



BE KIND, WORK HARD,
BOUNCE BACK

Dream Big

Newsletter



Issue 1 - 3rd February 2023

We are a Child Safe School

WELCOME TO 2023

We have had an exceedingly smooth start to the school year. There seems to be a very positive vibe around the school and all students and staff have approached this first week in an enthusiastic and proactive manner. It is great to see a large percentage of the student body in the navy shorts which look mighty smart. A HUGE thanks to all students for their attitude and behaviour in this first week.

WELCOME TO NEW STAFF

This year we officially welcome the following staff to our ranks:

- Grace Phelan is our Grade 3/4 teacher
- Montanna Gawith Hutson is ES support
- Bronte Michael is intervention
- Gracie Hurlstone is ES support

We also welcome back Emily Cashill from family leave... and from the positive WWW in morning circle I know the kids are happy to have her back!

VALE MICHELLE ISMAY

We were all saddened to hear about the passing of Michelle "Mickey" Ismay. Mickey was a student at Rainbow before becoming an integral part of the administration team at Rainbow High School, Rainbow Secondary and Rainbow P-12 College for 41 years. She approached her work in the administration area in a positive and organized manner with a huge dose of humour and quirkiness thrown in for good measure. Mickey definitely kept staff well fed with her many magnificent cooking creations that she would often describe as "flops and failures". She was an excellent ambassador for the school and a wonderful support to a number of Principals during her time. She was like the Energiser Bunny and her enthusiasm was infectious. You always left a conversation with Mickey with a smile on your face and a little more energy or bounce in your step. Our school was exceedingly lucky to have her on staff.

welcome
**BACK TO
SCHOOL**

Calendar Term 1

February

Fri 10th

Week 2

Swimming Sports

Thur 16th

Week 3

Welcome BBQ

(changed date)

Fri 17th

Cluster Swimming

Tue 21st

Week 4

Pancake Day

March

Thur 9th

Week 6

Ag Field Days

Mon 13th

Week 7

Labour Day public holiday

Thur 16th

Man Cave/Flourish Girl

Fri 24th

Week 8

School Photos Day

Tue 28th

Week 9

Senior Aths

April

Sat 1st

SSL Market

Thu 6th

Week 10

P-12 Cross Country
Last day of Term 1.



THANKS

There are a couple of thanks that need to be made:

- To Denis Huff, who has continued in the groundskeeper's role until we appoint his replacement (it will be a tough act to follow)
- To Pete Stasinowsky, Gene Fuller and Lachie Staples for coming in the Saturday before school started to activate "operation birds please go elsewhere" on the junior building verandah... the netting, sticky things and owls seem to have worked!
- To Mage and Phoenix for their brilliant response times when we had plumbing issues during the holidays...very much appreciated!



SWPBS

We have started to implement this initiative in our morning circles, via Avocados and by displaying the matrix in every classroom and space possible. Miss Wizz outlined our approach in the first assembly for the year. We are striving for consistency from Prep- 12. So let's Jump(y) to it!

OUT OF HOURS USE

If you are playing on school grounds out of school hours please respect and look after the school property and grounds. This includes the play equipment, sand equipment, the outside of the buildings and the oval and gardens. Please deposit all rubbish in the bins and please take care when riding bikes or scooters on the pavers in the quadrangle. Thank you for your cooperation with this matter. If you are walking your dog through the school grounds **PLEASE PICK UP ANY MESS IT DECIDES TO LEAVE**. Our kids and staff should not have to navigate around this!

IMPORTANT NOTICES...

Uniform

Please remember that students are required to wear correct uniform at all times. If you need new uniform please see the full page later in this newsletter.

HATS - In accordance with our SunSmart policy, **broad brimmed** hats are to be worn outside during terms 1 and 4. New school hats can be purchased from the office for \$10.00

Canteen

Canteen will continue to operate on Monday and Friday. Please see the new price list in this newsletter and please note that **prices have changed** from last year.

Juniors can still bring their food (in foil containers) to be heated.

School Council Nominations

Nominations for the 2023 School Council are now open - please see the full page later in this newsletter for details.

