



BE KIND, WORK HARD,  
BOUNCE BACK

*Dream Big*



# Newsletter

Issue 12 5th May 2023  
We are a Child Safe School

## PRINCIPAL'S PONDERINGS...

### BUILDING WORKS – TAKE #2 – UPDATE 1

On Monday afternoon I received a call from the project manager with some great news that our building works project is back on track.



We have got the green light for both Stage one AND Stage two. This was a very big surprise to have the total project approved. Stage two does mean the demolition of the hall. I know this will not please a number of members of our community and I understand how you will feel.

However, it will be fantastic to have modern, state of the art, purpose built facilities that provide the best educational opportunities for our students now and into the future.

It will take a couple of weeks to get everything organised so that the project can go out to tender. There are exciting times ahead!

## EDUCATION WEEK

Next week is Education Week. The theme is "Active Learners: Move, Make, Motivate". It celebrates physical activity, hands-on learning and student voice. We will have open sessions on both Monday and Friday. The Rainbow Grab n Go will have its first official outing! Please check out the flyer in the newsletter for more details.



## ATTENDANCE

It is so important for students to attend school on a consistent basis. The continuity of learning is essential for the consolidation and retention of information. This allows for routines to develop and assists in the social and emotional development of your children. Please ensure that regular attendance is a priority.

## Calendar

Term 2

### May

#### Week 4

**Mon 15th** Open Day 8.50-11.00am  
**Thu 18th** NF Day wear Green and Blue. (Neurofibromatosis Awareness Day)

**Fri 19th** Open Day 12.40-3.00pm

#### Week 5

**Wed 24th** Simultaneous Story Time

#### Week 6

### June

**Fri 1st** Cluster Winter Sports

#### Week 7

**Mon 5th-  
Fri 9th** Surf Camp - Senior school

#### Week 8

**Mon 12th** No School - Public Holiday

## Meeting Dates

**Parents and Friends** General Meeting  
5th June 1.30pm at school  
Webex available 26502576368  
**School Council** 12th June



## Camps Sports and Excursions Fund

If you have a Health Care Card and haven't advised us, please do so ASAP. Applications for CSEF are closing soon.

## FORMAL

Tonight is the Senior Formal. Thanks again to Clarissa Bigham (and family supporters – mum!) for organizing every aspect of the event. It should be a great night and another chance for our students to create those special memories! Full report and photos in next week's newsletter



## RAINBOW GRAB 'N' GO

The Food van is up and going!

The VM students have worked tirelessly this week to get things set up, do some test runs (which resulted in some very contented and caffeinated staff) and get things ready for Education week and the Neurofibromatosis fundraising event next Thursday. I have been so impressed with their commitment to this project. Well done.



## CROSS COUNTRY

Congratulations to all junior and senior competitors who competed in the Cross Country events this week. This year the junior and senior events were held on different days at different venues. The junior cross country was run in Horsham on the Wednesday while the senior cross country was held in Murtoa on the Thursday. It is an excellent achievement to get to the Little Desert level of any sporting event. Well done! Please see junior report on how the students went later in the newsletter.

## NEW FACES

This week we have two more new students! Will Dowdy-Kirby in Grade 5 and Eden Dowdy-Kirby in Year 7. Both lads have made a great start to their schooling at Rainbow.



### Tuning in to Kids® Online Parenting Group

Delivered by Royal Far West

Limited Spaces available for 2023:

- 9:30am-11:00am, beginning Tuesday 30 May & running weekly for 8 weeks (with a 3 week break from Tuesday 27 June – Tuesday 11 July)

This is a free online parenting group for parents/carers. The program aims to:

- Improve communication between you and your child
- Strengthen the bond you share with your child
- Better understand your child and their behaviours
- Help your child learn how to understand, express, and manage their emotions in a productive way.
- Help your child learn skills which will support them to create and maintain positive relationships in life.
- Connect with other likeminded parents/carers

If you are interested, please go to <https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1044281> to book or learn more.



# School Wide Positive Behaviour Student Voice, Agency and Leadership



## Senior School Captain Report (Ayla Roberts)

This year so far has been very busy with lots of activities and projects happening.

The VM class have been working hard on the food van and we are really excited to have it up and running for Education Week next week.

Another project that is starting is the Inter-Generational Project which will build connections between the residents at the Rainbow Hospital and our students here at school. We have had a morning tea together, and in the next few weeks we will join them for a Pizza Party. I am really enthusiastic about this and we are looking forward to doing more activities together.

There have been a lot of positive things happening in the classrooms as well. The Year 7-10 students are enjoying their electives and we have had lots of positive feedback about them. One thing that many students want is some more sport options, so that is something we are going to try and add next term.

I am looking forward to seeing lots of families and community members next week at our open days.

## Whole School Forum

On Tuesday morning we held a forum with the students to hear their views about the school, their classes, and to answer any questions they have.

The first agenda item was to decide on the design of the new school hoodie. They have decided to have a red hood on the navy blue jumper.

Students gave some feedback on the morning circles, which will be discussed further with staff.

They also expressed that they found assemblies outside too distracting because of the traffic noise.

We have shifted Monday assemblies into the hall for the moment.

There was some feedback that football is getting a bit rowdy at lunchtimes, so this is being closely monitored by yard duty teachers.

The Year 11/12 class have asked for some heating in the backstage area which we will look into.

Thanks to all students for their honest and constructive participation.

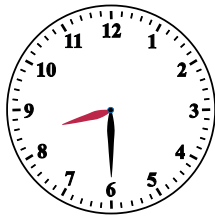
## Upcoming meetings and student events

**Senior & Junior SRC Meeting:** Fri 19th May

**Jnr SRC Icy Pole sales:** Thurs lunchtimes

**Form Captain Breakfast:** Friday 16th June

**Whole School Forum:** Week 2 Term 3



Supervision at school begins at **8.30am**, please ensure that your children are not here before then, unless prior arrangements have been made.

### 2023 Student Fees

2023 School Fees are now due. Please check at the office if you are unsure if you have paid or not.

Payment plans are available if required. Please see the front office staff to arrange this.

### Book Club

Issue 3 is due back to school by **Monday 15th May**.

## Book Club



### Friday Club

For interested families, Friday Club is held every week. Students can walk down to the Lutheran Church Hall with Karen Koning after school on Fridays.



### 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](mailto:rainbow.p12@education.vic.gov.au)



### ICY POLES

The Junior SRC will be selling Icy Poles at lunchtimes on **Thursdays** for 50 cents

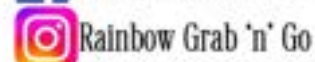
### Student Absences

Please remember to inform the school if your child is away from school for any reason by either using Compass or phoning the office on

**53951063**



Check Out the Social Media Platforms we are making.



Linktree\* <https://linktr.ee/rainbow.grabngo>



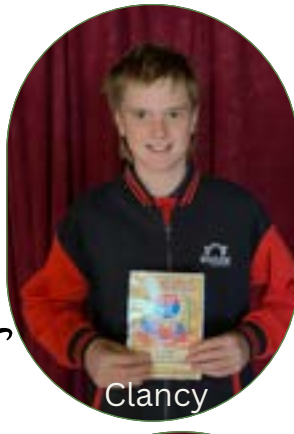
# READING AWARDS



Pippa

# 50

*nights*



Clancy



Yosha



Jurie



Abdu -reading  
and Coloured  
words



William



Eli - Blue Words  
Well Done!



Adalyn



Felicity



Inara



Haylee

# 75

*nights*



Ruby



Harry



Kayla



Taylor

## Little Desert Cross Country – Horsham

Wednesday May 10th, 2023

On a beautiful Autumn day, 11 eager students headed off to Horsham to represent Rainbow P-12 College at the next level of Cross Country. They all performed to the best of their ability and we are very proud of their efforts. A huge thank you to Krissy for driving the bus and being on a checkpoint, Miss Newton for her great supervision and many of the participating students' parents, for their support and encouragement on the day.

