



NEWSLETTER

Rainbow P-12 College is a Child Safe School

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Principal's Report from Mr Coffey

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Capital Works Program

On Wednesday this week, we had a busy and rewarding number of Webex on-line interviews with the architects vying to be the preferred architectural firm for our capital works program. School Council President Allan Roberts, Assistant Principal Colleen Petschel, our VSBA Project Officer, the Regional Provision Planning Officer and I participated in the selection process. Once the preferred architect has been appointed I will inform you in the newsletter.

We are now in Phase 2 of the Asset Management Plan. The AMP has two distinct Phases:

- AMP 1 - outlining the school's educational directions, educational specification, and a basic facilities analysis. A facilities analysis considers functionality, condition and spatial analysis.
- AMP 2 - developing a more detailed master plan/spatial analysis that is informed by AMP 1 as well as broader site and project requirements.

The proposed timeline for each phase is 12 weeks. I will pass on more information as I receive it. Exciting times!

A Toast

Just to officially let all families know that each lunchtime in the multi-purpose building there are toasted sandwich presses, microwaves and hot water available for students to access so they can have a hot lunch.

We're using a common sense approach so there is no age restriction on students using this equipment. The expectation is that your child can use a microwave or sandwich maker safely at home and therefore use the same technology safely at school.

As the risk of using boiling water is higher it is recommended that "if they don't boil and use water at home, they shouldn't use it at school either".

The students are supervised using the equipment rather than a teacher or teachers being on duty to heat up the food. So far it is going very well with lots of happy students able to independently and safely heat up something yummy for their lunch.

2021 Calendar

March

Week 8

Mon 15 Parents & Friends Annual Meeting at 10am
School Council at 7.30pm

Fri 19 GWR Swim
Flourish Girl & Man Cave

Week 9

Mon 22 Return date for school photo forms

Tue 23 Senior Aths

Thur 25 **School Photos**
(Summer uniform to be worn)

Week 10

Mon 29-Tue 30 Berry Street training
Student free days
(APPROVED)

Wed 31 **School Fete cancelled**
(new date to be advised)

Cyber Safety with Susan McLean

Thu 1 End of term
2.30pm dismissal

Principals report continued.....

Intervention and Extension Programs

As part of the DET (Department of Education and Training) Learning catch-up and extension priority and our regular intervention programs, we have almost half of our 55 junior students and two thirds of our senior students identified to participate in an intervention or extension program.

We are currently finalising the arrangements for the many intervention and extension programs we provide for students.

The students who experience the greatest success from these programs have excellent school attendance, receive support from home and practice the skills learnt at school.

Due to the number of eligible students, and to maximise the benefits of the resources allocated to these programs, students who regularly miss school and don't have the support from home to practice the skills may be removed from the program to make positions available for other students.

More information will be sent home over the next few weeks on the opportunities available to your child.



Student Attendance

Although this may seem contradictory to the article above, although school attendance every day is encouraged there are valid exceptions where your child is sick or unwell.

At the moment there is a gastro bug going around and we seek your support in not sending your child to school if they are feeling unwell.



School Fete Postponed

The Parents & Friends have decided to cancel the 31st of March as the date for the school fete and will set a new date for later in the year.



Upcoming Meetings

The next School Council Meeting will be Monday the 15th of March at 7:30pm.

Parents & Friends Annual General Meeting will be on Monday the 15th of March at 10:00 am.



Students Lunches and Snacks

Please ensure that students lunches & snacks are packed in closed containers.



The Senior School Athletics Sports are on
Tuesday 23rd March at the
Recreation Reserve.

We require volunteers to help in the
track & field events.

If you can assist please contact
Mrs Fulton at the College on 53951063.

Progress Reports for Yrs 10,11 & 12

All Year 10,11 and 12 students have received their Term 1 Progress Report.

Can all parents and caregivers please have a look at them with their children and discuss their progress with them. If any parents/caregivers have any concerns about their child's progress report they can contact Mr Glover.

Reading in the Junior School

Reading every night is a focus in the Junior school area this year.

We would like to congratulate the students who have gained their reading certificates.

25 nights reading

Prep: Nate, Hayden, Evie, Elsie

Year 1/2: Emma, Hendrix, Murphy

Year 3/4: Harry, Taylor, Adalyn, Inara, Ruby, Haylee

Year 5/6: Maggie, James, Addison, Annika, Giaan, Lily, Amaya, Heidi, Jacob



On the shelves

The library has had a bit of a revamp this term, creating more seating space for students, and keeping all our great books in one corner of the library.

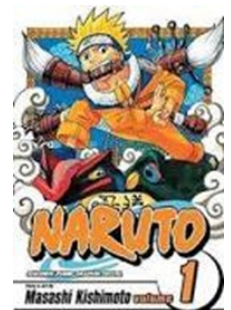


Borrowing

There has been lots of borrowing activity from students, which is great to see. Just a reminder to return books promptly so that they are available for others to read. We loan books out on an honesty system and therefore rely on students and families to ensure books are cared for and returned to the library. All books should be marked with a Rainbow P12 College stamp and spine stickers to make them easily identifiable.

