CAALENDER

Monday 13th June
Queens Birthday – Public Holiday

Tuesday 14th June to 16th June
Exams – All Year levels

Friday 17th June
Report Writing Day – STUDENT FREE DAY

Monday 20th June to 1st July
Year 10 Work Experience

Thursday 23rd June
Year 9 Carnival 1.15pm - 2.30pm
All Welcome
Red Nose Day – Fundraising Event SRC
Out Of Uniform Day - Gold Coin Donation

Friday 1st July
Reports Distributed and Students dismissed at 2.30pm

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Education Excellence Awards
As mentioned in the last newsletter the Rosehill Secondary College Numeracy Team, along with Copperfield College and Taylor’s Lakes Numeracy Teams, was nominated for ‘The Outstanding School Leadership Team’ award in the Victorian Education Awards. I am pleased to announce that we were successful in winning the prize of $20,000 to be shared across the three schools. This is an outstanding award and is in recognition of many hours of collaborative Maths Curriculum and lesson planning. The money will go to further professional development in the Numeracy area to ensure that our maths teaching is up to modern educational practices. The award has attracted a great deal of publicity with a major piece in the Age newspaper on 17th May.

The College Leadership Team believes that working with other Secondary Schools is an important and effective way to improve teaching and learning in all schools. As well as our award winning Numeracy program, our Science Department is benefitting from working with the Science Department at Strathmore Secondary College in the more effective design and delivery of Science in our schools. We are in the second year of the program and we hope to engage our students more in the subject right across the College.

Uniform
Over the last two weeks I have had reason to be driving back towards the College at around 3.30pm on at least four occasions. I have taken the opportunity to observe our uniform and the way students are wearing it. I am extremely pleased in what I have noticed and would like to thank the parents for supporting the College’s uniform policy, especially in times of cold weather and rain.

Students And Wet Weather
The College Leadership Team has been discussing how we can cater better for our students at lunchtimes during wet, cold weather. Some Colleges run wet weather timetables which result in early dismissal of students at the end of the school day. We do not think this is appropriate as we are tied into bus timetables and we believe that parents would not like last minute changes to times. We have discussed strategies that will enable students to have a warm and dry place to go and will be allocating certain areas around the school that will have staff supervision. Students will be notified at the start of next week where their allocated indoor areas are.

Attendance Matters
This term I have made many calls throughout both the Junior and Senior school to gain approval for unapproved absences, please take the time to return my call. My direct phone number is 9331 9639.

Second Hand Uniform
If you have any items of Rosehill uniform at home that doesn’t fit your child anymore, then donations to the school would be appreciated. These uniforms are sold at a reduced price to assist families within the school community. Please drop them to the Attendance Office if you have any relevant items.

Jo Jacka
Student Services Officer

Peter Rouse
Principal
Junior School Report

It is less than three weeks until the end of semester exams. Exam week will run from June 14th – June 16th. The structure of exam week will be as follows: Students will have a 90 minute exam in the morning followed by recess. They will then go to a shortened Period 2 and Period 3 both 50 minutes in length. Their lunch break will follow period 3 and their final exam will be for 90 minutes at the end of the day. We will be running through exam and study techniques with our students, but we ask parents to encourage their children to start studying now for their exams and to make sure that their work is all up-to-date. This should ensure a less stressful end of semester.

Year 8 News

On Wednesday, a small group of year 8 students took part in the ‘MetLink Great Transport Race’ around the Western Region. They competed against 13 other groups of students from around the area with the ultimate prize of moving through to the ‘city challenge.’ Unfortunately neither of our groups made it through but both had a fantastic day charging around the area using public transport. It was great to see the students offering their seats to the elderly and helping out-of-towners use the Metlink ticket machine. The students that took part were: Tahlia Logozzo, Shika Chand, Stephanie Peacock, Tayla Young, Lachlan Read, Jack Smith, Aydin Demirok and Daniel Hill.

Congratulations to all on representing Rosehill exceptionally well and thanks for showing Ms Nicolin and Mr Gaunt your public transport knowledge!

Ms Nicolin and Mr Gaunt

Safety Glasses Required

Students in Materials and Systems classes - Safety Glasses

At Rosehill Secondary College we take pride in an excellent safety record. As any tradesperson will know, an essential piece of equipment for many technology activities is safety glasses. Safety glasses were listed on the booklist as a required item for students who participate in Materials and Systems classes. It would appear that many students either do not own such glasses or are not bringing them to class.

If your child studies one of these subjects, even at a junior level, they must bring the glasses to every practical class. Failure to do so will result in students’ access to various tools and equipment being curtailed.

