



Zest



Social Intelligence



Self-Control



Curiosity



Optimism



Gratitude



Grit

## Leadership Report / Weekly Roundup

WOW! What an action packed week! Lots to be SOOOOO proud of!

### OUR NEW ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

It is with great pleasure that I proudly announce that **NADIA WEDDING** was the successful applicant for the position of Assistant Principal. Nadia is a dedicated educator who brings an enormous amount of enthusiasm, determination and innovation to the role. Welcome aboard!



### AYLA ROBERTS – YOU SUPERSTAR!

In all my 30+ years in teaching I have never felt so much pride and admiration for the actions of a student. The commitment, organisation and determination to promote awareness of the White Ribbon message was outstanding. The quality of her presentations was impressive as she directed the message effectively to her target audiences (junior & senior kids). The activities and the meal were superb and I am lost for words when it comes to her fundraising efforts. To say that she pushed herself well and truly out of her comfort zone would be an absolute understatement.

A big thanks must also go to her support crew, with chef Anthony, once again putting his excellent culinary skills on display.

To all the VCAL students and staff who helped set up and supported her in ensuring the day ran smoothly... and to her parents for helping her in so many ways.

Thanks to all the people who supported White Ribbon and helped Ayla surpass her goal total. Well done Ayla!



## Calendar

### Term 4

#### October

Mon 2nd

#### Week 1

First Day of Term

Mon 10th

#### Week 2

School Council  
Student free day -  
Rainbow Show

Tue 11th

Wed 12th

'This Girl Can' - Yr 7/8 girls, Horsham  
Lawn Bowls coaching

Mon 17th

#### Week 3

Yr 7 Immunisations

Thu 20th

Gambling Awareness  
Yr 7-11

Mon 24th-

#### Week 4

Grand Military Tour -  
6/7/8/9 Elective

Wed 26th

### Lawn Bowls Coaching rescheduled

to Wednesday 12th October  
1-3pm at Rainbow Bowls Club.



### Upcoming Meetings

**School Council** - Mon 10th October

**Parents and Friends** - 4th October  
@ 7.30pm - Webex 26502576368

## **RUOK? DAY TAKE #2**

On a sunny Thursday the Year 7/8 students organised a number of activities to highlight the message behind RUOK? Day. This included a brief presentation at the start of the day, whole school hide and seek x 2, smoothies at recess, tacos, nachos and yummy dessert at lunchtime, a mindfulness session, team sports and a colour run. It was a big day...and the Year 7/8 students ran it all with very little input from staff. I was so proud to see the initiative, teamwork and organisation of these students.



## **AUSKICK**

On Wednesday and Thursday of this week the junior students (and the kinder kids on Thursday) had a number of Auskick sessions. Mitch and Cody from AFL Auskick (?) worked with each group for an hour on each day playing games, doing drills and kicking the footy. It was so good to see a number of CATS jumpers on display!



## **PARENT SURVEY – VERY IMPORTANT FEEDBACK OPPORTUNITY**

Today is the last day of the survey!

At the moment we have a completion rate of 33%. That is 19 out of 57 surveys. This is an opportunity to provide us with feedback on how we are traveling. If you can't locate your details please contact the school and we will happily email it through. We only need another 9 to make it to 50%!

THE RAINBOW UNICORN SAYS YES TO THE PARENT SURVEY!!



## **WORKFORCE PLANNING FOR 2023**

The successful applicant for a Graduate Primary Generalist will be decided during the holidays. There is still an open advertisement for an Education Support Staff – Student support.

## **LAWN BOWLS COACHING**

Unfortunately, this was cancelled this week...but the kids are looking forward to this opportunity next term.

## **BUILDING WORKS – UPDATE #25 2022**

At the moment we are waiting on the outcome of a number of reports so we can progress to the next stage of the project.



