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CALENDAR

Tuesday 30th April

Open Day for Grade 6 Students
2014

9.15am to 2.30pm

No College Students In Attendance



Thursday 2nd May

Open Evening 4pm to 7pm All Welcome
Principal Address at 6pm – College Library

Students dismissed at 1pm

Monday 6th May

Year 7 Netbook Rollout Evening
5.30 to 7.30pm

Thursday 23rd May

Curriculum planning afternoon

Students dismissed at 1pm.

“Funky Rose Café” Evening
6.30pm to 8.30pm VCE Centre

Monday 10th June

Queens Birthday – Public Holiday

Friday 14th June

Report Writing Day

No College Students In Attendance

Monday 17th June to 28th June

Work Experience Year 10

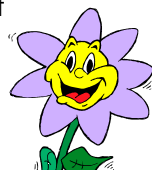
Attendance

Please continue to call the Absence Line directly on **9331 9639** to advise if your child is going to be absent or late to school. If you do receive an absence text message, please respond as it is an effective way of gaining parent approval for absences. There is no need to click on the website at the bottom of the text, all you need to do is reply as you would to a text received from a friend or family member.

Absence Letters are being sent home, if you are in receipt of one, please return it to the school as a matter of urgency.

Thanks,

Jo Jacka
Student Services



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

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Welcome to the first newsletter for Term 2. The term has started well and students are settled into their timetables and study patterns once again.

Staffing

There has been one staffing change for this term. Ms Viglioni is on Long Service Leave and has been replaced by Ms Laura Di Sisto. Laura is a teacher of Italian, English and EAL. She has extensive experience working in the Western Suburbs, but more recently has been teaching English in China for some years. We welcome her to the College and I am sure she will make a valuable contribution during the time that she will be with us.

Australian Education Union

It is with great relief that the AEU and the Government have finally reached an Industrial Agreement and all work bans have been lifted. I would like to thank parents for their patience over the last twelve months as I know that many were disappointed with the lack of information on student reports.

The Gonski Report

As you are aware the Prime Minister has been negotiating with state governments in an effort to get them to sign on to increased funding for schools. If Victoria does sign on it will mean a substantial increase in funding for Rosehill over the next four years. This money will enable us to expand our educational programs even more to ensure that our students achieve the best possible learning outcomes. It will be unfortunate if the Gonski recommendations do not go ahead in the future.

Uniform

Just a reminder from me that the first three weeks of this term are changeover weeks from summer to winter uniform. As the days have got colder we have noticed an increase in the number of students wearing “hoodies”. Students can expect to have these confiscated for a number of days if they are caught wearing them. The issue of the length of the girls’ skirts has arisen again. Skirts are to be no shorter than 7cm above the knee and more rigorous checking of this will begin soon. Overall we are very pleased with the uniform and the majority of our students are presenting a good image for the school.

Principals Report Continued

Enrolments for 2014

It is that time of year when parents of Grade 6 children need to be selecting a school. Already we have had a great deal of interest and our Tuesday College tours have been extremely popular. Mr Soumalias has been leading these tours and we cannot speak highly enough of how well our students have conducted themselves while the classes are on show to prospective families. We are extremely proud of this and parents are to be congratulated for the raising such wonderful children. Once again we are expecting a healthy number of students going into Year 7 next year.

Peter Rouse
Principal

Curriculum Planning Afternoon

A curriculum planning afternoon has been scheduled for Thursday 23rd May. Students will be dismissed at 1pm.

Lost Property

There are many items in the College Lost Property. These items will be donated to a local Charity if they are not collected by Friday 3rd May. Please encourage your child to see Mrs Jo Jacka in the attendance office.

Items include College Jumpers, Sports Tracksuits, School Jacket, Sports Polos, and other assorted items.

Jo Jacka
Attendance Officer

Woolworths School Vouchers

An Earn & Learn Voucher Box has been placed outside the Airport West Safeway Store with the college name on it. Anyone interested in collecting the vouchers can drop them in the box at the store or at the College General Office. The more vouchers received the more products can be obtained.

Western Kinship Care Program

Are you a grandparent, aunt/uncle, sibling, other family member or friend caring for a school age child? Support is available for family carers of young people who are unable to live with their own parents. The Western Kinship Care program is open to families living in the Melbourne, Moonee Valley, Maribyrnong, Hobsons Bay or Wyndham shires. For further information, please contact Kerry McKay for a pamphlet, or call the service directly on 9396 7400.

Kerry McKay
Assistant Principal

Uniform

The first three weeks of Term 2 are a 'transitional' period where either winter or summer uniform may be worn, depending on the weather. I would like to take this opportunity to remind students and parents of the following points:

- Students must wear either the winter or summer uniform; they cannot 'mix and match' items from both uniforms (e.g. the summer dress with tights)
- Girls are to wear navy blue, not black, tights with the winter kilt. If socks are worn for extra warmth, they are to be black or blue and worn under the tights, not over them. Leggings are not to be worn. Girls' socks are to be white.
- Hoodies are not acceptable and will be confiscated. The college jumper is to be worn by all students; a cotton version of the college jumper is available from Lowes. Where a jacket is worn it must be the college spray jacket or blazer.
- Scarves must be black
- Beanies are not to be worn either inside or outside
- Shoes must be plain, black leather

Skirts

Skirts and dresses are to be worn no higher than 7cm above the knee. A number of girls opt to wear their skirts significantly higher than this. As of next week, students whose skirts/dresses are too high will be issued with a 'correction notice' requiring them to lower their skirt length. In many cases this will simply entail unrolling the waist band of the skirt. Where alteration or replacement is necessary, a period of one week from the date the notice was issued will be given. From that point onwards girls will be given detention when their skirt/dress is found to be too short.

We take pride in the appearance of all of our students and look forward to parent support in addressing this issue.

Second-hand Uniform

The college currently has a fairly wide selection of second-hand uniform items which may be purchased at low cost from the college. Please contact Mrs Jacka if you are interested in making such a purchase.

NQR Niddrie

NQR on Keilor Road have indicated that they do not wish students from any of the colleges in this area to go into the shop unless accompanied by a parent. There has been a recent change of management at NQR which has resulted in this new policy. Principal class staff will be visiting NQR to enforce this ban; students who contravene the rule will be punished.

Kerry McKay
Assistant Principal

Open Day and Open Evening

Years 7 – 12 students will not be required at school on Tuesday 30th April as this is our annual Open Day. It is a Student-free Day for Rosehill students. Years 5 and 6 students will be attending to participate in 'A day in the life of secondary school student at Rosehill'. A full day of classes is offered from 9.30am to 2.30pm. Bookings for the day are now closed.

Our annual Open Evening will be held from 4pm to 7pm on Thursday 2nd May, with an address by our College Principal Mr Peter Rouse commencing in the Library at 6.00pm. This is an excellent opportunity for prospective and existing families to participate in a guided tour of the College, view classes in action, find out more about teaching and learning at Rosehill, and speak to current staff and students.

A number of our Performing Arts students will be providing performance items during our Open Day and Open Evening. A further large group of students will be in attendance during Open Evening to showcase aspects of our educational programs. We are most appreciative of their willingness to contribute to our school community in this way.

Guided Tours

Rosehill Tours are running on Tuesdays at 9.30am until 24 May. Tours provide a further opportunity for parents and students to discuss curriculum offerings and view the College in action. Bookings by ringing the College Office are essential.

Rosehill staff are putting in extraordinary hours to ensure the smooth conduct of these events. Every teacher across the College is involved in planning for Open Day and Open Evening, with the assistance of our Education Support Staff Team, and we thank all of our staff for their commitment to ensuring the success of our 2013 Open Day and Open Evening.

