

RosehillSecondary**College**

N E W S L E T T E R

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CALENDAR

Term 2

Tuesday 1st May

Open Day for Grade 6 students 2013 9.00am to 2.30pm

No College students to attend

Wednesday 2nd May

Year 7 Girls Vaccinations

Thursday 3rd May

Open Evening 4pm to 7pm Students Dismissed at 12pm

Monday 7th to 9th May

Year 7 Camp

Tuesday 15th to 17th May

NAPLAN testing for Years 7 & 9

Thursday 31st May

Curriculum Planning Afternoon Students dismissed at 1pm

18th June to 29th June

Work Experience Year 10

Curriculum Planning Afternoon

On Thursday 31st of May staff at Rosehill Secondary College will be involved in a Curriculum planning afternoon. Students will be dismissed at 1.00 pm, however four shortened periods will run and all students are expected to be at school. Arrangements have been made for buses to pick up students at 1.00 pm.

Giuseppe Bertoli

Term Dates

Term 216th April to 29th JuneTerm 316th July to 21st SeptemberTerm 48th October to 21st December

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Welcome to the start of Term 2. Students have now settled in for the long term ahead. Term 2 is traditionally one of the busiest with exams, reports, Open Day and Open Evening, transition visits to primary schools and many other activities.

Computer Program

This week has seen the roll out of the laptops to most students in Year 9 and 10. I need to congratulate our IT department for their efficiency of the roll out and I would like to thank all the parents for their support for the program. During the information evening I was asked a question from a parent about just how they would be used in the classroom. Teachers are already using laptops extensively in the school so they are not new to our classrooms. However, this usage needs can be explained more explicitly in the context of a lesson.

Teachers may typically design a lesson using elements of the following:

- **Stage 1:** Present the learning goals of the lesson.
- **Stage 2:** Deliver new knowledge to the students or students acquire new knowledge.
- **Stage 3:** Students organise this new knowledge.
- **Stage 4:** Students apply this new knowledge to real world situations.
- **Stage 5**: Students review whether they have achieved the learning goals.

ICT software programs are designed to suit each of these areas. The internet is a valuable tool for acquiring knowledge. Programs such as Inspiration are wonderful tools for students to help them organise this information and there are many simulation programs for real world application of knowledge or skill testing. It will be some time before the true educational value of the program can be measured but the outlook is highly positive.

Facilities

Over the term school break a new car park was installed near the Year 12 Study centre. This facility has room for 19 cars and has alleviated crowding issues created by the growth of the school population and the related increase in teacher numbers. More work was also completed on the area around our new basketball courts with tiger turf being laid around the perimeter. This will help to protect the court surface from small stones and gravel and provide welcome seating areas for students. We are now turning our attention to upgrading our Year 11 area in the sub-library and creating more practical spaces for lockers.

Staffing

We welcome two new staff members to the school community. Ms Laura Jago has been employed to replace Ms Dyson who has now moved overseas to live and work, and Ms Carina Ardley is replacing Mr Hughes for Term 2 while he is on leave. We wish them all the best.

Principal Report Continued

Basketball teams

As a result of our success in school basketball in 2011 we have been invited to join a State A-league basketball competition. Our male and female basketball teams play their first matches next week. We will compete against schools such as Box Hill Secondary College, Maribyrnong Secondary College, and Ballarat High School. We wish the teams all the best. Mr Blicavs is coaching the boys team and Ms Jago, the girls. Go Rosehill!

Peter Rouse Príncípal

Moonee Valley Survey

An opportunity for students to have their say!

Even more important than your 15 minutes of fame is your 4 minutes to make a difference to your community. Use them wisely – share your long-term vision for Moonee Valley and ensure the city heads in the right direction.

Make your opinion matter by completing the online survey on mvcc.vic.gov.au/mv2035 For a hard copy of the survey call 9243 8888.

Kerry McKay Assistant Principal

Vaccinations

Parents and students are reminded that the second dose of the Human Papilloma Virus vaccine will be administered to Year 7 girls on **Wednesday**, **2nd May.** It is important that any girls who miss this second dose arrange to have it administered through the council or at their doctor's as soon as possible. For the vaccine to be fully effective, the second dose must be given within the correct time frame of the first. A flyer with council immunisation dates and venues will be posted to girls who miss the second dose.

Attendance

In recent weeks Absence Letters have been sent to families with students in Year 7, 8, 9 & 12. If you have received a letter, please return it to the General Office or call the Absence Line on **9331 9639** to discuss or approve these absences. Letters will be going home to families with Year 10 & 11 students within the next week.

Students are required at school by 8.45am as this gives them time to go to their locker and attend Home Group at 8.55am. Some students continue to arrive late for school and are missing out on important information given during Home Group or in some instances missing part or all of their classes.

Alpine School Update - Gundidj Campus

This term we are lucky enough to have four students from Year 9 attend the Alpine School. This is a residential setting whereby students gain a unique experience away from home for 9 weeks this term. They have a strong focus on building leadership and problem solving skills while enhancing their understanding of community and social responsibility.

Our four students are Chloe Robinett, Hannah Mullins, Matthew Davies and James Mitchell and they have the opportunity to work as a team with students from South Gippsland Secondary College. We hope to offer a similar opportunity to our Year 9 students next year. Please support our students by visiting the Gnurad Gundidj website on

www.gnurad-gundidj.vic.edu.au for regular updates on their daily activities and adventures.



Arthur Soumalias Rosehill SC

Work Experience

Work Experience is only eight weeks away. Monday 18th June 2012 to Friday 29th June 2012 (the last two weeks of term 2)

Work experience forms were due in the last week of Term 1. Thank you to all those who have returned forms and/or to those people who have contacted me regarding their child's work experience.

The students will begin Safe@Work Training on Monday 14th May during ID classes. This Occupational Health and Safety training program is designed to prepare students for the workforce. It includes a General module and an Industry specific module. The students are required to successfully complete the training prior to going out on work experience. The students will not be able to complete the industry specific course if they have not organised work experience.

ANY STUDENT WHO DOES NOT ORGANISE WORK EXPERIENCE WILL BE REQUIRED TO ATTEND SCHOOL.

A reminder to parents of students working in building, carpentry, plumbing, electrical, tiling etc, that White card training will be done on Monday 7th May. Any students doing this course needed to have returned the form to me by Friday 20th April.

Bernadette Young Work Experience Coordinator

Senior School News

Mid-year Examinations

Students studying Accounting, Biology, Chemistry, Physics and Psychology all have an examination in June. It is strongly recommended that students attend one external revision lecture. These lectures are conducted by experienced examination assessors and provide good revision of course material and examination preparation tips.

All providers have supplied the College with brochures which students can access in the VCE Centre. Students should also seek advice from their teacher as to which lecture is best.

Students are reminded that assistance in preparing these revision timetables, Study Notes, etc, is available from any of the Senior School staff.

Simon Phelan Senior School Coordinator

Term 2	Unit 3:	
Week 11 Apr 30 th	Business Management SAC 2B Biology SAC 3 Maths Methods SAC 1 English SAC 2C	
Week 12 May 7 th	Food Technology SAC 2 IT Applications SAC 2 Studio Arts SAC Psychology SAC 3 Music Investigation SAC 2	
Week 13 May 14 th	Australian History SAC 3 Italian – Writing SAC Product Design & Technology SAC 2 Physics SAC 3	Interim Reports for Year 12s distributed 18/5
Week 14 May 21st	Accounting SAC 2A Australian History SAC 4 Studio Arts SAC Psychology SAC 4 Music Investigation SAC 1	

Second Hand Uniform

With students changing to Winter Uniform now, there may be items of clothing that no longer fit your child. If you are willing to donate it to the school please drop it into the General Office. Many families are donating uniform at this time so call Jo on 9331 9639 to see if we have an item of uniform suitable for your needs. I have many jumpers in various sizes, some spray jackets for the wet weather and lots of PE uniforms

Fundraiser for Cystic Fibrosis Support & The Alfred Hospital Lung Transplantation Rehabilitation Rotary Club of Keilor East

Tickets Details :

Book online at: www.trybooking.com/BCJE All enquiries to: Steve Pennicott 0408 193 793 or Gail Bouchaud 0418 287 829

Entertainment:

The MELBEATS who will take you on a Magical Mystery Tour, Auction, Raffle, Silent Auction MC Jim Wilson **Where:** Moonee Valley Race Course The Inner Circle Room Saturday 19th May 2012 6.30 pm until late Tickets: \$80 per head (children 12 & under \$30) (includes: 3 course meal, entertainment, gift bags) Drinks at Bar prices Tables of 10 - \$750 Corporate Tables \$900

Victoria Legal Aid Visit

On Friday 20th April, Anna Leith, a lawyer from Victoria Legal Aid Youth Services, came to speak to the Year 9 Commerce Class. Anna attends the Heidelberg Children's Court weekly and she works with teenagers our age. We gained a lot of information and knowledge about the cases the Children's Court deals with. Anna also talked to us about our legal rights and responsibilities when dealing with police, for example answering police questions, personal searches, fingerprinting, line ups and accompanying police to the police station. Anna spoke passionately about her job and how important it is for us to have the correct information. We clearly understood her and she was very interesting to listen to especially the examples she used. We wish to thank Anna for the informative session that she presented to the class.

By Shika Chand, Sharni Danwatta and Jordan Raj.



Pictured: Sophia Marshall and William Wei with Anna Leith from VLA

The Royal Children's Hospital, Melbourne

The Royal Children's Hospital is looking for parents of typically developing children/adolescents to complete a survey on their child's everyday activities. This information will help us understand the needs of children who have a brain injury.



What would I do?

Complete one 40 minute survey

• The survey asks about your child's everyday activities: for example, going to school, interacting with others and organising leisure activites.

Where & When?

• We can meet you at your home, your child's school or interview you over the phone, whatever is easier for you. Your child **will not** be interviewed

We'd be happy to hear from parents of

• Adolescents who are typically developing children (who have not had a brain injury or other problems with development)

At the end of the project, we will give you a summary of the study findings

Interested? Want more information? Like to participate?

Please contact:

Ms Melissa Lai

Child Neuropsychology - Murdoch Childrens Research Institute. Level 4 West, Royal Children's Hospital. Flemington Rd, Parkville VIC 3052 Phone: 0411 209 330 or contact via email: melissa.lai@mcri.edu.au

Italy Tour

Support the Italy Tour Program at Rosehill Secondary College. The 2012/2013 Greater Melbourne Entertainment[™] Books will be available at the General Office during Term 2. Pre-orders are welcome.

The Entertainment[™] Book is your guide to the best restaurants, hotel accommodation, attractions, sports and leisure activities...all with 25% to



50% off or 2 for 1 offers. Plus, My Bookings™... Compare rates, check availability and book your accommodation online.

The sample book with all its great offers can be viewed at the General Office in Term 2 or visit www.entertainmentbook.com.au.

Rosehill is seeking host families for 11 Japanese students (8 female and 3 male) from our sister school, Kogakkan High School. The students will be in Melbourne for approximately 14 days from the last week of July to the first week of August.

The exchange program between Kogakkan High School and Rosehill Secondary College has been running for more than 10 years and has been very rewarding for students and families alike. During previous trips to Japan, Rosehill students have had the opportunity to catch up with students they hosted in Australia.

If you are interested in hosting a student, please return the slip below to Mrs Smart or Mr Hayakawa. If you would like additional information about the homestay program such as how much money is provided and what needs to be covered, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Takanori HAYAKAWA

Homestay Program

I would like to host a Japanese student for approximately two weeks.

PARENT NAME:

STUDENT

NAME:

TUTOR GROUP:

CONTACT NUMBER:

ADDRESS

PETS OWNED: NO

YES 🗆

Signature:

USA Student Exchange

Hello fellow Rosehill students,

These past three weeks have just been crazy! (in a good way of course). Despite the delay at the start, everything has gone great and smoothly. The five other exchange students and myself arrived into Los Angeles at 2pm local time. We were greeted by the Rotarians who were mean't to fly with us from Auckland to LA. They helped us re-book our flights for the next day and took us to a hotel where we all stayed the first night. Even though I just wanted to meet my host family, the first night in LA was awesome and I'm really happy I got the chance to get to know the other exchange students before we head off to our new homes.

