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### CALENDAR

#### Monday 5<sup>th</sup> March

Year 7 Ancient Civil Day  
Year 12 Information Evening

#### Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> March

Year 11 Information Evening

#### Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> March

Year 7 & 10 Immunisations

#### Monday 12<sup>th</sup> March

**Labour Day – Public Holiday**

#### Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> March

Year 8 Medieval Day

#### Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> March

Italy Tour Parent Meeting 6pm Staffroom

#### Monday 19<sup>th</sup> March

Year 7 to 10 Interim Reports & Parent/Teacher  
Interview Appointment Sheet Issued

#### Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> March

STEP Information Evening 7 to 8pm

#### Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> March

Year 9 Carnival

#### Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> March

**Student Dismissed at 12pm**  
Parent / Teacher Interviews  
1pm to 5pm & 6pm to 8pm

#### Friday 30<sup>th</sup> March

**Last day of Term**  
**Students dismissed at 2.30pm**

### Attendance

If your child is going to be absent from school, or arriving late due to an appointment, please call the Absence line directly on **9331 9639**.

There were many absences on 22<sup>nd</sup> February due to the Swimming Carnival, please call to approve your child's absence if they were absent from the carnival.

### Term dates

### FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Term 2 16<sup>th</sup> April to 29<sup>th</sup> June

Term 3 16<sup>th</sup> July to 21<sup>st</sup> September

Term 4 8<sup>th</sup> October to 21<sup>st</sup> December

Welcome to the third newsletter for the year. Things have moved rapidly and we are fast approaching the time that the first set of interim reports will be distributed to parents. Please note that our VCE students will receive these reports a little earlier than the students in Years 7-10. We do this as we feel VCE parents need to know as soon as possible how their children are progressing so that we can work together to put improvement strategies in place. In light of this, may I remind VCE parents that we have two information evenings next week, one Monday evening (Year 12) and one Tuesday (Year 11).

#### Year 7 Students

Our Year 7 students have been with us now for over four weeks and the majority have settled in well. I would like to thank parents for their patience while we worked through the distribution of lockers and diaries. The growth in students has meant that we have had to look at ways to alleviate some of the crowding in certain bays. We will receive 20 new lockers next week so that the most crowded area will have some relief. In the meantime we are putting together plans for new locker bays in another area of the school. This will definitely spread the lockers out more.

I always encourage parents to contact the school if there are issues. Please do not hesitate as the best way to work through these is to have them dealt with as soon as possible. Most parents who have been attached to the school know that I like to return calls as soon as I can. The College leaders have a strong overall picture of how the school is functioning and these discussions with parents enable us to keep an eye on things.

#### Swimming Sports

As you are aware our swimming sports were held last week. They were extremely successful and students really enjoyed the day. The weather certainly helped. I had great delight in presenting the awards to the Ruby house leaders, Phoebe Robertson and Dylan Burgess. These days are wonderful for building school and team spirit. Congratulations must go to our students who won, or placed, as they will now go on to compete in the Western Zone finals. Thanks to Mr Sarpa (Sport Coordinator) and to the Physical Education Team for organising the event.

*Peter Rouse*  
*Principal*

## Medical Alert - Whooping Cough

### Whooping cough on the rise in 5-14 year olds

The number of children aged 5-14 years old catching whooping cough has increased dramatically in Victoria over the last four years.

Whooping cough, also known as pertussis, is a highly infectious disease causing a severe, persistent cough. Whooping cough is spread by coughs and sneezes from an infected person.

While most children and adults eventually recover, often after weeks or months of illness and household disruption, there is a serious risk if infected people pass the disease to young babies.

Around one in every 200 babies under six months of age who catch whooping cough will die. Some babies will suffer permanent disability from brain and lung damage.

Family members, including siblings and parents, are the main source of whooping cough infection in babies.

Timely immunisation offers the best chance of preventing the spread of whooping cough. Whooping cough vaccine is provided free for children at two, four and six months, at their fourth birthday, adolescents in Year 10 of secondary school and parents of newborn babies. The two month vaccine can be given early at six weeks to start protection earlier.

Parents are urged to ensure their children are vaccinated on time and to consider their own whooping cough vaccination needs. Vaccination is recommended for all adults caring for or working with young children, including school teachers, as well as all health care workers.

Parents should talk to their doctor or nurse if they have questions about the whooping cough vaccine.

For more information search 'whooping cough' on [www.betterhealth.vic.gov.au](http://www.betterhealth.vic.gov.au)

## Scabies

There has been an instance of scabies in the school. Scabies is not serious and the Department of Education treats it the same as lice. There is very minimal chance of any contagion in a school setting and the day after treatment begins an affected student can return to school.

