



BE KIND, WORK HARD,
BOUNCE BACK

Dream Big

Newsletter



Issue 2 - 10th February 2023

We are a Child Safe School

BELATED CONGRATULATIONS

A huge (and belated) congratulations to AYLA ROBERTS for being the recipient of the Hindmarsh Young Citizen of the Year Award at the Australia Day ceremony. This was in recognition for her remarkable efforts with her organisation of the White Ribbon awareness day and meal. We are all very proud of you!



WELCOME BBQ

On Thursday 16th February the school is holding a "welcome BBQ" to start the year. This will be a chance for parents/carers to catch up with staff in an informal setting. There will be a couple of brief presentations to outline our goals and expectations for the year. There will be presentations from:

- Principal (that will be mighty brief!)
- The Junior school
- SWPBS (School Wide Positive Behaviour Support)
- Parents & Friends

The BBQ will be free (and organised by Parents & Friends). The SRC will be selling drinks. There will be some outdoor games for students (and others) to play. The session will go from 3:30-6:30pm.

We would love to see as many families there as possible.

Calendar

Term 1

February

Thur 16th

Fri 17th

Tue 21st

March

Thur 9th

Mon 13th

Thur 16th

Fri 24th

Tue 28th

April

Sat 1st

Thu 6th

Week 3

Welcome BBQ

(changed date)

Cluster Swimming

Casual Day - gold coin

Week 4

Pancake Day

Week 6

Ag Field Days

Week 7

Labour Day public holiday

Man Cave/Flourish Girl

Week 8

School Photos Day

Week 9

Senior Aths

Week 10

P-12 Cross Country

Last day of Term 1.

Meeting Dates

Parents and Friends AGM 1st March 2023

7.30pm at school. Webex available
26502576368

School Council 13th February



STUDENT CONNECTEDNESS



It is great to see a number of students take the initiative and work hard to create special dedicated spaces in the school. This sense of ownership reflects a greater sense of connectedness to the school. The VCE Cave, the Year 10 room and the Year 7 "Bay 13" are great examples of this!

Thanks to Ayla Roberts, one of our School Captains, for setting this in motion with her extensive renovations to the cage area backstage last year to set up a haven for the VCE students (in preparation for building works).

SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTIONS

Nominations are now open for positions on the 2023 School Council. We have the following positions available :

- 6 parent positions
- 3 DET positions
- 1 student position

Nominations close FRIDAY 17th FEBRUARY.

If you need any more information or would like to ask any questions please contact Colleen Petschel at the school.

Nomination forms are available from the front office.



IMPORTANT NOTICES...

Uniform

Please remember that students are required to wear correct uniform at all times. Expected uniform is outlined below. If a student is deemed to be in inappropriate uniform, eg ill-fitting or sports attire, parents will be contacted.

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

All Students are expected to wear:

- Rainbow P-12 Polo Top
- Either navy shorts, navy skorts, navy pants, navy tracksuit pants, navy & white checked dress or navy winter skirt (with navy tights)
- Junior students can wear their sports top on PE days.
- Bannerman jacket

Footwear

- All black shoes and black socks
- Workboots for tech area

(change into gear like on PE days)

Headwear

- Rainbow P-12 wide brimmed hat
- Rainbow P-12 College Beanie

Book Club

Issue 1

Orders due by 13th February

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.

Canteen

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

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

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

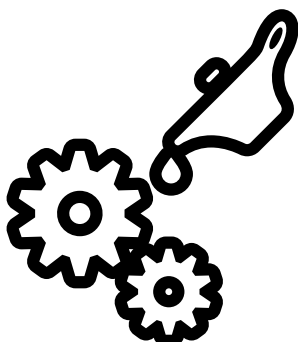
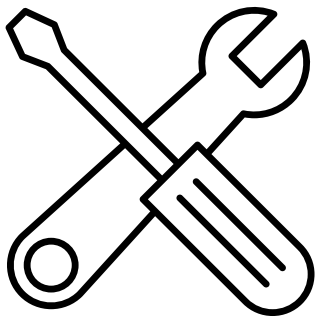
Out of the classroom fun

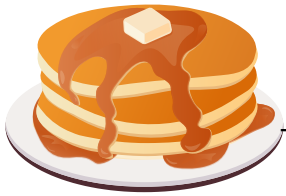


AUTO ELECTIVE

Auto elective students hard at work on the old mowers.

Wrecking (but in a methodical manner) so they can reassemble them again.





Pancake Day

Tuesday, 21st February, 2023 at the Rainbow Fire Station.

Please note: New prices for the Savoury and Sweet Pancakes \$6.00

Savoury Pancakes - \$6.00

Choices are: Crab Meat, Sweet and Sour Chicken, Spaghetti Bolognaise & Tuna

Sweet Pancakes - \$6.00

Choices are: Strawberry and Ice Cream or Bananas and Ice Cream

Plainer Pancakes - \$2.00

Choices are: Maple Syrup, Lemon & Sugar, Jam & Cream, Ice Cream and Butter.

Could students please write their names, orders and class on the outside of envelopes and have correct money inside.

Orders due by Monday 20th February.

Junior students will be going for morning tea, Senior students are able to go for lunch.

VM PDS Food Van



Coming soon...

Watch this space for updates.



School Wide Positive Behaviour Student Voice and Agency



Our focus this week was:

Pride in our school and Participation

This week we encouraged students to take pride in their school through participation in the Swimming Sports, representing themselves and their house in a positive manner.

We are always so impressed at our swimming carnival to see students achieving personal bests, attempting events they find tricky and helping their peers and staff when needed.

The house spirit shown by many of the students is also a highlight every year.

Congratulations to all students on their achievements!

