



RosehillSecondaryCollege

NEWSLETTER

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CALENDAR

Tuesday 18th September
Year 7 2013 Getting to Know You Evening



Friday 21st September

Last Day of Term
Students dismissed at 2.30pm

Term 4

Monday 8th October - First Day of Term 4

Attendance

Year 7 Families, please note that the Teacher Strike Day on Wednesday 5th September was a normal school day for your child and if your child did not attend school on the morning of the Parent Teacher Interviews please phone with approval on 9331 9639 or place a note in their diary for them to show me.

In recent weeks Absence Letters have been sent to families. If you have received a letter, please return it to the General Office or call the Absence Line on **9331 9639** to discuss or approve these absences, messages can be left after office hours.

Students are required at school by 8.45am as this gives them time to go to their locker and attend Home Group at 8.55am. Some students continue to arrive late for school and are missing out on important information given during Home Group or in some instances missing part or all of their classes.

Jo Jacka
Student Services

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



FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Welcome to the final newsletter for Term 3. The year has progressed rapidly and our focus from now on will be supporting the Year 12 students through the final weeks and preparing our staffing and timetable for 2013. Our subject selection processes for all students has been completed and I would like to thank parents for helping us ensure that everything ran smoothly.

Year 12 Students

I would like to remind parents of Year 12 students that the practice exams are being run in the first week of the school holidays. It is extremely important that all students take part as they are a valuable preparation tool for the final exams.

Parent Teacher Night

Last evening we held our Term 3 parent teacher night. Thanks to all those parents who attended. As usual the evening went well and the atmosphere in the gym was extremely positive. These evenings are always a wonderful reflection of our school community and the strong relationships between families and teachers. We have had some feedback about our trial of the on-line booking system and we believe it has worked well. It has saved parents, teachers and students a great deal of time and it has been good to empower parents with the bookings. We will certainly continue with it into the future.

Italy Trip

Our students leave today for the trip to Italy. There are 18 students going and they are accompanied by Ms Pomella, Ms McKay and Mr Bertoli. Thanks to Ms Viglione for her efforts in preparing the trip. Unfortunately, due to a leg injury she had to pull out and Ms Pomella is taking her place. Both she and Mr Bertoli are fluent in Italian so I am sure it will be a successful journey.

NAPLAN

We are hoping the NAPLAN results are released some time next week. It is now two terms since the Year 7 and 9 students sat the tests and we are always disappointed in how long it takes to receive the information. The results are extremely valuable as a planning and progression tool for teaching and learning and I am sure parents like to get the information as well.

As this is the last newsletter for this term I would like to wish all the students a safe and happy Term 3 school holiday.

Peter Rouse
Principal

District Athletics

On Tuesday, 4th September, the school competed in the Moonee Valley District Athletics Competition at Coburg Athletics track with over 70 students participating. All students involved were well behaved and tried their best in events. It was excellent to see students cheering each other on and supporting each other. Students were more than happy to take on extra events for students that were unwell or absent and were willing to put their hands up to help out officials.

Rosehill finished third with the following stand out performers from the day:

Multiple Event Place Getters:

Dion Hill was first in the 100m and triple jump, and second in the 200m and discus, and third in the shot put and relay.

Nicole Ware was first in the 100m and 200m, and second in the 400m and long jump.

Ben Watt was first in the triple jump and long jump, and second in the 100m and relay, third in the 200m.

Track Event (1st place with an excellent time):

Graeme Whiting – 400m 15 boys -54.63 s

Rachael Ware – 400m 13 girls – 1.09.25 s

Brodie Meyers – 1500m 14 boys – 4.54.00 s

James Hogg – 100m 13 boys – 11.07 s

Spiros Tsaroumis – 1500m 20 boys – 5.09.50 s

Field Event (1st place with an excellent result):

Tyson Young – Discus 15 boys – 29.58m

Matthew Sant – High jump 17 boys – 1.6m

Marcus Taylor – High jump 20 boys – 1.7m

Sienna Ambrose – High Jump 13 girls – 1.4m

Relay Teams (Finishing first):

Sienna Ambrose, Rachael Ware, Natasha Cicala and Kayla Georgievski – 13 girls 4x100m

James Hogg, Kelvin Huang, Liam McBride and Patrick Willach -13 boys 4x100m

A big thank you to Mr Blicavs, Mr Gaunt, Mr Macpherson and Ms Hughes for their help on the day, and to all the parents who came along and showed their support.

All the students that finished first and a handful of the second place getters will be competing on the 20th of September in the Western Zones Competition. Best of luck to those students, hopefully we can achieve some excellent results.

Gabriel Sarpa
Sport Coordinator

Avondale Heights Cricket Club

Avondale Heights Cricket Club is currently recruiting for the 2012-2013 Cricket season. We have vacancies in the under 14's and under 16's teams.

If you need more information please ring VLAD on 0416 820 820 or visit www.avondaleheightscricket.org.



Western Zones – Volleyball

On Monday, 3rd September, the year 7 and 8 boys' volleyball teams competed in the Western Zones Volleyball tournament in Werribee. Both team won a game, however, unfortunately both teams lost to Copperfield SC. The students involved:

Year 7 Team

Jackson Macsweeney, Jovan Vrhovac, Kelvin Huang, James Hogg, Fletcher Houghton, Justin Cappelletti, Isaiah Ibrahim, Kurk Bennett and Nicholas Dove.

Year 8 Team

Tristan Diomamapo, Mitchell Jones, Lachlan Dickie, Brodie Meyers, Josh Marino, Reef Gaylard, Chris Crosswell, Mason Carburn and Daniel Xuereb.

Well done to both teams for their efforts on the day and giving up their lunch times to prepare for the day. Hopefully next year we can take it one step further and make it through to the final of the western zone competition.

Gabriel Sarpa
Sport Coordinator



Medieval Day

On Thursday 20th September students in Year 7 currently doing Humanities will be participating in an activity day run by History Up Close. The day will focus on activities relating to the Medieval period in history that the students are currently studying in class.

On Monday 17th September students in Year 8 currently doing Humanities will be participating in an activity day run by History Up Close. The day will focus on activities relating to the ancient civilizations the students are currently studying in class.

These are compulsory incursions. Students have been given permission slips and the cost of \$20 was on the booklist. Please return the permission slips and payments as soon as possible if you have not already done so.

Sharon Fellows
Humanities Coordinator

Table Tennis

On September 13th the Year 7, Year 8 and intermediate table tennis teams attended West Sunshine to compete in the Western zones. Unfortunately the Year 8s and intermediate teams were unsuccessful, but the year 7s won with style beating all 5 teams they played, not dropping a single match. Big congratulations to Aaron Ciavarella, Justin Cappelletti, Owen Soffe, Sven Baric and Isaiah Ibrahim who played very well in the big win. Good luck to the boys in the state finals which will be taking place early in term 4.

Year 7 Boys Basketball

On 14th September, 9 talented Year 7 boys competed in the Western Zone finals at Altona Sports Centre. We had played very well in the first stages of the competition, comfortably winning against Buckley Park and Strathmore SC, to earn ourselves a place in the WZ Finals.

The Finals were structured with 2 pools of 3 teams, with winners playing off for a place to continue through to the Western Region competition and possibly state level.

Our first pool game was against Taylors Lakes Secondary, who had a couple of speedy guards that were causing headaches for our defence. As the game wore on we managed to eventually shut down their offensive threats and control the rebounds, with Jackson Macsweeney and Sam Warby seeming as though they were grabbing everything that was up in the air. Liam McBride and James Hogg tore their way through the helpless Taylors Lakes defence to set up the convincing victory however it wasn't all smooth sailing with James going down with an ankle injury midway through the second half. Reports are showing he has suffered some soft tissue damage and we wish him well in his recovery.

Our second game against Manor Lakes College looked as though it would be a much bigger challenge as they had 2 or 3 players pushing 6 foot tall. We were on the back foot early after giving up some easy offensive rebounds which lead to easy scores for the Lakers, however much to the boys credit, and on the back of some unbelievable rebounds from Nathan Davis and some very, very sharp shooting by Ben Formosa, we were able to pull back the deficit and run away with the win. Credit also goes to Ethan Holmes and Alex Michael as well as their defensive tenacity forced the Lakers into turnovers which lead to easy scores for us.

This led us to the final against the arch nemesis Maribyrnong College. We let them get a big jump on us very early which resulted in us being 25 points down towards the end of the first half. Heading into half time, most young boys would tilt the heads down and pack up for the day but not the lads from Rosehill. They came out with some of the most energetic and up tempo defence I've ever seen and rattled Maribyrnong. Fletcher Houghton was right in the thick of it causing turnover after turnover until he copped a whack to the face and had to be rested for a few minutes. The Rosehill defence lead to some wide open shots from outside which both Ben Formosa and Liam McBride capitalised on and pulled the once unreachable lead back to 7 points. Unfortunately, time was against us and that was the final score. If the game lasted another 5 minutes or so I have no doubt we would have pinched the win, but that is just how the game of basketball goes sometimes.

I was very proud of the boys as the sportsmanship and respect they showed their opposition and officials was incredible. Their resilience was second to none and they have set themselves up for very promising basketball careers whilst at Rosehill.

Mr Kris Blicavs.
Basketball Coach

PEGS Basketball

Earlier this term a group of the college's best basketball players from Years 7 to 11 headed over to Penleigh and Essendon Grammar School to contest the Freeway Basketball Tournament.

Rosehill was competing against 2 teams from PEGS as well as one from Keilor Downs. We played 3 games for the day as well as having Matthew Sant of Year 11 compete in the 3 point shootout.

