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CALENDAR

Tuesday 26th February

Swimming Carnival – Oak Park Swim Centre

Wednesday 27th February

Year 12 VCE information Evening

Thursday 28th February

Year 7 Getting to Know you Evening

Friday 8th March

School Photos – Full uniform Compulsory

Monday 11th March

Labour Day – Public Holiday

Thursday 14th March

Vaccinations Year 7, 9 & 10

Tuesday 19th March

Students NOT required for classes

Parent / Teacher Interviews

1pm to 5pm & 6pm to 8pm

Wednesday 20th March

STEP Information Evening

Monday 25th to Wednesday 27th March

Year 7 Camp

Thursday 28th March

Last Day of Term.

Students dismissed at 2.30pm

General Office Hours

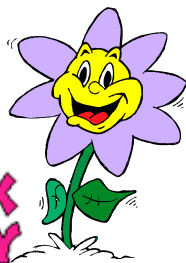
Monday-Friday 8.30 am – 3.30 pm

Attendance

Please contact the Absence Line directly on 9331 9639 if your child is absent, arriving late or to reply with an acknowledgement if you receive a text message from the school. Please leave a brief message explaining the absence.

The Department of Education requires parents to acknowledge all absences. Please do not hesitate to contact me to discuss on 9331 9639.

Jo Jacka
Student Services



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

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Welcome to the second newsletter for the year. We have had a calm start and it appears that our Year 7 students have settled in very well.

We have also been quietly watching how well our Year 12 students are working and overall they have been making a good effort. We will know more next week when the VCE interim reports are completed. This will enable us to assist students who seem to be getting behind with work commitments. Many Year 12's have also expressed to me how valuable the orientation program was of the end of 2012 and how it gave them a good start to this year.

Industrial Action

Recently I have been in discussion with our Australian Education Union branch executive about Interim Reports. We have come to an agreement that the Interim reports at this stage of the year are an important tool in terms of assessing student progress so far in terms of:

- Monitoring VCE progress and identifying students falling behind,
- Allowing us to develop Individual Learning Plans with our students,
- Using them as a tool for discussion on Parent Teacher Night near the end of Term 1.

Hence all teachers have agreed to complete Interim reports this term. This decision indicates to me that the AEU members at Rosehill have the interests of student learning and progress foremost in their minds

Parent Teacher afternoon/evening at the end of Term 1 on Tuesday 19th March will go ahead but there will be no classes for students on the day. This enables us to run the sessions within the 38 hour week and avoid work bans.

Year 7 Camp

Many parents would have seen publicity in the media about the impact of the work bans on camps. I am pleased to inform Year 7 parents that the camp scheduled for the last week of Term 1 will still be going ahead. This has been due to the good will of many teachers at Rosehill, both AEU and non-Union members.

Traffic Issues

At this early stage of the year many new parents are still working out where to drop off and pick up students. My advice is to find a place a few blocks away from the school and have the children walk to meet you. This alleviates congestion around the College. I also need to remind parents that right hand turns are banned from Sapphire St into Rosehill Road between 8am and 9am and 3pm and 4pm. The Police have indicated that they will be monitoring the intersection more closely.

Peter Rouse
Principal

Education Maintenance Allowance Applications

Holders of a healthcare valid as of 29th January 2013 are reminded to please submit application forms to the General Office as soon as possible.

Applications close 28th February 2013.

Late applications **will not** be accepted by DEECD. A copy of the Healthcare card is required with the application.

A NEW APPLICATION IS REQUIRED EVERY YEAR.

Wanted

The College would like to buy second hand copies of the novel "Night". Please contact Vicki Liakakos, Literacy Coordinator if you have a novel you wish to sell.

Rosehill Basketball Elite Training Sessions

ELITE TRAINING SESSIONS

WHEN: Tuesday and Thursday Mornings 7:30 – 8:30am

WHERE: ECA Centre – Rosehill Secondary College

DETAILS: 60 minute skills sessions working on the fundamentals of the game.

Shooting, dribbling, passing and defence.

Sessions will become more in depth as the semester progresses and your skills improve.

**TO REGISTER: See Mr Blicavs in P7.
MUST register prior to session.
Can NOT simply turn up on the day.**

Positions limited so register quickly.