New Books

We have added a new genre of book to our collection this year - Manga. Manga is a style of Japanese comic books which are extremely popular with a number of our students. I love that these books are published in the traditional Japanese style of reading from right to left, which means the usual 'back' of the book is actually the front! This is great for giving students an experience and understanding of different cultures.



Housekeeping

We have a regular box of new release books from Scholastic delivered throughout the year, which keeps our collection fresh and up to date. At various times throughout the year, we remove some titles from the shelves to free up space and dispose of books that are damaged. Please rest assured this does not mean that we are censoring the library, or only valuing new texts. We have a section dedicated to classics, and still retain many titles from the near and distant past. (I know I look through the shelves and recognise many books that I loved as a teenager, and that is many years ago!)

Teddy Bear Picnic



A week in the life of Rainbow P-12 College

DigiTech action!



Sadie, Lane & Emma working hard!



Koby & Murphy with their crane



Hendrix on the search for that piece of Lego



Tyler, Kolby & Phoenix in action



Kolby & Phoenix with their creation



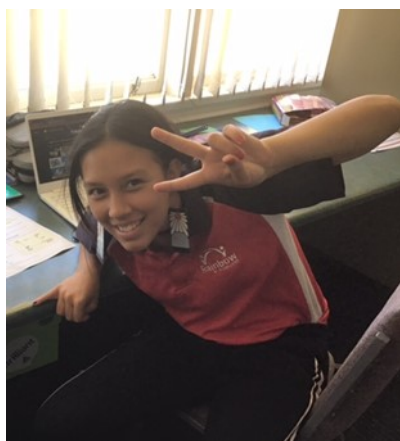
Aiden in thinking mode?



Holly, Zander & Aiden working on their project



Travis & Dustin working out their Lego bits



Chantelle in the mode!



Lilly in action



Aiden hates having his photo taken!

PAST STUDENT NEWS

JEREMY JAMES



Jeremy proudly showing off the first vintage



Jeremy dropped by during the week with a couple of bottles of wine from his first vintage.

Jeremy is studying Agricultural Science & Technology at Latrobe University. He chose this course as a result of having done his VET course at Longerenong College.



He also featured in an edition of the WINE magazine

DOUBLE OAKS, Macedon Ranges
When your partner buys you a grape press as a gift, it's possibly a sign that wine-making is in your future. Soon enough, Kristy and Travis Chehab realised that "a winery might not be impossible for us", so they purchased a vineyard in Lancefield, planted in 1980; their respective backgrounds in science and hospitality management have since been put to very



School Photos

The school photos will be taken on
Thursday 25th March.

Summer uniform is to be worn
(no jackets)

Order forms have been sent home
this week and need to be returned
to the office by

Monday 22nd March.

Family Photos - families who wish
to have a photo taken can collect a
form from the office.



School Uniform

Please ensure that students are in
correct school uniform each day.

Short shorts & active wear are
not school uniform.

Our uniform shop stocks all sizes
and styles to suit students.

If you require school uniform please
contact the office.

Tissues

It's that time of the year again
where we ask if each family
could provide a box of tissues to
be used in the classrooms

Thank you



Get Active Kids

Vouchers to pay for sporting
equipment, uniforms or
memberships are available for
children aged 4 to 18
who reside in Victoria and are
named on a current Australian
Government Health Care card or
Pensioner Concession card and are
also named on a valid Australian
Government Medicare card.
Applications for vouchers in round
one of Get Active Kids close on
11th April, 2021.

To apply or obtain more
information visit

getactive.vic.gov.au/vouchers





Shake Rattle & READ



Term 1

SRR - 9.30am at Rainbow P-12

College Library

PLAYGROUP - 9.30-11.30am at Kinder

March 15th Shake, Rattle & Read

March 22nd Playgroup

March 29th Shake, Rattle & Read

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.

RAINBOW SCOUT GROUP

Would like to welcome you to

Cubs (7.5 - 11years)

Tuesday 4 to 5.30pm

Scouts (12 - 15years)

5.30 to 7pm

Adults can join the fun as a

Leader or Adult helper

Contact Peter Pearce: 0457809797

Canteen Roster

March

Fri 12 C. Saul/ S. Coyne
Mon 15 B. Eckermann
Wed 17 A. Ey
Fri 19 S. Clark/F. Czuczman

Mon 22 E. Clarke
Wed 24 L. Jochinke
Fri 26 T. Gould/ E. Lester

Mon 29 A. Riordan
Wed 31 D. Camilleri

Term 2

April

Mon 19 E. Eckermann
Wed 21 E. Staples
Fri 23 L. Heinrich/ N. Eckermann

Mon 26 S. Newton
Wed 28 R. Boyle
Fri 30 N. Kruger/ C. Fuller

May

Mon 3 C. Petschel
Wed 5 C. Cocks
Fri 7 J. Fuller/P. Fisher

Mon 10
Wed 12 N. Leach
Fri 14 K. Weir/ C. Fisher

Mon 17 G. O'Halloran
Wed 19 M. Heinrich
Fri 21 S. Cocks/ T. Tregenza

Mon 24 Sharon Smith
Wed 26 K. Preston
Fri 28 R. Boyle/M. Zadow

Mon 31 Renee Clugston

June

Wed 2 E. Eckermann
Fri 4 Samantha Smith

Mon 7
Wed 9 R. Bastin
Fri 11 T. Bigham/ A. Roberts