Senior SRC News - Casual Day Friday 17th Feb Raising money for Cancer Research

At this week's meeting the Senior SRC discussed casual days and other fundraising events for the year.

To start off the year, they are holding a casual day to support a fundraising bike ride by two oncologists - Prof. George Kannourakis and Dr. Prashanth Prithviraj - who have helped many local people who have cancer, including people very close to us as a school.

STUDENTS CAN WEAR CASUAL CLOTHES AND BRING A GOLD COIN DONATION - all money will go towards the Fiona Elsey Cancer Research Institute.

Upcoming meetings and student events

Senior Prom Committee: Tue 14th Feb @ Lunchtime

Junior SRC: Thur 23rd Feb @ Lunchtime

Casual Day: Friday 17th Feb

Senior SRC: TBA



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

Week 3

Focus and Expectations

**Classroom Productivity
and Manners**

The importance of a productive and polite classroom

I will arrive on time, ready to learn

I will respect classmates and allow them to learn

I will be a problem solver and ask for help



Art Club

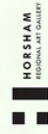
Term 1



Come along and join in
the fun!

Art Club is about supporting our emerging young artists in making and creating artworks. We'll help children discover new skills and express their ideas through a stimulating program of visual art practices guided by renowned local artists.

Runs weekly from Tuesday 14th February to 21st March,
4-5:30pm for children aged 7+. A course of 6 sessions for
\$72.



This series of workshops is supported by the Victorian Department of Education and Training



MiniMakers

Storytime

Let's get together around art and storytelling!

Term 1 – Fortnightly from Tuesday 14th February - 10:00am to 10:45am

\$5 per child
(materials included)

Art for our Mini Makers is all about discovery and fun.
Unleash your child's creativity through wonderful books and delightful art activities.



Privacy Collection Notice

Information for students, parents and carers

The Department of Education and Training (the Department) values your privacy and is committed to protecting the personal and health information that schools collect.

All school staff must comply with Victorian privacy law and the Schools' Privacy Policy. This notice explains how the Department, including Victorian government schools (schools), handles personal and health information. On occasion, specific consent will be sought for the collection and use of information, for example, for a student to receive a health service. Our schools are also required by legislation, such as the Education and Training Reform Act 2006, to collect some of this information.

Throughout this notice, 'staff' includes principals, teachers, student support service officers, youth workers, social workers, nurses and any other allied health practitioners, and all other employees, contractors, volunteers and service providers of the school and the Department.

On enrolment, and during the ordinary course of a student's attendance at a school, schools will collect information about students and their families for the following purposes:

- educating students
- supporting students' social and emotional wellbeing, and health
- fulfilling legal obligations, including duty of care, anti-discrimination law and occupational health and safety law
- communicating and engaging with parents
- student administration
- school management
- supporting policy in relation to student education and wellbeing.

If this information is not collected, schools may be unable to provide optimal education or support to students or fulfil legal obligations.



For example, our schools rely on parents to provide health information about any medical condition or disability that their child has, medication their child may take while at school, any known allergies and contact details of their child's doctor. If parents do not provide all relevant health information, this may put their child's health at risk.

Our schools also require current, relevant information about all parents and carers so that schools can take account of safety concerns that affect their children. Parents should provide schools with copies of all current parenting plans and court orders about or that affect their children and provide updated copies when they change.

When parents enrol their child in primary school, they will be asked to provide personal and health information in several ways, including via the Enrolment Form, the School Entrance Health Questionnaire (SEHO) and the Early Childhood Intervention Service (ECIS) Transition Form.

The Enrolment Form is used to collect information that is essential for the purposes listed above, and requests information such as:

- Emergency contacts - Individuals parents nominate for a school to contact during an emergency. Parents should ensure that their nominated emergency contact agrees to their contact details being provided to the school and that they understand their details may be disclosed by the Department if lawful, e.g. in the case of emergency communications relating to bush fires or floods.

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- Student background information - Information about country of birth, Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander origin, language spoken at home and parent occupation. This information enables the Department to allocate appropriate resources to schools. The Department also uses this information to plan for future educational needs in Victoria and shares some information with the Commonwealth government to monitor, plan and allocate resources.
 - Immunisation status - This assists schools to manage health risks and legal obligations. The Department may also provide this information to the Department of Health and Department of Families, Fairness and Housing to assess immunisation rates in Victoria, but not in a way which identifies students.
 - Visa status - This is required to process a student's enrolment.

All schools may use departmental systems and online tools such as apps and other software to effectively collect and manage information about students and families for the purposes listed above.

When schools use these online tools, they take steps to ensure that student information is secure. If parents or carers have any concerns about the use of these online tools, please contact the school.

School staff will only share student and family information with other school staff who need to know to enable them to educate or support the student as described above. Information will only be shared outside the school (and outside the Department) as required or authorised by law, including where sharing is required to meet duty of care, anti-discrimination, occupational health and safety, and child wellbeing and safety obligations. The information collected will not be disclosed beyond the school and Department without parent consent unless such disclosure is lawful.

When a student transfers to another school (including Catholic, independent and interstate), personal and/or health information about that student may be transferred to the next school. Transferring this information is in the best interests of the student and assists the next school to provide the best possible education and support to the student. For further detail about how and what level of information is provided to the next school, refer to the: Enrolment: Student transfers between schools.

Schools only provide school reports and ordinary school communications to students, parents, carers or others who have a legal right to that information. Requests for access to other student information or by others must be made by lodging a Freedom of Information (FOI) application.

To update student or family information, parents should contact their school.

For more information about how schools and the Department collect and manage personal and health information, or how to access personal and health information held by a school about you or your child, refer to the: Schools' Privacy Policy.

Once the schools website has been updated, further information will be available online.