Lynden Fielding
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

Library News



From the start of Term 2 the period of student loans for books has been extended to three weeks instead of two. Hopefully, this will make it easier for students to finish the books within the loan period.

Sue Egan
Head Librarian

This term we have four students attending the Alpine School up in Mt Hotham. It is a five week residential setting with up to 50 Year 9 students from local and country schools.

Dana, Kira, James and Blake all of Year 9 were lucky enough to be selected to attend. They have just spent their 2nd week working on personal learning goals and on the Community Learning Project.

I understand it has been very cold up in the Alps with snow on some days (great for working on their skiing skills).

I look forward to catching up with them on May 15 which is their presentation day. They also will sit the NAPLAN on that day too (can't get away from NAPLAN that easily!)

Applications for 2014 are due very shortly so if we have any Year 8 students interested I encourage you to visit the website below and come and see Mr Soumalias for a chat.

<http://www.alpineschool.vic.edu.au/>



Our 4 students are James Traeger, Blake Jacka, Dana Radovanic and Kira Prouse also in the photo are students from Melton and Maribyrnong Colleges.

Funky Rose Café

Pull out your flares and your Afros. Come and join the music students and staff at our annual Music event:

Funky Rose Cafe

Listen to the hits from the 70's and more.

When: Thursday 23rd May

Time: 6.30pm-8.30pm

Where: The VCE Centre

BYO Food and Drinks

***** No Alcohol *****



Miss Mouanoutoua and the Music Staff

Year 11 Examinations will be held from Thursday 6th June through to Thursday 13th June.

Exams on Thursday 6th June will be English 9.00-11.15 and General Mathematics and Foundation Mathematics from 12 noon-1.45pm.

Students will be dismissed after their Mathematics examination

Examinations will be held across the following times:

Session 1 – 9.00-10.40 am

Session 2 – 11.20-1.00pm

Session 3- 1.35-3.15pm

Students who have an examination during Sessions 1 and 3 but no examination during Session 2 are required to undertake private study in the Year 11 Common Room or the Library.

They will not be permitted to leave the College grounds.

Year 10 Examinations held from Friday 7th June through to Thursday 13th June, will be held across the following times:

Session 1 – 9.00-10.40 am

Session 2 – 11.20-1.00pm

Session 3- 1.35-3.15pm

Year 7 - 9 Examinations held from Tuesday 11th June through to Thursday 13th June, during Periods 1 and 4.

There will be no Home Group on these days – students will be expected to go straight to their examination room.

All examinations will be 70 minutes long plus 5 minutes reading time.

Year 7 – 9 examinations will be held in individual classrooms

A different timetable will be run on these days:

Period 1: 9.00 – 10.15am

Recess: 10.15 – 10.45am

Period 2: 10.45 – 12.00

Period 3: 12.00 – 1.15pm

Lunch: 1.15 – 2.00pm

Period 4: 2.00 – 3.15pm

Italy Tour



Support the Italy Tour Program at Rosehill Secondary College. The 2013/2014 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 can be viewed at



In term one of VCAL we, as a class, raised money for the Good Friday Appeal. We believe that the Children's Hospital is a great cause and we decided that the Good Friday appeal was the best cause for our money to go towards. VCAL put a lot of time and effort in to making the BBQ as successful as possible. We divided jobs up such as buying supplies, cooking the BBQ, cleaning up afterwards and getting extra donations from people even if they didn't want to buy anything.

We began with having a BBQ at parent teacher interviews and then had another one the day after for the whole school. After the two days of raising as much money as we could Michael Dooley, Daniel Olorenshaw, Dale Creasey, Bradley Sultana and Ms Handris went to the Good Friday Appeal at Etihad Stadium and handed in the money. As a class we raised close to \$500.

