



NEWSLETTER

Rainbow P-12 College is a Child Safe School

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Principal's Report from Mr Coffey

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Welcome!

We wish to extend a friendly Mallee welcome to another new student! We have Jorja Heinrich joining our Year 8 class. I'm sure Jorja will enjoy our safe and friendly rural school and the rich opportunities our community provides. Jorja's arrival brings our total enrolment to 112 students, with 54 students in the junior school and 58 students in the senior school.

2021 NAPLAN

I am very proud to say that 100% of our year 3, 5, 7 and 9 Students have completed the 2021 NAPLAN assessments by the end of this week. Students completed the tests using the online platform, except the Year 3 Writing test, that was administered in the historic pencil and print format.

There are many opinions and a lot of debate regarding the NAPLAN testing program. I too have my opinion and encourage all students to participate, to the best of their ability, as students, parents and schools receive valuable external assessment data on how our students and therefore school is performing in comparison to other schools.

I would like to offer many thanks to Miss Appledore and Mrs. Gregory for preparing the technology and coordinating the suite of testing and many thanks to the students for showing grit and completing the tests.

Mobile Phone Policy

In accordance with the Department's Mobile Phone Policy issued by the Minister for Education, personal mobile phones must not be used at school during school hours, including lunchtime and recess, from the start of term 1 2020. Our school procedure to support the Student Mobile Phone Policy requires that students switch off their mobile phone immediately on arrival at school and lock their phone in one of the YONDR pouches. Students may keep the pouch with them or store them in the pouch holder and collect their phone at the end of the school day.

In order to model the appropriate use of mobile phones all staff have been instructed not to use mobile phones unless they have received an exemption from the Principal during their classes and to use them only in either the social staff room or the staff work area when they are not on duty.

2021 Calendar

May

Week 5

Thu 20 & Fri 21 Outdoor Ed camp

Week 6

Wed 26 Preps– Wild exposure animal encounter
Ecolink Prep to Yr 8

Week 7

Mon 31 GWR Cross Country

June

Wed 2 SM Winter sports Yr 5/6

Week 8

Wed 9 GAT

2020 Annual Report to the School Community

School Council will present the 2020 Annual Report to the School Community at 7.30pm on Monday the 21st of June. The Annual Report is prepared to inform parents and the wider school community of the school's successes, activities and achievements throughout the year. Print copies of the 2020 Annual Report will be available at the front office, on the Skoolbag app, on the website and you are welcome to attend the presentation evening in June.

Important Meetings

The next School Council Meeting will be Monday 21st June at 7:30pm and the Parents & Friends Meeting will be on Wednesday 16th June @ 10am.

Principal's Report from Mr Coffey continued-

Capital Works News

The VSBA (Victorian Schools Building Authority) and the architects have been meeting regularly over the last few weeks. I had a phone call from the architect, keeping in touch, to let me know that the VSBA and architects were discussing the scope of the works including entitled areas and West's Paddock.

Good Hygiene

It is that time of year again that brings the onset of colds and flus. If your child is unwell, please keep them at home and inform the school of their absence.

It is still vitally important to practise good hygiene as we have been accustomed to due to the COVID virus. We still have our cleaners working throughout the day to ensure surfaces are cleaned regularly and we have readily accessible supplies of hand sanitiser.

Stay Safe!

Stay Informed & More Information

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>

Student Awards



Evie received a special award as she has learnt all her orange and green words as well as reading for 75 nights! Congratulations Evie.



Congratulations to Nate on receiving his red words certificate.

Reading achievements to the end of week 4



This week we congratulate the following students



50 nights reading

Year 3/4: Kayla

Year 5/6: Oscar

75 nights reading

Prep: Elsie

Year 3/4: Callum

100 nights reading

Year 1/2: Emma

Year 3/4: Taylor, Inara

Little Desert Interschool Athletics held at Nhill on 3rd May 2021

The senior team from Rainbow P-12 travelled to Nhill to compete against the other senior schools from the region. A total of 19 students attended and every one of them competed to the best of their abilities. Students gave some very commendable performances.

The results for the events are below.

13 years

Phoebe Bigham: 2nd High Jump; 5th Triple Jump; 5th 100m

Zander Eckermann: 4th Triple Jump

William Fisher: 6th Long Jump

Amelie Fuller: 5th 400m

Parker Gould: 1st 800m; 2nd Discus; 5th 100m; 5th Javelin

Sally Smith: 5th Shotput; 4th Discus

14 years

Nekeisha Bastin: 1st Long Jump; 4th Triple Jump

Holly Doxey: 5th Shotput

Breanna Francis: 5th High Jump

Cooper Stasinowsky: 5th Javelin; 5th Discus

15 years

Lewis Cocks: 2nd Discus

Shekinah Hurlstone: 2nd Javelin

Emma Boyle: 2nd Discus

16 years

Tessa Leach: 1st Triple Jump; 2nd 800m

17 years

Gracie Hurlstone: 1st Discus; 1st Long Jump

1st Shotput; 2nd Javelin; 2nd Triple Jump

Phoenix Oakley: 1st 800m; 1st 1500m

Lachlan Staples: 1st Javelin; 1st Discus; 2nd Shotput

18 years

Erin Preston: 1st Javelin;

Bronte Eckermann: 1st Shotput; 3rd Discus

First place students, **Nekeisha Bastin, Bronte Eckermann, Parker Gould, Gracie Hurlstone, Tessa Leach, Phoenix Oakley, Erin Preston and Lachlan Staples** qualify to participate in the GWR Athletics at Ballarat on 7th October.

It was also pleasing to see how our students supported and encouraged each other and also helped out Miss Wizz and Mrs Fulton with their jobs of supervising the javelin events. Thank you to Mizz Wizz & Mrs Fulton for taking the students to Nhill and for their support on the day.

Snowy River Update

Greetings from the Snowy River Campus (SSL) !!! We are really happy to be able to let you know how we are going with our leadership journey and personal development at the SSL. We have done a number of interesting team-building classes covering topics like Resilience and Empathy. As you know we have here so many new people we haven't seen before, so we do team-building activities to help strengthen our bond and develop our team. Our first team building class was "Teams Day", where we did activities such as Crocodile River where we had to use team coordination to pick up our teammate that was on a crate far away while walking as a group on a plank using rope. It took a lot of coordination. Another activity was bridge-building where we had to make structures using pillars of wood to get across the "river". Overall we're having so much fun and can't wait to show our CLP project to you when we get back.

Miss you all, from the Snowy River Campus!!!

Celie, Dylan, Heidi and Marty.

Birte, Timo and new baby Niklas

For those of you in our school community who remember Birte, our German Language Assistant, I have some lovely news.

Birte married Timo last year in a quiet ceremony as COVID restrictions put a stop to their big wedding plans. Birte has been living in Hamburg and working in a school until recently when she and Timo welcomed their new baby boy, Niklas. Birte tells me they are all well and looking forward to this new life adventure.

We wish them all the best for all that lies ahead.



Baby Niklas



STUDENT VOICE, AGENCY & LEADERSHIP (SVAL)

Great effort from the
Jr Fundraising crew for
organising
Do it for Dolly day!

UPCOMING MEETINGS

SRC: Tue 25th May

JR SRC:

**STUDENT FORUM: Tue 8th
June**

JR FUNDRAISING:

JR FUNDRAISING NEWS

DO IT FOR DOLLY DAY

Raised **\$168**

**This will be sent to Dolly's
Dream to help fight
against bullying**

STUDENT FORUM

Baxter has been working on a proposal for the Farming/Agricultural subject. Some of ideas include :

- Chemical safety
- Touring local farms
- Learning about the different seeds
- Soil testing



STUDENT VOICE THINK TANK

**Do you have ideas about how to
make our school a better place?**

**Are there things that you would
like to see happen at our school?**

If so **WE NEED YOU!**

**We are setting up a small team of
motivated & innovative students
who will work together to make
Rainbow P-12 College the place
to be!**

**Please see Mrs Petschel if you
are interested.**



W-BAT Well-Being Action Team

**We are after some student
representation on our W-BAT.**

**If you would like to have a say
in wellbeing issues at our
school then this is the team for
you!**

**Please see Mrs Petschel if
you are interested.**



MEET OUR JUNIOR COMMUNITY FUNDRAISING TEAM **Farms in Need**

**Here are the reasons why they are
part of the team**



**Maggie Fisher, Oscar Clarke,
Lenny Weir, Addison Fisher & Ryder Gould**

I joined the group because it is a very good cause and I thought that helping other farms sounds fun & helpful – Ryder

I had breakfast one morning and I heard on the news about the drought. I came to school and talked to Mrs Petschel about what I heard on the news and she agreed ..and here we are now – Lenny

I think it is important to fundraise for all the farmers that were in drought and had all their animals die – Addison

*I think it is good to help people in need -
Oscar*

*Because I love to help and do something great for other people -
Maggie*

Shake Rattle & READ

Term 2

SRR - 9.30am at Rainbow P-12 College

PLAYGROUP - 9.30-11.30am at Kinder

May 24th Playgroup

May 31st Shake, Rattle & Read

June 7th Playgroup

June 14th Public Holiday

June 21st Playgroup



Term 2

May

Fri 21 S. Cocks/ T. Tregenza

Mon 24 Sharon Smith

Wed 26 K. Preston

Fri 28 M. Zadow / C. Zadow

Mon 31 Renee Clugston

June

Wed 2 B. Eckermann

Fri 4 Samantha Smith

Mon 7 A. Riordan

Wed 9 A. Ey

Fri 11 T. Bigham/ A. Roberts

Mon 14 Queen's Birthday - no school

Wed 16 D. Camilleri

Fri 18 S. Clark/ F. Czuczman

Mon 21 C. Stasinowsky

Wed 23 E. Staples

Fri 25 C. Saul/ S. Millward-Coyne

**RAINBOW SCOUT GROUP
WOULD LIKE TO INVITE YOU**

To our Campfire cooking night/
Bring a Friend Night

**TUE 25TH MAY 2021
4 TILL 5.30PM**

@ THE RAINBOW SCOUT HALL

**CUB 7.5 TO 11 YEARS
SCOUTS 11 TO 15 YEARS**

PARENTS/CARERS TO PLEASE SIGN
THEIR YOUTH MEMBER IN
NOTIFY ME OF FOOD
ALLERGIES PLEASE.

**More Info
Claire Roll
0428149978**

PIC-COLLAGE

Canteen Emergency Workers

Tammy Bigham (M, W, F)	0427820684
Samantha Smith (M,W,F)	0431152327
Debbie Lowe (M,F only)	0488115973
Lauren Heinrich (W only)	0459363319
Kim Kajewski (Fridays only)	0448352251

If you require an emergency worker contact one of the above listed people or arrange a swap with a parent on the canteen roster.

\$20 payment to emergency worker.

Please contact the above emergency workers if you are unable to do your canteen duty.

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