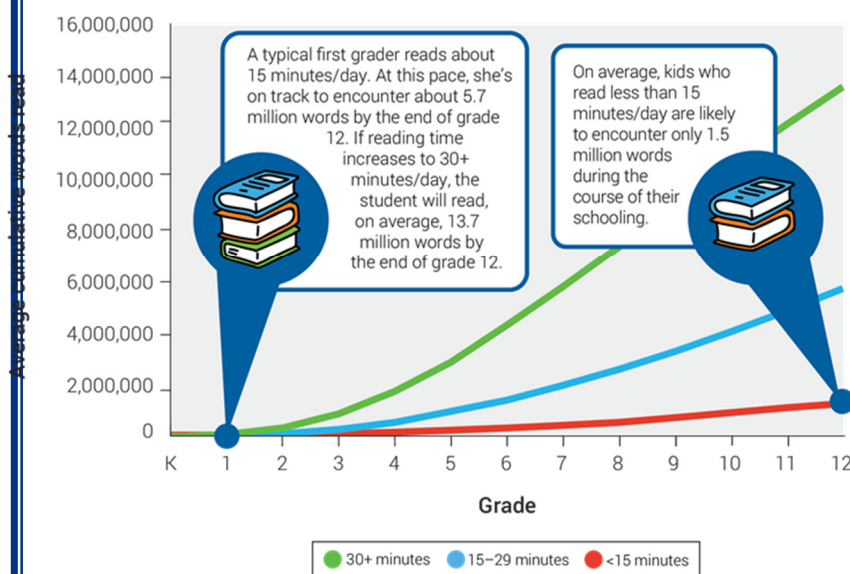
An analysis comparing the engaged reading time and reading scores of more than 2.2 million students found that students who read less than five minutes per day saw the lowest levels of growth, well below the national average.² Even students who read 5–14 minutes per day saw sluggish gains that were below the national average.

Only students who read 15 minutes or more a day saw accelerated reading gains—that is, gains

higher than the national average—and students who read just over a half-hour to an hour per day saw the greatest gains of all.

Some researchers estimate students learn one new word of vocabulary for every thousand words read.⁶ Using this ratio, a student who reads only 1.5 million words would learn only 1,500 new vocabulary words from reading, while a student who reads 13.7 million words would learn 13,700 new vocabulary terms—more than nine times the amount of vocabulary growth.

Vocabulary exposure increases with daily reading time



<https://www.renaissance.com/2018/01/23/blog-magic-15-minutes-reading-practice-reading-growth/>

The home reading that we send with students is below the level they read at school. It is important that home readers are enjoyable and can be used to show off a child's skills at home. Reading at home should be enjoyable for both adults and children, and not require large amounts of teaching from adults. Some of the readers sent home may not be to the liking of all students, however it is also a necessary part of the comprehension process to engage with text that is not directly interesting to us.

Reminders

- **Chaplaincy permission forms to be returned**
- **Special Hot Lunch order forms for Friday 12th March**
- **Hot Cross Bun Orders in by 12th March for Delivery 19th March**
 - **Bookclub orders due 16th March**

We ask that home reading is done each school day, and signed by an adult. If this is not completed, we encourage students to read when they arrive at school and write about their book in their reading logs. We also ask students that have not been able to read at home to read for 5 minutes during recess or lunch. This is in no way intended as a punishment, and seeks only to support the benefits of ongoing practise.

Staff Training:

On Wednesday the 3rd of March, all staff will be unavailable due to mandatory First Aid Training. We have organized this to be done at school and have replacement teachers in the classes. This has been organized to minimize disruption to student learning as we maintain our health and safety training.

Public Holiday and Student Free Day next week:

Monday the 8th of March is Labour Day Public Holiday.

Wednesday the 10th of March is a School Council approved Student Free Day for maths based professional learning. Every year, teachers are required to maintain a minimum amount of time undertaking professional development. This day is a critical aspect of meeting the requirements of our Annual Implementation Plan for 2021.

Family Sports and Fun Evening:

Please save the date – March 15th – and keep a lookout for your invitation to our revised date after the snap lockdown caused us to postpone the original date.

Reading Volunteers:

If you are interested in helping with morning reading routines from 9:00-9:15am, please contact classroom teachers by Friday. We would love to have every child listened to by an adult as often as possible! (please ensure you hold a current working with children check that we can copy and keep on our files).

Have a great week, Tamara Halket



TERM 1 2021	<u>DATES TO REMEMBER</u>	TERM 1 2021	<u>DATES TO REMEMBER</u>
Today	Hot Lunches & School Council Meeting & AGM 6.30pm	Fri 12th	Special Lunch Orders & Hot Cross Bun Orders Due
Wed 3rd	No Preps	Mon 15th	NO MARC Van & Family BBQ and Sports 5pm to 6.30pm
Mon 8th	Labour Day – No School	Wed 17th	District Athletics – 4/5/6
Tue 9th	Hot Lunches	Mon 22nd	MARC Van
Wed 10th	Staff PD – Student Free Day	Tue 23rd	Hot Lunches

AROUND THE COMMUNITY

Keep an eye out for the next Tucker Night on the 19th March

Parents Club

Thank you to those who attended our meeting on Thursday morning. It was great to see some new faces.

