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CALENDAR

Monday 28th May

School Council meeting

Thursday 31st May

Curriculum Planning Afternoon

Students dismissed at 1pm

Friday 8th June

Year 11 Exams commence

Monday 11th June

Queen's Birthday Public Holiday

Wednesday 12th to Thursday 14th June

Exams - Years 7 to 12

Friday 15th June

Report Writing Day - **NO STUDENTS REQUIRED**

Thursday 21st June

Performing Arts Gala 7.30pm

18th June to 29th June

Work Experience Year 10

Friday 29th June

End of Term - Reports Distributed

Students Dismissed at 2.30pm

Curriculum Planning Afternoon

On Thursday 31st of May staff at Rosehill Secondary College will be involved in a Curriculum planning afternoon. Students will be dismissed at 1.00 pm, however four shortened periods will run and all students are expected to be at school. Arrangements have been made for buses to pick up students at 1.00 pm.

Giuseppe Bertoli

Earn & Learn Woolworths

Woolworths Earn & Learn 2012 has begun. One sticker will be awarded to customers for every \$10 spent at a Woolworth's store. Sticker cards are available from the general office so start collecting as the more stickers collected means the more resources we can gain for the school.

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

We are now six weeks into Term 2 and time is rapidly progressing. Year 12's are working steadily on SAC's and their mid year exams are only three weeks away. Interim reports were given to students last Friday afternoon and if they have not been shown to you then I suggest parents hunt them down or contact the school to arrange for another copy. These reports provide vital information for parents and staff. Please do not hesitate to contact teachers if need be as the end of Semester 1 is looming.

On Thursday 31st May we are holding our second Curriculum afternoon for the year. Staff will be working on Curriculum writing with some focussing on the new Australian Curriculum that is being implemented next year. Along with this there will be new reporting standards so the information on our End of Semester Reports in 2013 may be different to that of current. We will receive more information about this at the start of Term 4 this year.

During Term 3 we will be holding a full day Curriculum day, tentatively set aside for Friday 17th August. This day will have an ICT focus and will be important in maximising the use of laptops provided to the students through the 1:1 program.

The Victorian Government released its budget recently and I am disappointed with cuts that are being made. Last year VCAL Coordination and program funding was removed to a loss of around \$45,000 for the College. In the latest budget there have been cuts to EMA. There will be more details published in the next newsletter. What it means for EMA recipients is that for each student eligible a family could lose up to \$220. There will also be no direct crediting to schools so parents will have to pay up front for the school resource levies. Affected parents will receive a more detailed letter outlining the changes. We are yet to measure the full impact on College funds.

In the last newsletter we outlined our uniform policy and have been following up with a stronger enforcement program. Again I would like to thank parents for their support. We aim to ensure that our uniform and the way it is worn by students reflects our parents' values and beliefs.

On Wednesday morning of last week I arrived back after visiting Vietnam and representing Victorian education with six other secondary school principals. I learned a great deal about the country, its people and its educational practices. I was able to meet many agents and counsellors whose job it is to seek placements of students in schools around the world. Data shows that Victoria is the most popular destination for overseas students from Vietnam and it is a credit to our education system.

In finishing I would like to reiterate the importance of parents contacting the College if they see issues developing. Our team of office support staff will do their best to ensure that you are put through to the appropriate person, and if the matter is urgent they know that I am ready to take calls.

Peter Rouse
Principal

Student Behaviour To And From School

Parents and students are reminded that students are accountable for their behaviour in public areas whilst travelling to and from school or even whilst socialising, if wearing school uniform. The college prides itself in having a positive public image and students who act in such a way as to mar this image are letting both themselves and the college down. The college Code of Conduct applies to any student who is wearing the college uniform at any time of day; thus students who behave inappropriately whilst in uniform will receive penalties in accordance with those defined in the Code of Conduct.

Students need to wear complete uniform whilst in public and should not be wearing non-uniform items such as hoodies whilst travelling to and from school. Smoking whilst in uniform, interfering in any way with the property of others and inappropriate language are amongst the behaviours which will be dealt with harshly by the college even if they occur out of school hours or grounds.

We ask that parents discuss these issues with their children and stress the importance of appropriate public behaviour.

Students travelling in the vicinity of Essendon Station.

The proprietor of Peperoncino Café in Rose Street, Essendon, opposite Essendon Station, has indicated that she has banned students from surrounding secondary schools from entering her café or sitting at the outdoor tables. Students must observe this request and refrain from loitering anywhere near the café.

Kerry McKay
Assistant Principal

Attendance

Thank you to all the families who call to advise their child is absent, or reply to an absence text message received, this is greatly appreciated. Families are welcome to call the absence line **9331 9639** to leave a message regarding their child's prior or upcoming absences.

