

## Principal's Report from Mr Coffey

### Whole School Assembly

Next Monday the 1<sup>st</sup> of April, no this is not an April fool's Day joke; we will be holding our usual whole school assembly that we have on the first Monday of each month. At this assembly we will be presenting the badges to our 2019 Junior and Senior School Captains. I wish to invite all interested members of our school community to attend, especially the families of our captains Angel Nikkelson, Lilly Williams, Cooper Stasinowsky, Mikayla Keller and Liam Preston. The assembly will commence at 9:00am in the school assembly hall. See you there!

### Excellent Feedback

I would like to share with you some of the feedback we received from the recent classroom observations conducted by other Principals from our Network.

- \* Kids engaged in classes – teacher just facilitating the discussion
- \* Students like Learning Intentions – they know what they are doing
- \* School feels totally different to a couple of years ago – good feeling

It was reassuring; especially from the last comment that the largely 'unseen' work that we have been doing is making a difference to our students' education. A number of the visitors said "you've got everything in place". The work now is to continue to improve and refine what we are doing and be relentlessly consistent.

### Range of Choices

As we are a small school we sometimes have to provide evidence to the Department that we are able to offer a wide range of curriculum opportunities for our small number of students.

This week I've sent off the details of our Foundation to Year 10 curriculum and also added the range of subjects and courses available at the senior level of our school.

This year we offer 10 Unit 1/2 VCE subjects, 12 Unit 3/4 VCE subjects, VCAL and have 1 student undertaking a first year university course. There are also a number of students attending a VETis (Vocational Education Training in Schools) program and students completing School Based Apprenticeships in Engineering, Agriculture and Building and Construction. I know of much larger schools that don't offer the range of opportunities that we do!

### School Council

The next School Council Meeting will be Monday the 13<sup>th</sup> of May at 7:30pm.

#### Our Space Session

Next Wed 3rd April we will be having our first term "Our Space Session". Students will be working together to get everything ready for Friday, when our school will be on show, as well as tidying up our specified areas. Please wear work clothes on the day. Instead of a lunch on that day we will have our first BIG BREAKFAST. This will be served on the Junior school verandah and starting at 8.30am

### Calendar 2019

#### April

Wed 3 Our Space & Big Breakfast  
Fri 5th **Student free day**  
Staff PD day

#### Term 2

Tues 23 *Start of Term 2*  
Thu 25 ANZAC day –no school  
Tue 30 Senior school athletics

#### May

Fri 3 Cluster X Country @ Beulah (Jr)  
Mon 6 Little Desert Aths @ Nhill (Sr)  
Tue 7 MARC van  
Wed 15 P-12 X Country  
Tue 21 MARC van  
Little Desert X Country @ Kaniva

### Teacher Housing

The four vacant teacher units on King Street will go to Auction on Friday the 5<sup>th</sup> of April at 2:00pm. Please contact North West Real Estate for further information



## **Students of the Week**



Junior school- Edison, William, Clancy & Chantelle



Senior school - Ericka, Murphy & Jordy

## **Here are the reasons for this week's awards**

**Jordy and Murphy** – for excellent leadership and effort in assisting with the after-school cricket program

**Ericka** – for improved self-control and optimism in classes

**Chantelle** – for her effort and perseverance in Mathematics

**Clancy** - for his optimism, self-control and grit, always trying his best and seeking help when needed

**William** – for being persistent in all subjects and always trying his best

**Edison** – for his social intelligence, always helping others during maths problem solving sessions and offering practical solutions to peers experiencing conflict

*Congratulations*

## **From our School Captains– Liam & Mikayla**

As all students are aware, our school has a number of character strengths that we pride ourselves on displaying. Gratitude, self-control, curiosity, zest, social intelligence, grit and optimism are all character strengths that our students are recognised for, through award receipts and student of the week. However, the display of these strengths should be not only seen in the classroom and at school, but also recognised at home and within the community in general.

In saying this, we would like to recognise and congratulate Lewis Cocks who went out of his way to assist our staff with an incident after school during the week. He acted in a very thoughtful and responsible manner and we know that the staff involved were very appreciative of his involvement.

It is actions like these that we would like to see rewarded whether it be through receipts or a student of the week from teachers, or through recognition, encouragement and reward at home. We encourage you acknowledge when your child displays our character strengths, in an effort to inspire them to display them wherever they may be.

We would also like to congratulate all the students who are to be presented leadership badges at Monday's assembly. These students are being recognised for being role models and displaying our character strengths, and they should all be very proud of their achievements, as should their parents.

*Only 4 more days of school for the term, let's make the last week a good one!*



**4**  
DAYS



# 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!



Lane in a bit of a spin!



Kolby & Tyler having a ball!



Kayla showing her great balancing skills



Pippa's handy work



Edi proud of his crafty work



Lego in action at Tech time



Lenny helping Seth film his movie



Inara has a starring role in her film with Lily



Jas & Ash taking great care of NAO



Tech time -  
minecraft  
central!





## **Year 7/8 Humanities Excursion – from Miss Wizz (Mrs Clarke)**



Ben points out foot-holes carved into a tree, along with scars from a coolamon (carrying vessel)

On Monday, the Year 7/8 Humanities class did a tour around the local lakes with Ben Muir, the Aboriginal Water Officer with the Wimmera Catchment Management Authority. Ben talked with us about how the Wotjobaluk, Jaadwa, Jadawadjali, Wergaia and Jupagulk people lived on the land, and the importance of the waterways to their lives. We saw a number of scar trees which were used to make canoes, coolamons and shields; shell middens at Ross Lakes; and a ring tree which directed people to water sources. Ben explained the work of surveying and recording these areas of significance by the WCMA and Barenji-Gadjin Land Council. This was a wonderful opportunity for us all to expand our understanding of aboriginal culture and some of the struggles faced by the original inhabitants of the local area.



Students gather around to observe a scar tree



Great teamwork shown by the class in removing half a tree from the track to Ross Lakes, supervised by Shanae!

We also paid a quick visit to the Wimmera Mallee Pioneer Museum in Jeparit, to complement a previous visit to the Rainbow Archives. We have been studying the geographical details of the local waterways and their importance to the local aboriginal tribes, pioneer settlers and modern day residents. We will incorporate all of this research into an Informative 3 dimensional map of Lake Hindmarsh, Outlet Creek and Lake Albacutya.

### **Wanted**

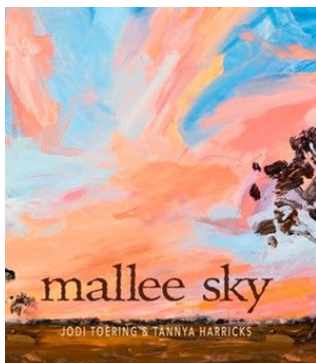
We are looking for donations of clean recyclable materials for our primary classes to use for Music and Play to Learn.

If you have any at home please send them to the  
Year 2/3/4 Classrooms.

Thank you







# Jodi Toering – Author visit



Jodi taught us how to be a good author. She taught us about the concepts of engage & affect. She also read her book to us.  
Sharni

*Jodi reading her book to the Prep/1/2s*



*The Prep/1/2s drawing a mural of the Mallee*

Jodi was a good teacher & author and she was so friendly.  
Archer

When Jodi came to our school it was interesting as we learnt how an author writes books  
Dustin.



*A bit of brotherly teamwork - Koby & Clancy*

Jodi came to Rainbow P-12 and taught us how to be authors. It was fun.  
William



*Lenny & Addi hard at work using description*



*The 3/4 students listening intently to her book*

I had a great time with Jodi at our school because she taught us about how to write a story and how to put persuasive language in. She read her book to us too and I really liked it. Jodi was great!  
Caleb

Jodie came to Rainbow P-12 College and taught us what a great author does. We did "show not tell" and she read her book. It was a great session.  
Lenny



*Giaan & Annika coming up with ideas*

It was great because we learnt how to describe a noun without saying it.  
Will

I enjoyed having Jodi in the class because she was fun and she made us use magnificent words.  
Zander

I liked learning about the meaning of Mallee Sky & where the book was set.  
Holly



*Cooper in serious concentration mode*

# eheadspace



**eheadspace** provides online and telephone support and counselling to young people 12 - 25 and their families and friends. If you are going through a tough time, eheadspace can help.

Here you can talk 1-on-1 with an eheadspace clinician via an online chat, email or over the phone. You can also join group chats which cover a variety of helpful topics and are a great way to learn from other people's experiences.

For many people, the best place to start is the [information library](#) where you can find tips and resources on a range of topics and issues.

## How they can help...

- \* If you are feeling down
- \* If you are feeling stressed
- \* If you are being bullied
- \* If you have concerns about drugs and alcohol
- \* Getting along with your family and friends
  - \* Romantic relationships
  - \* Questions about sex
- \* Questions about gender and who you are attracted to
  - \* Getting advice about helping a friend
  - \* Anything you want to talk about!

[eheadspace.org.au](http://eheadspace.org.au)

## **Asthma, Anaphylaxis and Allergic Reactions forms**

If your child has any of the above medical conditions they are required to have a form filled out by a Doctor.

The allergic reactions form is a new form and if your child/children have any allergies they should fill out this form.

All medication for the student is to be sent to school in the original packing with instructions clearly written.

If you require a form or wish to check if your current form is out of date, can you please contact Leonie Clarke at the College



## **Good Home Required!**

The demand for the teachers' desks we now have in abundance has, to say the least, been underwhelming. We still have a number of these desks available and they would make great homework desks for students.

If you are interested please write the amount you are prepared to pay, on a piece of paper and put it in a sealed envelope with your name and telephone number on the front of the envelope. Leave your 'Mystery Auction' bid with Leonie or Michelle in the front office. Bidding closes at 4pm next Thursday 4th April.





# The Pink Stumps game

## The colour, the cricket & the crowd!



Hugo ready for action!



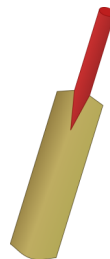
Clancy in the field



Macy ready to bowl



Bay 13! (Simone & Tony brightening up the event)



The paparazzi (AKA Mr Photographer extraordinaire— Les Graetz)



Thumbs up from Lenny



Ryder getting ready to be wicketkeeper



Unique batting stance from Parker



Congratulations to the Scouts,  
Mr Leach, the crowd & the kids  
for their efforts!



Evan with a lovely zinc mo!



## **Canteen Roster 2019**

### **April**

Mon 1 S. Smith  
Wed 3 C. Cocks  
Fri 5 **Pupil free day**

Wed 24 R. Bastin  
Fri 26 E. Clarke/ N. Kruger

Mon 29 C. Petschel

### **May**

Wed 1 S. Clark  
Fri 3 K. Weir/ C. Fisher

Mon 6 J. James/ M. Zadow  
Wed 8 R. Richards  
Fri 10 J. Thomas

Mon 13 E. Eckermann  
Wed 15 D. Huff  
Fri 16 N. Eckermann/ L. Heinrich

Mon 20 K. McKenzie  
Wed 22 D. Camilleri  
Fri 24 T. Tregenza/ S. Gelligan

Mon 27 T. Bigham/ A. Roberts  
Wed 29 J. Keller  
Fri 31 T. Gould/ A. J. Heinrich

### **June**

Mon 3 C. Saul/ S. Coyne  
Wed 5 K. Preston  
Fri 7 B. Eckermann

Mon 10 Queens Birthday Holiday  
Wed 12 C. Roll  
Fri 14 R. Keller/ R Clugston

Mon 17 M. Ismay  
Wed 19 N. Leach  
Fri 21 A. Riordan

Mon 24 S. Perkins  
Wed 26 J. Fuller  
Fri 28 N. Kruger/ E. Clarke

## **Canteen Emergency Workers**

Lauren Heinrich (Wed & Fri only)	0459363319
Kim Kajewski	0448352251
Debbie Lowe	0488115973

Please contact the above emergency workers if you are unable to do your canteen duty.  
\$20 is to be paid to the emergency worker.

Canteen operating days are Monday, Wednesday & Friday. Senior students have access to the sandwich toasters & microwave 5 days a week

## **Payment of 2019 School Fees**

School Fees are now due and can be paid at the office with cash or credit card, you may also choose to direct deposit

**The direct deposit details are as follows:**

**Bank CBA 063737  
A/C Number 10049249**



**Shake Rattle  
and READ**



## **Term 1 Dates**

### **April**

Monday 1st - Shake, Rattle & Read  
Tuesday 2nd Playgroup

**DON'T FORGET YOUR READING  
BAGS**