Welcome to the second last newsletter for Term 1. The year is well and truly underway and the summer holidays now seem a distant memory.

Interim Reports
During next week students will receive their first interim reports for the year. These are a key indicator of their progress and the coordinators will be using them to identify any students that may need support. It is important that parents take the time to read these carefully before the upcoming parent teacher evening.

Rosefest
On Wednesday of next week Rosehill will be holding the annual Rosefest musical festival. For the first time we are trialling it to run in conjunction with the Year 9 carnival. It will be an exciting day with stalls being set up from lunchtime on and running through until around 6.30pm. There has been a lot of energy and work gone into the day and I urge parents to drop in if you get the chance. I know the Year 9 students are really looking forward to it. I have also dropped in to watch and listen to our musicians preparing.

Buses
In the last newsletter I mentioned issues we were having with overcrowding on the 475 Kastoria bus going to East Keilor and dropping students off in Keilor Rd. We have come up with a solution which is proving to be successful. The two TBL buses that go to Craigieburn and Greenvale that leave in the school grounds have agreed to take students to Keilor Rd as well and this has alleviated the strain on the other services. Students must tap on and off the buses with the Myki cards as normal. We have also made the bus stop on the corner of Garnet St and Rosehill Rd out of bounds.

Facilities
Last week we met with our project manager from Shanley Management services and we have begun the initial processes in our upgrade of the Science rooms. The planning stages will take some months with the project hopefully starting around late October of this year. This will hopefully mean completion for the start of 2015.

Peter Rouse
Principal
Parent Teacher Interviews

The Parent Teacher Interviews will be held on Tuesday 1st April in the ECA. **This is a pupil free day.** You can book interview times that suit your family best from Friday 21st March.


Booking Code – to be distributed with Interim reports

Bookings Close Monday 31st March at 12pm Sharp

STRICTLY NO Bookings will be accepted after this time.

Fundraiser BBQ Tuesday 1st April

Your support will be appreciated!!

The Year 11 VCAL students are running a BBQ during the parent-teacher evening on the Tuesday 1st April.

Sausages $2.50
Drinks $1.50
Sausage and Drink $3.50

All profits will be donated to the Royal Children’s Hospital Good Friday Appeal.

Your support will be appreciated!!

Vicki Handris & Lody O’Malley
VCAL Coordinators

Congratulations

Congratulations must go to Thomas Pearson of 8G and Melina Inquanti of 7A who both won events at the Moonee Valley District Swimming event on Tuesday 4th of March!

Thomas defied his age to win the ‘Open Boys - Under 20s’ 100m breaststroke and Melina powered to victory in both the 50m Freestyle & Backstroke. Well done to both who progress to the Western Metropolitan Region Finals on Thursday the 27th of March.

Mitchell Gaunt
Sports Coordinator

Attendance

Please 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.

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

Carmel White
Student Services

Footwear Requirements

**FOOTWEAR REQUIREMENTS ARE YOU WEARING THE RIGHT SHOES?**

**THREE SIMPLE RULES FOR BUYING SCHOOL SHOES**

1. ARE THE SHOES ALL BLACK
2. ARE THE SHOES ALL LEATHER OR SUEDE
3. ARE THE SHOES BELOW THE ANKLE

Materials Technology Safety

All students participating in Material Technology classes must have safety glasses and hearing protection as part of their OH&S requirements.

Chris McConnell
Design, Creativity & Technology Materials
With hope in our hearts, the school community prayed for kind weather on Tuesday 18th of February. Thankfully, our hope was rewarded with a beautiful 27 degree day at the Coburg Olympic Pool to showcase Rosehill’s finest swimmers, water polo players and cheer squads.

The year twelve students turned out in force for their final swimming carnival, dressed as everything from Cheer Leaders to Super Mario and took a fantastic group photo that will no doubt be a fond memory in years to come.

In the pool, competition was fierce with some of the closest finishes and best individual performances the school has seen in a long time. Thomas Pearson of year 8 and Melina Inguanti of year 7 both advanced to the next round and won their respective events, meaning they, along with a group of supreme butterlies, will represent the school at the Western Metropolitan Swim meet on the 27th of March.

Water polo once again proved extremely popular and was an avenue to earn points for houses for those students who might not be the strongest of freestylers!

In the end, the final score tally did not reflect just how close some of the events were but do show that Diamond needs some work on participation levels.

1st 648 Points: Sapphire House
2nd 534 Points: Emerald House
3rd 494 Points: Ruby House
4th 456 Points: Diamond House

The day cannot run without helpers so I would personally like to thank all Physical Education staff for their assistance in getting the event up and running and along with all staff, would like to thank the students for a wonderful day and commend their excellent behaviour.

Mitchell Gaunt
Sports Coordinator
Congratulations to Kira Prouse for her achievement in featuring in the KIDZ ACT's upcoming production of Disney's THE LITTLE MERMAID JR.

Kira Prouse (Year 10) – Role: Aquata and Andrina

Over 140 students applied to take part but we only had room for 50 students, they take part in this wonderful workshop, training and learning Live Performance skills and techniques suitable for professional standards.

THE LITTLE MERMAID JR. is open to the public and is playing at the Clayton Community Theatrette performing a total of 6 performances from Thursday 3rd April through to Sunday 13th April 2014. 2:00pm, 5:00pm and 7:00pm sessions are available. Tickets start from $24.00 and are available online at www.kidzact.com.au or by telephoning 1300 727 390. Tickets may be bought at kidzact.com.au with many prime seats still available for purchase. Will you join us "Under the Sea" and discover what it truly means to be “Part of Your World”?

A group of Year 11’s and myself have committed to putting our luscious locks on the line in the name of charity! We are trying to raise as much money as we can for the Leukaemia Foundation.

If you would like to donate please visit http://my.leukaemiafoundation.org.au/rsbboys or better yet, if you feel in need of a trim, it’d be great to get some more people involved in our journey to public humiliation and spiritual fulfilment.

The following boys have committed so far:
Jesse Eddy
Ronny Hackney
Jett Bewick
Lachie Meyers
Tyson Young
and of course myself.

I can hear the buzz of the clippers already! Please feel free to show your support and make a donation.

Kris Blicavs
Health and Physical Education

Pre-purchased wristbands: $25
Wristband purchased at the fete: $30
Single Ride Ticket: $5
Wristbands can be pre-purchased from the school by visiting the school office or contacting the office on 9376 7137.

Prices vary between $1 and $5.
Most thieves break into cars because they see something they want inside. Thieves will break windows and damage locks in order to steal your valuables or even just for the change in the console. It doesn’t matter if you only leave your car for a few minutes during drop off or pick up, thieves are just watching and waiting for this opportunity!

Don’t forget to:
• Remove all valuables
• Park in well lit area
• Lock doors & windows (Don’t just trust your remote locking system, try the handle)
• Remove the GPS and take it with you, don’t try and hide it in the vehicle.
• Remove coins from the centre console
• Covering property will encourage an inquisitive thief to steal them
• Do not label your vehicle keys with your vehicle registration details
• Always lock your vehicle when paying for fuel

MYTH BUSTERS

Question: Do you have to carry your licence with you whilst driving?
Answer: Yes.

If you are under the age of 26 you must carry it with you. Over 26 it is a legal requirement to carry your licence with you unless you have a reasonable excuse. Reasonable excuse is not “I have left it in my other bag”

It takes less than 30 seconds for a thief to strike.

Then YOU have to report it to police,
• YOU have to clean up the glass,
• YOU have to take time off work to get the glass repaired,
• YOU are out of pocket for the repairs as your insurance excess is usually more than the cost of the window repair.

So is it worth leaving valuables in plain view, even if only for a short time?

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**Italy Tour**

Support the Italy Tour Program at Rosehill Secondary College. The 2014/2015 Greater Melbourne Entertainment™ Books will be available at the General Office in 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 available to be viewed at the General Office.

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**Japanese Exchange Program 2014**

Once again Rosehill is seeking host families for 10 Japanese students 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.

The exchange program between Kogakkan High School and Rosehill Secondary College has been running for more than 10 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.

If you are interested in hosting a student, please return the slip 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

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**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 ( )

There is/are a smoker/s in my family

NO ( ) YES ( )

Parent Signature: