

Principal's Report from Mr Coffey

We Want You to Tell Us What You Think!

Our school is conducting a survey to find out what parents think of our school. The Parent Opinion Survey is an annual survey offered by the Department of Education and Training that is conducted amongst a sample of randomly selected parents. It is designed to assist schools in gaining an understanding of parents' perceptions of school climate, student behaviour and student engagement. Our school will use the survey results to help inform and direct future school planning and improvement strategies. Approximately 50 per cent of parents will be invited to participate in this year's survey. All responses to the survey are anonymous. This year the Parent Opinion Survey will be conducted from Monday 23rd July to Sunday 26th August. The survey will be conducted online, only takes 10-15 minutes to complete, and can be accessed at any convenient time on desktop computers, laptops, tablets or smartphones. The survey link, unique school survey PIN and other information will be sent home this week with the eldest child in the family. Last year we had a great 85% response rate that provided valuable feedback from 34 of our families. Please contact me at the school if you would like more information.

Unsung Hero

I'd like to take this opportunity to publicly recognise another of the long serving dedicated professionals at our school. Mr. Stephen Leach has a long association with education in Rainbow and continues to strive to improve the opportunities and quality of teaching and learning for the students at our school. Mr. Leach is also an integral member of the school leadership team and along with Mrs. Petschel brings a wealth of experience and local knowledge to our leadership team. Much of the work, outside of the classroom, that Stephen has been working on over the last 3 years has been focussed on implementing new software platforms to improve the availability of assessment data and improving communication within the school. This year, he has been working on the introduction of the Compass program that will eventually allow parents to access ,from home, a range of information relating to their child's performance at school. Staff have been using the attendance package from the beginning of this year and are now using the Student Chronicle section that will provide more valuable information about the students. We can't wait until we can enable parents to access Compass but we want to ensure that we are fully prepared for the launch. As you can imagine there is a lot of 'unseen' work involved in introducing these initiatives and we are thankful we have Mr. Leach doing it for us.

Calendar



Term 3

- Tue 24
- * VET information session 6.45pm in Library Yrs 9 /10
 - * VCE/VCAL info session 7.15pm In Library Yrs 10/11
 - * VTAC info session 8pm in Library Yr 12

August

- Thu 2 VET Try-a-day
 Mon 6 & Tues 7 Production
 Mon 6 to Fri 10 Book Fair
 Wed 8 LOTE Poetry competition
 Fri 10 Photo Day
 Mon 13 Cluster cultural performance @ Hopetoun (Jnr school)
 Fri 24 VCE study day
 Fri 31 SM Aths (Jnr school)

September

- Thu-Fri 5-7 3/4 Roses Gap camp
 Mon 10 Student free day
 Tue 11-Wed 19 Somers Camp
 Tue 18 Golf clinic
 Thu 20th School Fete

Principals report continued.....

Desperately Seeking Expression of Interest

Due to the resignation of our long serving outgoing School Council President Mr. Ron Ismay recently we have a casual vacancy on School Council. We are still seeking 'expressions of interest' from interested parents who wish to become part of school council. The qualities that you need are an interest in your child's school and the desire to work in partnership with others to help shape the school's future. If you wish to register an 'expression of interest', please forward to the school office a brief written statement (maximum of 150 words) detailing why you wish to become a councillor and the qualities and skills you would bring to the group.

Parents and visitors to the school

It is essential that parents & visitors who are coming to the College **MUST** first come to the office for any enquiries and to sign in. It is an OH & S requirement of the Education Department. We appreciate your co-operation in this matter.

School Council

The next School Council meeting will be held on Monday the 13th of August.

Memo From Your Child

This weeks quote....

"Don't make rash promises. Remember that I feel badly let down when promises are broken".

Winners of the June awards



Lucy & Clancy

Acrostic Poem -Winter

Winter is cold, winter is frosty.

In winter it is Annika's birthday.

Noisy, noisy wind blowing all the leaves around.

The weather is cold- very, very cold!

Early in the morning we go skating.

Rainy, rainy days in winter.

By Annika Petschel



Cows Create Careers



Murphy, Aidan, Joad, Jorden, Bailey, Max, Mason and Sebastian with their certificates

Congratulations to all the Year 9/10 elective Ag students for their outstanding effort in the "Cows Create Careers Competition"
Rainbow P-12 was placed 3rd in the state with a score of 90, beaten by Bellarine Secondary College with Ballarat Grammar winning. A brilliant effort for their first attempt and all students should be very proud of their achievement. Scoring is based on before and after knowledge, presentation of a 3D model or movie and letters/evaluation addressed to the sponsors and is undertaken against a state standard.



A week in the life of Rainbow P-12 College

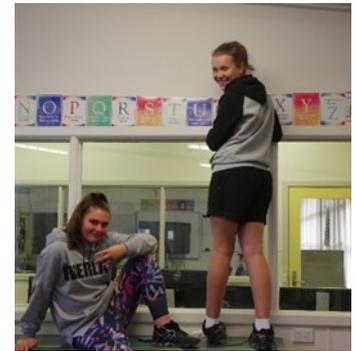
A visual summary of the last week through the lens of Mrs P's camera!