COST: Free

FIRST SESSION: Tuesday 26th February. 7:30 am

Vaccinations

The first round of vaccinations for 2013 will occur on Thursday March 14th. The following vaccinations will be given:

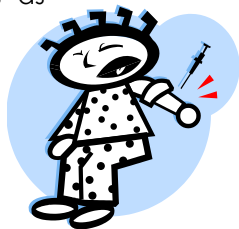
Year 7 boys and girls: Chickenpox and Human Papilloma Virus

Year 9 boys only: Human Papilloma Virus

Year 10 boys and girls: Boosterix (Tetanus, Diphtheria and Whooping Cough)

Students were issued with consent cards and information about the vaccines last week. All students are required to return their cards as

soon as possible, even if parents have decided not to proceed with vaccinations. If your child has not brought his/her card/cards home, please ask him/her to do so. Replacement cards are available at the General Office.



A small number of students are not wearing full and correct uniform. These students are being given detention until the matter is rectified. The Student Management Team has been particularly focusing on shoes (which must be plain, black leather/suede shoes, not high tops), and the length of girls' dresses (no higher than 7cm above the knee). Girls and boys need to wear plain, white socks. Parents are asked to support the school in enforcing uniform rules as the wearing of uniform contributes significantly to the good order and safety of the college.

Kerry McKay
Assistant Principal

College Website

The College website is available for general viewing. It is a wonderful reflection of the College Community and I encourage all parents to browse it and become familiar with its content and usefulness. The school newsletter can also be viewed on the website as we only print limited copies.

www.rosehillsc.vic.edu.au

Dance News

After School Dance Program

The after school dance program will commence in week 5 (25th-28th Feb). VCE students will be on TUESDAY's after school. Year 9 and 10's will be on WEDNESDAY's and Year 7 and 8's will be on THURSDAY'S from 3:30 - 4:30pm. Students must pay a deposit of \$100 to the General Office by the start of week 5 with final payment totalling to \$190 by the end of Term 1. It's not too late to sign up. Any students still interested in the after school program need to collect a form from myself (staffroom or MPC).

******ATTENTION ALL STUDENTS******

Do you have a unique circus talent? Are you good at juggling, hula hoops, balancing on your hands, contortion, acrobatics, comedy skits or so strong you could lift people above your head???? I'm looking for some talented and creative acts to put into this year's cabaret. So if you (or a group of you) know you have a great circus act, start practicing!!! Auditions will be at the end of this term.

Come find me in the staffroom or the MPC during recess or lunch to find out more.

Ms Marissa Mortellaro
Performing Arts Coordinator.

Traffic Around the College

BE AWARE

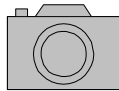
Traffic Infringement officers from the local Council do random checks around the College and issue fines and infringement notices for breaches in local road laws. These fines are not given at the time of the offence but are issued via the post shortly after the offence. If you have any disputes concerning any fines issued please contact the Council and not the College.



School Photographs

School photographs will take place on Friday, 8th March. Students will be issued with the order envelope as soon as they are delivered to the school. Students who wish to order photographs must bring the envelope with them on the Friday morning, with the correct money in the envelope or credit card details on the envelope. Students will hand their envelope directly to the photographer as they have their individual portraits taken. Envelopes should **not** be taken to the General Office or given to the home room teachers.

Students who choose not to purchase photographs will still have individual and class photographs taken. Year 7 students will be photographed first. All students are required to wear correct summer uniform including correct shoes.



Monday Tuition 2013

All students are welcome to attend and participate in the afterschool Monday Tuition Program that commenced in the College library on Monday 11th February from 3.30-4.30 pm. This enhancement and enrichment program is an integral program at Rosehill Secondary College and has proven to be very successful over the many years of its operation in assisting students in completing their homework, class work and research, as library resources will also be available to students. Students attending may also focus on developing their study techniques in preparation for class tests and exams.

There are many benefits of the Monday Tuition Program but above all, this program is easily accessible to students, has no cost incurred whatsoever, and is effective in improving students' study skills, results and confidence to work independently.

For further information regarding the Tuition Program please contact Ms De Goederen.

Library News

Students in Years 8-12 should retain their Library ID card from last year until they are issued with a new one. This will not happen until at least the end of Term 1. After they receive their new card, it is a good idea to retain the old card as an emergency ID. Year 7 students and other students new to the school are able to borrow without a card until one is issued.



Junior News

We have had a very settled start to the year. All our students in Junior School have shown an excellent attitude to their work and classes. It has been great to see. Year 7 students have settled in well too.

This week students have received their diaries. Receiving a diary is reliant on Parents paying a minimum of \$100 off their child's Education resource fee. We encourage parents to speak to the office regarding paying these costs as the diary is such an essential tool for each student in the classroom, not only to identify due dates, homework and up and coming events, but as an avenue for communication between the school and the home.