The next day I flew to Albuquerque at 1pm. My first host family and a few Representatives from Rotary greeted me at the airport. We then went to 'Dion's' for some Pizza and went over a few things about my exchange here. I then went home and watched TV and ate brownies with my host family.

The next day I went to my first day at Sandia Preparatory School. I am currently studying, English, Geometry, Biology, US History, P.E., Ceramics and Photography. The kids at Sandia Prep are fantastic and were very welcoming. I never thought I would say this, but I actually look forward to going to school.

A friend of mine took me to a local Basketball game (It was my Host Brother's School) and it was awesome! They take basketball here serious and I really mean serious!

The first weekend, my host family took me around Albuquerque and went up the local mountains.

Later in my second week I went to my high schools Basketball game, despite losing, I had a lot of fun and I think I will be going to more Basketball games as it seems!

The second weekend, I went on a Skiing trip with my fellow District 5520 exchange students and Rotarians! There were fifteen students and I got to have a car ride for an hour with three of them! We arrived at the 'Santa Fe Inn' on the Thursday evening and I got to meet and get to know all the other students (they have all known each other since August when they arrived). We then were greeted by our new host families for the weekend. I stayed with an awesome couple called Carl and Gloria, they might be coming to Melbourne next year! I also had a host brother who was an exchange student from Denmark. On the Friday we all got dressed up and went to the Senates House in Santa Fe. We had a tour around the Building and went to a house meeting for a few minutes to see how it works and what it is like. We then met a Senator whose daughter is going on Exchange in July to Chile. He then took us into a house meeting and we were introduced on the floor in-front of everyone. It was also officially Rotary Exchange

Day and also American Indian Day. We met a lot of Native American Indians and it was just an amazing experience that I will probably never be able to get again. We all then went to a local Restaurant and got lunch together. We then toured around Santa Fe and had some free time to look around, buy stuff, get a coffee and hang out. We then went back to the hotel room where we had to practice for the talent show we are going to have in the D5520 Conference in May (I haven't got ready yet as I haven't had a lot of time and can't figure out what to do!). We then went to a dinner function held by the Rotary Club of Santa Fe, our Host Parents came along and all the Rotarians of Santa Fe. It was a great night. I met many new people and had a lot of fun. We all then went home, to where my host brother and I jumped in the Jacuzzi and played pool! The next day we finally went Skiing! I've only Skied once before in Santa Fe and it was made clear as soon as I put on those Skis, even though I was no Pro, I enjoyed Skiing a lot and got much better as the day went on and can't wait to go again! Sadly it came to the last day and my host parents dropped Alex and I back at the hotel where the Rotarians stayed. We said our Goodbyes and headed back home. I then slept most of the day (despite it being 10am) as I was exhausted from that hectic weekend.

Another week of school went by and finally the weekend arrived! (I love school but I was just looking forward to a sleep in!) I went to a Basketball match with my family and some family friends. It was my host brothers school team and they won again! I also got my first taste of Wendy's! I went to a Camping and Fishing Expo with my host Dad and also bought an iPad! I also went to an Ice Hockey game in Rio Rancho with a fellow exchange student from Germany (she is not with Rotary though) and a few school friends. I also got some homework and now I am back at school!

President's Weekend is coming up so I have a four day weekend! My host family is taking me up to their holiday house up in Durango, Colorado! We are going Skiing Friday and who knows what else we will get up to!

I have so far been really happy with my exchange. I have not yet felt homesick or had a sad moment. My host family are fantastic and made me feel right at home. School was a little hard at first, the timetable (schedule, they don't understand me when I say timetable!) was very confusing, many buildings and classrooms but now it is getting much easier. I could not imagine life any better than what it is right now. I'm having an absolute blast! I can't believe I'm entering my fourth week now, time is flying past so fast!

Well that's it for now, but there will be much more!

Take Care,

Liam Holmes.



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26th April 2012

Dear Parents and Guardians

Tuesday 1st May students will **not be** required at school as our annual Open Day for prospective Year 7 Students for 2013 will be held during normal school hours.

Thursday 3rd May students will be dismissed at 12pm as the school will open its doors to the community for the annual Open Evening. The first 3 classes will run in the morning on a slightly shorter time line. Could parents please ensure their children attend their classes up to 12pm.

Buses have been organised to pick up students at 12pm.

Thank you for your support