Second Hand Uniform

Items are changing regularly, please call Jo on 9331 9639 if you have any uniform requirements. I have many pairs of tracksuit pants and jumpers in varying sizes if you are looking for these due to the cooler weather.

Jo Jacka
Student Services

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

Performing Arts Gala

Students who take part in Performance Studies, Dance, Drama and Music are eagerly rehearsing for the upcoming Performing Arts Gala. Approximately 120 students across all year levels are coming together to reproduce some of the most famous scenes from well known musicals such as Fame, Hairspray, Chicago, Beauty and the Beast, West Side Story and many more. Tickets will be on sale next week from the General Office, get your tickets before it sells out!!!



Italy Tour

Support the Italy Tour Program at Rosehill Secondary College. The 2012/2013 Greater Melbourne Entertainment™ Books will be available at the General Office during Term 2. Pre-orders are welcome.

The Entertainment™ Book is your guide to the best restaurants, hotel accommodation, attractions, sports and leisure activities...all with 25% to 50% off or 2 for 1 offers. Plus, My Bookings™... Compare rates, check availability and book your accommodation online.

The sample book with all its great offers can be viewed at the General Office in Term 2 or visit www.entertainmentbook.com.au.



Senior School News

Year 10 and 11 End of Semester Examinations commence Friday 8th June. Students will receive a timetable in the coming days and should be preparing now.

Year 12 Mid-year Examinations commence on Tuesday 12th June. All students have been issued with a personalised timetable and a copy of the Exams Navigator. The Exams Navigator is a publication from the VCAA outlining the times, format and allowable materials in each examination.

It also contains a list of VCAA rules for the examinations. Students are encouraged to read this booklet to familiarise themselves with these rules so they are better able to perform to their best.

Week 14	Accounting SAC 2A
May 21st	Australian History SAC 4 Studio Arts SAC Psychology SAC 4 Music Investigation SAC 1
Week 15	Biology SAC 4
May 28th	Accounting SAC 2B Maths methods SAC 2
Week 16	Business Management SAC 3
June 4th	Italian – Speaking SAC
Week 17	Mid-year Examinations – Accounting
June 12th	Biology Chemistry, Physics & psychology GAT

Drummond Street Family Services Step-Parenting Course

Stepfamilies face unique challenges for all family members, which are not always recognised. They need different answers to family problems. Our courses have been run successfully for the past fifteen

years and have given participants a heightened sense of understanding and increased confidence. 'Making Stepfamilies Work' is a course specifically for couples either in a stepfamily, or considering forming one. The course covers central issues faced by stepfamilies, including past histories, disciplining children and divided loyalties. An emphasis is placed on strengthening the couple relationship.

If you are interested in obtaining more details of this program, please email Kerry McKay at mckay.kerry.k1@edumail.vic.gov.au

Kerry McKay
Assistant Principal

Helping with Huntington's

Huntington's disease is an inherited disease that affects the mind and body and can sometimes result in death. It is a genetic disorder that there is currently no cure for. Most people who inherit Huntington's disease don't begin to show symptoms until they're about 30-50 years of age. A child whose parent or parents have the gene has a 50% chance of inheriting the disease.

Our vision is to make our community more aware of this disease and raise funds to help with research. 400 families in Victoria alone have a member affected by Huntington's disease, over 2,500 people are at risk of inheriting the disease and over 3,000 people are impacted in some way; family, friends and carers alike.

To achieve our vision we have been working on a project called a Community Learning Project. We will run talks at local primary schools and fundraisers to help raise money for research and awareness of the disease. Our Community Learning Project team of Chloe Robinett, Matthew Davies, James Mitchell and Hannah Mullins is currently attending Gnurad-Gundidj School for Student Leadership to make this all possible. To learn more go to:

<http://www.gnurad-gundidj.vic.edu.au/>

And to donate to our cause please contact Tina Reilly (Liaison teacher) or Peter Torey (Curriculum Coordinator) on (03) 5592 5384.

Please help our cause!

Japanese Exchange Program 2012

Rosehill is seeking host families for 11 Japanese students (8 female and 3 male) from our sister school, Kogakkan High School. The students will be in Melbourne for approximately 14 days from the last week of July to the first week of August.

If you are interested in hosting a student, please return the slip below to Mrs Smart or Mr Hayakawa. If you would like additional information about the homestay program such as how much money is provided and what needs to be covered, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Takanori HAYAKAWA

Homestay Program

I would like to host a Japanese student for approximately two weeks.

PARENT NAME: _____

STUDENT _____ NAME: _____

TUTOR GROUP: _____

CONTACT NUMBER: _____

ADDRESS _____

PETS OWNED: NO YES