Our first game was a scrappy contest against PEGS 2. Given it was our first game together as a team, there was naturally a feeling out process. We used the first 10-12 minutes just trying to understand what our individual strengths and weaknesses were. Our captains Matthew Sant and Jarryd Lind of Year 11 lead the way for most of the game, working hard on defence and controlling the team on offence. Unfortunately, PEGS managed to knock down a few more shots than us when it mattered and we lost Game 1 by 8 points.

Full credit goes to both Matt and Jarryd for their outstanding leadership and positivity which kept the team upbeat and gave our younger stars, Josh Marino of Year 8 and Liam McBride of Year 7 the confidence they needed to get out and contest against the bigger bodies of the other schools.

Our second game saw us taking on Keilor Downs. After the scrappiness of Game 1 it was nice to see us come out and play some fluent basketball in Game 2. We had to contest against Keilor who jumped out to a quick start, with their Centre seeming to be able to score at will. After a quick time out and defensive adjustment, we began to claw our way back. The hardnosed defence of Jackson Natoli of Year 10 and young pup Liam McBride saw us get back into the contest and take the lead with 4 minutes to go in the game. Highlights included both Jackson and Liam managing to steal the ball off Keilor's guards and taking it coast to coast for 2 points multiple times throughout our charge, with Jackson somehow throwing the ball one handed, underneath his opponent for a basket. Inspirational stuff! We successfully held Keilor off behind some sharp shooting from Jarryd, Matt and Josh.

After Game 2 the annual 3 point shootout was held. The format involved one player from each school needing to shoot 3 lots of 5 shots from beyond the 3 point arc, with the 5th shot of each set classed as "The Money Ball" (worth double). Our man Matthew Sant was quietly confident heading in, and didn't hesitate to let the team know about it. Matt was first up and opened up proceedings with an air ball, much to the enjoyment of the rest of the boys from Rosehill. However he finished off strongly managing to hit a total of 7 for the first round, enough to put him into the lead. The final saw the player from Keilor Downs lead off and only hitting 1 shot from 15. Matt, now feeling more confident than ever, tied it up on the first set of 5. However, he managed to keep the crowd entertained by only hitting one more for the round, winning with a score of 2 (most likely the only 3 point champion to win with a score of 2!)

As Game 3 against PEGS 1 loomed, we on the back foot early as Josh Marino, battling an ongoing back injury, sat out our final game. The game started off with both teams looking fatigued from the day's events. We traded baskets with PEGS for the first few minutes of the game, with Jack Burgess and Jayden Lanham of Year 10 both making shots to keep us within reach. However as the game wore on, PEGS managed to capitalise on opportunities which we could not. Andrew Lazarou of Year 10 battled hard all day in defence, pulling down rebound after rebound, but the team from PEGS were just too good in the end, eventually getting the win by 8 points.

Overall, the Rosehill boys conducted themselves incredibly well, demonstrating outstanding sportsmanship and respect to opposition teams and officials on the day.

Honourable mentions go to Jarryd Lind and Matthew Sant for being fantastic captains and leaders

throughout the day. Also, to Josh Marino and Liam McBride, who as the young guns of the team, more than held their own against bigger and stronger opposition.

As a coach, it was great to have been able to enter a team in a senior competition which consisted of several students from younger year levels. I believe it displayed great sense of strength and unity as a college and really shows great signs for the years ahead.

Thanks to all those who made the day possible and a special mention to the fantastic group of boys who represented the college with great respect.

Mr Kris Blicavs
Basketball Coach.

Trip to Japan 2013

Once again in 2013 students will have the opportunity to travel to Japan and take part in an exchange with our sister school Kogakkan High School. It is anticipated that the tour will be in May/June 2013. The itinerary is still to be finalised however it is expected to include visiting Tokyo (Disneyland), Kyoto, Hiroshima, Ise City (sister school) and Nagoya.

The accommodation will be in hotels apart from the sister school exchange where students will stay with families from the school. The cost will include airfare with Singapore Airlines, 7-day JL rail pass, hotel accommodation, all breakfasts, all meals and excursions while at our sister school. More details will be available once final dates and numbers attending are finalised.

It is expected that once again 15 students will have the opportunity to participate. The cost will be approximately \$4400 plus student spending and some meals. Once students have been advised who will be attending a deposit of \$600 will be required and then the rest to be paid over the next 8 months.

If you are interested in your child attending the tour to Japan in 2013 could you please complete the slip below and return it to either myself or Mr. Hayakawa. A meeting to discuss details will be held in Term 3, 2012 however if you have any questions you would like addressed earlier please feel free to contact us at the College.

Sandra Smart
Assistant Principal

Takanori Hayakawa
Teacher of Japanese

TRIP TO JAPAN 2013

I am interested in attending the trip to Japan in 2013

NAME: _____

YEAR LEVEL: _____

PARENT SIGNATURE: _____