## Website Update

The College website is available for general viewing. It is a wonderful reflection of the College Community and I encourage all parents to browse it and become familiar with its content and usefulness.

[www.rosehillsc.vic.edu.au](http://www.rosehillsc.vic.edu.au)

Newsletters are available to view online

## Library News

Now that the school photos have been taken, it won't be long before students' 2012 ID cards are available, hopefully by the end of this term or early next term. Until the new cards arrive here, students need to use last year's cards, except for Year 7s and other students new to the school.

There are some students with items outstanding from last year. If families could have a good look for any items with the Rosehill stamp on it, and return these items it would be greatly appreciated. We will be sending out reminder letters in the very near future.



## Novels Wanted

### Chew On This – \$10

If you would like to sell your copy of the novel "Chew On This" please bring it to the office as soon as possible, together with an envelope clearly stating student name and year level. Cheques will be forwarded by end of term. Thank you

### Vicky Liakakos English Coordinator

## Monday Tuition 2012

Students, parents and teachers are all welcome to attend and participate in the afterschool Monday Tuition Program in the College library on Monday afternoons from 3.30-4.30 pm.

This enhancement and enrichment program is an integral program at Rosehill Secondary College and has proven to be very successful over the many years of its operation in assisting students in completing their homework, class work and research, as library resources will also be available to students. Students attending may also focus on developing their study techniques in preparation for class tests and exams.

Teachers from all key learning areas will be available to cater to students' needs on a weekly basis. Teachers will assist students on a one to one basis or in small groups. Students will see this tuition as an extension of their Monday school program and will continue to learn in the comfort of their own school environment at no extra cost.

There are many benefits of the Monday Tuition Program but above all, this program is easily accessible to students, has no cost incurred whatsoever, and is effective in improving students' study skills, results and confidence to work independently.

For further information regarding the Tuition Program please contact Ms De Goederen.

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Hand Book Sale Money

Please collect money from the General Office for books sold at last years Second Hand Book sale by Friday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2012.

Any money not collected after this date will be receipted against any fees owing.

## Personal Goods Brought To College At Own Risk

Personal property is often brought to school by students, staff and visitors. This can include mobile phones, electronic games, calculators, toys, musical instruments, sporting equipment, and cars parked on school premises.

The Department of Education and Early Childhood Development does not hold insurance for personal property brought to schools and it has no capacity to pay for any loss or damage to such property.

Staff and students are discouraged from bringing any unnecessary or particularly valuable items to school.

## Year 7 and Year 8 Humanities

Year 7 and Year 8 Students studying Humanities will have activity days focusing on the work currently being completed and have History incursion days.

- Year 7 5<sup>th</sup> March Ancient Civilisation
- Year 8 14<sup>th</sup> March Medieval Day

The cost of \$20 and this was listed on the booklist. The days are compulsory for students doing Humanities. Students have received permission slips which should be returned to their teacher if the cost was paid on the booklist, or return both the money and form to the office.

**Sharon Fellowes**  
**Humanities Coordinator**

## 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 at the start of the 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](http://www.entertainmentbook.com.au).



## Second Hand Uniform

Many items are available for purchase at a discounted rate. Please call Jo on **9331 9639** to check if the item you require is in stock.

### Lost Property

School Jumper left in P1  
School Jacket – Size Large  
Black “Mexico” Hoodie  
1 Girls Asics Runner left on top of locker!!!  
School Jacket – Size Small has writing on the front  
Diamante Cross Pendant  
Black Verbatim Lanyard with keys  
Black Knitted Cardigan - “fields” brand  
Sports Polo – Size M  
Black Scarf  
Blue Long Sleeve T – Hoodie “Guys Urban”  
Orange rope bracelet with a heart and bird on it.

### Lost At The Swimming Carnival

“C1 Sport” lunchbox in Ruby HSC  
Towel – Bright Pink Hibiscus Flower  
1 Bond's Sock  
Books - Scorpia Rising Novel  
Move Into English 3  
Novel Bruises  
Fighting Ruben Wolfe

**Jo Jacka**  
**Student Services**

## It's Carnival Time

The Year 9s are currently in the process of organizing the annual school carnival which is run by all Year 9 students and will be held on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> March. To help make this event a success, we are asking for any donations that can go towards making goods such as cakes and items that can be sold in our ‘Vintage Clothes/Jewellery Stall.’ Donations of any sort would be greatly appreciated and can be dropped off to the Junior School Coordinators office. All proceeds raised will go towards four charities of the Year 9 students' choice. So please dig deep and help out a worthy cause.

We hope to see you there!