As well as just raising money, it also helped us in meeting some of the outcomes for our Work Related Skills. It taught us about OH&S, handling food and preparing food hygienically. It also taught us how to handle money, to communicate with each other and different people and how to cater for a large number of people. This activity has now made the VCAL class excited to do future projects.

Emma Scicluna
Year 11 Student



Brad, Michael, Jack and Dale together with Channel 7 weather girl Giann Rooney from the Good Friday Appeal Day.

Year 7

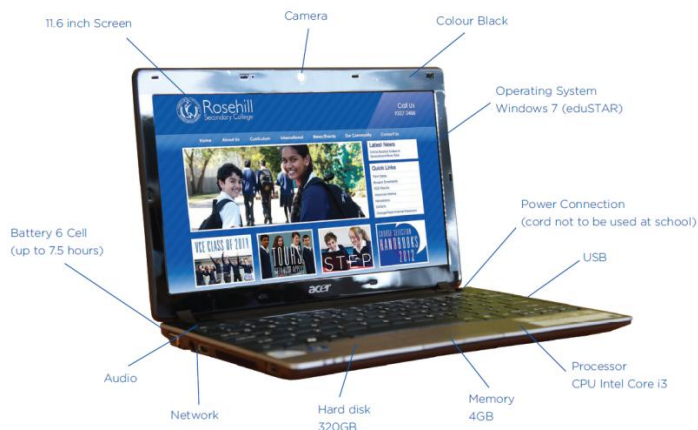
The Year 7 Netbook Rollout Evening will now be on Monday 6th May in order of Home Group:

- 5.30pm 7A
- 5.45pm 7B
- 6.00pm 7C
- 6.15pm 7D
- 6.30pm 7E
- 6.45pm 7F
- 7.00pm 7G
- 7.15pm 7H
- 7.30pm 7I

This is a couple of weeks delay from the previously publicized date of Wednesday 17 April. However, the model being given out has been up-graded to an Acer Travelmate B113, with the additional benefit of being Core i3 and 4GB. The nearly one hundred per cent up-take across Year 7 will mean that teachers can effectively utilize the computers across the curriculum to engage our students in their learning, and enhance the teaching and learning strategies used, incorporating eLearning wherever appropriate. It is important that students and parents come at the specific time allotted, as this will assist us greatly with the orderly distribution of the Netbooks.

Year 8

The Year 8 Netbook Information Evening held on Thursday 18 April was well attended. I presented our 1:1 Program Vision that "All students at Rosehill Secondary College will have the opportunity to be empowered to develop and demonstrated skills, attitudes and knowledge as an informed member of a 21st century global community" and defined Digital Learning and 1:1 Learning. I also described the developments in 1:1 Learning at Rosehill so far. I also spoke about the technical specifications of the Year 8 Netbook model, the three-year warranty, iBroker Insurance and our Student Support Centre.



Year 8 Coordinator Mr Grant Martens elaborated on the ICT applications that students are able to access using Netbook computer technology, including:

- Word processing applications
- Spreadsheets software
- Organising and brainstorming software
- Multimedia
- Data collection tools
- Web resources

- Communication software

Mr Martens also explained about the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development's EduSTAR image and the over eighty software applications that are part of the EduSTAR image, including:

- animation
- concept and Mind Mapping
- digital video and image creation
- drawing and painting
- interactive curricular resources
- logic and problem-solving
- 3D modelling and game-making
- presentation and multimedia tools
- sound and music making
- thinking skills
- typing tutors
- web authoring tools
- writing tools.

More information about the EduSTAR image is available at:

http://epotential.education.vic.gov.au/showcase/edustar_win/list_win

Head of Junior School Ms Ann Russell gave valuable advice about Safe Usage and Cyber Safety. Parents are requested to sit with their child / children and read and discuss the information in the three Rosehill LINXU documents that need to be signed off and returned by Friday 10 May, together with a \$150 non-refundable deposit, to the College Office:

- Netbook User Agreement
- LINXU Statement of Understanding for Parents and Students
- LINXU Acceptable Use Policy

College Principal Mr Peter Rouse provided concluding remarks and applauded Rosehill's outstanding IT technical team of Mr Nu Apiromkasem and Mr Daniel Johnson, who were present to assist with the smooth conduct of the evening and answer questions.

Thank you also to Assistant Principal Ms Kerry McKay and eLearning Education Support Staff Mrs Anna Beswick for their help and support.

Nearly 80% of our two hundred and thirty Year 8 students have now received the information package. Remaining families who would like their Year 8 student(s) to opt into the Year 8 User Pay Netbook Program should make contact with me urgently via an email message to rosehill.sc@edumail.vic.gov.au or phone message on 9337 2488.

Years 9, 10 & 11

Netbooks required at school fully charged everyday

It is a condition of usage that students do not leave their Netbook in their school locker over the school night or during weekends. Students in Years 9, 10 and 11 are only able to access school PCs and Notebook Computers if they are in a specialist elective like Web Design and Interactive Multimedia, Computer Programming, or Graphic Communication and Design.

Years 9 to 11 Students without a Netbook

All Years 9 to 11 students should have a Netbook Computer. Students in Year 9, Year 10 or Year 11 who have not yet been issued with a Netbook, need to urgently see me, at my Office near the General Office, and make arrangements.

Netbooks not working properly or needing repair

Year 9, Year 10 or Year 11 students whose Netbook Computer is not working properly or needs to be repaired because there is a damaged part, should see urgently see Mr Apiromkasem or Mr Johnson at the IT Office:

Before school 8.30am - 8.45am

Lunchtime 1.15pm - 1.45pm

Afterschool 3.15pm - 3.30pm

It is important that all Netbooks are fixed and working properly to assist student in their studies at school and at home.

STUDENT SUPPORT CENTRE

Time available to students:

8.30am - 8.45am, 1.15pm - 1.45pm & 3.15pm - 3.45pm

Office between C1 & C2

Technicians: Mr Nu Apiromkasem & Mr Daniel Johnson
For all major issues please contact Ms Lynden Fielding.
Students are not permitted to visit the Support Centre during class time.

Lynden Fielding
Assistant Principal

Handy Hints for Improving Learning Continued from Newsletter No.5

No. 7 Eat a good breakfast

If your Mum ever said have fish or eggs for breakfast because it's brain food, she was right! As long as it's medically safe to do so, a breakfast that is high in protein (think cheese, milk, bacon, eggs) and lower in carbohydrates (think cereal, orange juice and toast) promotes concentration and learning. Also encourage your child to drink lots of water- the brain runs on it! Students who don't eat breakfast are not only more likely to gain weight; they will also have to work harder than others to do well at school.

No. 8 Use Music

There is a growing evidence to suggest that playing instrumental music softly in the background enhances learning. Pachabel's Canon, Mozart and Baroque music seem to be particularly effective though you might like to use a range of music. It is always good to have students study for some time without music. Exam rooms don't have music playing in them.

From " Help Your Child Succeed at School" by Andrew Fuller www.andrewfuller.com.au

Arthur Soumalias
Assistant Principal

Local Newspaper Article



School treat

Jessica Santucci, Maria Tsataliou and Kayla Kangalis prepare to serve goodies at the Year 9 Carnival at Rosehill Secondary College, Niddrie. The carnival, held late last month, was the culmination of weeks of planning by the school's 175 year 9s and raised \$4950 for the Royal Children's Hospital Good Friday Appeal and the East Keilor RSL Club. The rest of the school also benefited, with a chance to 'Cream the Teacher' and a range of fun activities over an extended lunchtime. The carnival was organised as part of year 9 interdisciplinary studies with the help of staff, including Brooke Hughes and Esilio Beneditti.

