



17th September, 2018

Dear year 5 students and families,

As we head towards 2019, you will soon become our most senior students at Pakenham Springs. This is an exciting time for you and your family! Year 6 is a great year, where you get some additional rights, responsibilities and opportunities.

One opportunity that you may wish to take advantage of is the possibility of being involved in the Rotary Junior Community Award. This is a community service project that runs for approx. 3 terms. I have attached a brochure for you to look at and discuss with your family. The project encourages you to develop in four different areas throughout the year – community service, social experience, physical recreation and skills.

This is a guided project – if you choose to take up this opportunity, you will work closely with Mrs Cotterell throughout the year, however there are expectations and commitments that you will need to complete in your own time. I am hoping that we can meet the Community Service requirements as a group inside of school time; however, we may need to negotiate this at the beginning of the year.

This project is a fabulous way to develop your leadership skills (looks great listed as an achievement for any scholarships or secondary school positions that you may need to apply for). It is also a wonderful way to become more involved in your community and further develop your social awareness and personal skillset.

This project is not for everyone – as previously mentioned, there is a level of commitment, self-motivation and time that is required. There is also a small fee payable (\$5) which allows us to purchase diaries to help you monitor and track your progress towards this achievement. Some students choose to get this sponsored – either by a family friend, a local business that you may have a contact in or you can be sponsored by your parents, grandparents or another family member. You will be supported the whole way through, with regular meetings with Mrs Cotterell scheduled to help you remain on track and plan your next steps.

Successful completion of this project will culminate in a certificate being presented to you on our Year 6 Graduation evening by a member of the Rotary Club.

If you are interested in taking up this opportunity in 2019, please read the attached brochure carefully and have a chat with mum or dad to see if this is something that you think you are ready to commit to for the whole year. Again, this is not for everyone! You need to be 100% committed to following this project through! If you are unsure, pop in and have a chat with Mrs Cotterell, or get mum or dad to email me on cotterell.renee.a@edumail.vic.gov.au. A commitment form is also attached for you to fill out and return to Mrs Cotterell so that we can order the materials that you need ready to begin in 2019.

Yours Sincerely,

Renee Cotterell

Assistant Principal (Senior School)



ROTARY JUNIOR COMMUNITY AWARD

PLEASE RETURN TO MRS COTTERELL BY FRIDAY 9TH NOVEMBER, 2018

I _____ (student name) would like to complete the Rotary Junior Community Award project in 2019.

I understand that this is a year-long commitment and that I will be required to meet regularly with Mrs Cotterell, as well as completing some independent tasks in my own time.

I understand that I will need to catch up on any classroom learning that I may miss while taking part in my project.

I understand that my learning and behaviour will need to remain at a high standard during this year – I am a role model for other students at Pakenham Springs Primary School and within the local community.

Signed: _____ (student) Date: _____

\$5 is enclosed to purchase Rotary Diary & Project Planner (compulsory).

My project is sponsored by _____
(parent, relative, family friend, local business owner, etc).

Parents:

I _____ would like my child
_____ to complete the Rotary Junior Community Award project in 2019.

I understand that this is a year-long commitment which will entail both school-based and home-based tasks.

I will work with the school to ensure my child sees this opportunity as a unique way to enhance their community awareness and personal leadership skills.

Signed: _____ (parent) Date: _____