



Zest



Social  
Intelligence



Self-Control



Curiosity



Optimism



Gratitude



Grit

## Leadership Report / Weekly Roundup

### CLUSTER CULTURAL PERFORMANCE

Last Friday the junior school (students, not building!) ventured over to Hopetoun to enjoy a very funny and contemporary SM Cluster performance of "The Emperor's New Clothes". After the performance the students enjoyed recess together and then were involved in a well organised set of tabloid sports and games. It is always great to see our Cluster students enjoy each other's company!



### BOOK WEEK

This week was Book Week and on Monday we celebrated by dressing up as our favourite book characters. We had a plethora of Harry Potters, a collection of Cats in the Hat, a number of wizards, Cleopatra and one very special truffula tree! It was fantastic that the Shake, Rattle & Read crew were able to join in the activities (it was great to see the Argus reporter get into the spirit too!) See our photo page later in the newsletter for all the highlights.

### THE MAN CAVE & FLOURISH GIRL

On Thursday we were once again visited by the wonderful folks from The Man Cave and Flourish Girl. The lads participated in a variety of activities down at the Rec. Reserve while the girls had the run of the school! All senior students were fed and watered and from all accounts found the day very inspiring and empowering.

### PARENT SURVEY

The Parent Survey is open until Friday 16th September. At the moment we only have a 7% completion rate. That is 4 out of 57 surveys. This is an opportunity to provide us with feedback on how we are travelling. We really do respect and appreciate any and all feedback on how we educate your children.



## Calendar

### Term 3

#### August

##### Week 8

**Mon 29th -** Yr 6/7/8/9 Surf Camp  
**Fri 2nd** Friday Night Enduro street party - Parents Club

#### September

##### Week 9

**Mon 5th** Musical Extravaganza  
**Parent/Teacher Interviews**

**Wed 7th** GAT

**Thur 8th** RUOK Day

##### Week 10

**Mon 12th -** Sailing Camp (Yr 9)  
**Fri 16th** Work Experience (Yr 10)

**Tue 13th** White Ribbon Day

**Fri 16th** Last Day of Term

### Term 3

#### October

##### Week 1

**Mon 2nd** First Day of Term

##### Week 2

**Tue 11th** Student free day - Rainbow Show

**Wed 12th** 'This Girl Can' - Yr 7/8 girls, Horsham

##### Week 3

**Mon 17th** Yr 7 Immunisations

**Thu 20th** Gambling Awareness Yr 7-11

## Upcoming Meetings

**School Council** - Mon 12th September

**Parents and Friends** - Thursday 8 Sept @ 5pm - Webex 26502576368



## OUR YEAR 12 STUDENTS...MEET GRACIE!

This week we are privy to the inner thoughts and wisdom of one of our school captains in Gracie Hurlstone! Check out her profile in this edition of the newsletter!

## SENIOR PROM TONIGHT!!!!

A hard working team of dedicated students spent many hours setting up for the Prom on Thursday Night...until about 7:30pm. It should be a mighty good night!

## BUILDING WORKS - UPDATE #23 2022

- No real reportable action on the building works front this week!



## HEALTH UPDATE ...(notice the change of heading!)

It is important that we maintain our vigilance in this area..not just for COVID but for the flu and other viruses too.

We **strongly recommend** that all staff and students adhere to the following actions to keep themselves and others safe and protected:

- **Wearing masks indoors**
- Maintaining social distancing
- Using hand sanitiser on a regular basis



The school has a good supply of masks and RAT tests that are available at any time.

A reminder that if a student is a household contact they must wear masks when indoors at school and undertake daily RAT tests 5 times within the 7 days of isolation of the positive case.

**IF YOUR CHILD SHOWS ANY SYMPTOMS OF COVID OR THE FLU PLEASE KEEP THEM AT HOME UNTIL THEY HAVE RECOVERED.** Thanks for your support and understanding on this.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**JUNIOR SRC MEETING: TBC**

**SENIOR SRC MEETING: TBC**

**STUDENT FORUM: Tue 6th Sept**

### FUNDRAISING/EVENTS:

RUOK? Day - 8th Sept

White Ribbon Day - 13th Sept

## Student Voice, Agency and Leadership



Our Year 9 students have spent the day at the Junior School Cluster Athletics to help out and raise money for their community projects as part of their RSCLs class.

**Pictured are Holly, Lilly, Phoebe and Nekeisha in the canteen.**



RUOK? Day is going to be held on Thursday the 8th of September.

