



# RosehillSecondaryCollege

## NEWSLETTER

No. 18– Friday 8<sup>th</sup> November 2013



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### CALENDAR



**Monday 11<sup>th</sup> to Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November**

Year 11 Examinations

**Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> November**

Rosehill's Got Talent 7–9pm MPC

**Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> November**

Cybersafety Awareness Presentation  
6pm College Library

**Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> November**

Italy Trip 2014 Parents and Participants  
Meeting in Teachers' Staffroom at 6pm

**Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> November**

City Experience Parent Presentation  
6.30pm Multi-Purpose Centre (MPC)

**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November**

Medieval Day (Year 8 Humanities)

**Monday 18<sup>th</sup> – Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November**

Year 11 Orientation to Year 12 Fortnight

**Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> November**

VCE Graduation Dinner 7pm

**Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> to Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> November**

Year 10 Exams

**Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> to Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December**

Year 10 Orientation to Year 11 Week

**Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> to Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December**

Junior School Exams (Years 7 – 9)

**Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2013**

Art Exhibition Opening 6–8pm

**Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December**

Year 6 to Year 7 Transition Day

**Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December**

Years 7 – 9 End-of-Year Program (EOYP)  
Excursion to Funfields, Whittlesea

**Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> & Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December**

Years 7 – 9 EOYP Dismiss at 3.15pm

**Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December**

Annual Awards Evening  
7.00pm St Bernard's Auditorium

**Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December**

Reports and Yearbook distributed and  
12.15pm Dismissal – Last Student Day

### FROM THE PRINCIPAL

We are now at the end of Week 5 of Term 4. Our Year 12's are in the thick of their exams at the moment and we are very impressed with the efforts they are making. A good sign is that the vast majority of students are working right up until the end of each exam. It means they are doing their best and taking their time to read over questions and answers.

#### Year 9's

Our Year 9 students completed their City Projects last week and we really look forward to the presentations coming up. I must complement them all on their behaviour in the city. On all accounts they represented the school well and they had some good stories to tell me while they were back at school last Thursday working on their projects.

#### Cup Eve Issues

The Monday of Cup Eve always causes issues for both parents and schools. When the Labour Government was in power they introduced a law that schools were to have the three days off at the start of the year for curriculum purposes. This did not suit most schools as previously we had more flexibility with our Curriculum days and schools were able to build up Professional Development after school hours so that Cup Eve would be a pupil free day.

With the new Government, no official statement has been made about a change to the regulation about how much flexibility we have on Cup Eve, so until we have confirmation otherwise we are required to run a normal school day. I am aware that some schools are choosing to ignore this.

It is frustrating for us as many parents do have the Monday as a holiday and students are absent for the day with their parents. It is also frustrating for parents who don't have the day off as I know many teenagers put pressure on parents to let them stay home and I know that this pressure can be intense. My congratulations go out to those parents who stand up to this and make their children attend school.

The sidelining issue is that it may reflect a culture amongst our students that it is ok to miss school and we think that perhaps they should be willing to work harder. We are aware of this and are gradually overcoming this culture. The efforts of our Year 12's this year as mentioned above is indicative of this. We are certainly changing things at the senior levels in the school with our extended orientation program and we will continue to push for a far greater level of effort from all our students regardless of the ability levels.

*Peter Rouse*  
*Principal*

It has been a busy term so far 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 worked well with each other and staff, 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. Thank you to Ms Bonnet, Ms Viglione and Ms Vossos for all their hard work in organising the City Experience. We were all ably supported by ID (Interdisciplinary), Home Group and Classroom Teachers. Thanks to every one for a successful program.

Families should have received the Term 4 Interim Reports last week. We are very pleased with how our students are working in class. If parents have any questions or concerns they are to please ring myself or your child's Year Level Coordinator.

**UPCOMING EVENTS:**

On Wednesday 13th November we are having an ACMA presentation for all Year 7 students relating to being cyber smart on the Internet. The presenter will also be staying to present to parents and all our parents are invited to attend the presentation starting at 6pm in the College Library.

