CALENDAR

Friday 12th to Sunday 28th September
Italy Tour 2014

Tuesday 16th September
Year 8 Medieval Day
Getting to Know You Information Evening for Year 7 - 2015

Friday 19th September
Last Day of Term Students Dismissed at 2.30pm

Monday 6th October
First Day of Term 4

Friday 10th October
Trivia Night - Fundraiser

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Welcome to the final newsletter for Term 3. Time has been moving quickly.

Year 12 Students
Most of the Year 12 classes have finished their courses and will be preparing for the Practice exams to be run over the school holidays. These exams are extremely important and enable teachers to have one last look at student learning and fill any gaps in the lead up to the real exams.

Debutante Ball
The Deb Ball was held on Friday 5th September. It was a wonderful evening and all students are to be congratulated on the way they presented. The dancing, under the guidance of Ms Mortellaro was outstanding, and they were all well prepared. The families that attended certainly enjoyed themselves.

Facilities
Our Science upgrade project should go to tender shortly. There has been a lot of work behind the scenes and thanks must go to Mr Bader and his Science team for their valued advice. Over the holidays we hope to have our Technology portable delivered and a new staircase built going down to the oval.

Government Elections
On Monday of last week I had Andrew Elsbury and Rebecca Gauci visit the school. Andrew is the Liberal MLA for the Western Region and Rebecca is the Liberal Candidate for Niddrie. Andrew has been a politician for some time and he certainly had a handle on the maintenance issues presented by the buildings such as ours. He invited us to submit ideas for a new Technology centre which we have done.

On Wednesday Ben Carroll and James Merlino visited. James is the deputy leader of the opposition and the Shadow Minister for Education. They had a look around and congratulated us on the great work that we have done at Rosehill. We had the opportunity to inform him that we are disappointed because it appears that the well managed schools are the ones that miss out on funding. The election will be a close one.

The Ride to Conquer Cancer
The team has been training hard and we have now got Bradley up to around the 70km mark in his training rides. Last weekend he did the journey from North Melbourne Station to Mordialloc along the Beach Road route. He is to be congratulated on his efforts. The next fundraising activity is our Trivia night on the first Friday 10th October. Should be a great night. Contact the General Office if you are interested in supporting our cause.

Laura Layton
Student Services

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Leading Teacher Positions
Over the last week we have spent a great deal of time interviewing candidates for our Leading Teacher Positions. Decisions have been made and in the next newsletter I will announce the successful applicants. The positions were:

- Head of Subschool 10-12
- Head of Subschool 7-9
- Director of Staff and Student Learning
- Director of Curriculum
- Literacy Coordinator
- Student Engagement Leader
- Head of Maths
- Head of English/EAL
- Director Whole School Data Analysis and Support

Peter Rouse
Principal

The Rosehill Riders

Year 12 student Brad Sultana, Principal Peter Rouse and teachers George Pavlidis and Kris Blicavs are joining the Ride to Conquer Cancer, with the help of the Year 12 VCAL class. This event will raise money for the Peter Mac Callum 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.


Medieval Day
As part of the Year 8 Humanities program, we have organised a Medieval Day at the school for students on Tuesday 16th September. The history company, “Closeup”, will be conducting activities for our students. The excursion is compulsory for all students studying Humanities this semester. The cost of the day is $25, this cost was included on the College booklist.

Lunch Time Activity Open to All Students
The lunch time Commuter Code Game Club is now up and running in B9 on Mondays and Wednesdays with Mr McConnell and Mr Hevey. Students can create their own computer game accessing code.org and scratch. It is very popular with Year 7 students.

Chris McConnell
Design, Creativity & Technology Materials

Our Values
Learning: Powerful, Progressive and Purposeful
Respect: Trust, Empathy and Tolerance
Initiative: Accepting Challenges, Developing Leadership
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**Achievement Awards**

Year 8 Boys Basketball

Year 8 Girls Basketball

Academic achievement awards

Congratulations to the large number of students that were presented with certificates of achievement at the most recent Year 8 assembly.

It is pleasing to see so many students striving to achieve exemplary academic results. The students pictured above have been recognised by their teachers for not only their academic excellence but also their effort and participation across all subject areas. Well done and keep up the great work!

I love seeing so many Year 8 students participating in the many extra-curricular opportunities we have on offer at Rosehill Secondary College. A big congratulations to the boys and girls Year 8 basketball teams that have both won through to the next stage of competition. Congratulations and good luck at the next level of competition.

**Matt Hosking**
**Year 8 Coordinator**

**Senior School News**

Year 12 students are completing their final assessment in most subjects. All students sitting VCE examinations in October/November have been issued with their timetable and are expected to attend the school during the holidays to complete their Trial Examinations. These examinations are a formal start to revision for the final examinations and so we expect students to be preparing for them and taking them seriously.

In recent weeks students in Accounting, Legal Studies and Business Management have joined with students from Strathmore Secondary College, Buckley Park College and Essendon Kilor College in a series of four Enhancement classes organised by Rosehill. These students are the brightest students in these subjects and the program aims to enhance their understanding of the subject matter and assist them in improving their performance in the examinations.

Other subjects are also running additional revision classes and students of Psychology, Further Maths and Physics are busy seeking extra help in the lead up to exams.

Year 11 and Year 10 students have recently completed their Subject Selections for 2015. Any student who has not yet submitted these forms must do so promptly to ensure they are enrolled in their desired subjects.

The Debutante Ball was held at Melrose Receptions. The students trained hard and well and the end result was a wonderful night for all involved. A big thank you to Ms Bowles in organising her first Deb Ball and Ms Mortellaro for again teaching the students the dance routine. I hope to provide more details and some photos in the next Newsletter.

Year 10 students are also participating in Drivers Ed under the supervision of Mr Schultz. Reports to date suggest the students are enjoying the experience and gaining a better appreciation of what it takes to drive a car and be responsible on the road.

37 Year 10 students have left for the Tasmania Trip, while some of our Year 10 and Year 11 students are traveling to Italy. We wish all students and teachers a safe and enjoyable trip. No doubt an excellent educational experience for all.

**Senior School Team**
### Uniform

Parents are requested to ensure that their son or daughter’s summer uniform is in order over these school holidays. As we move into the spring season parents and students are asked to take note of the following points:

Items from the winter and summer uniforms are not to be mixed. Specifically, Girls cannot wear tights with the summer uniform.

Girls’ uniforms, whether skirts or dresses, should be in the vicinity of 7cm above the knee. Many girls have been given detention for wearing their skirts/dresses too short. When purchasing new uniforms, it is highly advisable to take up the hem of skirts/dresses, rather than cut them, to allow for future growth.

Boots, even if they are leather, are not to be worn by either boys or girls. The uniform policy specifies “plain, black, leather/suede shoes with straps or laces to secure them to the foot”. Boots, such as high tops, have never been permissible footwear.

Girls and boys may only wear the sport polo shirt for PE, not instead of the white cotton school shirt as part of the normal school uniform. The school shirt is a compulsory part of the school uniform. The v-neck jumper cannot be worn without the school shirt underneath.

Where a student is out of uniform for some reason, a note must be provided ON THE DAY. Notes will only be accepted for short term excuses only (i.e. that day). Notes from parents will not be accepted to provide long-term excuses for not wearing uniform.

Parents are also asked to be mindful of the fact that any child who obtains facial piercings or an extreme hair colour will be told to remove it upon their return to school, irrespective of arguments about ‘healing time’ in the case of piercings, damage done by ‘stripping hair colour’ etc.

**Kerry McKay**  
Assistant Principal

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### Congratulations Steven Crooks

**Outstanding Sporting Achievement Congratulations to Steven Crooks of year 8 who recently represented the state of Victoria in the National Karate Championships. Steven travelled to Perth for the three day event held in early August. He competed in the 14-15 year age group in the under 52kg category. Steven was one of only 13 boys selected to compete from all over Australia. To be selected to compete at such a high level is a massive achievement. Well done to this up and coming Karate Kid.**

**Matthew Hosking**  
Year 8 Coordinator

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### Traffic Around the College

The College would like to remind parents to adhere to local traffic regulations around the school. Please do not park across the College entrances or over neighbouring driveways.
The Salvation Army Excursion

The Salvation Army is a Christian organisation founded in London by William Booth in 1865. This organisation has over 6,000 volunteers in Australia. Homelessness can be defined as not having access to safe, secure and long term accommodation. Homelessness leads to drugs/alcohol abuse, not the other way around as is the misconception.

Our year 11 VCAL class took part in an excursion to the Salvation Army in the city, to get a better insight into the organisation and what they do for disadvantaged people.

During this excursion we had the pleasure of meeting Jane, who is a volunteer at the Salvation Army. She talked us through how they help disadvantaged people in our community get their lives back on track. The Salvation Army cover a wide variety of services, including providing food (the centre in Bourke St provides meals for around 80 people daily), shelter, helping with employment, school support and counselling.

Jane showed us a few places where homeless people sleep rough. She walked us down an alleyway where we could see where a young man used to sleep under stairs. The alleyway had a horrible smell and was very dirty. The ground consisted of broken glass bottles, empty alcohol bottles, urine, rubbish and syringes. She then showed us an old tram stop that had been recently gated off due to homeless people sleeping there, she also showed us a park where people rough sleep.

Jane then talked about the depressing statistics concerning homelessness in Australia. There are 105,237 people in Australia that are homeless and of these 44% are between the ages of 18 and 25.

The causes of homelessness are many, but the main reasons are domestic violence, financial reasons, housing crisis/stress and family orientated reasons. Two million Australians live in poverty, 60% of homeless people have no addictions/mental health issues, this is why intervention programs are so important.

In Victoria the wait for public housing for a single person is 12 to 16 years and the wait for single parents is a minimum of 18 months. There are 37,000 people currently in Victoria waiting for public housing.

If you lose your job you are three months away from losing your house.

The Salvation Army needs $300 million per year to run their services, the government only provides $200 million, the rest they rely on donations.

This excursion was such a privilege and an eye opener to what is happening in our very own city!! We are thankful for the experience the Salvation Army has provided us with.

By Amy & Racquel.
Year 11 VCAL
Year 8 Excursion

Would you like fries with that?" - Year 8 Money for Life
As an extension activity, the Year 8 ‘Money for Life’
class recently visited Keilor Road Niddrie, to
investigate and observe the various marketing
methods used by retailers to encourage consumers
to purchase goods and services. The investigation
commenced at the Woolworths supermarket, where
students noted the persuasive methods used
including product placement, multi buys, special in
store promotions and persuasive signage to name a
few. Students compared the cost and packaging of
home brand products and brand name products
and they also completed a unit pricing activity.
Students observed and noted further marketing,
sales and promotional methods as they strolled
along Keilor Road. As a follow up activity back at
school, we conducted a taste test using thinly cut
potato chips and jelly beans. The general consensus
was that the Glucogel (pharmacy brand) jelly beans
were by far the best tasting, whereas they were not
impressed at all with one of the home brands! The
chips on the other hand were more difficult
to distinguish between brand name and home brand.

Nellie Harbourd

Congratulations Stefan Kot

Stefan Kot recently represented Rosehill Secondary
College in the North West zone final of the Victorian
Schools Cycling Championships where he finished
equal 1st. He has qualified for the state final which
will be held in Bendigo on 12th October. Good luck
Stefan!

Carry On Victoria

ARE YOU EX NAVY, ARMY, OR AIR FORCE?

Then Carry On (Victoria) may be able
to help you with education costs if you
meet our eligibility criteria.

If you have served in the Australian Defence Forces
or Allied Forces and you wish to apply for a
Secondary Education Grant for 2015, please
telephone Carry On (Victoria) on (03) 9629 2648 to
establish eligibility and request an application form.

Carry On (Victoria) assists Secondary School students
in Years 7-12 with grants for expenses such as fees,
books, uniforms, excursions etc. For those students
going on to Tertiary Education a grant may also be
available.

Children whose Parent/s or Legal Guardian/s have a
need for financial assistance and comply with our
eligibility criteria may apply. All grants are income
tested and applications should be submitted by
30 October 2014.
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**Changes to EMA**

Education Maintenance Allowance

Please note this will be the last year for EMA payments, we would like to notify families this benefit will no longer be available in 2015.

**Information about changes to Education Maintenance Allowance as a result of the School Reform Agreement made between the Victorian Government and Commonwealth Government.**

**What is EMA?**
The Education Maintenance Allowance currently provides financial assistance to low-income families to help meet costs associated with the education of their children.

**How is it paid?**
Parents can currently elect to have their EMA paid in one of the following ways:
- paid by direct deposit (Electronic Funds Transfer) into the parent’s bank account;
- paid directly to the school to be held as credit which the parent can use towards education expenses;
- paid by cheque which will be posted to the school for collection.

In 2013 over 70 per cent of parents receiving the EMA chose to have their EMA paid directly to their school. Each school would then use the funds for a range of expenses for that child.

**Who is eligible?**
The EMA currently provides financial assistance to Victorian families on a low income to help with the cost of educational items such as textbooks, stationery, uniforms and excursions.

It is a means-tested payment - parents must hold a Centrelink or Veterans Affairs concession card to be eligible.

**What is changing?**
In the recent School Reform agreement signed with the Commonwealth, the Victorian Government has changed the way it helps low income families with education expenses.

From 2015, the Government will distribute the funds previously used for the EMA directly to schools. DEECD will develop the arrangements to be used to distribute these funds to schools – consultation will occur with stakeholders about this.

**Why?**
Under the recent School Funding Reform an additional $12.2 billion will be allocated to Victorian schools.

Will my child be worse off? No. Education funding for children will increase but will be delivered to your child in a new way through their school. The new agreement provides that schools with the most vulnerable students will receive the funding they need. The students who will benefit the most from this funding agreement are those who are the most vulnerable.

**HOST FAMILIES NEEDED IN JANUARY 2015**

In January 2015 Student Exchange Australia will be receiving exchange students from Europe (Germany, Italy, Denmark, Finland and France), South America (Argentina) and Japan. Our new arrivals will live with a host family and attend a local school for 2 or 10 months. As we plan for their arrival, we are keen to hear from suitable families who might be interested to host a student.

Student Exchange Australia New Zealand is a not-for-profit secondary exchange organisation which is registered with education & regulatory authorities in each State and Territory. You can find out more about our organisation by visiting www.studentexchange.org.au.

If you have any questions about hosting an exchange student or would like more information please view our website or contact us 1300 135 331.

Sandra Harders
Hosting Coordinator

**Assessment Dates 2014**

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**Last Day of Classes 19th Sept**
Computer based art has rapidly become one of the most popular modern art forms and the tools of the graphic artist have become essential communication tools in the twenty-first century. “In Computer Graphics I have learnt how to use a lot of different tools from Adobe Illustrator. I’ve really enjoyed learning about the artist Charley Harper. He used geometric shapes and bright colours to make his artworks of animals and nature”, says Hadaya Mohamed of Year 7.

Miss. Singleton’s Year 7 Computer Graphics classes have been doing some “fantastic work” this term according to their teacher. “They quickly became skilled in a range of Adobe Illustrator tools and applied them to the creation of their own digital artworks.”

In the early 21st century there is an enormous emphasis on good design and an incredibly diverse application of the skills developed by visual communicators. “We might have the next Charley Harper coming out of this class. The students were really attracted to the artwork of the well-known American artist and illustrator. They were able to use the stylistic markers of Harper’s work in their own designs” said Miss Singleton.

Any students who are keen to select this subject as an Art elective in 2015 must remember that the name of the subject has been changed from Computer Graphics to Visual Communication Design.

Artwork by Tarik Solmaz, Billy Poparisut, Rocco Ruscitti and Max Pudebat.