For this year's RUOK Day, wear yellow and bring a gold coin donation. Lunch is supplied and free.

The Year 7/8 PL class will be hosting activities during Avocadoes, with smoothies for recess, nachos or tacos for lunch, and activities during periods 5/6, one of which will be colour runs for the whole school. Students will need to bring old clothing. It is suggested that the clothing is white as the colour will show better.



# Student Achievements

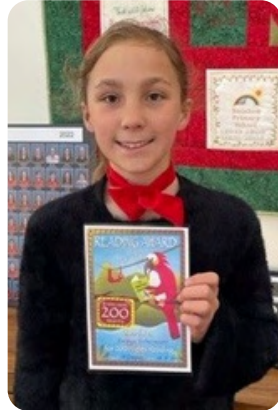
Congratulations to these students for achieving the following:

## 200 Nights reading

Addison



Amaya



Annika



Eliza



Harry



Haylee



Inara



Ruby



Taylor



Emmi-Lee



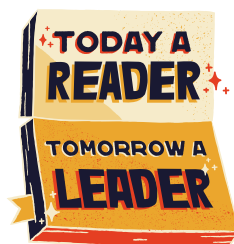
200 Words MULTiLit  
125 nights reading

## 125 nights reading

Honeyrose

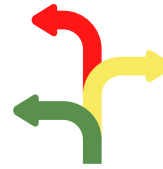


Hayden



# Pathways News

from Nicole Leach



## WORK EXPERIENCE

It is great to see Year 10s exploring pathway and career options, ready for their Work Experience Placements in the last week of this term. Stay tuned for some reports upon their return. If any other students in Years 11 or 12 would like to undertake a Work Experience placement, please don't hesitate to let me know.

## YEAR 12 PATHWAYS

It's also time for our Year 12s to think about their plans for next year...and beyond. Some of them are applying for university and TAFE courses and thinking about a possible step away from home and on to their next chapter. Very exciting (and a little nerve-wracking) times.

## SUBJECT CHOICES

Year 10 and 11 students are in the process of making choices for next year as well. They have been given the Handbook with information regarding the VCE, the new VCE VM (Vocational Major) and the VPC (Pathways Certificate). These are all the pathways that students have available to them next year. I ask that parents work with their students to help with decisions. I will be undertaking one-on-one conversations with students and their parents to help choose the best, most appropriate pathway for each student. They have a letter regarding this to bring home.

It will be time soon for Year 9s to think about their pathways into Year 10, 11 and 12. Stay tuned for some information about this process too.

## We encourage a love of reading at a very young age!

### Book review: Boynton's Greatest Hits series, by Harry Roll

Boynton's collection of four best selling books really engaged and entertained me! The delightful graphics and text devices engage both readers and those being read to (readees). I especially enjoyed staring longingly at them, making tummy time far more interesting than looking at the average teether toy.

The alliteration and onomatopoeia of *Dinosaur Dance* was excitedly triggering as my mother loves to dance and perform for me, and this was far better than her skills.

*Are You A Cow?* has particularly challenged my self perception and I feel just as confused as the seriously confused animals in the book about who the heck I actually am.

*But Not The Armadillo* keeps the reader/readee gripped to the edge of their seat with the use of rhyme, and climaxed with the armadillo nose requiring a stroking. The reader was bemused by this but the readee thought it a wonderful substitute for an iPad screen that his mean mother doesn't let him near.

Overall my favourite was *Happy Hippo, Angry Duck* because it was phrased just like someone who gave me the book would speak to me and I think that's pretty cool. Although I hope that angry duck improves his mood quick smart... he seemed fine when he was with Armadillo in his book! This will keep me up at 4am with worry - what is that duck so cross about?!



Overall a favourite in our house! Thank you ☺



# MEET GRACIE SISCO REENE KANIWAKA TUMEKE HURLSTONE

## MY FAVOURITE...

**Song** - Love Lost by Mac Miller

**Food** - Mango and whatever Shanae has packed for recess and lunch!

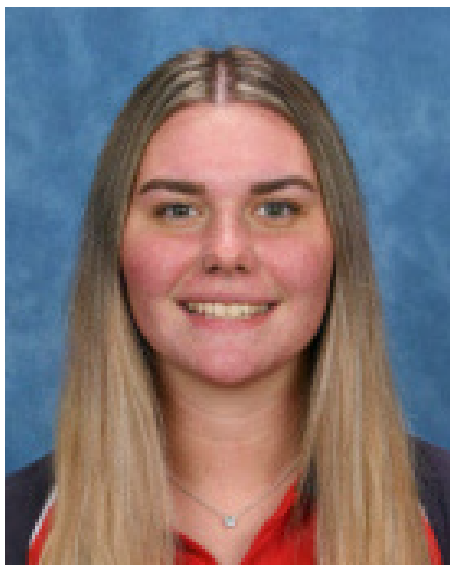
**Colour** - Don't really have one... but red is pretty good at the moment