Thursday 14th November: City Experience Parent Presentation will commence at 6.30pm. Parents are to meet in the MPC at 6.15pm 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.

On Tuesday 10th December we will be welcoming our 2014 Year 7 students to Rosehill for Orientation Day. Many Year 7 students have already volunteered their services on this day and they are excited to welcome their Primary School friends to Rosehill.

**Junior School End-of-Year Program**

**Monday 16th December**

Years 7 to 9 students will be going to Funfields in Whittlesea on Monday 16th December.

**Tuesday 17th and Wednesday 18th December**

Years 7-9 students will be participating in our End-of-Year Program activities provided by our Key Learning Area teachers.

**Cost**

The cost for Years 7 to 9 students for the excursion and other End-of-Year Program activities will be \$50. This money must be paid at the College Office by Friday 29th November. An information letter and payment slip will be distributed next week.

**Ann Russell**  
**Junior School Manager**



**Parents are invited to a  
Cybersmart Outreach Internet  
Safety Awareness Presentation**

**@ROSEHILL SECONDARY  
COLLEGE**

*On Wednesday 13th of  
November at 6pm in the  
College Library*

**Cybersafety Outreach Internet Safety  
Awareness Presentation for Parents**

This internet safety awareness presentation offers an overview of cybersafety issues focussing on the interests and needs of parents. The presentation runs for around 60 minutes,

It is easy to understand, thorough, non-technical and informative. The presentation gives parents a sound understanding of cybersafety topics and provides advice on how to help children and young people stay safe online.

For further information regarding this presentation please look at the Cybersmart site for Parents

<http://www.cybersmart.gov.au/whbts>

**If you wish to attend please send a note with your child in their diary by Tuesday 12th November 2013.**



## Keilor Primary School Fete Performance

Congratulations and thanks to the students who performed at the Keilor Primary School Fete on Friday 25th October. The weather conditions weren't favourable, but luckily the outdoors wooden stage dried out in time for our students' performance. The backdrop of eucalypts and indigenous art panels was really beautiful.



Thank you to Ms Marissa Mortellaro for her liaison and planning and Ms Stefanie Wasif and family members and friends of our students for providing moral support on the night.

The students involved were:

Cara Cutri Year 12  
Zoe Muller Year 10



And Ms Mortellaro's Year 11 Class:

Claudia Elkin  
Danielle Honey  
Mitchell Leyton  
Sarah Reinmuth  
Zack Effendi

Amelia Giannakopoulos  
Emma Rain Kirifi  
Huyen Nguyen  
Hannah Robertson  
Lachlan Thomson



These students gave up their time to contribute to the success of what was a fabulous fete and we are most appreciative of their community service and for being great ambassadors for Rosehill on the day.

## Attendance

### Attendance Matters

I know many families took the opportunity to go away over Cup Weekend. Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November was a normal school day.

If this applies to you please ensure you have approved this day off for your child by either phoning me on 9331 9639 or replying via text.

As we are nearly half way through the term and nearing the end of the school year, please contact me to approve any absences your child may have.

**Jo Jacka**

### Student Services

## Second Hand Uniforms

With the changeover to summer uniform recently you may find that you have items of uniform that no longer fit your child, The school would appreciate the donation of these items as it helps many families in the school community.

## EMA Applications 2014

Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA) forms for 2014 are now available from the General Office.

Your Health Care Card / Pension Card needs to be valid 28<sup>th</sup> January 2014. The applications are also available to print from the College Website – [www.rosehillsc.vic.edu.au](http://www.rosehillsc.vic.edu.au)

## Remembrance Day Commemoration Ceremony

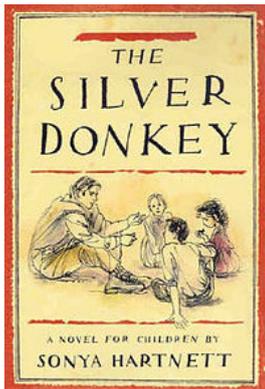
The City of Moonee Valley in conjunction with Essendon RSL Club sub branch would like to extend an invitation to all families to join them for a Remembrance Day Commemoration Ceremony on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> November 2013 at Queens Park, Moonee Ponds at 10.30am.



