I would like to start this newsletter report with a big congratulation and thanks to all our performers and support staff who worked tirelessly to get our Cirque du Rose to such an excellent standard. I attended each of the nights as well as one of the matinee sessions and each time I found something different to admire. I could only marvel at the agility and flexibility of the performers.

Our Japanese visiting teachers commented to me that they thought the show was of a professional standard. I have attended music and traditional dance shows at a school in Fuji City, Japan, and for these teachers to comment as they did it means that the show was indeed brilliant. On the Friday night I had a table of Principals from other schools see the show with me and they too were highly impressed. Special thanks to Ms Mortellaro for her leadership and skills in putting the cabaret together. We are lucky to have such a talented Performing Arts leader in the school.

Better Schools Funding (Previously called Gonski)
I am extremely pleased that the Victorian Government has signed onto this wonderful initiative. Final details are yet to be published and it will be some time before we can actually work out what it means for us. This potentially means an increase of $500,000 next year in our budget. However, it is unfortunate that our Government schools ever got to the stage where money is so desperately needed. We will be keeping our community informed of any further developments.

Curriculum Day
On Friday 9th of August we are having a whole day Curriculum day. The majority of the time will be spent with staff continuing to develop, write and prepare for the implementation of the Australian Curriculum. Staff began this process well over a year ago and there is still a great deal of work to be done.

Debutant Ball
No sooner than Ms Mortellaro has pulled off a successful cabaret she is now in full swing organising the dances for our upcoming Deb Ball. I was fortunate enough to watch the practice this week and the 33 couples have already learned their first dance. It should be a wonderful evening and it is one of the highlights of the year.
On Wednesday 24th – Saturday 27th July, Rosehill showcased Cirque Du Rose’, a cabaret filled with exciting circus themes acts, tricks and stunning dancing. I’m so very proud of the 130 plus students involved in this production. The end result was outstanding and the feedback has been phenomenal. Over the week we had five performances, two matinee shows for 600 primary school students and three night shows for family and friends. It was a tiring yet rewarding week. A special mention to Danielle Honey for her superb aerial hoop routine, and Caitlyn Oldfield and Jordan Raj for their wonderful balance act accompanied by the gifted vocals of Kurt Russo. Cara Cutri of Year 12 was spectacular in engaging and entertaining the audience. I would also like to acknowledge some of the teachers; Stephanie Wasif, Annette Ellis, Damien Toussaint, David Copping and Gayle Browne for their tireless efforts and support. Congratulations to all students involved in the cabaret; dancers, makeup artists and backstage. The talent at Rosehill Secondary College has only just begun to reveal itself. Well done!

Ms Mortellaro
Performing Arts Coordinator.
On Tuesday 30th July, Rosehill students attended our Annual Athletics Carnival at Moonee Valley Athletics Track. The Diamond, Sapphire, Ruby and Emerald staff and student leaders showed great enthusiasm and worked hard to encourage students to participate in events and join in the fun. All the students that attended put in effort and exhibited pride for their house, whether it was by competing in events, dressing up in costume or simply cheering on their team.

It was an excellent atmosphere and the tug-of-war novelty event and dress-up competition was again a big success. Due to the time constraints, the senior tug-of-war event was not able to go ahead but will be held at the half time break of the annual staff vs. students’ footy game later on in Term 3.

Unfortunately this year we missed out on the swimming carnival due to poor weather, so it was great to see a good turnout for the athletics. Last year there was a big improvement in house pride and attendance, which is something that we want to continue to improve in. The PE staff will be organising some novelty events for the house competition during Term 4, which, if popular will become part of the house competition with the annual athletics and swimming carnivals.

Overall, Ruby was the winning house for the day and Emerald house still unfortunately is the only house to not register a win.

The following students were the best performing students in their age groups:
- Nyomi Stowers, Olivia Burmeister and Nathan Davis (12-13)
- James Hogg, Liam McBride, Kayla Georgievski and Rachael Ware (14)
- Brodie Meyers and Aydin Kesici (15)
- Ben Watt and Lachlan Meyers (16)
- Dion Hill, John Oddo and Tyke Kenny-Page (17+)

Well done to these students. They will be competing alongside other field event winners and overall track winners to compete in the Moonee Valley District Athletics Competition at Moonee Valley Athletics track on 6th September.

Many thanks to all the staff and students involved, it was their efforts that made it a successful day. Special thanks to Wade Millington, this year’s AFL trainee, and the PE staff who put in a lot of time before and after school in the lead up to the carnival.

Photos of the Athletics Carnival will follow in the next Newsletter

Gabriel Sarpa
Sports Coordinator
Careers – Dates To Remember

Wednesday 7th August
Careers in Engineering – Engineers Australia
Women in Engineering
5.30pm – 7.00pm in the Year 12 Study Centre
University Displays and Panel of Guest Speakers
Please RSVP with your name, number of people attending and school name marked attention to
Bernadette Young at:
rosehill.sc@edumail.vic.gov.au

Friday 16th August
All Year 10 students will be attending the Herald Sun Careers Expo at the Melbourne Exhibition Centre.

Alfio Raiti & Bernadette Young
Careers

Telstra Grant Opportunity – Telstra Parent Needed

Thank you to those who responded and let us know if they are a ‘Telstra Parent’. We hope now to be able to move forward with an application for a Telstra Science Grant in the current round.

Mr Bader Georgievski
Head of Science

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**2014 Curriculum: Course Selection & Counselling**

### 2014 Course Selection Handbooks Now Available Online

The 2014 Course Selection Handbooks for Years 7 to 10, VCAL and VCE are now available on the Rosehill Secondary College Website [www.rosehillsc.vic.edu.au](http://www.rosehillsc.vic.edu.au) under the ‘Curriculum’ tab. You need to scroll down past the 2013 copies to find the 2014 ones.

### Course Selection & Counselling Timeline

#### YEAR 7 2014

**Friday 9th August**  
Parents of primary school students whose enrolment at Rosehill Secondary College is confirmed for 2014, will receive a package of information by post, including the Year 7 2014 Course Selection Handbook and Form, on Friday 9th August or early the following week.

**Tuesday 17th September**  
The Year 7 2014 Course Selection Form will be due completed and submitted at the College on Tuesday 17th September, which is Year 7 2014 “Course Selection and Getting to Know You” Evening.

#### YEAR 8 2014

**Wednesday 7th August**  
The Year 8 2014 Course Selection Handbook and Form was distributed to current Year 7 students during the Interdisciplinary learning session on Wednesday 7th August.

**Friday 23rd August**  
Current Year 7 students must submit their 2014 Year 8 Course Selection Sheet at the College by Friday 23rd August.

Year 7 students and parents should contact the Junior School Office with any 2014 Course Selection queries.

#### YEAR 9 2014

**Friday 2nd August**  
The Year 10 2014 Course Selection Handbook and Form was distributed to current Year 8 students during Period 4 on Friday 2nd August.

**Friday 23rd August**  
Current Year 8 students must submit their 2014 Year 8 Course Selection Sheet at the College by Friday 23rd August.

Year 8 students and parents should contact the Junior School Office with any 2014 Course Selection queries.

#### YEAR 10 2014

**Wednesday 7th August**  
The Year 10 2014 Course Selection Handbook and Form was distributed to current Year 9 students during the Interdisciplinary learning session on Wednesday 7th August.

**Wednesday 7th August – Tuesday 20th August**  
**Year 10 Exemption from a Learning Area**  
Students requesting exemption from a Learning Area must see Ms Russell for an application form. The form must be completed and submitted by Tuesday 20th August.

**Thursday 15th August**  
**Year 10 2014 Parent Information Evening – 6.30pm**  
**Year 12 Study Centre**  
Students are most welcome to attend

**Monday 19th August**  
All Year 9 students will participate in a Year 10 Expo during Period 1, where they will be addressed by each Key Learning Area Leader and then have an opportunity to ask any questions they might have about the Year 10 subject offerings.

**Tuesday 20th August**  
**Year 10 2014 Course Selection Day**  
Current Year 9 students must submit their 2014 Year 10 Course Selection Sheet on this day.

#### YEAR 11 2014

**Monday 29th July**  
Year 10 students received their Careers Show Bags, including the 2014 VCE Course Selection Handbook and Year 11 Course Selection Form. The VCAL Course Selection Handbook and VET Application Form is available from Mr Raiti and Mrs Young at the Careers Office.

**Wednesday 14th August**  
**Year 11 2014 Parent Information Evening – 7.30pm**  
Students are most welcome to attend

**Friday 16th August**  
All Year 10 students participate in a whole school day excursion to the Herald Sun Careers Expo at the Melbourne Exhibition Centre.

**Monday 19th August**  
All Year 10 students participate in a Year 11 Expo during Period 2, where they will be addressed by each Key Learning Area Leader and then have an opportunity to ask any questions they might have about the Year 11 subject offerings.

**Wednesday 21st August**  
**Year 11 2014 Course Selection Day**  
NO YEAR 10 CLASSES – Each student and their parent(s) attend an Interview with a Course Counsellor at an appointed time. Current Year 10 students must submit their 2014 Year 11 Course Selection Sheet on this day (parents sign the form during the Course Counselling Interview with their child).
The 2014 VCE Course Selection Handbook and Year 12 Course Selection Form were distributed to current Year 11 students at a Year 11 Level Assembly on Thursday 8th August.

**Wednesday 14th August**  
**Year 12 2014 Parent Information Evening – 6.30pm**  
Students are most welcome to attend

**Thursday 22nd August**  
**Year 12 2014 Course Selection Day**  
Current Year 11 students must submit their 2014 Year 10 Course Selection Sheet on this day.

### Senior School 2014 Parent Information Evenings

*Students are most welcome to attend*

**WEDNESDAY 14TH AUGUST**  
6.30pm
Year 12 2014  
&  
7.30pm
Year 11 2014

**THURSDAY 15TH AUGUST**  
6.30pm
Year 10 2014

Find out about Rosehill’s:
- Senior School Structure
- Programs Offered
- Support for Student Wellbeing
- Years 11 and 12 Study Centre

### Teacher Subject Recommendations

Teachers have made student recommendations for 2014 subjects based on available assessment results. Parents of students currently in Years 9, 10 and 11 will receive correspondence informing them of any recommendations, especially in the learning areas of Mathematics, Science and Languages.

Teachers have also made recommendations for Year 10 students to do a VCE Unit 1/2 sequence in 2014, and for students in Year 11 2014 to do a VCE Unit 3/4 sequence.

**Year 10 Mathematics Aptitude Test**

Year 10 students sat a Mathematics Aptitude Test in their Year 10 Mathematics class during last week.

The results of this Aptitude Test, together with other available assessment results, including the Average Semester 1 Topic Test result and the Semester 1 Mid-year Exam result, have been considered by Mathematics teachers in making their Year 11 Mathematics recommendation for:

- No Mathematics
- Mathematics Foundation
- Mathematics General (Academic)
- Mathematics General (Business)
- Mathematical Methods (CAS)

Please don’t hesitate to contact Ms Ann Rusell – Junior School Manager or Mr Simon Phelan – Senior School Manager with any queries.

Lynden Fielding  
Assistant Principal

Japanese Visitor Photos