**TV Show** - Peaky Blinders

**Book** - Too many to choose from!

**Actor/Actress** - Four from Divergent

**Dance move** - The "I Told You So" dance, because I see it a lot!



**NICKNAMES:** Gray-Gray or Grace

**DOB:** 11/08/2004

**FAMILY MEMBERS:** Jas/Josh; James; Shane, Awesome & Shekinah  
Gemma, Dylan, Carmen & Brodie; Phoenix

**PETS:** Kingy - Dog; Shelly - Cat

## 3 WORDS TO DESCRIBE ME:

Fake Blonde/Oompa Loompa/...

## IF I COULD INVENT ONE THING IT WOULD BE...

Painless piercings

## WHAT ANNOYS ME MOST IS...

Shanae Bastin!!!!

## 3 THINGS I WOULD WANT TO HAVE ON A DESERTED ISLAND

Phone/Shanae/a car to drive very safely in!

## WHAT I HOPE TO DO WHEN I GROW UP IS...

Travel the world & enjoy life

## THIS MAKES ME LAUGH...

Good convos in the VCE room

## THE STUPIDEST THING I HAVE EVER DONE...

There is a lot!

## 3 PEOPLE I WOULD INVITE TO TEA WOULD BE....

JB, Timmothee Chalamet & Shanae

## WHAT WOULD BE ON THE MENU? Maccas

## IS THE ANSWER TO LIFE, THE UNIVERSE & EVERYTHING 42?

Nah..it is 22!

## MY HERO IS...

My mum

## MY STRENGTHS ARE...

My profound wisdom!

## I BARRACK FOR:

Collingwood

## SPORTS/HOBBIES I LIKE:

Netball

## THE TITLE OF MY AUTOBIOGRAPHY WOULD BE...

It's my world - you are just living in it!

## THE ACTOR WHO WOULD PLAY ME IN A MOVIE ON MY LIFE WOULD BE...

Sassy the Sasquatch

## OUT OF 10 MY ORGANISATIONAL SKILLS WOULD BE... I can't be as bad as Paddy

## MY LOVE OF HOMEWORK IS (0-100) What is homework?????

**THIS MAKES ME MISS SCHOOL...** Thinking about missing the goss Monday mornings

## DO YOU THINK WE CAN END GLOBAL POVERTY IN THIS GENERATION?

Communism doesn't work because people like to own stuff!

## DOES THE EASTER BUNNY VISIT YOU? Most definitely

## WAS BIG BIRD'S FRIEND SNUFFLEUPAGUS REAL OR DID BIG BIRD JUST HAVE SOME ISSUES?

Big Bird had some issues like Mrs P and these questions

## DOES SANTA PAY THE ELVES ENOUGH MONEY?

Not at all...they deserve lots more

## HOW LONG IS A PIECE OF STRING?

About 20 metres

## PARENTS AND FRIEND COMMITTEE NEWS

### ENDURO - 2ND SEPTEMBER

The Parents Club are seeking volunteers to help cook and serve food at The Enduro Friday night street party on 2nd September. All help would be greatly appreciated

If you are able to spare some time please contact

President - Choni

0429 178 959

Secretary - Roschelle

0417 087 911

Treasurer - Rebeckah

0478 190 636

### ATTENTION PARENTS, CARERS AND GUARDIANS

We are urgently seeking volunteers for our major fundraiser: Show Day Luncheon. If you can please find the time for a shift, it would be greatly appreciated. We need at least 12 helpers to run this event successfully or we will have to withdraw.

Your support is highly valued and enables us to help fund your child/ren's educational experience. We look forward to hearing from you.

Please contact Chantelle, Roschelle or Rebeckah on the numbers above if you can volunteer your time.

 SCHOLASTIC

### Book Club

Issue 6

Please place any online orders by  
Monday August 29th.

### CANTEEN

The Canteen is **OPEN to ALL students** on Mondays and Fridays for lunch orders and counter sales. Junior students will continue to order milkshakes on their lunch order bag. Rolls and sandwiches will still be made by the Bow Bakery.