## **HEALTH UPDATE...**

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

## **THANK YOU & HAVE A SAFE & RELAXING BREAK**

A huge thanks to all the staff at Rainbow P-12 College for their dedication and passion for the job. I am in awe of their commitment and their willingness to go that extra mile to ensure our kids have the opportunities to learn and make memories.

Thanks must also go to the students who are starting to find their voice and confidence to embrace what the school can offer and have the courage to take risks and push themselves beyond the boundaries of their comfort zone.

To parents, carers and guardians, thanks for your on-going support of our efforts to do the best for your children.

I hope everyone has an opportunity to rest, relax and recharge – ready for another action packed term!

## STUDENT VOICE, AGENCY AND LEADERSHIP

### UPCOMING EVENTS

JUNIOR SRC MEETING: 2/10/22

SENIOR SRC MEETING: TBC

STUDENT FORUM: TBC

FUNDRAISING/EVENTS:

Junior school council will be selling icy poles for 50 cents on Wednesdays throughout term 4.



*Enjoy the  
Holidays!  
Term 4 starts  
Monday 2nd  
October*

### WEST WIMMERA WARRIORS

Competing in the Horsham Cricket Association

Junior Mixed Cricket

Seeking interested players

Under 14s

Tuesday training/Friday night game

Contact Ash Dickinson 0417 587 002

Under 12s

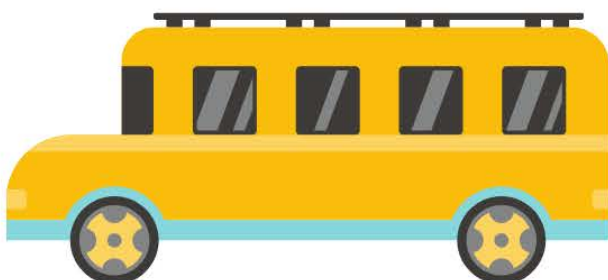
Thursday training/Saturday morning game

Contact Tarrah Dodds 0438 329 042



### WANTED: Bus Drivers!!

The College is collating a list of people who have their bus licences. If you are a parent or friend that has the appropriate licence please contact the college as we are in need of a bus driver from time to time. Licence required is at least a Light Rigid vehicle licence, a Taxi Licence and a Working With Children Check.



## MULTI-LIT



Congratulations Emmi-lee on completing the Multilit program

# Student Achievements

Congratulations to these students for achieving the following certificates:



Ryley and Lilah

James



25

Nights reading



75

Nights reading



100

Nights reading



Hayden

Tyler



Nate



150

Nights Reading



125

Nights Reading



Hendrix

Clancy

Murphy

Louis, Lane, Emma, Yosha, Adalyn and Noah



Edison

200

Nights Reading

SPELLING STARS



Xavier, Nate and Elodie

Evie

175

Nights Reading



# What's been going on around our school?

## Grade 2/3

The grade 2/3 class have been working on reading analogue and digital clocks this term.

To finish off the unit, the students created their own clocks with chalk and used rulers and pencils as hands.

Students displayed different times on the clock ranging from o'clock times to quarter past times.



## Little Desert Athletics

Congratulations to each of the students that participated in the Little Desert Aths last Friday. Please see the next newsletter for a detailed report and photos.



## Music Exams



On Monday, five very nervous but brave piano students, Giaan, Amaya, Taylor, Annika and Edison, one slightly frazzled piano teacher and one very helpful and calming parent and driver, (thanks Choni), ventured up to Mildura for the annual piano exams. This is the first time in three years that the students have been able to have a face-to-face exam, which requires more learning and is possibly more confronting. These students did a great job in putting themselves forward and committing to all the hard work that goes with preparing for an exam. The examiner however was very encouraging and even commented on how well the students had prepared themselves. The results have arrived and everyone did an amazing job, with everyone achieving over 90%.

Well done to all the students and their families who have supported and encouraged them along this journey, it really is a team effort.

We also wish Lily all the best for her Grade 2 exam in Term 4.