2023 Student Fees

2023 School Fees are now due. Please pay at the front office, payment plans are available if required. Please see the front office staff to arrange this.

Meeting Dates

Parents and Friends AGM 1st March 2023
7.30pm at school. Webex available 26502576368
School Council 13th February

Rainbow Cubs & Scouts

Rainbow Cubs and Scouts will start on Tuesday 7th of February at the Scout Hall at 3.30pm.

If you are 7.5 years or older, come along for some fun - you can come for 3 weeks for FREE before deciding to commit. Our group is also seeking interested adults - helpers are always welcome, or if you'd like to become a Leader please contact Gunner on 0457809797 or come along on Tuesday afternoon.



INTRODUCING OUR 2023 PREP STUDENTS

We welcome each of our new Prep students and their families that are joining us this year. We also wish to welcome Levi and Bella, Jayde and their families to our school community.

Tate



Eli



Natas



Logan



Abdu

DO YOU WANT A PRINTED NEWSLETTER?

If you would like a printed newsletter from now on, you need to opt-in by contacting the office on 53951063 or emailing rainbow.p12@education.vic.gov.au

**CONGRAULATIONS
MRS SOLLY
50 YEARS OF EDUCATION**



SWIMMING SPORTS - Friday 10th February

- Students are expected to come straight to the Rainbow Pool at 8:50am for a 9am start. Buses will drop off and pick up from the pool.
- Clothing for the day – House colours or sports uniform.
- Food – snacks, water, packed lunch. Please note there will be a BBQ available this year.
- Students are to bring their bathers, rashie and towels. At least two towels are required as the students are in and out of the water during the day.
- Suitable sunhat.
- Old Windcheater/tracksuit pants – if the weather is cool it will keep the student warm.
- Sunscreen is provided by the school. However, if you child has a sensitivity please bring some from home.
- We are unsure if the pool canteen will be open at this stage. We will notify families prior to the event.
- Lunch break will be approximately at 12:30pm. But we encourage students to eat during breaks within their program. The Parents & Friends will be running the BBQ which will be available from approximately 11.30am. Prices are as follows:
 - Sausages \$2.00
 - Hamburgers \$3.00
 - Chicken Steak \$6.00
- Students are to remain in house areas at ALL times to ensure that the swimming program runs smoothly.

END OF DAY ORGANISATION

If you intend on taking your junior school child directly from the pool or you wish for them to walk home can you please complete the form below and return to Mrs Gregory by Tuesday the 7th of February.

PARENT HELPERS

If you are also willing to assist on the day please fill out the provided form to Mrs Gregory by Tuesday the 7th of February.

HELPERS - I (name) _____ am willing to help at the Rainbow Swimming Sports.
Signed _____

Junior School Students only - I (name) _____ will be taking/allowing my child(ren) to walk home (name/ names) _____ from the pool at the completion of the sports on Friday 10th of February.
Please circle which option is applicable.



School Wide Positive Behaviour Student Voice and Agency



This week we began our implementation of the School Wide Positive Behaviour Support initiative (SWPBS).

Each week, staff and students will focus on a specific aspect of the Whole School Expectations matrix. The weekly focus will be introduced at Monday assembly, and reinforced in all classrooms throughout the week.

Our focus this week was ***being ready to learn, and being respectful to all members of the school community.***

In Morning Circle and Avocados staff highlighted the behaviours from our matrix that align with this focus (as you can see on the right) and gave students the opportunity to clarify and practise them.

It was wonderful to see and hear plenty of respect being shown right throughout the school. Students and staff have begun the year on a really positive note and we look forward to this continuing.

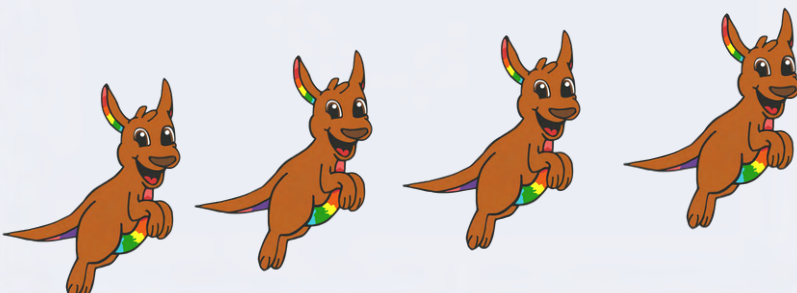
Student Leadership

Congratulations to all students who have taken on leadership roles this year. It is great to have so many of our students putting their hands up to help make a difference at our school. To those who nominated, but didn't get a role this time, there are still plenty of opportunities to get involved around the school, and we appreciate your enthusiasm.

Upcoming meetings and student events

Senior SRC Meeting: Wed 8th Feb @ Lunchtime

Senior Prom Meeting: Thurs 9th Feb @ Lunchtime



Week 1 Expectations

I will use manners and speak respectfully to everyone

I will wear correct uniform with pride

I will always bring correct equipment to class

I will arrive on time, ready to learn

Week 2 Focus and Expectations

Pride in our school
and
Participation

I will try my best in everything I do

I will set goals and try to achieve them

I will embrace mistakes and learn from them

I will encourage others

2023 Student Leadership Team

SCHOOL CAPTAINS

SENIOR: TESSA LEACH & AYL A ROBERTS

JUNIOR: TAYLOR FISHER, RUBY TREGENZA & CLANCY WEIR

FORM CAPTAINS

Year 7: AMAYA ECKERMANN & ADDISON FISHER

Year 8: MAGGIE FISHER & OSCAR CLARKE

Year 9: FAITH FORNARO

Year 10: PHOEBE BIGHAM & AIDEN PRESTON

Year 11: SHEKINAH HURLSTONE & LEWIS COCKS

Year 12: TESSA LEACH & AYL A ROBERTS

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL

SENIOR PRESIDENT: HEIDI SMITH (J: INARA PETSCHER)

VICE PRESIDENT: HOLLY DOXEY

SECRETARY: TESSA LEACH/COOPER STASINOWSKY (J: AVA LESTER)

TREASURER: ZANDER ECKERMANN (J: HAYLEE HARRIS)

PUBLICITY OFFICERS: PUBLICITY TEAM (J): WILLIAM BOYLE & LEVI SUGDEN

Year 7: EVAN KELLER, JACOB BOYLE, LILY SAUL, KANE BASTIN,
GIAAN ECKERMANN, ANNIKA PETSCHER,
AMAYA ECKERMANN, ELIZA CLARKE, ADDISON FISHER

Year 8: MAGGIE FISHER & OSCAR CLARKE

Year 9: FAITH FORNARO

Year 10: HOLLY DOXEY, PHOEBE BIGHAM,
COOPER STASINOWSKY, ZANDER ECKERMANN

Year 11/12: MARTY MAKIN

BUS CAPTAINS

HINDMARSH: ANTHANY MCKAY, NATALIE JENNS & FAITH FORNARO

KENMARE: HEIDI SMITH & FLYNN SMITH

PELLA: ZANDER ECKERMANN, WILL FISHER, PARKER GOULD & MELISSA CLARK

YAAPEET: CLARISSA BIGHAM, MARTY MAKIN & BREANNA FRANCIS

HOUSE CAPTAINS

ALBACUTYA

SENIOR

C: FLYNN SMITH & LUCY THOMAS

V: LEWIS COCKS, MITCH EY &
HEIDI SMITH (BACKUP)

JUNIOR

C: RUBY TREGENZA & WILLIAM BOYLE

V: INARA PETSCHER & CARSON KOTZAPETROS

HINDMARSH

SENIOR

C: ANTHANY MCKAY & TESSA LEACH

V: MARTY MAKIN & SHANAE BASTIN

JUNIOR

C: TAYLOR FISHER & CLANCY WEIR

V: HAYLEE HARRIS & LEVI SUGDEN

World Read Aloud Day

Wednesday was World Read Aloud Day, all primary students spent some time reading aloud to one another.



New Flag Poles

During the holidays we had 3 new flag poles installed in front of the bus loop so that we can proudly fly the Australian, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander flags on a daily basis.

Junior Milkshake Order form Name:

Blue Heaven Caramel Chocolate Strawberry Vanilla
(please circle)
Price \$3.00



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