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CALENDAR

Monday 12th November

Japan Trip information Session
in P4 at Lunchtime



Thursday 15th November

Curriculum Planning Afternoon

Students dismissed at 1pm

City Experience Presentation Evening
6.30pm

Compulsory attendance for Year 9 Students

Monday 19th to Friday 23rd November

Year 11 Exams

Thursday 22nd November

Graduation Evening

7pm La Mirage Receptions Campbellfield

Saturday 24th November

Year 11 & 12 2nd Hand Book Sale 9am to
1pm

Monday 26th November to 7th December

Year 11 to Year 12(2013) Orientation Classes

Monday 26th to 29th November

Year 10 Exams

Wednesday 5th to 7th December

Year 7 to 9 Exams

Year 10 to Year 11(2013) Orientation Classes

Tuesday 11th December

Year 7 2013 Orientation Day 9am to 3pm

2nd Hand book sale for future Year 7's 9am
to 11.30am

Monday 17th December

Years 7 to 9

End of Year Excursions

Tuesday 18th December

Annual Awards Evening

7pm St Bernard's Auditorium

Thursday 20th December

Reports to be distributed at 12.30pm



FROM THE PRINCIPAL

This newsletter marks the end of Week 5. Our Year 12 students are now into the 5th day of exams and time is moving quickly. As well as being available for extra tuition up until the exam our year 12 teachers are always there to meet the students as they leave the exam room and gauge the mood. Overall the feeling is positive and there is always a great sense of relief when each exam is over. Once again we wish them all the best.

Australian Education Union Workbans

Like parents and students, the majority of Principals are in the middle of the long and draining negotiations that are taking place between the DEECD and the AEU and like parents and students we are powerless to do anything about it except express our disappointment to both parties. This week the DEECD published its new website and there is a section devoted to the EBA negotiations on the website. This information is easy to access but there are always two sides to every argument.

- **Assessment and Reporting:** The AEU has placed work bans on giving grades and comments on reports. With regards to this, last week I had some phone calls from parents expressing their disappointment with our interim reports and the lack of information about student progress. Teachers have been made aware that parents may wish to discuss student progress instead of the interim reports so please don't hesitate to ring and make contact with teachers if you need more detailed information about your child's progress. The work bans will have a major impact on the end of year reports and processes so final decisions will need to be made soon about the format of these reports.
- **Strike Action:** A series of half-day rolling stoppages have been put in place for the remainder of the year. AEU members at Rosehill will be taking strike action on Friday 30th November for half a day in the morning. I will let the school community know of the impact of this action as the time gets nearer.
- **Camps and Excursions:** There is a current ban on the planning of camps, excursions etc. for 2013. I am still yet to measure the impact of this on our Year 7 camp which will run early in the year.

These bans are in place while negotiations are taking place between the AEU and DEECD. The latest rumours indicate that some serious progress is being made

Year 11 to 12 Orientation

At the end of this year the Year 11 students who are going into Year 12 will be taking part in an extended orientation program. The program will last for two weeks and the students will be more than likely completing a first assessment task for Year 12 in this time. Attendance is extremely important so please ensure that if your son/daughter is going into Year 12 next year then it is a requirement that he/she attends.

Curriculum afternoon

On Thursday 15th November we will be holding our last curriculum afternoon for the year. Normal classes will be held up until 1pm and then students will be dismissed.

Peter Rouse
Principal

Attendance

Please continue to call the Absence Line on **9331 9639** to advise if your child is absent, or reply to any text message you receive.

If your family took an extended break over the Cup Weekend and your child did not attend school on Monday 5th November, can you please notify me with your approval.

Jo Jacka
Student Services

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



2nd Hand Uniform

I have had many requests to purchase 2nd Hand Uniform, if you have any items at home that no longer fit your child and are happy to donate these items to the school please drop them off at the General Office. If you are interested in purchasing 2nd Hand Uniform please call me on 9331 9639 to check if we have the item you require.

Jo Jacka
Student Services

Curriculum Planning Afternoon

On Thursday 15th November all staff at Rosehill Secondary College will be involved in a curriculum planning afternoon aimed at reviewing aspects of our reporting system and planning new curriculum for 2013 and beyond.

Students will be dismissed at 1.00 pm. All four periods will run for 50 minutes (periods 1 and 2 before recess and periods 3 and 4 after recess). All students are expected to attend school on the day. Arrangements for buses to come at 1.00 pm have been made.

Thank-you for your co-operation.

STEP – Selective Talent Enrichment Program 2013

We are now seeking expressions of interest from current students. If any current Year 7, 8 and 9 students are interested in joining the STEP, please see Mr Toussaint to discuss the application process.

Damien Toussaint
STEP Coordinator

It has been a busy term in the Junior School. Last week we spent a very successful week in the City as Year 9 students were busy completing their City Experience excursions and completing their group research.

We were particularly pleased with the well behaved, attitude the students showed. They were on time, dressed in uniform and dealt with members of the public in a professional manner. The students really enjoyed the excursions and the experience of being in the city for the week despite some very changeable weather.

Thank you to Ms Bonnet, Ms Viglione and Ms Ellis for all their hard work in organising the City Experience. We were all supported by ID, Home group and Class room teachers. Thanks to every one for a successful program.

Upcoming Events

Thursday 15th November: City Experience Parent Presentation will commence at 6:30pm. Parents are to meet in the MPC at 6:30pm and will be directed to their child's presentation. The presentation is compulsory for all students and will form a major part of their ID assessment.

