



BE KIND, WORK HARD,
BOUNCE BACK

Dream Big

Newsletter



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We are a Child Safe School

PRINCIPAL'S PONDERINGS...

EDUCATION WEEK

We had a very successful open session on Monday morning with parents, carers and community members attending our general assembly and visiting a number of classes. There was also a very active Shake, Rattle & Read session in the Library. Rainbow Grab 'n' Go made its debut and was a huge hit at recess. The HOL team also invited their special friend for breakfast on the day. In total we had 22 visitors on Monday checking out what makes Rainbow P-12 tick. As I write this we are preparing for our second open session on Friday from lunchtime onwards.



FORMAL

What a great night! From a teacher's perspective these nights are just so rewarding as we have the opportunity to see our kids just be themselves and have fun. Congratulations to Clarissa and her team of helpers, Marty, Ayla, Archer, Jasper, Phoebe, Emma, Natalie, Melissa, Anthany and Shekinah for the outstanding organisation and planning of the night. The decorations, grazing table and even the choice of music were all spot on!



Thanks to the staff (particularly Tammy who had the dual role of mum and staff member) for assisting with the set up, supervision and packing up. Very much appreciated.



Calendar

Term 2

May

Tue 23rd
Wed 24th

Week 5
Self Defence Sessions
Simultaneous Story Time

June

Thu 1st

Cluster Winter Sports

Mon 5th-
Fri 9th
Wed 7th

Week 6
Week 7
Surf Camp - Senior school
EcoLink (Prep - Grade 6)

Mon 12th
Wed 14th

Week 8
No School - Public Holiday
Hip Hop Dance Sessions (morning)
Butterfly Habitat Planting Day (afternoon)

Meeting Dates

Parents and Friends General Meeting
5th June 1.30pm at school
Webex available 26502576368
School Council 14th June



Camps Sports and Excursions Fund

CSEF Application forms were sent home this week, if you have a Health Care Card please return ASAP.

PRINCIPAL'S PONDERINGS...CONT

OUR SENIOR SCHOOL CAPTAINS

Could not be any prouder of our two outstanding senior school captains.

Here are just a couple of descriptors that come to mind:

- Proactive
- Determined
- Enthusiastic
- Hardworking
- Inspiring
- Motivating
- Passionate
- Approachable
- Thoughtful
- Empathetic
- Big world thinkers
- They dream big!



The best role models a school could ever ask for!
RAINBOW GRAB 'N' GO

Rainbow Grab 'n' Go is definitely fully operational now with a very successful debut. The VM students have worked tirelessly this week providing hot drinks for the Education Week Open Sessions on Monday and Friday as well as hot drinks and mini pancakes to raise money for NF and the Children's Tumour Foundation.



BUILDING WORKS – TAKE #2 – UPDATE 1

This week we had our first meeting. The purpose of this was "to get the band back together" and organise a timeline of key events and actions. If all our ducks stay in a row we are looking at a potential starting date in September

ATTENDANCE

We want attendance superheros at this school!



Vale Roger Eckermann

It is with sadness that we acknowledge the passing of Roger Eckermann, husband of Jill and father of Adrian, Jeremy, Daniel and Anthony (dec). Roger supported the school through many years of working bees and student activities.

Our deepest sympathy is extended to all the Eckermann family, especially Jill with all her contact with current students through Badminton and of course Jaime and Dustin who are current students and Belinda (Adrian's wife) who is an ex-teacher.

Education Week – That’s A Wrap

From Miss Nadia Wedding

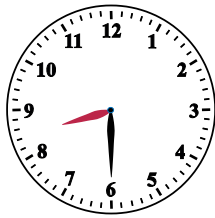
A big heartfelt thank you to all the community members, parents, past students, families, special people and loved ones who have taken the time and effort to pop into our amazing school over the last week. We were thrilled to have opened up our school to the community on Monday morning and Friday afternoon as part of Education Week, to showcase the wonderful learning that happens on a regular basis. Staff and students got a real buzz from seeing you all come in to view our classes, have a chat and catch up. The theme for Education Week this year was ‘Active Learners: Move, Make, Motivate’, and we sure hit the theme on the head with many hands on activities to promote learning. There have been many events happen this week to celebrate Education Week, including but not limited to:

- The unveiling of the VM “Rainbow Grab n Go” food van
- Open Day sessions on Monday and Friday
- West Wimmera Health Service – Rainbow Careers in Allied Health excursion
- Creating fishing lures in Mr Cook’s fishing elective class
- Hands On Learning special person’s breakfast
- Unveiling of the Ag Program trailer and new shirts
- SRC Meetings and student forums
- Raising awareness for Neurofibromatosis (NF) Day
- Avocados tabloid sports sessions
- Mr Leach’s golf elective



Also a huge thank you to our staff for opening up their classrooms, inviting the community in and embracing the experience.

We hope to make the Open Days more regular throughout the year and find opportunities to involve the community in our student’s learning. Again, thank you all very much to those who attended the Open Days and helping us celebrate Education Week.



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



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.





School Wide Positive Behaviour Student Voice, Agency and Leadership



Senior School Captain Report (Tessa Leach)

What an eventful term it has been so far! It has been great to see kids of all ages getting involved in school sports lately, athletics and cross country, and have some great successes! Well done to anyone who has participated in these events and thank you to the teachers that are here to make it happen! We have had a great start to Education Week this week with members of the community joining us for our general assembly, Shake, Rattle & Read, Hands On Learning and checking out what happens in our classrooms! We're very proud to be showing what goes on at school, especially since the community supports us in so many different ways.

This term I have been focusing on preparing the school for The Push-Up Challenge! I am very excited to announce that Ayla and I are Student Ambassadors for Rainbow P-12 College this year and have been working hard to get to the workshops and get the school involved. The Push-Up Challenge starts in June and goes until the 23rd. This year I will be challenging myself to 3,144 push-ups in 23 days to help raise awareness for mental health. This is a great organisation who, this year will not only be supporting themselves with any money raised, but Movember and Lifeline too. I'm hoping that I can round up a lot of students and teachers to get involved for this amazing cause.

Hindmarsh Shire Youth Council Games Night

On Friday the 29th May, the Hindmarsh Shire Youth Council is holding a games night in Dimboola.

There will be a bus running from Rainbow, so it would be great to see lots of students supporting this event.

If you want to know more details, please speak with our Youth Councillors - Eliza Clarke, Sally Smith, Amelie Fuller, Cooper Stasinowsky and Breanna Francis.

play

Welcome Jumpy!

Amaya and Giaan with our mascot Jumpy!



Upcoming meetings and student events

Senior & Junior SRC Meeting: Fri 19th May

Youth Council Games Night: Fri May 29th

Jnr SRC Icy Pole sales: Thurs lunchtimes

Form Captain Breakfast: Friday 16th June

Whole School Forum: Week 2 Term 3



READING AWARDS



50 NIGHTS

75 NIGHTS



Emmi-Lee

Noah

Sadie

Ryley

100 NIGHTS



Inara

Emma

Tyler

Edison

Taylor



Jurie knows 200 Multi-Lit sight words! Congratulations!!



Abdu and Natas have learnt some of their coloured words - well done!



Secondary Schools Agriculture Fund update

From Mr Rob



The Ag students across the school are now sporting their cool Ag tops as part of the Secondary Schools Ag Fund. Each student has their own name embroidered on the top so that they don't misplace them and so that they can be addressed by name when we go on industry visits.

A massive thanks to Tammy Bigham for organising the embroidery, sizing and uniform style. The kids love them and wear them proudly along with their DMD

bucket hats they got earlier this year from Driscoll, McIlree & Dickinson of Nhill and Horsham.

We have also started setting up the Gallagher Drafting gates and weigh scales on the tandem trailer. This unit will be shared between Rainbow and Kaniva but will ultimately end up at Rainbow for the future use of Ag students.

The big event coming up at the end of the term is the Longerenong College Camp where all the Ag students will have four days experiencing life at Longy, including visits to the data farm and staying in the college dorms. This camp is fully sponsored by the LLEN (Local Learning and Employment Network).

The start of Term 3 will see a full day at Emmetts in Horsham looking at all facets of the Ag Machinery industry - with special thanks to Tony Welch for his part in organising this. The old school tie network certainly has its benefits. Exciting times for the kids doing Ag this year!



