Welcome to the Mid-Term 3 Newsletter. We are currently in the phase of subject selections with our senior school students and I would thank those parents who attended the relevant information evenings. I know that for some students and their parents there will be some difficult choices to make but our team of coordinators and careers people are ready to help whenever they can.

Self-Evaluation
Yesterday I received our report from our School Reviewer. There are many positives in his findings including:

- The College has an impressive range of evidence-based programs designed to improve student outcomes.
- Senior secondary results have consistently been very good. The VCE All Study mean score improved marginally from 2012 to 2013, and has consistently been above the level that might be predicted from student background characteristics, as has the exit destinations performance indicator.
- NAPLAN indicators reveal good comparative performance in Years 7 and 9, with mean scores above the state median level for all government secondary schools.

The Reviewer summarises the findings of the Panel: The Peer Review Panel strongly affirms the College’s current directions as conveyed through its improvement model and associated strategies. The challenge for achieving further improvement is in embedding and sustaining the current initiatives.

Another aspect of the report indicates that we are very astute and adept at managing our resources and finances: The panel’s view of productivity performance was very positive. There was agreement that the performance indicators show the school effectively identifies and manages resources to improve student outcomes.

Our next step is to begin the development of our Strategic Plan for 2014-2017.

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November State Election
Many parents who live in Niddrie and other local suburbs may have received information from Ben Carroll, our local member, in their letter boxes informing the community that if the Labour Party wins the next state election, it will give $10 million to another local secondary college for a rebuild. I have had discussions with Ben since the information became public, expressing my disappointment that once again Rosehill Secondary College has been overlooked by successive politicians for badly needed funding to redevelop our own areas of need. This has been the case for over 30 years. It is through good management that we have been able to provide the best facilities that we can for our students and we are proud of our achievements in this area. We have done this with minimal government support.

Given that we have 1160 students representing over 700 families, the majority of which are in Ben’s electorate, I urge as many parents as possible to contact Ben’s office, express their concerns and ask where is the equity in his party’s decision? (9379 5879) All schools in his electorate need to be supported as all children in state education in Victoria deserve to have the best possible facilities and the latest learning environments. Ben has agreed to visit our College in early September with James Merlino (Deputy Leader of the Opposition and Shadow Minister for Education) so I will be having further discussions at that time. We all know, however, that there is only so much money in the bucket. I am also in the process of making contact with the Liberal Party and its local candidate to seek their views on the resourcing of education in our electorate.

Peter Rouse
Principal

Viewing Year 10 Formal Photos
Please find attached our online viewing card with all the info for parents to view and order the Year 10 Formal photos from Friday 1st August.

School Production
It was fantastic to see so many Year 8 students involved in the school production, Annie. The year 8 cohort outnumbered every other year level with their involvement. A big congratulations to those involved! Well done.

Effort & Participation
At last week’s Year 8 Assembly, selected students were awarded with certificates of excellence for their effort and participation during semester one classes. Congratulations to these students for being recognised by their teachers for their determination and involvement in class.


Others award recipients not photographed. Bradley Hindmarsh, Tien Bui, Teneil Anderson & Wally Clarke.

Matthew Hosking
Year 8 Coordinator

Interested in being a volunteer Host family?
Host Families Needed For New Exchange Students in 2015.

There are girls and boys aged between 15 and 18 from exciting countries like Italy, Belgium, Germany, Holland, Canada, Japan, Switzerland, Brazil, Norway, Argentina, Finland and Austria hoping to come here to study for 3, 5 or 10 months from February next year and stay with a volunteer family that is willing to host and welcome them. If you feel you could do this for them for the length of their stay or even some of it, please contact Klaus Schumann on (03) 97584279 and let me know of your interest.

Klaus Schumann
WEP Community Coordinator

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The Rosehill Riders

Year 12 student Brad Sultana, Principal Peter Rouse and teacher George Pavlidis are joining the Ride to Conquer Cancer, with the help of the Year 12 VCAL class. This event will raise money for the Peter Macallum Cancer Centre. The funds will be used in the search for a cure for cancer.

The idea came from Brad who lost his father to cancer in 2006. He was so impressed by the work done at Peter Mac that he wanted to give something back.

The ride will be in October and will go from Albert Park to Hastings and back, a total of 200 kilometres.

You can donate a lump sum or you can sponsor a rider by the kilometre.

We hope that you will be part of something special. Please help us beat cancer!

Visit the Ride to Conquer Cancer website and search for the Rosehill Riders team.

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Trip to Japan Program for Years 9, 10 and 11 students in 2015.

Would you like your child to improve his/her skills in the Japanese language and to experience the beauty of the Japanese culture? How about joining us on the 2015 Trip to Japan?

Highlights of the trip will include a visit to Tokyo Disneyland, beautiful historical places in Kyoto and the peace park museum in Hiroshima. We will also visit Kogakkan High School, our sister school in Mie prefecture, and stay with their families. The last trip was extremely successful and those students who have taken part in this program have found it to be one of the most rewarding experiences.

The trip to Japan will take place in May 2015. We intend to depart around the last week of May and return the end of the first week of June.

The cost of the trip is approximately $4,000 depending on how much fundraising we can organise and how many students participate in the trip. The tour cost includes: return economy airfares, 6 night hotel accommodation, 6 breakfasts and a 7 day rail pass and Tokyo Disneyland entrance.

Return the slip attached to Mrs Smart or Mr Hayakawa at the College if you are interested in joining us!

If you would like additional information on the homestay program please do not hesitate to contact us.

Trip to Japan Program

I would like my child to participate in the Trip to Japan Program 2015.

PARENT NAME: ________________________________

STUDENT NAME: ________________________________

TUTOR GROUP: ___________

CONTACT NUMBER: ________________________________

SIGNATURE: ______________________________________

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