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

**Prices vary between \$2 and \$5.**

**'The Silver Donkey'**  
by Sonya Hartnett



The students in Year 7 are currently studying the novel 'The Silver Donkey' by Sonya Hartnett. This collection of intriguing tales provides a gentle but unflinching look at the horrors of war as well as the power of innocence. The story also contains four fables and the students from 7E were challenged to create their own original fable that communicated a moral lesson for the reader. This is Irene's creation.

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**Balancing the World**

Once, there was a king. Not a pompous kind of king who thought he governed the whole universe. This was a different kind of king. It was a Phoenix and was known as the Lord of the Lands. It was born in the Sun's core and could stir every colour and movement in human nature. Its kingdom rested between the turbulent river banks of the brothers Tigris and Euphrates. Far away from the misty mountains cold, where the olive trees bent from the crisp windstorms, the locals danced and their jumps cracked the shaky sky. Distant from the enchanted human meadows, passed the subterranean caverns and beyond the hazy peaks and summits of the sierra, there stood a lethal reddened volcano, waiting to be awakened and engulf mother Earth, ready to release the dark forces to the world. ☺

With a cunning smile, the volcano smoked lava from the Earth's core. It slept and snored as the years, decades, centuries passed and stood rigid between the shrubs under the Moon. As the days traced through history, Maleikowcka arrived; the greatest day of the millennium. This was the day when the planets aligned and when the universe united. The locals grabbed the Lyre, the lutes and started singing traditional Babylonian epics and rhapsodies, in celebration of this great occasion. The Phoenix's soul was moved by the magic and the fierce love of the humanitarian spirit for the world and its hostile nature. It started singing and chirping a melody that brought colourful drops of rain. The crops grew and the flowers blazed light and reflected the sun's rays. The people danced and the ground cracked as the jumps echoed around the globe. At that moment the prolonged booming woke up the volcano.

Enraged and frustrated that the people were honouring the special day of Maleikowcka, without acknowledging him, the volcano reacted in vengeance with fierce lava burning down all the ridges and slopes, all the paddocks and meadows

and even the subterranean caverns and potholes. The celebration was abruptly stopped and nothing in the world would ever be the same. Only the haunting shadows of the cold misty mountains remained. Afraid of the volcano's wrath, they hunted the villagers and the animals until they were out of sight and had reached a safe underground cave. The volcano had broken the day; the life and the nature. The people spent the rest of their weeks tunnelling in the dreadful bitter environment. They fled from their nation and hid in the belly of Mother Earth. All the freshly lands were now befouled and blasted. It was a tragedy and a catastrophe that haunted the world. All the torture and torment spread through the universal community and disturbed the hallowed places. No creature was truly prepared for such suffering. The fear, the frustration, the brutality, all the dark forces that once hid underworld had united and the volcano gained the fierce respect of the world.

But then suddenly the moon rose up, high in the sky, and proudly shimmered. The Phoenix appeared. However, this time it looked different. Its wings were the crisp windstorms, the vibrant feathers of its tail were the verdant forests and the flowers that covered the meadows and its legs were the planet Earth. ☺

Suddenly, the Phoenix shook its wings and a windstorm blew freshness at the devastating world. Firelight burst from its mouth and flickered at the volcano's rough surface. Bravery, humanity and unity emerged from the sun and quickly spread the message of peace throughout the places. The sun's light and warmth embraced the Earth and all the horrific shadows and the goblins disappeared and run back to the underworld.

