



THE RAMBLE

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Principal's Report

A Great Start to 2026 at Rawson Primary School

It has been a wonderful start to the 2026 school year at Rawson Primary School, despite a brief interruption due to an Extreme Fire Danger Day. Our new junior students have settled in beautifully, quickly adjusting to school life and becoming familiar with new routines and structures. It has been a joy to see their confidence grow already.

As a school community, we are committed to making 2026 a stimulating and engaging year of learning at Rawson. Our staff aim to challenge each student at their individual level, while ensuring learning remains fun, meaningful and enjoyable for all.

We are very pleased to welcome Miss Alison Broomhall to our school. Miss Broomhall will be working in a team-teaching role alongside Mrs Ray, four days a week, and we are excited about the expertise and enthusiasm she brings to our classrooms.



Home Reading Program

Our Home Reading Program is now underway, with reading folders sent home on Day 1. We encourage all students to aim to read at home at least five nights per week. As a school, we have set ourselves an exciting goal of achieving over 1,000 nights of home reading in 2026!

Reading diaries will be collected and checked each morning. Students will receive Reading Certificates when they reach reading milestones (5 nights, 10 nights, 20 nights and beyond), as well as earning Gummy Reward tokens for every night they read at home.

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Gummy Rewards & Positive Behaviour

Our Gummy Rewards system is part of our School-Wide Positive Behaviour Support (SWPBS) program and plays an important role in creating a positive, supportive school culture.

Students earn a “Gummy” token for demonstrating our school values of Responsibility, Respect, Teamwork and Learning. Tokens are signed by a staff member and then by a parent, before being redeemed at our Gummy Reward Shop, which operates once a week. It’s wonderful to see students being recognised for making positive choices every day.

Upcoming School Sports – Save the Date!

Our annual Tanjil Valley District Whole School Athletics Day will be held on Friday 27 March, towards the end of term. This event involves all students from Prep to Grade 6, who will proudly represent Rawson Primary School against students from Willow Grove, Tanjil South and Narracan Primary Schools.

The day will take place at the Newborough Athletics Track. Parents will be required to transport their children to and from the event. Families—including parents, guardians and grandparents—are warmly encouraged to stay for the day and be part of the excitement. Staff will, of course, supervise students for the full duration of the event if families are unable to stay. More information to come.

Car Park and Crossing.

The school car park is everybody’s responsibly, please take care when dropping off and picking up students. Please ensure that the School Crossing is used when crossing the road.

Annual Privacy Reminder for 2026.

Our school collects, uses, discloses and stores student and parent personal information for standard school functions or where permitted by law, as stated in the Schools’ Privacy Policy. Please take the time to remind yourself of schools collection notice, found on our website Policies - Rawson Primary School (rawsonps.vic.edu.au) For more information about privacy, refer to: Schools’ Privacy Policy — information for parents.

Parent Contributions

NO fees due for any students in 2026. Rawson Primary School will supply all classroom consumables needed to fulfil the Victoria curriculum. Families are welcome to make a voluntary contribution.

School Council

Rawson PS School Council will meet for the first time this year on Monday 23rd February. The AGM will be scheduled for March, we are seeking new members in 2026. If you can spare some time, twice a term, it would be greatly appreciated.

Tristan Mether

Term 1 Calander - January / February / March / April

Calendar is subject to change as the Term goes on, we will keep you updated via Compass, Facebook and School Newsletters.

	27th January Teachers Only	28th Student return	29th	30th
2th February	3rd	4th No Preps	5th	6th
9th	10th	11th No Preps	12th Family Egg & Bacon Breakfast - 8.30am	13th
16th	17th	18th No Preps	19th	20th
23rd School Council All welcome	24th	25th No Preps	26th	27th
2th March	3rd	4th No Preps	5th	6th
9th Labour Day Holiday - No School	10th	11th School Photos	12th	13th
16th	17th	18th	19th	20th
23rd School Council	24th	25th	26th	27th School Athletics Day
30th	31st	1st April	2nd Last Day of Term 2.30pm Finish	
SCHOOL HOLIDAYS				