OUR SPACE - Caleb & Lenny doing some repotting



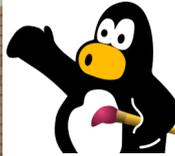
OUR SPACE - Grade 5/6s and their fantastic spider webs



OUR SPACE - Gracie & Lucy decorating the Library



OUR SPACE - Grade 5/6 Crafty work



OUR SPACE - Yr 9/10s adding colour to our noticeboard (Love the pose!)



OUR SPACE - SRC yummy Tacos!



Grade 3/4s trying out their DigiTech creations



Show & Tell...Xav's storytime in DigiTech



Ava & Lydia

OUR BIG BREAKFAST



Jasper looks like he is enjoying himself!



Ayla came in early to help out



It was great to see Georgia pop in to help (one of our 2017 School captains)



Look at that concentration from Miss Teasedale



Definitely a huge success!

BREAKFAST



Miss Wizz (Mrs Clarke) giving a rundown of what was available



Mr Leach in his element!

Term 3
"BIG BREAKFAST"
dates
1st August
22nd August
12th September

Thanks to our sponsors– The Bow Bakery, IGA Rainbow & Bendigo Bank

Year 11 Work Experience Trip

Six of the Year 11 students travelled to Melbourne during the last week of Term 2 to do their work experience. All of the students loved the experience that the city gives and were thankful for the life skills that were obtained throughout the week.

The students would like to thank Mr Cook for organising the trip and say a special thankyou to Miss Kruger and Mr Glover for accompanying them to Melbourne.



Liam worked at All Creatures on Hoddle Vet Clinic and enjoyed working with the staff and caring for the animals



Jakob Cocks had the biggest venture travelling to D.R. Allen & Associates Accountancy firm. He enjoyed having an insight into what he would like to do in the future.



Mikayla Keller visited the city and learnt many experiences from Rebecca Howe Barrister. She really enjoyed the aspect of going to court and learnt new aspects about law.



Jeremy James visited Richmond Vet Clinic and especially liked watching the animal surgeries and caring for the pets.



Maddi Senecko did her work experience placement Rubi Hair Richmond and loved meeting new people and learning more about the hairdressing trade.



Jamieson Huff got his hands dirty with O.W. Electrics. He enjoyed the experience of learning the electrical trade and the different parts of it. Jamieson is pictured learning how negotiate public transport on his phone



Local Work Experience

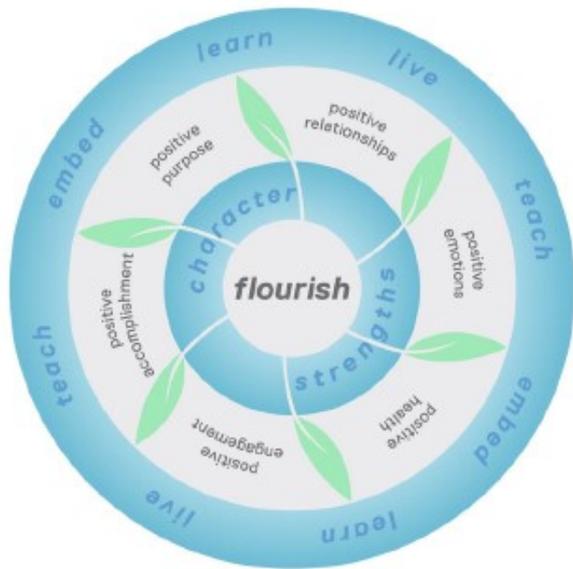
Thomas Ismay worked at Laser Plumbing in Horsham
Cody Tumeth did his work experience at Ahrens in Tarranyurk.
Both boys had a great week.



POSITIVE EDUCATION

Rainbow P-12 College has worked hard over the last couple of years to establish a positive education approach to all aspects of our learning, overall health & wellbeing. We have based this on the Geelong Grammar model of Positive Education that is pictured below.

One of the important parts of the model is POSITIVE PURPOSE.



THE POSITIVE PURPOSE domain involves understanding, believing in, and serving something greater than yourself and deliberately engaging in activities for the benefits of others. Key topics: meaning and purpose in life, social awareness, purpose projects, community service.

The activities of the SRC & Dreamchasers fits under this umbrella. As does the mighty efforts of our MS Warriors and past projects of the Student School of Leadership.

Another way we work towards developing skills and knowledge in this area is through the OUR SPACE sessions. These are not just sessions where we “clean up” around the school.

They are a way students can work together to improve the school, to beautify their surroundings, to exercise their student voice and be proud of their learning environment.

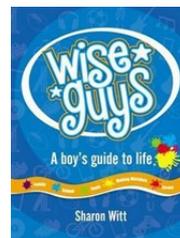
It also has a flow on effect to other important components of the positive education model of building positive emotions & relationships.

So a big THANK YOU to all the students who rolled up their sleeves, worked as part of a team and made Rainbow P-12 College a better place to learn.

NEW BOOKS

Rainbow P-12 College has just purchased a series of books by renowned Melbourne author Sharon Witt on the topic of growing up. They include :

- Girlwise : A guide to being You
- Girlwise : A girl’s guide to friends
- Girlwise : A guide to taking care of yourself
- Girlwise : A girl’s guide to life
- Wise Guy : A boy’s guide to life
- Teentalk: Become a teen with passion & purpose



★ **Save the dates** ★

Monday 6th & Tuesday 7th August
our School Production
“Little Stars”
will be held. It will start at 7pm
in the College Hall
Further details will be in next
weeks Newsletter

Careers and Pathways in Term 3 from Mrs Leach

VTAC (The Victorian Tertiary Admissions Centre)

The Year 12s who are considering going on to further study next year will need to apply through VTAC or SATAC (for SA unis). This process opens in July and remains open until September. It also opens again once students have their results in December. Along with this, students and their families need to think about moving away, accommodation etc beyond Year 12. There will be an information session to help you through this process on **Tuesday 24th July at 8pm in the College library**. It is really important that all students and parents attend please.

VCE/VCAL SUBJECT SELECTION Year 10 and 11 students need to be thinking carefully about their pathway through VCE or VCAL in Years 11 and 12. With this in mind, I will be holding an information session on **Tuesday 24th July at 7.15pm in the College library** at which I will outline the requirements and considerations for these choices. This will be followed in the next 2 weeks by a one-on-one meeting with students, parents and me at which we will discuss, and hopefully plan, your child's pathway through this part of their schooling. It is really important that all students and parents attend please.

VET Information Session for 2019 students Year 9/10 from Mr Robinson

Students at Rainbow P-12 have the option of undertaking a VET (Vocational Education and Training) subject in Year 10/Year 11 and Year 12. All of the Year 9 students will travel to Horsham on August 2nd to participate in the Try a VET day where they will get a closer look at two different course options. VET options, requirements and pathways will be discussed at the information evening being held at Rainbow P-12 on Tuesday 24th July. Students will need to be at the school at **6.45pm** to hear a talk about what is expected from students wanting to undertake VET, what options are available and what VET can do to enhance students' ATARs and pathways to further education and jobs.

Wimmera and Southern Mallee

Try VET Day 2018

Thursday 2 August

A free lunch will be provided by the LLEN

See your VET Coordinator for a registration form or for more information

Try any 2 VET subjects to help decide which one to enrol in for 2019.

Students must complete a registration form to be able to attend.



Country of the week

Each week in the junior school we will pick a country out of a hat. Students will have a week to find out a fact about that country. Everyone that enters a fun fact goes into the Draw for a weekly prize

Country of the week is
Madagascar

Congratulations to Sally and Benjamin for coming up with interesting facts for Sweden & Belgium

Missing

Our Pink Uniden Walkie Talkie has disappeared
Can students please look for it and if found please return it to Mrs Petschel





Canteen Roster 2018

Term 3

July

Fri 20 R. Keller/ R.Clugston

Mon 23 E. Eckermann/ C. Stasinowsky

Wed 25 E. Ey

Fri 27 N. Eckermann/ L. Heinrich

Mon 30 T. Tregenza/ S. Gelligen

August

Wed 1 D. Huff/E. Staples

Fri 3 J. Thomas

Mon 6 D. Camilleri

Wed 8 N. Leach/ J. Fuller

Fri 10 N. Kruger/E. Clarke

Mon 13 R. Richards

Wed 15 R. Bastin/ K. Kajewski

Frid 17 B. Eckermann

Mon 20 S. Smith/ S. Clark

Wed 22 C. Cocks

Fri 24 A. Riordan

Mon 27 K. McKenzie

Wed 29 A. Gebert

Fri 31 S. Perkins

September

Mon 3 T. Bigham/ A. Roberts

Wed 5 C. Roll/ T. Gould

Fri 7 K. Weir/ C. Fisher

Mon 10 Student free day

Wed 12 J. Keller

Fri 14 M. Ismay

Mon 17 K. Preston

Wed 19 C. Petschel

Fri 21 J. James



If you are missing any lunch containers or items of school uniform please drop into the office to check if they are yours

A friendly reminder to name all clothing and containers so they can be given to students if they happen to be left at school.

Canteen Emergency List

Debbie Lowe 0488 115 973

Cheryl Welch 5395 7250

Rebeckah Richards 53226190

Canteen 2018

The canteen operating days for lunch orders and counter sales are
Monday, Wednesday and Friday
Students have access to the canteen eating area, microwave & sandwich toasters
5 days a week



Shake Rattle
and READ



Term 3 Dates

Tuesdays at

24th July

August 7th

(at Hospital Day Centre)

August 21st

September 4th

No session on 18th

Friday 21st Special session at Playgroup

**DON'T FORGET YOUR READING BAGS
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