The volcano shrunk down, reached the grassland and screamed, "You will all die! I will get you and the world will finally be mine!"  
"Oh dear volcano, have you forgotten your place in this world? Even if you try, you cannot destroy our Earth for she is dearly loved by the sun, who gives her light, warmth and strength. The time has come for you to fall asleep. You have destroyed yourself with your anger," said the Phoenix.

It was the sun's power and force that managed to overcome the mighty volcano. It was the Phoenix's love and compassion that saved the world from the catastrophic forces and helped people gain their freedom.

A strange feeling surrounded the world. People were stunned and their bones were all aching as they began their journey back to their homes. The world was finally peaceful and the Phoenix maintained harmony protected the world from the unjust forces.

*Moral:* Anger can not only destroy your surroundings but yourself too.

**Irene Manakas, 7E**

## ART EXHIBITION 2013



Lachlan Johansson 12B

**SAVE THE DATE**

**Rosehill Secondary College  
Art Exhibition 2013**

**Opening Night  
Friday 6th December  
6pm – 8pm**

**A collection of 7 – VCE Artworks.**

We would like to invite you to attend the opening of the 2013 Art Exhibition.



Huyen Nguyen 11E

The exhibition will showcase the incredible talents of our students, in particular our VCE Art and Studio Arts students. Both 2D and 3D work will be on display, demonstrating the vast array of skills, techniques and processes on offer in our Visual Arts Curriculum. We hope to see you there!

**Heather Davies  
The Visual Arts Leader**

## VCE EXAM TIMETABLE

<b>Monday 11 November</b>	9.00 am – 10.45 am VET Integrated Technologies Studio Arts	11.45 am – 2.00 pm Accounting	3.00 pm – 5.15 pm History: Australian Specialist Mathematics Exam 2
<b>Tuesday 12 November</b>	9.00 am – 11.45 am Chemistry	3.00 pm – 5.15 pm Legal Studies	
<b>Wednesday 13 November</b>	9.00 am – 11.45 am Physics	3.00 pm – 4.45 pm Visual Communication Design	
<b>Thursday 14 November</b>	9.00 am – 10.45 am Art	3.00 pm – 5.15 pm Business Management	
<b>Friday 15 November</b>	9.00 am – 10.45 am Food and Technology	11.45 am – 1.30 pm Music Performance	3.00 pm – 5.15 pm IT: Software Development Vietnamese
<b>Monday 18 November</b>	9.00 am – 10.45 am Systems Engineering	11.45 am – 2.00 pm Greek Japanese SL	3.00 pm – 5.15 pm Media
<b>Wednesday 20 November</b>	11.45 am – 2.00 pm Italian		

**BEST WISHES  
TO OUR YEAR 12s  
DOING VCE EXAMS**

### NETBOOK STUDENT SUPPORT CENTRE

Students are encouraged to take their Netbooks to the Student Support Centre next to the Computer Laboratory C1 as soon as possible once there is an issue or fault needing technical support.

Times available to students:

8.30am – 8.45am      11.35am – 11.55am

1.15pm – 1.45pm      3.15pm – 3.45pm

Students are not permitted to visit the Student Support Centre during class time.

The College owns all student Netbooks and all repairs must be done by the College's Technicians and Netbook supplier.

**Lynden Fielding  
Assistant Principal**

Amy Thompson of Year 10 is fundraising for RED KITE which is an organisation who help out children and young adults dealing with cancer. RED KITE helped Amy and her family throughout her illness. Amy has organised a fundraiser movie night. Come along and help fundraise for this amazing organisation.

# ***RED KITE***

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## FUNDRAISER MOVIE NIGHT

Come along and help raise funds for Red Kite!



### HUNGER GAMES CATCHING FIRE.

When : December 6 2013

Where: Palace Cinemas  
Westgarth 89 High St  
Northcote

Time: 5:30pm

Cost: \$30 inc  
Drink and popcorn

Also available pins \$5



Contact: Amy 0422 939 856

You can also purchase a Mocking Jay Pin for \$5.00.