A massive congratulations to Honey Rose who came 3rd out of 33 participants in the 11 year old girls age group. She has qualified for the next level to be held in Warnambool on Monday 29th May.

Other notable results include: Adalyn – 21st, Inara 9th, Edi 34th, Pippa 29th, Clancy 26th, Hugo 17th, Taylor 10th, and Ruby 24th.



### VALE

## John Smith

It is with great sadness that Rainbow P-12 recognise the passing of Mr John Smith, formerly of Kenmare (Horsham). John's contribution as an active parent to the school was significant and extended as his seven children all attended this school. He was often seen carting sheep for the shearing school in the old red Acco and provided a modern shearing shed and wool presses for many years. John was also instrumental in the Dine with Wine preparations and would carve the signature pigs up beautifully.

Our deepest sympathy to his wife Valerie (Joy) and children Corey, Nicole, Nathan, Janelle, Naomi, Rebecca, Angela and their families.

### Rainbow Senior Badminton 2023 Season

Starts on Monday 22nd May and Wednesday 24th May at the Rainbow P12 School Hall at 7.15pm.

Practice night Wednesday 17th May 2023. All new players and previous players are most welcome.

Enter your names with Jill on 0428539612 by 7.30pm on Wednesday 17th May 2023. Cost \$2 per week with racquets supplied.

### Rainbow Junior Badminton 2023 Season

Junior Badminton has changed to Wednesday after school in the school hall.

Weekly from Wednesday 10th May.

All new players and previous players are most welcome - 8 years old or older. Cost \$2 per week with racquets supplied.

# School for Student Leadership Report

For 9 weeks of Term 1 this year, we were away at Don Valley School for Student Leadership. Don Valley is in the heart of the Yarra Ranges, and a hop, skip, and jump from the Yarra River. While we were away, we participated in many fun outdoor activities such as Mountain Biking and White Water Canoeing. There are no mainstream classes such as English or Maths, although every night we write a reflection on our day, called DEARR, which we had to have 10 minutes of silent reading in and 20 minutes of reflecting on our day by writing something to go on our sway (an online journal).

Part of the curriculum is to create a Community Learning Project (CLP) while we are there, so that we can benefit our community when we get back home. Each school group that went had to do something. Our CLP is to fundraise and organise for firepits to be placed at the Rainbow Lake. We had to present our idea on a special day, called CLP Day, where teachers from home schools and community members of Don Valley are invited. We stand up the front and can present in any form we want to. Afterwards we present our teachers with a Master Plan of our CLP (which we had made in earlier CLP classes).

During our time at the school we also focus on Learning Concepts, which are like Science, English, Maths and Humanities in mainstream schools. There are 9 learning concepts and during our time we learn and use these Learning Concepts. They are Respectful Relationships, Collaboration, Identity, Environments, Health and Wellbeing, Resilience, Empathy, Learning Strategies and Emotional Management. Towards the end of the 9 weeks the teachers gave us opportunities to show more leadership by teaching one of the classes on the different learning concepts. This was the teachers letting us really begin to show leadership and what we have learnt over the past few weeks, and at the end of the term we are marked on what we have improved in on the Learning Concepts.

We would definitely recommend going to anyone who gets the opportunity, because the amount of memories and friendships that you make are definitely worth it. We will definitely make time to go and visit those that we met whilst away.



This week's classroom focus is  
**GRADE 5/6**



*Honeyrose & Haylee*



*Carson & Will D*

In Grade 5/6 we have been very busy in English with our autobiographies that are coming along great.

In Maths we are developing our division skills and practicing our times tables.

P.E. is exciting as we learn to play touch footy and practice our attacking and defending tactics.

In Science we have made our PowerPoints on different types of science areas along with the careers that we can have in Science.