Junior Sub School End of Year Excursions

Monday 17th December

Cost for Year 7-9 students for the excursion and end-of-year activities will be \$45. **This money must be paid to the office by Wednesday 14th November.** If you cannot make payment by the due date, please contact the General office to request an extension. No student will be allowed to attend if no payment has been made.

Year 7 - Melton Wave Pool

Year 8 - Luna Park

Year 9 – Galactic Circus

Japanese Immersion Camp

Four Year 10 students were selected as participants for the Japanese Language Immersion Camp organised by Department of Education and Early Childhood Development. Dylan Beaconsfield, Patrick Lunney, Paige Treherne and Huyen Nguyen went to Don Bosco Camp in Safety Beach with forty two students from other schools in the Western Metropolitan Region. Although it was a very short camp they took every opportunity to use Japanese. They also enjoyed a special Japanese shamisen concert, performed by Miss Noriko Tadano, the finalist of 'Australia Got Talent' as well as swimming at the beach and the amazing race in Japanese.

Takanori HAYAKAWA



Keilor Road – Local Area Study

On Thursday 18th October, the Year 10 Business Studies class set foot for Keilor Road Niddrie to conduct a local area study. Students were required to draw a map of the local area and include all the different businesses and amenities provided. As a follow up activity back at school, they analysed the store mix, determined whether or not they considered it to be a "good local shopping strip" and also provided some suggestions for improvement. Most students were of the opinion that Keilor Road is a good local shopping strip which caters well for residents; it has a great mix of cafes and restaurants; but unfortunately it lacks retail outlets aimed at the teenage market!

Nellie Harbourn
Humanities

Zhi Hong, Christian & Luke



Michelle, Amelia, Paige & Alesha



Brittany & Caterina



Congratulation to Danielle Honey



Danielle Honey, 16, won at the Gym 4 Life Challenge.
Picture: KYLIE ELSE

A Craigieburn acrobat has returned from an international tournament as a champion.

Danielle Honey has been nominated as a Leader Sports Star after competing in the Gym 4 Life Challenge Australia, which was part of the Sydney International Gymnastics Festival.

The 16-year-old, who has been taking part in acrobatics for five years, and her team, Flip 4 Fun, took on other competitors from across the country and around the world, taking home the gold and returning as overall Australian champions.

It means they have been invited to compete in next year's festival in South Africa, but have also already been accepted to perform at Disneyland in Los Angeles. Her mother, Evelyn, was full of praise for her daughter's work attitude. "She is very dedicated," she said. "Sometimes her training can be around 10 hours a week and she is a very good student as well."

Remembrance Day Commemoration Ceremony

The City of Moonee Valley and Essendon RSL Sub Branch would like to extend an invitation to all families to attend the Remembrance Day Commemoration Ceremony on Sunday 11th November 2012, at the Cenotaph in Queens Park, Moonee Pond, commencing at 10.30am. If you would like further details regarding the Ceremony please call Jacqueline Di Giorgio on 9243 8776.

Badges, Bracelets and Pins are available for sale at the General Office.

Prices vary between \$2 and \$5.



Second Hand Book Sale

The second-hand book sale details are as follows

All Book Drop off and sales will be held in H2 .

Year 7 (2013) sale will take place on Tuesday 11th December between 9am and 11.30am to coincide with Orientation day.

Due to the low amounts of books for sale for years 8, 9 & 10, a lunch time book sale will be arranged for students. Students will be responsible for selling their own books and purchasing books for the following year.

Please choose wisely as NO REFUNDS will be given.

All students will require their books for their exams.

Each book for sale must have an envelope inside stating-

- Name of book,
- The student's name,
- Home group
- Contact number.

We are very thankful to our Parents who volunteer to run the book sale. They are looking for more volunteers. If you could help on any of the key dates or even prior to help organise the sale could you please txt **your name and details to Mari Holden on 0439 024 088.**

This service saves many families a great deal of money each year and the College appreciates any support you are able to offer

All books not collected by Friday 6th February 2013 will become the property of the College. Any money not collected by Friday 6th February 2013 will automatically be allocated towards your school charges.

Year	Drop Off Date	2012 Books Sold	Purchase Books for 2013	Collection Date
7 2013	N/A	N/A	11 th Dec 9am to 11.30am	N/A
7	7 th Dec 1.15pm to 2pm	11 th Dec	10 th Dec Lunchtime	14 th Dec from Mrs Smarts Office
8	N/A	10 th Dec Lunchtime	10 th Dec Lunchtime	At Time of Sale
9	N/A	10 th Dec Lunchtime	10 th Dec Lunchtime	At Time of Sale
10	N/A	10 th Dec Lunchtime	Saturday 24 th Nov 9am to 1pm	At Time Of Sale
11	23 rd Nov 9am to 11am	Saturday 24 th Nov 9am to 1pm	Saturday 24 th Nov 9am to 1pm	11 th Dec 10.30am to 11.30am
12	16 th Nov 9am to 11am	Saturday 24 th Nov 9am to 1pm	N/A	11 th Dec 10.30am to 11.30am

Trip to Japan 2013 - Applicants Needed

Applicants are needed for the Trip to Japan 2013. This invitation is open to all students in Year 8 to Year 11. Students do not have to be studying Japanese as a subject. On Monday 12th November an information session will be held at lunchtime in the P4. Students interested are welcome to attend.

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 coming 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. If you have any questions you would like addressed 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: _____