There will also be a raffle on the night with some awesome prizes!



## 2014 THE UNIVERSITY OF MELBOURNE EXTENSION PROGRAM

# MATHEMATICS AT ROSEHILL

TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS 3:30-5:00PM

OPPORTUNITY FOR HIGH ACHIEVING STUDENTS  
TO UNDERTAKE FIRST YEAR UNIVERSITY  
STUDIES WHILE COMPLETING THEIR VCE.

Successful completion can provide students with:

- A contribution to their ATAR
- Credit for subjects upon enrolment at The University of Melbourne



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OPEN & CLOSE 29TH  
NOVEMBER 2013

### Term Dates 2014 and Other Key College Dates

Please refer to the College Website:  
News/Events – Term Dates  
for the 2014 Term Dates and Other Key Dates, which  
are added as they become available.

### 2014 COURSE SELECTION UP-DATE

We anticipate that Confirmations of Subject Allocations for 2014 will be distributed to students late in November.

Arthur Soumalias  
Assistant Principal

## Second-hand Textbook and Uniform Trading Arrangements

The College is conscious of the need to provide an efficient process for families to be able to recycle their textbooks and other student resources.

We are delighted to inform you of the school's new initiative to provide parents with the ability to trade second-hand items via the "Sustainable School Shop".



**This initiative will completely replace the Second Hand Book Sale program that has been in place in past years at Rosehill Secondary College.**

**It will also provide for buying and selling of College uniform and other items listed below.**

Families will be assisted to list For Sale & Wanted advertisements online and the system then matches buyers with sellers.

Results from other schools have been excellent; families have enjoyed a comprehensive and convenient method of trading these second-hand items.

Our school's trading will be up and running and 'go live' next Friday 15th November.

There will be a Web link on the Rosehill Secondary College Website home page to click on:



The Sustainable School Shop will be providing complimentary Annual Subscriptions to Rosehill parents for a grace period until the end of 30<sup>th</sup> November and we would encourage parents to take full advantage of this opportunity. You will need to nominate the College when you register on the Sustainable School Shop website to receive your complimentary Annual Subscription (lasts 365 days).

The service will provide access **all year round** to second-hand:

**textbooks  
uniform  
calculators  
stationery  
musical equipment  
and other items.**

Parents can even trade with other parents from different schools and sell items no longer in use at our College or other previously attended schools. Buckley Park College and St Bernard's College already use the Sustainable School Shop.

**Once our trading is live online on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November**, you will gain the best results by following these steps:

- Register on the website
- List your items for sale
- List Wanted Ads for those items you are looking to buy
- The College's booklists are loaded into the system to make listing ads easy
- The system matches the ads of buyers with sellers and notifies the buyer (Wanted Ad) via email
- Buyers contact sellers and arrange where and when to trade
- Most trading will occur with other parents from the school, however items can be traded with parents from other nearby schools too
- Parents are well supported via Sustainable School Shop's telephone (1300 683 337) and email help lines
- The system is simple and easy to use - If you don't have a computer, internet access or an email address, please call the Sustainable School Shop for assistance.
- **You can pre-arrange the transaction and then trade after the texts are not required.**

All your enquiries can be directed to the **Sustainable School Shop on:** 1300 683 337.

Help will also be available through 'Contact Us' on their website at

[www.sustainableschoolshop.com.au](http://www.sustainableschoolshop.com.au)

We are very excited about this new initiative being offered to parents. We hope you will make the most of the opportunity to annually recycle your student's school items.

The 2014 Landmark Online Booklist Orders are on the College Website:

<http://www.rosehillsc.vic.edu.au/2013/11/08/landmark-online-booklist-orders/>

Please contact Ms Lynden Fielding, Assistant Principal for any further information or clarification.

**Judith Wright**  
Business Manager

**Lynden Fielding**  
Assistant Principal