Happy Birthday -

Emmie | Nash | Sonya





YOUR INVITED



***RAWSON PS
2026 WELCOME
EGG & BACON
BREAKFAST***




THURSDAY 12th FEBRUARY

8.30am

Rawson Primary School





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at Rawson Primary

Friday Lunchtimes
in Term 1
Starting
06/02/2026

2025/26 Bushfire Emergency Management Plan



As Rawson Primary School is listed on the **Victorian Bushfire at Risk Register (BARR)**, we have a responsibility to ensure the safety of our students, staff, and school community during the bushfire season. This means we must follow strict requirements from the Department of Education regarding emergency planning and school closures.

Our **Emergency Management Plan** has recently been updated and approved by the Department. This plan outlines how our school will operate on days of significant fire danger:

- ⇒ **Extreme Fire Danger Days** On these days, Rawson Primary School will not open for onsite learning. Instead, students will move to **Remote Learning**. Families will receive learning packs to support children to continue their education from home.
- ⇒ **Catastrophic Fire Danger Days** On these days, Rawson Primary School will be **fully closed**. No students, staff, families, or contractors will be permitted onsite. This decision is made with student and community safety as the highest priority.

We recognise that every family’s circumstances are different. We strongly encourage families to **activate their own Bushfire Survival Plan** on these days, making the best decisions for the safety and wellbeing of their children and household.

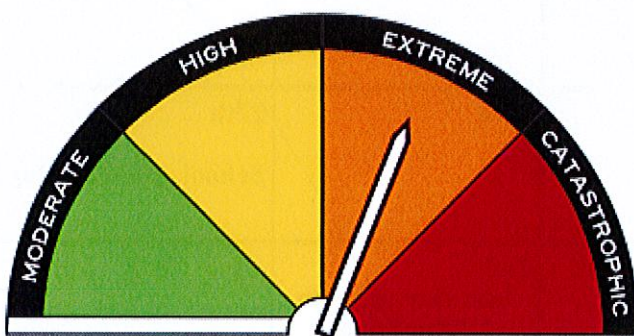
To ensure clear and timely communication, families will be notified of school closures through:

- ◆ **Text message**
- ◆ **Compass**
- ◆ **School social media channels**
- ◆ **Local radio announcements**

Notifications will be provided the day prior to any declared **Extreme** or **Catastrophic** fire danger day.

The safety of our school community is always our highest priority. We thank families for their ongoing support and preparation as we work together to keep everyone safe during the bushfire season.

The Australian Fire Danger Ratings (AFDRS) levels are:



MODERATE

Plan and prepare

HIGH

Be ready to act

EXTREME

Take action now to protect life and property

CATASTROPHIC

For your survival, leave bushfire risk areas

🔍 What This Means for Families

- **Extreme days** → School closed, remote learning with packs.
- **Catastrophic days** → School fully closed, no one onsite.
- **Your role** → Activate your family Bushfire Survival Plan.
- **How you’ll know** → We’ll contact you the day before via text, Compass, social media, and local radio.

Tips for Planning a Healthy Lunch Box



Prepare school lunches the night before; it gives you time to talk about the foods you're including and makes the morning routine quicker. Give it a go!



Plan family dinners for the entire week and do one big grocery shop at the start of the week; it's cheaper than going to the supermarket every night to buy ingredients for dinner.



Avoid packing sugary drinks in your child's lunch box (juice, cordial, flavoured milk or soft drink) as these contain too much sugar which is not good for teeth or for your child's health.



Look after the environment; pack sandwiches and other items in reusable containers. This requires less packaging and creates less rubbish.



Water is the best drink for your child. Encourage your child to drink a whole bottle during the day. They need to stay hydrated so they can focus and learn in class.



Try and buy fresh fruit and vegetables in season; they will be better quality and cheaper than out-of-season produce.



Remember to involve your children. Take them shopping and let them help choose fruits and vegetables for their lunchbox. Let them help prepare and pack their own school lunchbox.



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