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CALENDAR

Term 1 2015

Monday 16th to Friday 20th February

Year 12 Outdoor Ed Camp

Tuesday 17th February

Swimming Carnival – Coburg Olympic Pool

Friday 27th February

School Photos – Full Uniform Compulsory

Monday 9th March

Labour Day – Public Holiday

Wednesday 18th March

Rosefest Year 9 Carnival & School Music Performance - 1:15pm to 4:30pm

Thursday 19th March

STEP Information Evening 7pm to 8pm - Library

Friday 27th March

Last day of Term 1 Students Dismissed at 2.30pm

Term 2 2015

Monday 13th April

First Day of Term 2

Immunisation Dates

1st Visit - Thursday 23rd April

Year 7 HPV 1 and Boosterix

Year 10 Boosterix

Wednesday 29th April 2015

Year 8 Boosterix

Year 9 Boosterix

2nd Visit - Tuesday 23rd June 2015

Year 7 HPV 2 and chickenpox

3rd Visit - Tuesday 20th October 2015

Year 7 HPV 3

General Office Hours

Monday – Friday 8.30 – 3.30pm

Late to School

Please continue to contact the Attendance Line directly on **9331 9639** until the new COMPASS System is fully implemented.

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Welcome to the first newsletter for 2015. Newsletters are available to be viewed on the College website fortnightly. For all the new families to the school I am sure that you have chosen wisely and you will not be disappointed with what we offer your children. The school year has started well with a full complement of staff and all students returned safe and healthy. Principals always worry about their students over the summer holidays when they are away for such a long time and it is a great relief when they all return safely.

As you are aware this year we chose to start the year off with professional development for our staff over two days instead of one. The Department of Education and Training gives us the flexibility to do this and I can guarantee that teachers worked extremely hard during this time. Our objective for 2015 is to have as little interruptions as possible to our student learning and as the year progresses you will find that there are less public holidays and we will not be having any curriculum afternoons as we did last year.

The Year Ahead

During 2014 we had to develop a new strategic plan for the years 2015 to 2017. Today I received confirmation from the Regional Director that he has endorsed our plan so we will be able to publish an easy to read version on our website this term. 2015 will be the year where we start the major implementation strategies in this plan. Our aims overall are to improve our student outcomes, to ensure our students are engaged and happy and lastly to provide the financial viability to run the school so that we have the best conditions for student learning that we can possibly provide.

Coordinators

The following are the Coordinators for 2015. Please feel free to contact them if there are issues that you need to discuss:

Senior School Leader

Year 12 Coordinator

Year 11 Coordinator

Year 10 Coordinator

Assistant Year 12

Assistant Year 11

Assistant Year 10

Mr Simon Phelan

Ms Heidi Bowles

Mr Colin Thompson

Ms Nadia Vossos

Ms Sirocha Bruckard

Mr Rob Houghton

Ms Marissa Mortellaro



Our Vision

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Principal Report Continued

Junior School Leader

Year 9 Coordinator
Year 8 Coordinator
Year 7 Coordinator
Assistant Year 9
Assistant Year 8
Assistant Year 7

Ms Ann Russell

Mr Grant Martens
Ms Laura Jago
Mr Matthew Hoskings
Ms Joanna Wiltshire
Ms Annette Ellis
Ms Alice Benson

Staffing

Our staffing profile has had minimal changes from 2014 to 2015 and this has contributed to the calm start to the year. However, there are a number of staff who have left the school at the end of 2014, some with a long history at the school:

Andy Flouris has taken up a Leading Teacher Position at another school closer to home. Andy was a wonderful teacher during her time with us and had built extremely strong relationships with her students. We were sorry to see her go but for her Professional Career she had decided to experience life at another school.

Michael Large, Laura Di Sisto and **Carol Brewster** have all retired. We wish them all the best as they enjoy the fruits of their many years as teachers.

New Staff

- **Bradley Ross** is a new Leading Teacher whose role will be analysing our College data and supporting the use of data with our teachers.
- **Michael Freedman** has been appointed as our new Leading Teacher in charge of Student Engagement. Michael has had an extensive history in Student Leadership Programs.
- **David Lee** has been appointed as our new Leading Teacher in charge of Literacy. David is already a Literacy coach in our region and he will be a great asset to our school.
- **Leesa Brook** has been appointed and will take up Food Technology and Textiles. Leesa has had experience in the fashion industry and her skills and knowledge will be invaluable.
- **Victor Vu** was appointed to a new Maths position on the last day of 2014. Victor has been teaching for four years and we hope that his skills at the senior Maths level will enable us to support the growing numbers of students taking up senior maths.

Facilities

There were two major projects undertaken during the break.

The Rosehill Science Centre redevelopment is almost complete and handover is targeted for Monday 16th February. The work is outstanding and when it is officially opened all students will be astounded at the transformation. It will be a showpiece for the future and it is something we have saved and strived for over the last three years.

We have taken possession of four new state of the art portable classrooms with two more to be opened early next week.

