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CALENDAR

Tuesday 15th to 17th May

NAPLAN testing for Years 7 & 9

Friday 18th May

Interim Reports Distributed at 3.10pm

Thursday 31st May

Curriculum Planning Afternoon

Students dismissed at 1pm

Friday 8th June

Year 11 Exams commence

Monday 11th June

Queen's Birthday Public Holiday

Wednesday 12th to Thursday 14th June

Exams - Years 7 to 12

Friday 15th June

Report Writing Day

18th June to 29th June

Work Experience Year 10

Friday 29th June

**End of Term - Reports Distributed
Students Dismissed at 2.30pm**

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

Earn & Learn Woolworths

Woolworths Earn & Learn 2012 has begun. One sticker will be awarded to customers for every \$10 spent at a Woolworth's store. Sticker cards are available from the general office so start collecting as the more stickers collected means the more resources we can gain for the school.

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Four years ago Rosehill Secondary College received accreditation from the International Students' Branch of the Education Department enabling us to travel overseas to meet prospective students. Sandra Smart worked very hard in setting the program up and visited Vietnam two years ago to meet agents and student counsellors.

Since that time the value of the Australian dollar and improvements in the Asian Education systems has meant a drop off in students coming to Australia. As a result, the Victorian Government in conjunction with Austrade and two other Australian States are visiting Vietnam this week to set up mini trade fairs and teach demonstration lessons in schools in Hanoi and Ho Chi Min City.

Rosehill had the honour of being selected as part of this visit and while you are reading this newsletter I am more than likely at Viet Duc High School in Hanoi watching two other Principals deliver a lesson in Year 11 Trigonometry. My turn will come early next week in Ho Chi Min City when I am required to team teach a Senior English class. (We have been warned that it will be around 36 degrees with no air-conditioning and 40 students in a classroom.)

There are three main benefits of this trip:

- Rosehill SC will make a valuable contribution to the recognition of the Victorian Education System as one of the best in the world.
- I will gain a better understanding of the Vietnamese culture and this will be important as the number of Vietnamese students in our school is growing steadily.
- It will contribute to further recognition of Rosehill as a fine educational institution that caters for all students.

Currently we have six international students at Rosehill and we are pleased with the way our students have adopted them and helped them settle into the school. During this trip I will be able to speak proudly of our school community, of our educational programs and of our wonderful students and families.

Peter Rouse
Principal

Uniform

As the weather has become cooler a disappointing number of hoodies and other inappropriate jackets have become evident at school. These will be confiscated when worn, which is not an action that staff enjoy taking, but adherence to the uniform policy is seen as a vital part of the Rosehill program. Parents and students are reminded of the following:

- Where extra warmth is required, students can wear extra white T-shirts/spencers/skivvies **UNDER** the college shirt.
- The blue college jumper is to be worn on top of the shirt, and the black college jacket can be worn on top of the jumper if extra warmth/rain protection is required. Hoodies may **NOT** be worn under the jumper or jacket.
- Students should now be wearing winter uniform.
- Girls' tights should be navy blue, not black, and may not be worn with the summer uniform. Girls can wear white socks (either short or long) with the winter kilt if they prefer.
- Shoes must be plain black leather/suede, and secured to the foot by laces or straps (for OH&S reasons). **Canvas shoes of any description (karate slippers, volleys etc.) are not permitted**, nor are ballet slippers, ugg boots etc.
- Beanies are not permitted
- Scarves must be plain black or navy blue
- Girls' skirts need to be of a reasonable length; many are embarrassingly short

Facial Piercings & Stretchers

A number of students are electing to have facial piercings and/or wear stretchers in their ears in spite of the fact that these have always been against Rosehill's policy. This is clearly stated in the College Uniform Policy; any parent wishing to view this can request a hard copy from the General Office or look at it on the college website www.rosehillsc.vic.edu.au Students are not permitted to wear visible facial jewellery or stretchers. Students must remove facial jewellery and stretchers or replace them with clear/skin toned jewellery. Large stretchers of any colour may not be worn; a clear or flesh coloured earring must be used to cover the hole.

The Principal Class is currently undertaking random uniform inspections in an effort to address uniform concerns. Students who are out of uniform will be given 24 hours to rectify the problem, and must report to the Assistant Principal who recorded the infringement to demonstrate that it has been corrected. If longer is required to obtain the correct uniform, a parent must contact an Assistant Principal to request such an extension.

We ask for parental support in enforcing our uniform policy, which is a central aspect of the safe and orderly environment enjoyed by the college.

Attendance

If you have received an Absence Letter for your child/children please return it to the office by Wednesday 16th May or call Jo on 9331 9639 to either approve or discuss further. If your child did not attend school Thursday 3rd May due to the early finish time, please call or text your approval for that day.

Second Hand Uniform

Please contact Jo on 9331 9639 if you are interested in donating or purchasing second hand uniforms.

Lost/Found

A camera memory card was found in the school grounds this week, if you have lost one, please contact Jo on 9331 9639.

Jo Jacka Student Services

**IT'S NOT OK
TO BE AWAY**

Work Experience

Work Experience is only a few 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.

**Bernadette Young
Work Experience Coordinator**



Japan Study Tour Jennifer Park

The Japan Study Tour program offers an in-country language study opportunity to Year 10 students of Japanese in Victoria. The program provides students with a language and cultural experience at the Japan Foundation Japanese Language Institute in Osaka. Twenty Victorian students are chosen to participate in a two-week program that includes language and cultural lessons, field trips to Kyoto, Nara and Hiroshima, a school visit and home-stay experience with a local family. Joshua Thompson was the first student from Rosehill Secondary College to have been selected for this tour in July 2010. Joshua participated in language

and cultural classes together with other students from 11 different countries. This year, there were over 80 applicants from around 40 schools. The standard of applications was extremely high, and competition for places was tough. Congratulations to Jennifer Park of Year 10 who was selected to participate in the program in July this year.

Think Fest Day

The Think-fest Carnival was held on April 26th this year and gave an opportunity for all Year 7's to extend on their creativity, lateral thinking and team building skills in a safe and supportive environment. All Year 11s were given an opportunity to take part in the day and act as leaders to the Year 7s in one of four groups: Communication, Construction, Enterprise and Community. The day revolved around these teams of students working on their different challenges.

Communication teams were challenged to write their own Rescue Adventure story as a play for pre-school children. The students created distinctive masks, hats and puppets to entertain their audience and it was quite entertaining to watch the Year 11s get in touch with their childhood again.

Construction teams were challenged to save a deposed ruler by inventing mechanisms to solve three problems. Thanks to the Science department, who lent their batteries, alligator clips and lights to the project, students marvelled in their inventions. They had to construct a bridge that could bear at least 500grams of weight, a safe house with security alarm system and lights that work and a flagpole and signalling device.

Enterprise groups were given an endless supply of odd socks only to invent 4 new and different sock – based products. The creations needed to all be specifically for a particular age – group, useful in jobs, friendly to the environment, safe and fun.

Fish was on top of the Community group's minds as they were challenged to invent, advertise and present a community celebration day that provided fun events for all ages and abilities to enjoy. We witnessed fish masks, fish games and fish wear with groups creating sing-a-longs that got the groups swimming up a stream.

The day ended with a ceremony where students shared their creations with one another. Teachers acted as judges to help students evaluate and reflect on their projects. Certificates of participation were given to the Year 7s and the Year 11 leaders as an acknowledgement of their teamwork and personal development skills that they developed on the day.

Ms Bonett
Student Engagement Leader



Senior School News

Assessment Dates 2012

Term 2	Unit 3:
Week 12 May 7th	Food Technology SAC 2 IT Applications SAC 2 Studio Arts SAC Legal Studies SAC 2B Music Investigation SAC 2
Week 13 May 14th	Australian History SAC 3 Italian – Writing SAC for Year 12s Psychology SAC 3 Product Design & Technology SAC 2 Physics SAC 3

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Week 14 May 21st	Accounting SAC 2A Australian History SAC 4 Studio Arts SAC Psychology SAC 4 Music Investigation SAC 1
Week 15 May 28th	Biology SAC 4 Accounting SAC 2B Maths methods SAC 2

Week 16
June 4th Business Management SAC 3
Italian – Speaking SAC

Week 17
Jun 11th Mid-year Examinations & GAT

**Connor Bond – Year 7
International Baseball Series**

In March Connor Bond competed in the International Baseball Friendship Series.

The Friendship Series involved 3 teams from Japan, 1 from NSW and 5 from Victoria. The tournament schedule was jam-packed with each team playing at least 9 games over 4 days.

The tournament saw some extraordinary highlights from monstrous home runs to some brilliant catches and plays by both visiting and Victorian teams.

Even though scores are not kept, all 5 Victorian teams performed extremely well and were highly competitive against quality opposition. All players should be proud of their performance.

Connor has been fortunate enough to be selected after lots of hard work and qualifying to travel to the USA in July to compete with the Kangaroos touring team.

This International Friendship Series is supported by Baseball Victoria and promotes baseball participation, friendship and cultural experience based in Melbourne for boys and girls in the Under 12 age groups. For more information contact www.baseballvictoria.com.au

Well done Connor



Japanese Exchange Program 2012

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:



Newsletter Notification Email Issues

In recent weeks we have had a few issues with the email notifying of the updated Newsletter. Hotmail, Bigpond and Optusnet accounts seems to be the most affected. We are trying to rectify these issues and we ask for your patience. All Newsletters are available for viewing on the school Website regardless of email alerts.