*Hugo*



*Harry*



# GRADE 5/6



Maddie



Bella

Felicity



Will

In PL we are learning about Mindfulness, how it helps your body de-escalate and be in the present.

Humanities is where we learn about continents, oceans, hemispheres and countries worldwide.

In Digitech, we have just started talking about how a 3D Printer works and making posters on how to use one.

In German, we are learning about different types of animals and how to describe them in German.

In IS (Integrated Studies) we have been working on keyboard shortcuts for Word, so it makes it a lot quicker and easier.

Art is a lot of fun as we have been creating Mother's Day gifts and everyone has been working very hard to impress our Mums.

In Music, we have been creating quizzes about different types of instruments and their styles.

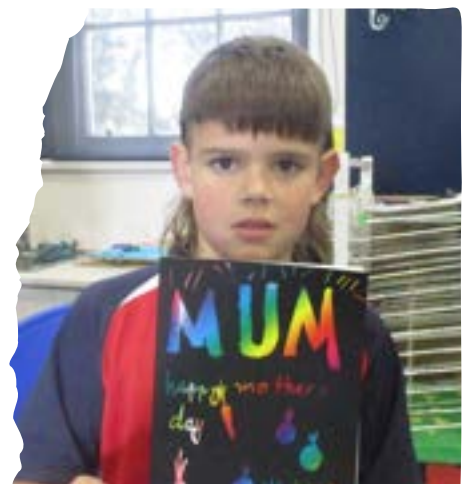
*Written by William Boyle and Ava Lester.*



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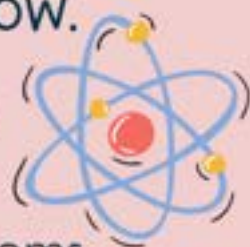


RAINBOW P-12 COLLEGE

# EDUCATION WEEK OPEN DAYS

THE RAINBOW AND WIDER COMMUNITIES ARE INVITED TO OUR CLASSROOMS TO SEE THE WONDERFUL THINGS OUR STAFF AND STUDENTS ARE DOING. COME AND GO AS YOU PLEASE BETWEEN THE DATES AND TIMES BELOW.

## Monday 15th May - 8:50am - 11:00am



- 8:50 - 9:00am - Whole School Assembly
- 9:00 - 10:40am - Period 1 and Period 2 - visit classrooms
- 9:30 - 10:30am - Shake Rattle and Read
- 9:00 - 10:40am - Hands on Learning (West Paddock)
- 10:40 - 11:00am - Recess - chat and catch up with the staff

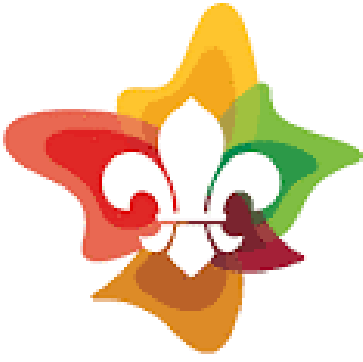


## Friday 19th May - 12:40pm - 3:00pm



- 12:40 - 1:20pm - Lunch time
  - Coffee sold by the VM Class through their "Grab 'n' Go" food van
- 1:00 - 1:20pm - SRC meeting - view student voice
- 1:20 - 3:00pm - Period 5 and Period 6 - visit classrooms

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT RAINBOW P-12 COLLEGE ON 03 53 951 063



# **1ST RAINBOW SCOUT GROUP**



Would like to invite all Past and Present members, their families & our community to join us to help celebrate

## **100 YEARS OF SCOUTING IN RAINBOW**

On Sunday 4th June 2023

9:30am St Pauls Anglican Church Service  
Followed by formalities at 11.30am at the Scout Hall,  
and BBQ lunch at 1pm

Please register at the Rainbow Post Office or on the Rainbow Scout Group Event page for catering purposes



Please wear your uniform, if you are a current Scout member or your Scarf if you are a past member.

If you have any Photos or memorabilia please bring them along or Post to our Facebook Page.

Please help us to spread the word, and we look forward to seeing you.  
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