In closing, I would like to remind all parents that I am a Principal who has an open door policy and wherever possible I will discuss issues via phone, email or in person so do not hesitate to contact me.

Peter Rouse
Principal

Swimming Carnival



This year our annual swimming event will take place on Tuesday 17th February at the Coburg Olympic Pool. Permission notes were distributed at House Assemblies on Tuesday 3rd February so please ensure your child has paid the \$7.50 fee either at the office or through their school fees. Keep your fingers crossed for great weather!

Support the "House Trivia" to gain extra points

Mitchell Gaunt
Sports Coordinator

NEW & EXCITING HOUSE TRIVIA!

The first five students to answer the following question correctly to Mr. Gaunt will earn 25 points for your house. Remember, newsletters are produced regularly so 25 points will go a long way to helping your team win the overall aggregate!!!

Who is the only teacher at Rosehill S.C to have won a Riddell District Football Netball League (RDFNL), League Netball Best & Fairest award?

Put your thinking hats on...

Awards Evening 2014

2014 Rosehill Secondary College Academic Achievement Awards

The Annual Rosehill Secondary College Awards Evening was held on 16th December 2014. The Awards Evening provided a great opportunity to celebrate the successes of our students and also included the induction of the 2015 School Captains, Jett Bewick and Brooke Grech. Awards for academic excellence were presented in all Key Learning Areas and we also acknowledged the outstanding achievement of our students in all Year 12 subjects studied at the College. A number of



Our Values

Learning: Powerful, Progressive and Purposeful

Respect: Trust, Empathy and Tolerance

Initiative: Accepting Challenges, Developing Leadership

special awards were also presented throughout the evening including:

Year Level Dux Awards

Year 7	Bronte Edwardes
Year 8	Irene Manakas
Year 9	Alannah Burr
Year 10	Zoe Triplett
Year 11	William Wei
Year 12	Thomas Dove

Optima Semper, Best Always Awards

Year 7	Hannah Calleja
Year 8	James Nguyen
Year 9	Bridget Reinmuth
Year 10	Tianah Messina
Year 11	Benjamin Wingrave

ADF Long Tan Leadership and Teamwork Award

Year 10	Isaac Munoz
Year 12	Kirtan Swamy

Anthony Pryor Student Encouragement Award

Stefanos Lolos

Caltex Best All Rounder Award

Thomas Dove

Community Award

Anthony D'Alfonso

Coughlan Motors Award

Dylan Lambert

Insight Publications English Encouragement Award

Jacob Stowers

Keilor East RSL Sub Branch Award

Jack Lynch

Kwong Lee Dow Young Scholars Program Recipients

Isaac Munoz
Zoe Triplett

Outstanding Participation in Performing Arts

Lochy Thompson

Sam Pennisi Student Encouragement Award

Nyomi Stowers

Roger Smith Memorial Award

Aaron Cusato

School Sport Victoria Academic and Sporting Achievement Award

Jackson Natoli

Sue Edwards Memorial Award

Ashlea Diolosa

Victoria University Science Award

Elisha Elkin

You Psychology, Stand Strong Award

Matthew Coffey

Awards Evening Co-ordinator

Nellie Harbourd

Greenvale & Craigieburn Buses

We have been informed by Tullamarine Bus lines the two buses which travel to Craigieburn and Greenvale from Rosehill Secondary College have been combined into one service. The rationale of only one bus travelling this route is due to the reduced numbers on the buses. Unfortunately, a significant number of students do not touch on when using this school based service, therefore making the service appear not financially viable and hardly used at all.

We have also been advised about the possibility of the service being stopped altogether if students continue to not pay for the service using their Myki.

Note that this is not a decision of the bus company but the Department of Transport that informs the bus companies as to the routes they travel based on Myki evidence which goes directly to the Department. Furthermore, the Department of Transport tell the bus companies which stops to use and the TBL buses have been instructed to not stop anywhere but the allocated stops.

It would be greatly appreciated if you could discuss these matters with your children and ensure they top up their Myki card and instruct them to touch on and off in the mornings and in the afternoons.

Arthur Soumalias
Assistant Principal

Traffic

The College would like to remind parents to adhere to local traffic regulations around the school. The main concerns are parking in 'No Standing and No Stopping' areas, double parking, speeding and parking in and on neighbouring driveways and nature strips. Parents are not permitted to park over the College driveways on pick up or drop off.

It is illegal to do a right hand turn into Rosehill Road from Sapphire Street between the hours of 8 to 9am and 3 to 4pm.

Essendon Private Hospital have requested we advise parents not to park in their carpark or on their nature strip. They have contacted the Council and have requested inspectors monitor incorrect parking practices.

Please show consideration to the College neighbours, other traffic and most importantly to students of the College.

BE AWARE

Traffic Infringement officers from the local Council do random checks around the College and issue fines and infringement notices. These fines are not given at the time of the offence but are issued via the post shortly after the offence. If you have any disputes concerning any fines issued please contact the Council and not the College.



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