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



Senior School News Assessment Dates 2013 - Year 12 VCE

Week	Term 2	Unit 3:
13	Apr 22	Legal Studies SAC 2A Physical Education SAC 2B Software Development SAC 2A Biology SAC
Anzac Day 25th		
14	Apr 29	Physics SAC 2A Accounting SAC 1C Software Development SAC 2B Outdoor & Environmental Studies SAC 2A
15	May 6	Physics SAC 2B Italian SAC2 Japanese SAC2 Food Technology SAC2A Biology SAC

16	May 13	English SAC 1C Legal Studies SAC 2B Food Technology SAC2B History SAC 2A
Interim Reports for Yr 12 Distributed 18 th May		
17	May 20	Outdoor & Environmental Studies SAC 2B
18	May 27	English SAC 2A Accounting SAC 2A
19	June 3	English SAC 2B Japanese SAC3 Health & Human Development SAC2 Physical Education SAC 1A Biology SAC Accounting SAC 2B
20		GAT Physics SAC 3 Italian SAC 3 Business Management SAC3 Legal Studies SAC 3 Maths Methods SAC 2 History SAC 2B
Queens Birthday 10th June Public Holiday	GAT Jun 12	
Week	Term 2	Unit 4:
1	Jun 17	English SAC 2C Maths Methods SAC 3A
2	Jun 24	Specialist Maths SAC2 Legal Studies SAC 1A Accounting SAC 1A Maths Methods SAC 3B Outdoor & Environmental Studies SAC 1
Last Day Of Classes 28 th		
Week	Term 3	Unit 4:
3	Jul 15	
4	Jul 22	Business Management SAC 1A Physical Education SAC 1B History SAC 1A
5	Jul 29	Outdoor & Environmental Studies SAC 2A Italian SAC 1 Software Development SAC 1
6	Aug 5	English SAC 1 Japanese SAC1 Accounting SAC 1B Legal Studies SAC 1B Physical Education SAC 1C History SAC 1B
7	Aug 12	Physics SAC 1
8	Aug 19	Specialist Maths SAC1 Business Management SAC 1B Outdoor & Environmental Studies SAC 2B
9	Aug 26	Italian SAC 2
10	Sep 2	Japanese SAC2 Business Management SAC 1C Legal Studies SAC 2A Accounting SAC 2A
11	Sep 9	English SAC 2 Japanese SAC3

		Specialist Maths SAC2 Outdoor & Environmental Studies SAC 2C Software Development SAC 2 History SAC 2
12	Sep 16	Physics SAC 2 Business Management SAC 2 Legal Studies SAC 2B Physical Education SAC 2 Accounting SAC 2B
Last Day of Classes 20 th Sept		
Week	Term 4	Unit 4:
13	Oct 7	Specialist Maths SAC3 Legal Studies SAC 2C Italian SAC 3
14	Oct 14	
15	Oct 21	Maths Methods SAC 1
	Oct 28	End of Year Examinations English – Wednesday 30 th October

Japan Tour 2013

We have been organising a 10 day trip to Japan (27 Oct to 5 Nov) in 2013, for students in Year 9, 10 & 11.

Highlights of the trip will include a visit to beautiful historical places in Kyoto and the peace park museum in Hiroshima. We will also visit Kogakkan High School, our sister school in Mie prefecture, and stay with their families. The last trip was extremely successful and those students who have taken part in this program have found it to be one of the most rewarding experiences. Students who have been studying Italian can also participate in this trip.

More information will be provided including the exact cost at a later date when all minor details are finalised.

Return the slip attached to Mr. Soumalias or Mr. Hayakawa at the College if you are interested in joining us!

If you would like additional information on the homestay program please do not hesitate to contact us.

All Applications must be submitted by Tuesday 7th May 2013

Trip to Japan Program

I would like my child to participate in the Trip to Japan Program 2013.

PARENT NAME: _____

STUDENT NAME: _____

TUTOR GROUP: _____

CONTACT NUMBER: _____

Signature: _____