Attendance

We are working to improve our attendance records and communication with families regarding their students' attendance at school.

It would be a great help if parents/carers could use their Compass App to inform the school of absences as much as possible. These notifications can be submitted on the day of an absence, or even early for known absences such as appointments or family holidays.

The process is very simple:

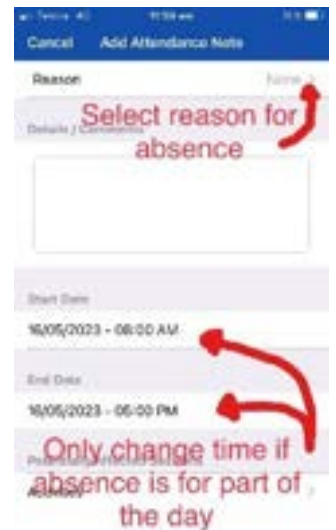
Step 1: Click the blue + button at the bottom centre of your screen and select 'Submit absence note'.

Step 2: Choose the child this absence relates to (you cannot select multiple students, so would need to complete the process for each child).

Step 3: Fill in the absence note – Reason, date and time must be completed. For a full day absence, make sure the date is correct, and leave the times at 8:00am – 5:00pm. For a part day absence, change the times to show when the student will leave and/or return.

Step 4: Click the blue 'Add Attendance note' button at the bottom of the screen (not in image).

By submitting absences this way the student rolls are automatically updated, and office staff do not need to make phone calls home. You can, of course, still ring the office for absences if you would prefer that method of communication.



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.

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.

This week's classroom focus is **YEAR 7 SUPERSTARS**

The Year 7 students have had an action packed start to the year. Here is just a snapshot of some of the activities over the past week.



As part of 7/8 PL students are working on revamping the sensory room



Some of our Year 7 students at HOL

Here is the crew (Zach was absent)



Which Year 7 owns this locker?



Some photos from the Photography elective.

Photographs by Jacob

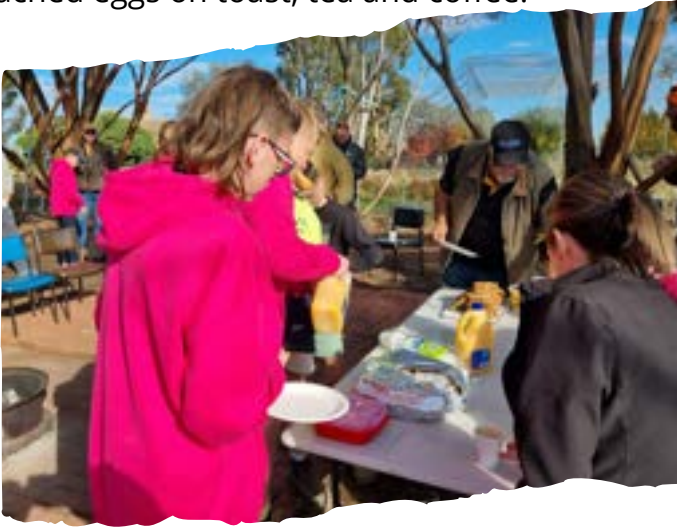


Photographs by Amaya



Hands On Learning

We had over a dozen parents and special guests visit the Hands on Learning site for breakfast as part of our Open Day sessions. The kids did a great job, and all of visitors seemed to enjoy the food that was prepared by the students. They enjoyed waffles, croissants, poached eggs on toast, tea and coffee.



Thank you for visiting!

Fishing Elective



The students in the Fishing Elective have been working hard creating their very own fishing lures. They've used a range of materials including recycled bottle lids, corks and feathers.



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GAMES *night*



A night of fun



Friday, 26 May 2023

6pm - 8pm

Dimboola Memorial Secondary
College Hall

**Board Games - Card Games - Life size
games - and more!**

Prizes to be won

Free food and refreshments!

FREE Bus available from Nhill,
Jeparit and Rainbow.
Registrations essential.

This is an alcohol, drug, smoke and vape
free event. No pass outs.





Tuesday 23rd May

SELF DEFENCE SESSIONS

WHO - Prep - Year 12 students

WHAT - Self Defence Sessions

WHEN - Tuesday 23rd May

DRESS - Casual Day - Active Wear