Junior students can bring lunch to be heated, however foil trays with lids will be required as meals will be heated in the pie warmer. **Trays must be named** and are available to purchase from the office - \$2.00 per 10 trays.

**Please note: Please do not send sandwiches to be toasted, meals to be microwaved, or anything frozen.**

HEY VCEs...

**WANT TO REDUCE YOUR  
WEEKEND HOMEWORK  
AND FREE UP TIME TO DO FUN  
STUFF?  
WE'LL YOU CAN!!**

Stay at school each afternoon from 3pm until 5pm. This gives you 2 HOURS HOMEWORK TIME without those annoying distractions lurking at home (like your phone, the TV or even younger siblings!!)

Study Buddies gives you the opportunity to get lots of uninterrupted homework done before tea time. If you stay and study 4 times a week after school, that's potentially 8 wonderful productive homework hours, freeing up time on the weekend to relax, avoiding that Sunday night "I haven't finished my homework for Monday" panic and making teachers all over the school really happy!

# What's been going on around our school?

## Amazing Artistic Adventures

Students revealed their final tie dye products on Wednesday.  
Congratulations to you all for creating these pieces of art!



**Amelie, Sally & Aiden**



**Amaya & Annika**



**Riley, Dianella & Chantelle**

## Unit 2 Chemistry

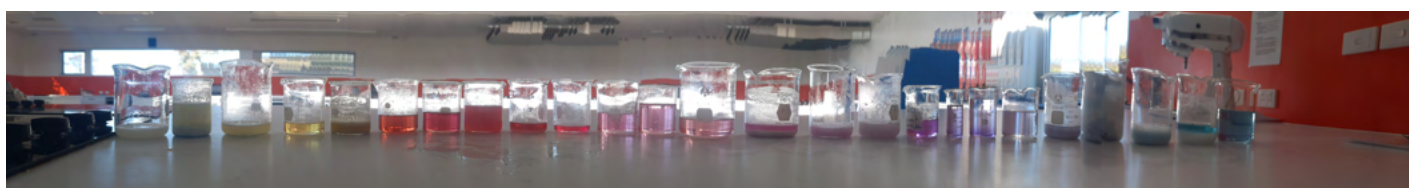


**Mrs Staples with Dylan, Clarissa, Shanae, Celie, Heidi and Emma.**

The Unit 2 Chemistry class tested common household chemicals to see whether they were acids, bases or neutral.

They used a red cabbage indicator to find out which category they were.

They could also tell how concentrated they were by the colour that they turned.



## Ag and Hort Elective



A special shout out to Trevor and Janet Oakley for an informative and interesting tour of their garden and hydroponics. It was a fascinating excursion for the Ag & Hort elective class to undertake and the Oakleys were very inspiring with what they have achieved in just a home backyard.



# BOOK WEEK



MONDAY



The creative costumes for Book Week on Monday were amazing! We even had three Cats in Hats!



# Hopetoun Cluster Day



## The Emperor's New Clothes







# BUILDING BELONGING Post Pandemic

## SPECIAL REPORT

Having a sense of belonging involves more than simply knowing other people. It is also focused on gaining acceptance, attention and support from others, as well as having the opportunity to provide the same to other people.

When the pandemic interrupted our lives and changed the way we live, this meant that suddenly many of our young people's main sources of connection with peers and extended family members was removed overnight without warning. As human beings, we have a basic emotional and biological need for connection. It provides us with feelings of identity, security, support, acceptance and community.

Students who have a sense of belonging will experience these feelings which in turn supports their academic, psychological and social development. When young people come together again after a period of instability, there is a period of adjustment. Whilst the rules of the group may be established, acceptance remains paramount and can therefore mean some behaviours become far from rational, making it difficult for their brain to focus on things, such as learning. All these factors combined, leave young people open to being vulnerable. It can sometimes tempt them into making choices or becoming involved in situations they might not ordinarily consider.

As a result of the pandemic, there are still many young people struggling to connect and regain their sense of belonging. This Special Report provides guidance to families who find themselves in this situation. We hope you take a moment to reflect on the information offered, and as always, we welcome your feedback. If this raises any concerns for you, a loved one or the wellbeing of your child, please seek medical or professional help.

Here is the link to your special report

[https://rainbowp12.vic.schooltv.me/wellbeing\\_news/special-report-building-belonging-post-pandemic](https://rainbowp12.vic.schooltv.me/wellbeing_news/special-report-building-belonging-post-pandemic)