In Term 2 we will be making some new additions to our Lunch Order menu and there will be some price increases on some items. We are always looking for suggestions and additions to our menu so if you have any ideas please do not hesitate to sing out. We are also looking for volunteers to help out with lunch orders on a roster rotation. Without volunteers we will not be able to run Lunch Orders. If you are interested in assisting please let myself or Michelle know.

This terms special lunch order day will be on Friday 12th March & Loaded Hot Dogs will be on the menu. You will find an order form for our Special Loaded Hot Dogs attached to the newsletter and these are due back this Friday.

We will also be running an Easter Raffle this year and tickets will go out next week. We will be asking families to make a donation towards prizes and these can be left at the office. The Raffle will be drawn on the last day of school. Thanks to Carly J for organising a hot cross bun drive with Rosedale Bakery. Order form attached and are due back on the 12th March for delivery 19th March.

Our AGM has been scheduled for next term on 29th April.
Thank you, Elle Sykes, Parents Club President

Thank you Thank you Thank you

Kerry and Elle for collating and preparing hot lunches today.

To those parents who supported the welcome morning tea and Parents Club Meeting.

Thank you Dorrie for co-ordinating Breakfast Club each morning.

Thank you Thank you Thank you

BREAKFAST CLUB

We are offering the children breakfast in the undercover area most mornings 8.40am



Loaded Hot Dog Special Lunch Order Day Friday 12 March 2021

**The Parents Club has organised another
LOADED HOT DOGS Special Lunch Order Day for
the students on Friday 12 March 2021.
Students can choose to purchase a hot dog for
\$4.00ea with a choice of mustard or tomato
sauce, cheese, onion or bacon.
Please fill in the form below and return to
school by Friday 5 March 2021.**

Student's Name _____

Student's Class _____

How many hot dogs _____ at \$4ea

Cheese ☐ Onion ☐ Bacon ☐ Mustard ☐ Tomato Sauce ☐

Total enclosed \$

Student's Name _____

Student's Class _____

How many hot dogs _____ at \$4ea

Cheese ☐ Onion ☐ Bacon ☐ Mustard ☐ Tomato Sauce ☐

Total enclosed \$

IN THE CLASSROOMS

Junior Room

We have been learning about the zones of regulation. There are four zones, red, yellow, blue and green. Knowing which colour zone the emotions we are feeling are in, helps us to know whether we need a rest, go slow or stop! Yesterday, we read a book called the Colour Monster who had lots of feelings. After reading, the students chose an emotion and identified which colour zone it should go in.



The ZONES of Regulation®

BLUE ZONE		GREEN ZONE		YELLOW ZONE		RED ZONE	
Sad Sick Tired Bored Moving Slowly		Happy Calm Feeling Okay Focused Ready to Learn		Frustrated Worried Silly/Wiggly Excited Loss of Some Control		Mad/Angry Mean Terrified Yelling/Hitting Out of Control	



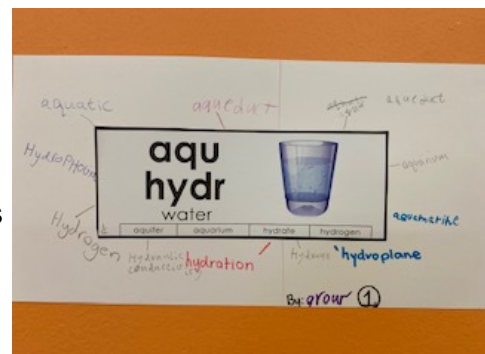
MIDDLE ROOM

This week we have been busy ordering numbers using the steps from our pedometers. In maths we have been playing chance games with M&M's and we have begun writing our narrative about The Strange Egg



SENIOR ROOM

The students have been building on their vocabulary through spelling activities. This has included looking at the meaning of base words such as aqua and hydro and researching words that use these base words e.g. aquatic and hydroplane. Understanding the meaning of base words extends on the students word knowledge and vocabulary.





Rosedale Bakery Hot Cross Bun Drive

Please have forms back by – 12th March 2021

Family Name: _____

Price per 6Pk: Traditional -	\$ 6.00
Fruitless -	\$ 5.50
Choc Chip -	\$ 6.50
Jam Ball -	\$ 7.50
Nutella Filled -	\$ 8.00
Vanilla Slice -	\$ 8.50
Salted Caramel -	\$ 8.00
New Yorker -	\$ 8.50



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ART ROOM

The Prep/One classroom finished their portraits last week, which are now being proudly displayed in the hallway near their classroom. This week we are learning about autumn and the changes that happen- especially the colours of the leaves.

The 2/3/4 room have now finished their oil pastel 'scratch art' portraits which will be on display this week. Today they will begin an autumn-inspired landscape, using lots of different painting techniques.

The 5/6 class will be continuing their portrait sketches, and will be learning about how to add definition using shading.

-Ms Elrick



Eagles of the week

Milla, Seth & Jeremiah