And finally a very special thank you to Choni for driving the bus and helping supervise along the way!



## WHITE RIBBON DAY

On Tuesday 13th September RP12C celebrated White Ribbon Day. This was a huge day for one of our students, Ayla, who has orchestrated the whole day's events. What started off as a little passion project as part of her Global Politics studies, turned into a huge day involving all staff, students and wider communities. Here is a little note from Ayla about why she wanted to promote awareness of White Ribbon Day.

"I did this day because I believe this topic needs to be spoken about more. I also believe there is still a stigma around domestic violence and speaking out about it. We did a circuit of activities. There was a junior session on 'healthy relationships' and a senior session on 'violence and abuse'. Leading up to the day I had to organise many different things. This involved organising the lunch and meal preparation, raffle prizes, making posters and powerpoints.

We raised around \$2,400. My original goal was \$1,000. The money raised for this event is going to White Ribbon Australia and some will go to West Wimmera White Ribbon. Thank you to everyone who donated money that will go towards such an important cause. It means a lot to get so much support from the community. A big thank you to everyone who helped and leading up to Tuesday's events. Also, a big thank you to everyone who came along to the lunch."

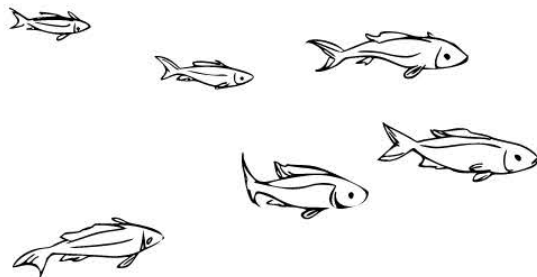
Ayla would also like thank the businesses and people who supported her in donating items for the raffle prizes, or assisting in supporting Ayla in any other way. They are Ian's IGA Rainbow, Mallee Magic, T Ismay and Co, Vogue Salon, Mums Buns and Mascara, Clugston Butchers, Turbo Gallery, Fed Uni, Bully's Café, Eureka Hotel Rainbow, the Bow Bakery, Briony Milner from Grampians Community Health and Tracey Smith. It has been nothing short of inspiring to see a student like Ayla show so much passion, inquisitiveness and thought go into spreading word about real life issues. Everyone at RP12C has seen Ayla work her butt off for months to make Tuesday as successful as it was.

Congratulations Ayla.



## Fishing Elective

On Wednesday nine students who had participated in the fishing elective over the year ventured to Lake Lascelles to test out their skills. The weather was cold and very blustery but the students tried their hardest with lures and bait. The only fish landed was a 47 cm golden perch (yellowbelly) and that was by Herbie Edmonds who has been a guest tutor through out the term. It was caught on a worm off the grass in front of the bbq on the west side. The students had a bbq and chips for lunch and thoroughly enjoyed themselves.



## Amazing Artistic Adventures

Could students that have selected AAA as their elective for **Term 4** please bring the following in Week 2:

- Photo of a dog. This needs to be printed 3 times, one dark, one very light and one printed nicely however all need to be in **BLACK AND WHITE**. Please also have your photo on a USB.
- A rag, like a piece of old t-shirt. It needs to be approximately double the size of your hand.



## Rainbow Show Entries

If there are any students that would like to enter Art pieces in the Rainbow Show and would like Mrs Huff to enter them on their behalf, could you please bring those art pieces to school by Wednesday 6th October.

Examples of pieces that can be entered include:

- scrapbooking page
- handmade card
- paintings

Other items can also be entered - please check out the Show Schedule or catch up with Mrs Huff at the start of Term 4.

## Surf Camp Report

On the 29th of August students from Years 6-9 and 5 staff set off for the Surf Coast for 5 days filled with various pursuits. This camp was the biggest number of purely Rainbow students to attend a camp in over 30 years! The Monday was mostly occupied with getting to Airey's Inlet. When we arrived, we quickly unpacked and got into some fun activities including, frisbee golf, the giant swing, archery and the climbing wall. That night we went on a bush walk through a part of the Otway National Park.

Tuesday saw us split into two groups. The older students went mountain bike riding, and the younger students went kayaking in the morning. Then in the afternoon, the two groups swapped activities. The heavy rainfalls meant that the dirt tracks for the bikes was particularly muddy, which only added to the fun and the adventure. That night was a movie night.

On Wednesday, we again split, with the younger kids going surfing in the morning and the older kids doing lots of cool onsite activities. And then we swapped over in the afternoon. The surfing was a huge hit. It was amazing how many kids were able to stand on their boards and ride a wave into shore. And every kid was able to catch waves, even if they didn't quite get to their feet. Wednesday night was spent playing indoor games and practicing for the concert that was to occur on the final night.

Thursday was pretty much a repeat of Wednesday. With more experience, our students caught many more waves and many even starting to perform tricks on their boards. The activities were attacked with much gusto with lots of screams on the giant swing and kids moving up the climbing wall like cats up a tree. That night we had the concert which saw just about every student put on an act and was very, very entertaining.

Friday saw us pack up and say our farewells. First stop was the Great Ocean Road Chocolate and Ice Creamery where our kids ate \$5 ice-creams that were the size of their heads. Many also enjoyed the delicious chocolate that was for sale. Then it was onto Torquay to hit the outlet store, buy some trendy threads and some rather interesting sunnies. And then, suddenly, we were heading back home.

Can I just say that our kids were brilliant, and a credit to their families. Everyone had a go at everything. The courage was amazing. The preparedness to have fun was inspirational. And the manners and willingness to help was quite incredible.

Thanks to all the staff who attended. Murray Robinson, Valma Gregory, Elly Schumann and Jordan Leach did everything they could to make sure that every kid got the most out of this camp.

Thanks also to the Victorian Government who's Positive Start grants meant that this amazing camp came at no cost to our families or our school.

And lastly, a big thank you to the owners and staff at Angahook Holiday Camp. Angus, Julie, Tim, Tex, Ritchie and Luke were all amazing. The food was incredible and the on-site activities were brilliant.

Cheers! Mr Leach



# Surf Camp



# Sailing Camp Photos



Our year 9 students are at sailing camp this week and having a wonderful time by the looks of it. Report to follow next term.





# Online Gaming

## Special Report

This month on SchoolTV - Online Gaming

Games are an integral part of human behaviour. It is normal and healthy for young people to engage in play as a part of their daily lives, including playing games online. And like most activities, online gaming can have both positive and negative outcomes. It can be intimidating and confusing for carers trying to understand a young person's online experiences with many considering that staring at a screen is an unhealthy habit. However, the World Health Organisation does believe that as well as the risks, there are also many positive benefits associated with online gaming and these could be key in nurturing bonds with others.

During the pandemic, there was an explosive growth of gaming as people sought much needed connection during isolation. In the media, gaming often gets bad publicity because most coverage tends to concentrate on the minority of gamers who play to such an extent that it compromises all other areas of their life. However, online gaming can teach young people many skills including teamwork, concentration, communication and problem-solving. It requires a level of interaction and skill from the player; unlike watching television, which is more passive.

Online communities provide opportunities for young people to feel socially connected and have a sense of belonging. At healthy levels, gaming can increase their self-esteem and social acceptance. However, any behaviour, when taken to extreme, can also have a negative impact on a young person's everyday life. Understanding what your young person experiences online and knowing the warning signs if they are at risk, will help nurture a more positive relationship with online gaming and help your family find the right balance.

If you are concerned about your young person's online gaming habits, it's important to consider a number of factors. This edition will provide strategies in how to deal with any issues you may be experiencing. We hope you take time to reflect on the information offered in this month's edition, and we always welcome your feedback.

If you do have any concerns about the wellbeing of your child, please contact the school for further information or seek medical or professional help.