Uniform is looking good in the Junior school but can I please remind students of a few key rules- Girls' dresses must be no shorter than seven centimetres from the top of the knee, girls and boys are required to wear white socks, and it is important that all students wear leather shoes, not high-tops. Thank you to parents in advance for your support in this.

Finally, 171 of our Year 7 students will be attending Year 7 camp at Forrest Edge Camp near Neerim East from Monday 25th of March to Wednesday 27th of March. We have 9 more positions available if your child would like to attend. Payment is required in full. We are looking forward to getting to know our new Year 7s better.

Ann Russell
Head of Junior School

LINXU

LINXU
1:1 Computer Program
21st Century Learning

Year 9 Rollout

The rollout of Netbooks to Year 9 students occurred last Thursday. There have been a few further afterschool handovers since then, resulting in close to a one hundred per cent distribution in most Rosehill Year 9 home groups, which is a great outcome. Twenty-five parents and students who were unable to attend the Year 9 Netbook Program Information Session last week came to the Year 7 Session earlier last week, which meant they could receive their Netbook with previous attendees.

Rosehill's Years 9 to 11 1:1 Netbook Program has been funded by the National Secondary School Computer Fund. There has been no cost to families for these personal devices and they remain the property of the school. However, families will be fully responsible for all non-warranty netbook repair and maintenance, which must be carried out by Rosehill's IT Technical Support Mr Nu Apiromkasem and Mr Daniel Johnson.

Year 8 Rollout

The Year 8 1:1 Netbook User Pay Program Information Evening will be on Thursday 18 April 2013. Year 8 students and parents/guardians please place this date in your diary now, as attendance at the information session is required before a student can join the program and receive a netbook.

Year 7 Rollout

The Year 7 1:1 Netbook Program Information Evening was extremely well attended by nearly three quarters of our Year 7 students and their parents. In her address, Assistant Principal Mrs Sandra Smart emphasized cybersafety and appropriate usage and security. All students in attendance were presented with the comprehensive 'Rosehill Secondary College LINXU 1:1 Netbook User Pay Program information booklet' and three pieces of paperwork to return: 'Acceptable Use Policy', 'Statement of Understanding for Parents and Students' and 'Netbook User Agreement'. There has been an excellent response with nearly a full return of signed paperwork from attendees by yesterday.

Eighty per cent of our Year 7 families have now made the financial commitment of a \$110 deposit to secure the purchase of the personal device. In a number of home groups there is already a one hundred per cent take-up, which is another great outcome.

The final payment for 2013 of \$127 must be made by Thursday 28th March (the last day of Term 1). The payment can be made at the General Office or via phone by MasterCard/Visa. The rollout of the Year 7 Netbooks is scheduled for Wednesday 17th April 2013. A number of families have already made the 2013 \$237 full payment.

Thank you to all our Years 7 and 9 parents and students who have attended the school for the recent information session and/or rollout, and for turning the paperwork around so rapidly. This has assisted the staff in the smooth implementation of our 1:1 Computer Program and has been much appreciated. Our major thanks also goes to Mr Apiromkasem and Mr Johnston for all their work during the school holiday period to prepare the Year 9 Netbooks for rollout.

I will be in contact during the next fortnight with Year 7 families who have not made the required financial commitment and/or attended an information session to explain further options for joining our LINXU 1:1 Netbook User Pay Program.

All Years 9 to 11 students are expected to bring their Netbook to school each day fully charged and have them in classes to use as a tool and further empower them in their learning.

I look forward to touching base with parents/guardians to answer any queries about any aspect of Rosehill's LINXU.

Lynden Fielding
Assistant Principal

Once again Rosehill is seeking host families for ten Japanese students (eight females and two males) from our sister school, Kogakkan High School.

The students will be in Melbourne for 10 days from 24th July to 3rd August.

The exchange program between Kogakkan High School and Rosehill Secondary College has been running for more than ten years and has been very rewarding for students and families alike.

During previous trips to Japan, Rosehill students have had the opportunity to catch up with students they hosted in Australia.

\$200 is provided to assist host families with costs. Host families provide breakfast, lunch and dinner, and weekend activities. If you would like additional information about the homestay program please do not hesitate to contact Mr Soumalias or me.

If you are interested in hosting a student, please submit the Homestay Return Slip below to the College Office by Friday 1st March.
 Thank you.

Mr Takanori HAYAKAWA

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Japanese STUDENT Exchange HOMESTAY Program 2013

I would like to host a Japanese student from 24th July to 3rd August 2013.

PARENT NAME(S):

STUDENT NAME:

HOME GROUP: _____

CONTACT NUMBER:

ADDRESS:

PETS OWNED: NO () YES ()

Signature:
