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Social  
Intelligence



Self-Control



Curiosity



Optimism



Gratitude



Grit

## Leadership Report / Weekly Roundup

### PRINCIPAL APPOINTMENT

On behalf of the School Council, Allan Roberts is pleased to announce the appointment of **COLLEEN PETSCHER** as the new principal of Rainbow P-12 College. The school community congratulate her and we look forward to seeing the school grow under her leadership.

### STUDENT FREE DAY - PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAY FRIDAY 10th JUNE



#### CANTEEN

Due to very limited uptake of parents for the canteen roster we will have to limit the canteen orders to only lunch orders this Monday and no canteen Wednesday. This means that junior students will have to bring lunches that do not need to be heated up on these days.

We will be putting out an Expression of Interest next week for a paid position for someone to run the canteen for at least Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays

#### CFA VISIT

It was great to see the local CFA members on site yesterday, along with Jenny McGennissen from Region 17. They provided information sessions to the students from P-12 on topics such as fire safety and career options. They also parked two fire trucks in the bus loop that were an absolute highlight of the visit. The truck's lights and sirens definitely received a huge workout on the day. Thanks to Nathan Smith, Trevor Keller, Rusty Newnham, Tony and Simone Clark, Nathan Cocks and Flynn Smith. It was also impressive to hear both Flynn and Nathan Cocks talk about their experiences and what the CFA has to offer. A huge thanks to Sharon Smith for organising the sessions.

## Calendar Term 2

### May

Mon 30th

### Week 6

GWR Cross Country (senior)

### June

Wed 1st

SM Winter Sports (junior)

### Week 7

Mon 6th

**School Production**

Tue 7th

"The Mason Files"

Tue 7th-

Attitudes to School

Thu 9th

Student Survey

Fri 10th

Student Free Day

### Week 8

Mon 13th

Queen's B'day public hol.

### Week 9

Tue 21st

Careers Expo

Fri 24th

End of Term (2.30 finish)

## Term 3

### July

### Week 1

Mon 11th

First day of Term



## Upcoming Meetings

**School Council** - Wed 15th June

**Parents and Friends**

June - Date TBC

August 3rd -7.30pm, Webex available



## BUILDING WORKS - UPDATE #12 2022

This week there were no meetings. At the moment the focus is on the relocation of our comms centre prior to the building works starting so that our internet connection is not lost. The architects are also finalising another series of soil tests.



## COVID UPDATE

The Department only requires students and staff showing symptoms to take RAT tests at the moment. The school will still be providing RAT tests to families on an on-demand basis for the rest of this term.

Please continue to social distance and use masks if you need. This is a team effort where working together will ensure the best possible protection against the disease.

Close contacts of positive cases no longer need to isolate at home **BUT must wear masks at school and RAT test 5 out of the next 7 days.**

Thanks to all students, parents and staff who continue to support the school in our endeavour to provide the safest possible environment.



## Small Schools Discussion Day

### From Stephen Leach

On Wednesday 18th May I represented our school at the 'Small Schools' Discussion Day' that was held at Birchip. There were 16 other schools represented at this event. The motivation for the event is the recognition that all small schools in our region are facing common challenges, including: declining populations; staffing issues; and providing authentic choices and pathways for all our students. Whilst this is felt across the board, the focus of the day was the challenges specific to years 9 through to 12.

Each school made a short presentation on the challenges that are of particular concern, as well as presenting some of the ways that they are rising to these challenges. What made this event worthwhile was listening to the various ways schools are dealing with similar challenges.

During this event, I was able to harvest a wide range of innovative ideas that I will now share with our school community to see if any of these are instructive and appropriate for our school.

Our presentation also was well received with many questions raised about our more innovative programs, including Hands On Learning, Year 6-9 electives program and our VCE/VCAL/Elective offerings at Year 10.

One approach that we need to investigate further is building closer and more robust partnerships with our nearest school neighbours. This is especially important to help us and our neighbours maintain a broad offering of subjects and pathways from Years 10 through to Year 12.

## Student Achievements

This week's achievements:

**Right: Hayden - 75 nights reading, Tanner - 50 nights reading and coloured words**

**Below: Jurie, Elsie, Evie and Xavier - coloured words**



### Student Voice, Agency and Leadership (SVAL)

#### UPCOMING EVENTS

**JUNIOR SRC MEETING:** Thu 9th June

**SENIOR SRC MEETING:** Mon 30th May

**STUDENT FORUM:** Tue 14th June

**FUNDRAISING:** Stay tuned!

The Junior SRC met on Thursday to discuss their fundraising plans for getting more playground equipment. More details about events will be coming soon.

Next Friday (3rd June) will be a **Pyjama Casual Day and Movie Night.**

There will be a junior movie after school, followed by a senior movie.

More details will be sent out early next week, so please keep an eye out!



## "Handle With Care"

We would like to be able to offer additional support to your child if they are coming to school after a difficult night, morning or weekend. There is no need to share details if you don't want to, but you can send a message "Handle With Care" or "X is a bit fragile today" on Class Dojo or to the school and this will let us know that your child may need extra time, patience or help during the day.

We aim to have all of our students feel safe and valued while they are in our care.

## Talk Time

The Talk Time topic for weeks 4 and 5 is

**Somewhere you'd like to travel and why?**



## SCHOLASTIC Book Club

A reminder that Book Club Issue 4 orders are due back to school by **Friday June 3rd**



## Canteen Roster

May

**Mon 30th**

June

**Wed 1st**

**Fri 3rd** S. Newton/J&H Hollamby



**Unfortunately, without the support of parents and carers, we are unable to open the canteen on Monday and Wednesday next week. This means junior parents must send lunches that do not require heating/cooking.**

**Bakery lunches can still be ordered on Monday, to be picked up at the front office. If you have not yet put your name down for the canteen roster, please do so ASAP**

**Times for canteen duty are:**

**Monday & Friday 11.30am** - First named on roster to pick up orders from the bakery, and the second to collect key and money from the office.

**Wednesdays 12 noon** - Pick up key and money from the office.

If there are changes to the times, you will be notified the morning of your canteen duty.

People on duty are to toast sandwiches and heat up lunches for junior students, ready to be picked up at 12.30. these will be located in the fridge, and are to go in the red esky when heated.

If you can't work, please make a swap or contact an emergency worker. \$20 to be paid to the emergency worker.

Emergency worker contacts details -

**Tammy Bigham 0427820684**

### Heating of Junior Lunches

Please make sure that your child/children's name is clearly labelled on their lunch, and put sandwiches in a container or wrap in foil.



## Production News

Our school production, a play called "The Mason Files" has been written by local Rob Koning. We are excited to be the first group to perform this show.

Rehearsals dates and times are:

**Tuesday 31st May** 3pm - 4.30pm

**Wednesday 1st June** 3pm - 4.30pm

**Sunday 5th June** 10am - 12pm (may go later if needed, we will supply lunch)

Please see the poster at the end of the newsletter for dates and times!

## Reconciliation Week

**27th May - 3rd June**

Reconciliation Week is a time for all Australians to learn about our shared histories, cultures, and achievements, and to explore how each of us can contribute to achieving reconciliation in Australia.

This year's theme is "Be Brave, Make Change" and you can follow this link to read more about it.

<https://nrw.reconciliation.org.au/2022-actions-to-make-change/>

In the senior library we have a selection of books on display that tell First Nations stories, and we encourage students to have a look, borrow a book and be part of the reconciliation journey in Australia.



## Badge Presentations

At assembly on Monday morning we presented badges to our student leaders. We are very proud of all students who put their hand up to take on important leadership roles within our school.



### **Senior SRC Executive**

Back: Gracie Hurlstone (mentor), Sarah Bennett (Secretary)  
Front: Heidi Smith (Vice President) and Zander Eckermann (Treasurer). Absent: Tessa Leach (President)



### **Junior SRC Executive**

Back: Lily Saul and Eliza Clarke (Joint Treasurers), Addison Fisher (Secretary),  
Front: Kane Bastin (Vice President) and Annika Petschel (President)



### **Hindmarsh House Captains**

Senior: Lachie Staples (C), Gracie Hurlstone (C), Anthony McKay (VC), (Ashlei Francis (VC) absent)  
Junior: Giaan Eckermann (C), Amaya Eckermann (VC), Caleb Heinrich (C)



### **Albacutya House Captains**

Senior: Flynn Smith (VC), Lewis Cocks (C), Paddy O'Halloran (VC) and Lucy Thomas (C)  
Junior: Jacob Boyle (C), Annika Petschel (C), Addison Fisher (VC) and Jasper Bigham (VC)



### **Bus Captains**

Back: Anthony McKay (Jeparit), Parker Gould (Pella), Will Fisher (P)  
Middle: Paddy O'Halloran (Wheatlands), Flynn Smith (W), Celie Fuller (Yaapeet), Aiden Preston (J)  
Front: Heidi Smith (W), Zander Eckermann (P).  
Absent: Natalie Jenns (J), Ashlei Francis (Y), Clarissa Bigham (Y) and Marty Makin (Y)



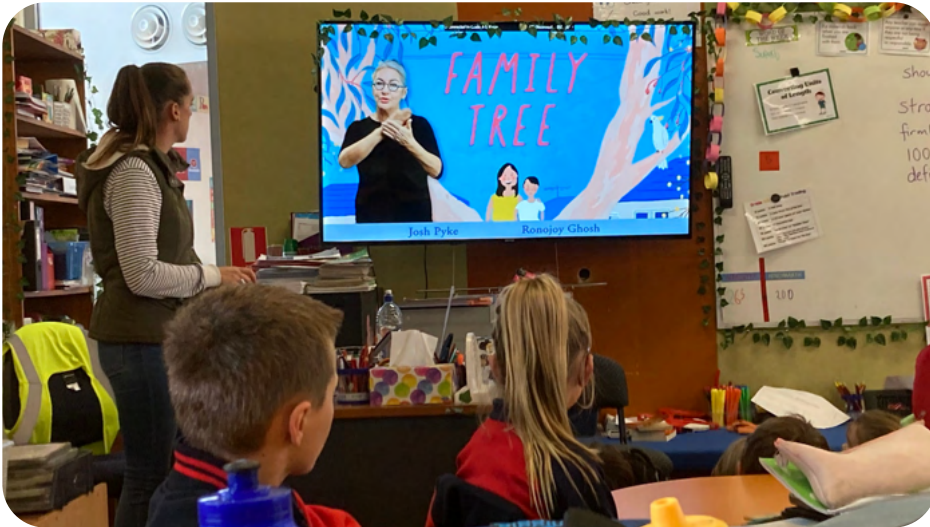
### **Form Captains:**

Back: Lucy Thomas and Mitchell Ey (11) Shekinah Hurlstone (10) Charlie Roberts and Phoebe Bigham (9)  
Front: Amelie Fuller (8) Sarah Bennett (12) Ryder Gould (7) Dustin Eckermann (8) and Lenny Weir (7)  
Absent: Marty Makin (10)



## What's been going on around our school?

### Simultaneous Storytime



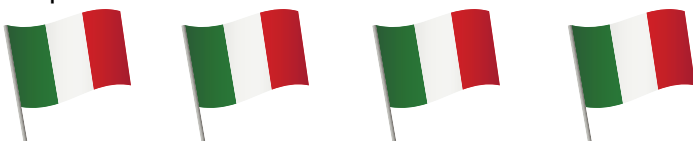
Jacob showing his work on "Family Tree"



Students participated in Simultaneous Storytime this week, listening to a reading of "Family Tree" by Josh Pyke and Ronojoy Ghosh. Each class then completed activities about the book.

### Cooking Italian Style

Mr Cook's cooking class (doesn't that have a great ring to it?!) made pasta from scratch this week - an impressive feat. They paired the pasta with a carbonara sauce - *delizioso!*



Nekeisha, Breanna, Chantelle and Lilly



### Virtual Reality Fun!



Is Mrs Petschel looking at:  
 (A) A giraffe  
 (B) A monkey in a tree  
 (C) The Eiffel Tower  
 (D) A mountain of work



# What's been going on around our school?

## Lunchtime Lego Challenge

This week's challenge was to create a scene with Lego



Taylor and Giaan



Annika and Adalyn



Will and Harry

## Artistic Adventures





# RESILIENCE PROJECT™

This next presentation from The Resilience Project is all about Empathy and Kindness.

Empathy is our ability to put ourselves in the shoes of others to feel and see what they do.

We practise this through being kind and compassionate towards other people.

Brain imaging data shows that being kind to others registers in the brain as more like eating chocolate than like fulfilling an obligation to do what's right (e.g., eating brussel sprouts)!

Research shows that practising empathy, such as performing acts of kindness, taps into our brain's 'mirror neurons', builds compassion and our behaviour becomes more social and community-based.

View Part 3 of the series here - [Empathy https://theresilienceproject.com.au/parent-and-carer-hub-hugh/](https://theresilienceproject.com.au/parent-and-carer-hub-hugh/)

Here's an activity to practise empathy and kindness:

1. Reflect on someone in your life who could benefit from an act of kindness today. It could be a friend who would love some affirmation about their work, your pet who deserves an extra treat, or a family member who would love a phone call or text message.
2. Make a plan for who you are going to show an act of kindness to, and what you are going to do.
3. If you want to add accountability to your plan, share it with someone else and encourage them to do the same thing.
4. Follow up with each other in a few days time, to ask how it went!

Sources: [Psychology Today](#), [UC Berkeley](#), [Greater Good Science](#)

For mental health resources and support information, visit [The Resilience Project's Support Page](#).



## Clean up Roster - Rainbow

If your allocated weekend doesn't suit you please arrange a swap with someone else and let your team leaders know.



### Round 7

#### 26th May – 29th May

- Celie Fuller Family \*
- Zander, Amaya, Giann Eckermann Family
- Bailey Clark
- Maddi Senecko
- Lucas Edelsten
- Parker, Ryder, Hugo Gould Family
- Paddy O'Halloran Family
- Heidi, Sally Smith Family
- Cooper, Baxter, Edison, Elsie Stasinowsky Family
- Ava, Sadie Lester Family
- Sophia Bull Family
- Max McKenzie
- Hendrix, Nate Clugston Family
- Laura Sleep

LEADER – Jon Fuller  
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### Round 16

#### 11th Aug – 14th Aug

- Lenny, Clancy, Koby Weir Family\*
- Jaime, Dustin Eckermann Family
- Simon Clugston
- Jakob Cocks
- Tyler Edelsten
- Fletcher, Evan, Felicity Keller Family
- Marty Makin Family
- Lucy Thomas Family
- Bronte Eckermann
- Liam Preston
- Adalyn, Hayden Clugston Family
- Maggie, Taylor, Harry Fisher Family
- Penny Fisher
- Georgina Morrison
- Kate Schnaars

LEADER – Krissy Weir  
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### Round 9

#### 16th June – 19th June

- Caleb, Ruby Tregenza Family\*
- Clarissa, Phoebe, Jasper, Kolby, Tanner
- Bigham Family
- Will, Adison, Pippa Fisher Family
- Aidan Gelligen
- Jordy Leach
- Evie, Eli Simpson Family
- Phoenix Oakley Family
- Kaden Petschel Family
- Tessa Leach Family
- Allan Roberts
- Ayla Roberts Family
- Peter Weir
- Eliza Clarke Family
- Elly Schumann
- Maddi Marra

LEADER – Tracey Tregenza  
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For those that may wish to clean outside of regular working bee hours we will make a key available at the Bow Bakery.

**Friday Working Bee from 4pm**  
**Sunday Working Bee from 10am**

T H E

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W R I T T E N B Y

R O B K O N I N G

**Monday 6th June**

**Tuesday 7th June**

**@ Rainbow P-12 College Hall**

**Doors open 6.30 for 7pm start.**

**Tickets \$10 (\$5 primary students)**