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### CALENDAR

#### Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> December

Year 7 2013 Orientation Day 9am to 3pm

2<sup>nd</sup> Hand book sale for future Year 7's 9am to 11.30am

#### Monday 17<sup>th</sup> December

Years 7 to 9

End of Year Excursions

#### Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> December

Annual Awards Evening  
7pm St Bernard's Auditorium

#### Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> December

Reports distributed and  
students dismissed at 12.30pm



### Term 1 2013

#### Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> January

1<sup>st</sup> Day – Term 1 8.55am start

### EMA - 2013

EMA forms are now available at the General Office. Health Care Card must be valid January 29<sup>th</sup> 2013

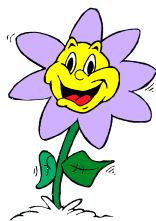
### Attendance

Please continue to contact the Absence Line directly on 9331 9639 if your child is absent or reply with an acknowledgement if you receive a text message from the school.

As we are coming to the end of the year it is concerning the amount of unexplained absences we have. I would appreciate your call, even if you know your child has been absent earlier in the year, 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**



### FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Welcome to the final newsletter for the year. It has been a successful year with growth in student numbers, improvements to facilities and the continuation of our educational programs. Further growth in numbers will allow us to move ahead into 2013.

#### Staffing

The transition in staffing from this year to next will be reasonably smooth with minimal movement. Our aim is for stability at the beginning of the year. We have appointed our Year Level coordinators:

- Year 7: Mr Stubbings will continue in this role.
- Year 8: Mr Martens. Mr Martens is a new teacher coming to the school. He is currently a Team Leader at another secondary college and we welcome him to our College.
- Year 9: Ms Vossos. Ms Vossos will be moving up with the students.
- Year 10: Ms Ellis. Ms Ellis will also be looking after the same cohort of students that she had this year.
- Year 11: Ms Vida. Ms Vida is taking up the Year 11's. She was Year 12 Coordinator this year.
- Year 12: Mr Thompson. Mr Thompson will be following the Year 11 students into Year 12.
- Ms Russell will continue as Head of the Junior School and Mr Phelan will continue as head of the Senior School.

As usual there will be some staff leaving:

- Mr Tran is returning to University studies to continue his Law Degree.
- Ms Adams is moving to the Western District of Victoria with her husband who is setting up an animal breeding support business.
- Ms Pomella will be taking a further six months off while her husband is continuing his rehabilitation after an illness.
- Ms Bonett will be taking six months maternity leave. We are eagerly awaiting the birth of her first child early in the year.
- Ms Smart will be with us at the start of the year only for a short time before she moves into a career out of education. Ms Smart, one of our Assistant Principals, has been with the College for over 30 years and she will be hard to replace.
- Ms Srblin has supported us for two terms now replacing Mr Large in Term 3 and Ms Pomella in Term 4. We wish her all the best in the future.

#### Facilities

There will be two major projects undertaken over the Christmas break. New locker bays are being installed on the western side of the gymnasium and there will be a major refurbishment of the sub-library. The sub-library acts as a Year 11 study area and houses our Year 11 and 10 Coordinators, our careers centre and our EAL (English

as an Additional Language) classroom. The refurbishment will include a new interview room, a new EAL classroom, new carpets, heating and air conditioning. The next major project we would like to undertake into 2013 and beyond is improvements to our Technology area.

**AEU and Industrial bans**

As stated in the last newsletter negotiations between the AEU and the DEECD have broken down totally. End of Year reports will be minimal with around 16 teachers only providing written comments. I am still surprised that the Industrial Relations Body allowed this form of action to be protected. I am concerned about the impact of the AEU work to rule in 2013. Schools function on the goodwill of teachers who provide many activities and services to students outside their teaching loads. The bans may impact on sporting teams, lunchtime and after school activities and camps. There are always two sides to every argument, but our students will be the ones who will suffer.

**Upcoming events**

There are two major upcoming events. The first will be the release of the VCE results next weekend. School Administrators have access to these results before students so we will have a good idea of how our students have gone by Sunday evening. The last event of the calendar is the Awards evening to be held on the 18<sup>th</sup> December. This is a highlight of the year as we celebrate the achievements of our students and hand over to the new School Captains.

To finish I would like to wish everyone a safe and Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. I am looking forward to 2013.

*Peter Rouse*  
*Principal*



*Merry*  
*Christmas*

**Canteen**

Please be advised that the canteen will be offering a limited menu in the last week of school.

**Canteen Management**



**Uniform**

**Second Hand Uniform**

Thank you to the many families who have donated their unwanted uniform to the school, families in the school community benefit greatly by being able to buy uniform items at a reduced price.

Please call Jo on 9331 9639 if there is an item of clothing you would like to purchase. This stock is changing daily at the moment.



**Jo Jacka**  
**Student Services**

**Junior News**

Last week was incredibly busy as students completed their end of year exams and revision classes. We are very pleased that students have taken their exams seriously and have worked hard on preparing to do their best. Hopefully they will achieve the results they hope for and deserve.

This week students will be spending class time reviewing their exams and completing their courses. On Monday 17<sup>th</sup> December, Students will attend their whole year level excursion day. Just a reminder that Year 7's will be going to Melton Waves, Year 8's to Luna Park and Year 9's to Galactic Circus. All monies and notes for these excursions must have been already submitted to the office.

KLAs are preparing a fun activities week for Years 7-9. Sign up day was last Friday, however, students can see the relevant KLA leader to sign up this week. They can see Mr Bader to sign up for Tuesday; Ms Fellowes to sign up for Wednesday and Mr Hayakawa to sign up for Thursday.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all our Junior School families for their support this year and to wish you all a very merry Christmas and a happy and healthy 2013.

**High Tea**



On Friday last week Mr Rouse was invited to High Tea with Ms Therik's Year 10 Food Technology class. There was a wonderful spread of savoury and sweet foods on display and everyone involved is to be congratulated. It was a fitting end to a hard semester's work for these students.



### Lost Property

There are large amounts of lost property. Items include reading glasses, text books, school uniform, and school novels.

There are also many items of uniform and personal effects in the lost property area in the Gym / ECA Centre. Please ask staff to assist if you are in search for an item.

**Lost Property - All Items must be collected by Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December or they will be donated to Charity or sold as 2<sup>nd</sup> Hand Uniform.**

### RSC Awards Evening 2012

The annual Rosehill Secondary College Awards Evening will be held on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> December at St Bernard's College Auditorium. All students receiving awards are required to wear full school uniform and should arrive no later than 6pm at the auditorium (unless prior arrangements have been made). The Jazz Band will commence playing at 6.40pm and formal proceeding will commence at 7pm.

On behalf of the Rosehill School community, I wish to thank the following local businesses and groups who have provided invaluable financial support:


- Pennisi Real Estate: 255c Keilor Road, Essendon
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Nellie Harbourd  
Awards Evening Co-ordinator



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