



Zest



Social  
Intelligence



Self-Control



Curiosity



Optimism



Gratitude



Grit

## Leadership Report / Weekly Roundup

### BUILDING WORKS – UPDATE #6 2022

Thursday was a very busy day at Rainbow P-12 College in regards to the building works, with the architects and landscape designers visiting to talk with staff and students about the building plans. They got feedback and ideas on how to improve the plans and how to give the design a Rainbow feel.

I was exceedingly impressed by the level of student interest and engagement during the student session.

The landscape designers undertook a school grounds walk with Allan Roberts (School Council President) and Denis Huff (gardener extraordinaire!) to expand on their ideas for the garden and outdoor learning areas.



A portion of the large student turnout



Architects Lance and Sarah (with someone who didn't want to be in the photo!)



They were then joined by Paul Hilton from the VSBA (Victorian School Building Authority) who is overseeing the project. He ventured around the school and popped into classrooms to get an idea of existing facilities and environments.

There will be an article in next week's Rainbow Argus and the plans of the building works will be in the window of The Argus offices for community viewing. If anyone wants to discuss the plans further or would like to provide ideas or feedback please contact the school and I am happy to sit down and have a chat.

## Calendar

### March

#### Week 9

- Mon 28th** Immunisations (7-8)  
Parent-Teacher Interviews (1.30pm - 6pm)
- Tue 29th** Senior Athletics (7-12)

### April

#### Week 10

- Fri 8th** Last Day of Term

### Term 2

#### Week 1

- Mon 25th** ANZAC Day (No School)
- Tue 26th** Term 2 begins
- Fri 29th** SM Cross Country (P-6)

### May

#### Week 2

- Tue 3rd** P-12 Cross Country
- Thur 5th** Little Desert Athletics (7-12)

#### Week 3

- Mon 9th** Little Desert Cross Country (7-12)
- Tue 10th - Fri 20th** NAPLAN (specific dates TBC)



## Upcoming Meetings

**School Council** - Monday 4th April

**Parents and Friends Club- Annual Meeting**  
Tuesday 5th April  
10am in the Collaborative Learning Space

## Leadership Report and Weekly Roundup continued...

### RAINBOW P-12 STAFF

Our staff have done it tough this term, and I felt it would be worthwhile acknowledging all of the extra work they have taken on.

This term our staff have:

- on occasions taught three different ways at the same time
- taken on extra classes due to staff absences & shortages
- knowingly come to a potentially "unsafe" workplace for their health
- put aside their own fears, reservations and anxiety to teach
- worked hard to provide students with an innovative and challenging curriculum
- always had the wellbeing of the students at the forefront of their thinking.



**A lot of this extra work is not seen by our wider community, as our teachers just "get on with it", but I wanted to let everyone know that I am exceedingly proud of the dedication, determination and passion of all our staff.**

### SENIOR ATHLETICS

Next Tuesday we have our senior Athletics down at the Rainbow Recreation Reserve. The students will be putting the Hindmarsh v Albacutya rivalry to the test, and it would be great to see lots of spectators and supporters down there to cheer them on (go Hindmarsh!!!)

### COVID UPDATE - CONTINUED APPRECIATION AND THANKS

Thanks to all members of the school community who are being vigilant with masks and RAT tests. If you need some more tests please contact the school or text 0428951198. The school has a supply of N95 masks which we are encouraging staff and students to wear for extra protection.



### Senior Athletics Day

On Tuesday 29th March the Senior Athletics event will be held at the Rainbow Football Oval. Buses will drop the students off and town students are expected at the oval by 8:50am for a 9am start.

Pre-ordered BBQ will be provided, however if you did not order you will need to bring your own lunch. The SRC will be selling drinks, chocolate and lollies, or students are welcome to bring their own snacks.

All parents, carers and family are welcome to come and support the students in their efforts. If any parents are willing to help on the day please inform the school by Monday 28th on 5395 1063.



### Sports Tops

Orders are now open for sports tops. Sample sizes are available in the office to try on.

Tops are **\$38.00 each** and payment is to be made when you place your order.

**Closing date for orders is Wednesday 30th March.**

### Junior School Talk Time

The "Talk Time" topic in the Junior school for weeks 8 & 9 is:

**If you could be an animal, what would you be and why?**



## Study Buddy Sessions

### From Nicole Leach

In an effort to encourage good study habits in our students, we are offering an opportunity for students in Years 10-12 to stay after school on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3.00 -4.30 this term. During this time, students can undertake homework, do extra study or catch up with their teachers for extra support where possible.

It has been great to see some VCE and VCAL students taking the opportunity to stay after school to remain focused on their studies and get work done. So, we are encouraging more students to try this and see how it might change their work habits to catch up, keep up or even get ahead with their studies.

Of course, students are able to stay after school on other days if that suits them or their teachers' schedules better. We also understand that this opportunity might not always suit out-of-town students who need to catch a bus home, but we'd like to give it a try. Footy and Netball season also means that students might like to stay after school prior to going to training in town.

Please don't hesitate to get in touch if we can help support your child/ren with their studies in any way. We look forward to some productive Study Buddy sessions.



## Student Voice, Agency and Leadership (SVAL)

### UPCOMING MEETINGS

**SRC:**  
**JR SRC:**  
**STUDENT FORUM:**  
**FUNDRAISING:** Senior Athletics kiosk



### Junior SRC Icy Poles

The Junior SRC students have been doing a roaring trade in icy poles during this warm weather - they are being sold on Wednesday and Friday lunchtimes for 50c.



## Hands On Learning

The SRC students will be selling jam donuts at the Big Sky Festival at the Oasis on Saturday 26th March.

Thanks in advance to all of the students who have put their hands up to work a shift.

We will also be selling snacks and drinks at the Athletics on Tuesday. If students are not participating in many events, the SRC would appreciate it if they could help out for a little bit - please let Tessa Leach know if you can help!



**The HOL crew helped set up the stage for the Big Sky Festival at the Oasis. Here is Kayden, Charlie and Dustin helping Ben Gosling move some of the sections of the stage into position. (Faith was also present, but not pictured)**



## Covid Vaccine Update

Unfortunately, protection from Covid19 decreases over time after vaccination or infection. A 3rd dose of vaccine is essential for protection from serious disease if you catch Covid19. Everyone 16 and over is recommended to have a 3rd dose, 3 months after their second dose. Please encourage all your family members to get a vaccine if they are due, before winter when we expect rates to rise again.

We especially call out to 16 and 17 year-olds to get their boosters, and any parents still not boosted. Our rate of boosters in people in their 40s is below state average, and complications from Covid19 disease are more common in this age group than in younger adults. Parents are particularly vulnerable to infection via their school aged children, as schools are where many of the outbreaks this year have started.

**If you have a child of any age who is unvaccinated due to fear of needles, autism, ADHD etc,** we will have a set of virtual reality goggles on 6th and 7th April. (Please call even if these dates don't suit and we will arrange another time.) These have been really successful in keeping young people and children calm and distracted while they get vaccinated. Vaccines can be provided in your home if needed. Please call us on 5381 9078 to arrange an appointment using the VR goggles.

For our Horsham clinic, general bookings can be made 1800 675 398, via the booking webpage: [www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/book-your-vaccine-appointment](http://www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/book-your-vaccine-appointment). You can also call us directly to book in with the VR goggles, or with any questions, or if you need help making a booking, on 5381 9078.

Vaccines are also available at most local doctors and pharmacies.

Wimmera Health Care Group Covid19 Vaccination Clinic  
20 McLachlan St Horsham 53819078  
Part of Grampians Health

## Showcasing Student Writing

### **Rusty Old Town**

It's 5am.

I go to get some water  
but out the window I see  
a blue and red flashing light  
on a big white van  
with mum being put inside

In the kitchen I see my father  
sipping his beer  
the last time I saw the beer  
was when he lost his job,  
so I know something bad happened.

When I go back to bed,  
I see Keith, head down in his pillow  
bawling his eyes out.  
I join him.

The next day we go to the hospital  
where I see my mother  
sitting in a bed withered like a flower  
that hasn't had water in a month.

As I wait for my mother to wake up,  
I listen to the machine that beeps.  
I listen to it for what seems like hours  
until I hear a long, earsplitting noise  
and they take my mum away.

The only thing heavier than the  
thunderstorm that night  
are my tears for my mother,  
but at least she is in a better place  
away from the rusty old town.

**By Aiden Preston**



# What's been going on around our school?

## Grade 2/3 cooking up a storm!



**Hendrix and Kolby working well as a team**



**Mrs Cashill and Murphy watching on as Koby puts the mixture in the pans**



**Mrs Gregory and Tyler doing the dishes**



**Emmi-Lee, Millie and Emma putting their muffin mixture into the pans**

## Brain Break!

The Prep/1 students learned a new brain break activity called "Washers"



## Auto Care

Nico Roll has generously supplied the Auto class with an old engine, which is not quite in working order at the moment, but will offer a lot of learning opportunities



**Pictured are Fletcher and Zander, checking out the engine on Wednesday**



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## Continuing Art Adventures



Breanna with her  
"Friends" scrapbook  
page



## VCE Classes in action



Miss Schumann and her class discussing health  
and nutrition



Tessa, Shanae and Gracie have a lot to smile  
about as they practice for exams with Miss  
Wedding

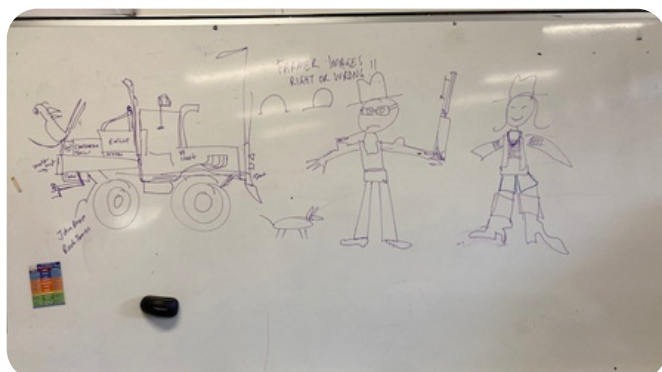


Sally, Phoebe and Holly getting their hands  
dirty



## Agriculture

This week the Agriculture class looked at what it means to be a progressive farmer.



What does a stereotypical farmer look like?



Eliza and Fletcher share some facts about  
farming