

Principal's Report from Mr Coffey

Have Your Say!

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 all parents. It is designed to assist schools in gaining an understanding of parents' perceptions of school climate, student behaviour, student engagement and experiences of remote and flexible learning. Our school will use the survey results to help inform and direct future school planning and improvement strategies.

ALL 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 12th October to Friday 13th November. The survey will be conducted online, only takes 20 minutes to complete, and can be accessed at any convenient time within the fieldwork period on desktop computers, laptops, tablets or smartphones.

This year the survey link and password will be emailed to you at the email address we have recorded for you at the school. If we do not have an email address for you, a print copy will be provided for you. If you have not received your survey information by next Wednesday the 21st of October please contact me at the school. Let's see if we can achieve a 100% response rate this year!

Read All About It!

A lot of valuable information is included in our weekly newsletter and we expect that all families, students and staff would take the time to find out what is happening in the school.

Please check the newsletter each week as there is always information regarding school activities, special achievements and permission and order forms attached.

When we sent the newsletter out with the eldest in the family, the students were able to read it but it sometimes didn't find its way home to parents.

Now that we are emailing it out the students aren't seeing it and we believe fewer parents are reading it too.

If you would like a printed copy sent home with the eldest child in your family, as well as a copy emailed to you, please let Leonie in the office know.

School Council and Parents and Friends

Information regarding the next School Council meeting being held by Webex on Monday the 9th of November at 7:30 pm, will be emailed to all councillors.

Rainbow P-12 College Parents & Friends Club Meeting

Monday 19th October at 10am via Zoom

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/72810842903?pwd=SVBGRXhgenJsaGxoQ0NXtTmTNIIXZz09>

Meeting ID: 728 1084 2903

Passcode: 3D3Scf

Calendar

Week 3

Mon 19th	Parents & Friends @ 10am via Zoom
Wed 21st	Piano theory exam
Thurs 22nd	Piano practical exams
Fri 23rd	Grand Final & Thank you holiday
	No school

Week 5

Mon 2nd	Last day for Year 12s
Tue 3rd	Melb Cup Holiday
	No school

Stay Informed

I encourage all parents and students to continue to access the Department of Health and Human Services website for the latest public health information.

<https://www.dhhs.vic.gov.au/coronavirus>

More information about schools and coronavirus (COVID-19) can be found on the Department's website, which will continue to be updated:

<https://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/departments/Pages/coronavirus.aspx>

Drink Bottles

Please ensure that your child/children have a full water bottle each day.

Canteen

Monday, Wednesday & Fridays are our canteen days and until further notice the canteen lunches will continue to be provided by the Bow Bakery.

The Cove Café will operate at lunchtime on Tuesdays & Thursdays and each day at recess commencing on Monday 26th October.

Asthma/ Anaphylaxis forms

Thank you to parents/carers who have returned their updated forms. For those who haven't and may have misplaced them, please contact Leonie Clarke at the College and a replacement form will be sent home.

School Banking

School Banking has started again. Tuesday is school banking book day for students who wish to participate.

Man Cave

Following the successful online Man Cave session the attached Man Cave document has been sent for you to read.

Football

Last week's football final between Richmond & St. Kilda ended up with Mr Coffey changing his hair colour after his team "The Saints" were beaten. Lilly, Holly & Nekeisha had great delight in spraying his hair black & yellow.

Mr Coffey – Charlie Roberts

Free verse poem

My principal Mr.Coffey lost a bet
He was very sad
And his team has not won yet
I swear to god it made him mad

So the other day we coloured his hair
And because it was runny
he did not find it fair
but we all found it funny

We showed each and every class
He wanted it over fast
He was so embarrassed he didn't look at the glass
And now he says it's in the past.

Before, during and
after the hair
colour spray



VCAL INNOVATORS

The VCAL students were straight back into working on the Sensory Room. While Matt & Max worked on constructing a door frame all the other students worked together to put in the insulation. It was great that we had Jas there to record their efforts.



Aidan and his valuable height!



Lachie S, Phoenix & Paddy working hard!



Our senior VCAL lads - Matt & Max



The door frame going up



All hands on deck as the insulation goes in



Ash & Nicole working hard to install the insulation



Ash in a box? Need we say more!



Great work from all the students in the rather warm conditions

Miss Teasdale's English Class – Poetry

Students wrote a variety of different poems over the last fortnight.

These are their favourites they wrote.

Canola Fields – Lilly Williams – Free verse poem

We drove down the country road.
Surrounded by vibrant yellow canola.
In a few more weeks they would be windrowed.
I just wanted a coca cola.

Birds – Breanna Francis – Free verse poem

There was a bird
She had plastics wrap on her wing
She had a friend that was turd
Then she started to sing

She heard something creeping to her
The bird starting freaking out
The cat said she was to kill her and then she said der.
She was thinking if she should shout

The bird stated to run
The cat was too fast for the bird
The cat tried to bite the birds bum
The bird saw a nerd

The bird thought the nerd could help
The cat was getting closer and the bird was getting tired
Then then the cat started to melt
The bird saw the cat and she looked weird.

Spring – Chantelle Muggeridge – Haiku

Cherry blossoms blow
Children coming home from school
Laughter fills the air

I was made to write this poem – Cooper Stasinowsky – Limerick

So I was made to write this poem
Because there's no data on the modem
Maccas would be great right now
My cat agreed and said meow
I hope the Maccas people start loadin'
only to be consumed by winter.

Flying Fish – Phoebe Bigham – Free verse poem

There was a fish that stood out from the rest.
She stood out because she had wings.
She felt like her family went west.
She shone like diamond rings.

All the other fish would tease her.
There were clownfish and angelfish, some others to.
When she talked they called her names but after they would say der.
They made her feel like an animal trapped in a zoo.

One day she felt like swimming away.
She thought she would be happy without them.
When she left she realised she would be easy prey.
She swam cautiously so she wouldn't meet the mean shark called Clem.

She swam and swam through lots of ocean
sometimes coming across a current.
She met many creatures like starfish, whales,
stingrays and crabs.
Although she never came across a merchant.
She even came across some underwater labs.
She swam west for 10 nights and days.
She wondered if she would ever live happily.
She met a kind dolphin who helped her find
different ways.

Until one day she found her flying fish family.



Scat Men – Aiden Preston – Limerick

There once was seven scat men
That bent music to the beat of ten
And broke all the pegs
They liked eating eggs
And they all owned a hen.

Beach Time - Holly Doxey – Senses Poem

I FELT the scorching sun on my face as I walked through boiling hot sand on feet and the grainy sand in between my toes. The refreshing water splash on my face as I get close to the waves.

I could TASTE the salty cold water in my mouth as I'm catching the waves. The hot fish and chips are making my mouth water as I burn my tongue.

I through the sand and I SAW noisy children running around with their friends and family. I can see the sea gulls trying to take everyone's fish and chips.

I HEARD the family's screaming at the sea gulls not to take their food. Laughter fills the air as family and friends are having the time of their lives not in lockdown.

I could SMELL the delicious fish and chips all through the air as people enjoyed them. I can smell the salty water on my bathers and as I walk closer to the water.

Haiku Format – Nekeisha Bastin – Haiku

How much can I fit
Into a haiku format
Oh no I'm out of

Wear Your Mask – Kayden Kue-Sales – Haiku

It is good for you
It will keep away COVID
Wear a mask dummy!

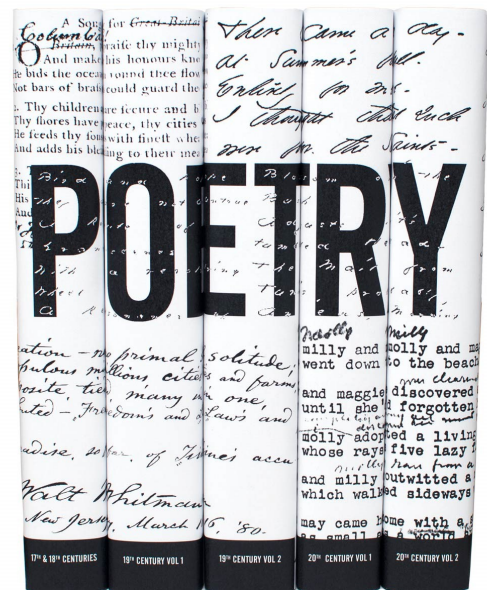


The Rustling Season – Zander Eckermann – Sonnet

Why does thine leave fall on thine autumn road,
only to be crushed by grinding cars.
Gusty winds rustle among the trees,
helping thou tree wilt for thine winter days.

Summer has recently come and gone again,
the days grow slowly but surely smaller
So is the way with thine colder season,
not so much with the days of frostiness,
or of the days of thee scorching sunshine.

Oh, how the creatures big and small prepare,
so naturally they gather their resources,
thine winter shan't catch thee off guard this day.
A truly wonderful season it is
only to be consumed by winter.



Senses – Ben Purchase – Free verse

As I walk through the rainforest the cold rain
is slowly sprinkling through the thick
vegetation. It turns to a mist that appears as
a sweet droplet.

As you chop through the thick vegetation be
careful of animals or you might be their next
snack.

Looking for the city of gold to pay their bills
and to buy a shovel, to find a tiger skin.

5/6 DIGITECH

THE DESIGN PROCESS IN ACTION

Here are some photos of two of the pack delivery systems that the students came up with during remote learning. It is great that the creators can now explain their work on site!



Above is Will Fisher explaining and demonstrating his creation that featured in the newsletter last term.



Below are some photos of Baxter's creation. He demonstrated how it worked exceedingly well...I liked how he described it as simple but effective!



There are still a couple of projects in progress. I was very impressed with the endeavour and commitment of the students that worked hard to complete their projects.

In this edition of SchoolTV - RAISING BOYS

Many parents will attest to the fact that most boys are active, loud, rambunctious and prone to rough play, but this should not affect how a parent acts towards their son. Be careful not to pigeon-hole your son into sex specific behaviours or gender roles. The male brain is distinctly differently in its development.

A boy's physical maturity is often at odds with his mental and brain development.

Societal beliefs about how to raise boys can sometimes influence their adult carers. Although we are not determined by our biology, it is a factor.

It is important to support boys in their natural tendencies and nurture their strengths and abilities.

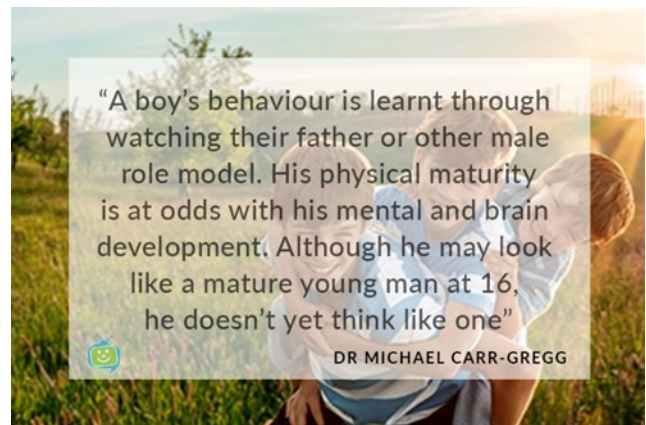
Teach them the skills they need for their future and to develop a healthy identity. It is important for boys to have a role model they can connect with and acknowledge who they are. One of the most important determinants for a boy's development is how secure they feel growing up.

In this edition of SchoolTV, adult carers will gain a better understanding into some of the more complex issues relating to raising boys.

We hope you take time to reflect on the information offered in this edition of SchoolTV and we always welcome your feedback. If you have any concerns about your child, please contact the school counsellor for further information or seek medical or professional help.

Here is the link to the **Raising Boys** edition of SchoolTV

<https://rainbowp12.vic.schooltv.me/newsletter/raising-boys>





Sandpit Construction Zone

Shocktober

Shocktober packs were provided to all students in Years 7 to 9.

Information sessions were delivered to all Junior classes and Senior students received a fridge magnet.



Grades 5 & 6 students watch Will Fisher practice what they learnt in their session .



UPCOMING CASUAL DAYS

FOOTY COLOURS THURSDAY 22nd OCTOBER



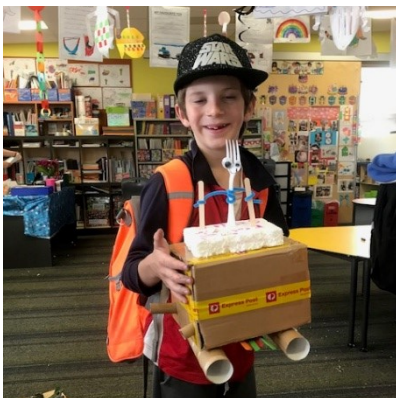
HALLOWEEN FRIDAY 30th OCTOBER



Due to the fact that Halloween falls on a weekend and that Trick or Treat is not happening this year (due to COVID-19 restrictions) we thought that we could have a bit of a Halloween celebration at school!

Stay tuned for more details in next week's newsletter

Forky is in the building!



Tyler and his Forky creation



Sadie's great effort



Murphy's proud of his forky!

MASKS @ RAINBOW P-12 COLLEGE

- Secondary school students aged 12 and above **must** wear a face mask while at school and travelling to & from school.
- Face masks that **cover the nose & mouth** are the only permitted type of face covering. Face shields, scarves or bandanas are **not** acceptable.
- It is **your responsibility** to provide your own mask – the school has a small number of spare masks if yours becomes damaged during the day.
- Some students are **exempt** from this requirement due to medical conditions. They will need to see Mr Coffey and provide evidence from a doctor or medical specialist to support their request.
- Brief face mask **breaks** are allowed during the day. They should meet the following requirements :
 - o physical distancing is in place (1.5 m)
 - o when outdoors
 - o when eating food
- If you have any **questions or concerns** please see Mr Coffey.