Congratulations to Nicholas Opasinov

ASX Sharemarket Game – Investing Wisely

As part of the Year 10 Business Studies course students participated in a national sharemarket trading game run by the Australian Stock Exchange. More than 17,000 syndicates across Australia actively traded shares starting with a $50,000 fictional cash allocation. Shares were traded at real market prices and student portfolios were subjected to the daily fluctuation of the sharemarket. Congratulations to John Fahey, who up until the last week of trade was ranked in the top 20 Australia wide and 5th in Victoria. Unfortunately John experienced the volatile nature of the sharemarket with some of his stocks plummeting in the final days. John finished 116th in Australia and 34th in Victoria - a fantastic achievement.

Nellie Harbould
Humanities Department

Kosta Zournatzian and John Fahey (below) reviewing their investments.

Instrumental Music Fees

A reminder that all students involved in instrumental lessons at Rosehill need to pay their yearly fees by Monday 6th June. Reminder forms with payments owing should have been collected by the instrumental teacher by now. Please contact Judith Wright the College Business Manager if there are any concerns.

Melissa Bonett
Instrumental Music

What a wonderful effort by Nicholas Opasinov who came 5th in the National Tennis Competition in Ipswich, Brisbane.
The Year 9 carnival will be held on Thursday 23rd June from 12.00–2.30pm in the school grounds. The carnival is part of the Year 9 Interdisciplinary (ID) unit, which has Year 9 students working in self-led teams to organise and run a carnival where they will be contributing to the school and wider community. All profits will be donated to various charities. We are opening up the invitation to parents and friends and hope to see you there as the Year 9’s showcase all their hard work and achievements.

Helen Van Der Vlugt
Year 9 Interdisciplinary Coordinator

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**School Policy**

**Mobile Phone and Handheld Electronic Device (HED) Policy**

Parents are reminded that mobile phones and other HEDs are not permitted for use in classrooms or any other learning environment. They should not be used in any manner or place that is disruptive to the normal routine of the college; this includes excursions, camps, sporting activities etc.

Students must have their phones/HEDs switched off and out of sight during class and in all situations where classroom rules apply. Students who break this rule for the first time will have their phones confiscated for a day. Second-time offenders will have it confiscated for a week and third instances will involve parent interviews and further action. Students must gain consent before they photograph or make sound recordings of any other member of the college population.

The college does not hold insurance for personal property brought to school and will not be responsible for the loss, theft or damage of such property.

A full version of this policy is available on the college website and on Page xv of the Years 7-9 Diary.

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**Uniform**

Parents are reminded that:
- Any canvas and/or slip-on shoes will be banned from the commencement of Term 3. Canvas karate shoes are already not permitted. Shoes must be plain black leather and have laces or straps. A plain, black leather runner style of shoe is acceptable.
- Hoodies are not to be worn under any circumstances. They will be confiscated in spite of the cold weather. Students are welcome to wear extra T-shirts, spencers etc. under their uniform as long as they cannot be seen. Plain white skivvies UNDER the school shirt are acceptable.
- The college jumper must be worn for warmth, with the addition of the spray jacket if extra warmth/rain-protection is required. The spray jacket must not be worn instead of the jumper.

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**Japanese Exchange Program 2011**

Once again Rosehill is seeking host families for 12 Japanese students (10 female & 2 male) from our sister school Kogakkan High School. The students will be in Melbourne for 11 days from Wednesday 27th July to Saturday 6th August 2011.

The exchange program between Kogakkan High School and Rosehill Secondary College has been running for 8 years and has been very rewarding for students and families alike. During previous trips to Japan, Rosehill students have had the opportunity to visit and stay with students they hosted in Australia.

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 on the homestay program please do not hesitate to contact us.

Takanori HAYAKAWA

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**Homestay Program**

I would like to host a Japanese student from Wednesday 27th July to Saturday 6th August.

PARENT NAME: ..................................................

STUDENT NAME: ..............................................

TUTOR GROUP: .................................

CONTACT NUMBER: ...........................................

ADDRESS ..........................................................

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PETS OWNED: NO (     ) YES (     )

Signature: ..........................................................

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Kerry McKay
Assistant Principal
Rosehill Secondary College Presents
“World of Dance”

Dates: Wednesday 27th, Thursday 28th and Friday 29th July.
Time 7.30pm
Place: Ukrainian House, Russell St, Essendon
Price: Adult - $20, Student/Concession -$15
Whole Table (10 Tickets) - $150
Bookings and enquiries 9337 2488
Tickets on sale from Monday 30th May 2011