Brooke Grech and Louise Came (Junior School Captains)



## Thankyou

# THANK YOU FROM JAPAN

## PHOTO AND DRAWING EXHIBITION

It is almost a year since Japan was devastated by a tsunami. People from all over the world have been supporting Japan, and the Australian people are no exception. To show our appreciation to the people of Victoria, the Consulate-General of Japan has organised a photo and drawing exhibition. Photographs will be displayed in addition to eighty drawings done by Japanese children.

Dates: Sat 10<sup>th</sup> & Sun 11<sup>th</sup> March 10am to 5pm  
 Venue: MiFA (Melbourne International Fine Arts)  
 Address: Level 1 Collins St. Melbourne (between Novotel and Block Arcade)  
[www.mifa.com.au](http://www.mifa.com.au)

## Congratulations To House Captains for 2012

### Emerald

Ellie Kerr  
 Emily Mitchell  
 Louise Came (Junior School Captain)  
 Brooke Grech (Junior School Captain)  
 Karmen Milton  
 Kyla Grenfell



### Diamond

Lachlan John (School Captain)  
 Eden Mezzatesta  
 Callum Johnston  
 Lachlan Read



Ciara Walsh

### Sapphire

Caroline Pham  
 Emma Blair  
 Kirtan Swamy  
 Jesse Eddy  
 Catherine De Luca



### Ruby

Phoebe Robertson (School Captain)  
 Dylan Burgess  
 Cara Cutri  
 Erica Kypreas  
 Tom Dove  
 Graeme Whiting  
 Kira Prouse



## Senior School News

**SAC dates** - All Year 12 students have been given a timetable detailing their SAC dates in all subjects for Unit 3. The upcoming SACs for March are:

Date	Subject
Mar 5 <sup>th</sup>	English SAC 1 Biology SAC 1A Physical Education SAC 1 Studio Arts SAC
Mar 12 <sup>th</sup>	Geography SAC 1 Biology SAC 1B IT Applications SAC1 Media SAC 1 Australian History SAC 1 Product Design & Technology SAC 1
Mar 19 <sup>th</sup>	Business Management SAC 2A Chemistry SAC 1 Biology SAC 2 Australian History SAC 2 Italian – Listening SAC Psychology SAC 1
Mar 26 <sup>th</sup>	English SAC 2A Geography SAC 2A Specialist Maths SAC 1 Accounting SAC 1B Physical Education SAC 2A Further Maths SAC 1 Physics SAC 2

**The Year 12 Information Night will be held in the VCE Centre on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> March at 7pm. Students are reminded to return the attendance slip.**

**The Year 11 Information Night will be held in the VCE Centre on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> March at 7pm. Students are reminded to return the attendance slip.**

**The school has access to free passes to a VCE Success Seminar conducted by an organisation called Mental Blank. Students and parents interested are advised to follow the link below**

**Complimentary Family Passes to VCE Success Seminar For Year 10,11 and 12 students.**

Proven strategies for VCE success shown at the upcoming 90 minute VCE Success Seminar.

Learn the secrets top performers used to excel in VCE. Limited seats. [www.VCEsuccess.com.au/free](http://www.VCEsuccess.com.au/free) Or call (03) 9531 0531

**Simon Phelan  
 Senior School Coordinator**



**Rosehill "State" Election 2012**

On Friday 24<sup>th</sup> February, the Australian Electoral Commission presented an informative session about Government in Australia to the Year 9 Commerce class and Miss Sophie's Year 9 Humanities class. Students learnt about the development of democracy in Australia; the history of our Parliament; the current system of government; and the electoral processes by which we elect our representatives to the Commonwealth Parliament.

The highlight of the session however was the mock election. The classroom became a polling centre and Teigan, William, Brooke, Hannah and Sophia took on the role of polling officials. One by one each of the student "voters" presented themselves to the officials to receive their ballot paper. The voting process took on the characteristics of a real election with students having their names marked off the "electoral roll". Votes were cast in secret at the AEC polling booths. The preferential system of voting was used to count the votes and the winner of the election was the colour purple! Special thanks to Betty and Joan from the Maribyrnong Electoral Division for presenting the session.

**Nellie Harbour**



"Have you voted in a Federal Election today?"



Votes were cast using a secret ballot.



**Personal Hygiene in the Food Technology Kitchen**

A reminder for parents and students, that due to Health and Safety regulations students are not permitted to wear nail polish or artificial nails in Food Technology production classes. Your cooperation in this matter would be most appreciated.

Students in Years 7-10 are only allowed to heat up food at lunch in the Food Technology room in Terms 2 and 3.

