



**BE KIND, WORK HARD,  
BOUNCE BACK**

*Dream Big*

# Newsletter



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We are a Child Safe School

## PRINCIPAL'S PONDERINGS...

### START OF OUR "ADVENTURE" TERM

We hope that everyone has had a relaxing and restful break and is bursting with energy and excitement for what we have dubbed "the adventure term". It is not every term that you pack up the school and set up another temporary one in a hall!

This is also the crunch term for our VCE students to start thinking about their future beyond school and for Year 10 and 11 students to start pondering their subject choices for next year!



### NEW FACES AROUND THE SCHOOL

Term 3 sees a number of new faces around the school!

- Macey Laverty has started as a full time ES staff member. She will be mainly working with the Grade 5/6 class
- Kellie Laverty will be working with the Year 7/8s on Wednesdays and Thursdays as an ES staff member
- Nico Roll (can't keep him away!) will be working up in the Tech Wing and assisting with elective classes on Wednesdays and Thursdays
- Yvonne Summer has kindly volunteered to take a senior elective this term called "Street Food" where she will teach students how to run a business and prepare a variety of foods. The class will be making use of the Food Van.

### EMMETTS VISIT

As part of the funding from the Secondary School Agricultural Fund, on Thursday 13th July the senior school Ag students ventured to Horsham to visit Emmetts. I was very privileged to hear what the kids learnt from the day in the end-of-trip circle. Their observations were very insightful. It made one little Principal mighty proud to hear the detail and depth of their experience. Thanks to Mr Robinson,

Ms Fulton, Krissy Weir and Nico for accompanying them on this trip. I am sure there will be a detailed write up in next week's newsletter.



## Calendar

Term 3

July

Week 2

Mon 17th-  
Thur 20th

Royal Far West Visit

Week 3

Tues 25th  
Wed 26th

MARC VAN  
Regional Poetry Comp  
Years 4 - 7

**Book Club Due**

Movie Night

Fri 28th

AUGUST

Week 5

Tues 8th

MARC VAN

Week 6

Thur 17th

Man Cave &  
Flourish Girl

Fri 18th

SM Cluster Cultural  
Performance

Week 7

Tues 22nd

MARC VAN  
Our Space Session

Fri 25th

SM Cluster Athletics @  
Rainbow  
KINDER QUIZ NIGHT

Week 8

Mon 28th-  
Fri 1st

Year 10 Work  
Experience

Week 9

Mon 4th -  
Tues 5th

School Production

Week 10

Mon 11th-  
Fri 15th

Yr 9/10 Sailing camp

Fri 15th

End of Term 3



**Mon 18th Construction Begins**

## Meeting Dates

**School Council** 17th July  
**Parents and Friends General Meeting**  
28th August 12pm at school  
Webex available 26502576368

## PRINCIPAL'S PONDERINGS...CONT VALE PAULA MATHEWS

It was with heavy hearts that we heard about the passing of one of our ex-students during the school holidays. Paula completed her VCE in 1997. She is remembered fondly as an active and enthusiastic student who had a "daggy" sense of humour! Her family was synonymous with Yaapeet and professional running, with her brother Rod winning the Stawell Gift in 1999. Paula's mum Joy works at the school as an exam supervisor. Our sincere condolences to Joy and the family.

## NAPLAN RESULTS

NAPLAN results will be released on Monday 17th July. In this newsletter there is an explanation of the changes to the NAPLAN reporting system.

## BUILDING WORKS TAKE #2 – UPDATE 8

Everything is ticking along nicely at the moment.



*If anyone has a couple of spare hours to assist with packing and moving on Wednesday 23rd August we would really appreciate it.*

Here are a couple of important dates to remember:

- Community group walk through & sticker placement – Wednesday 16th August
- Student free day – Wednesday 23rd August
- Community group weekend to remove resources - Saturday 26th & Sunday 27th August
- Garage sale – TBC
- Proposed construction starting date has moved back a week to coincide with the school holidays (from the 11th September to the 18th September)

## "POTENTIAL" HALL FAREWELL PLANS

**We are after any photos or memorabilia of Dine with Wine, socials, sporting events, stage productions, 21sts or any celebrations that took place in the hall over the years. We are hoping to put together a photo display to celebrate the life of the hall.**

Even though there may be chaos happening all around us at this stage of term 3, we are still hoping to have our Production in the hall this year on the 4th & 5th of September.

As a way to celebrate the life and times of the hall (before we turn it into classrooms during the build) **we are proposing to have a meal on the second night of the Production...Tuesday 5th September.** This could give the local community a chance to reminisce about the many happenings in the hall over the years.

Money raised from the night would be donated to Cancer organisations in recognition of Leonie and Michelle's contributions to Dine with Wine and other hall related events.

If you would like to be involved in the planning and preparation of this night please contact Colleen Petschel on 0428951198.

## RAINBOW GRAB 'N' GO

This week we had our first coffee and food offerings with the very successful toasted sandwiches. Attached to this newsletter is an outline of the food we will be selling on Tuesdays this term. We will also be selling coffee and other hot drinks every second Thursday, starting next week.



### MONDAY

Canteen open

Bakery

Hot Dogs

Dim Sims

Heated up lunches

(junior school)



### CANTEEN

### WEDNESDAY

Hot Dogs

Dim Sims

Heated up lunches

(junior school)



### FRIDAY

Canteen Open

Bakery

Hot Dogs

Dim Sims

Heated up lunches

(junior school)





# School Wide Positive Behaviour Student Voice, Agency and Leadership



## Rainbow P-12 College Roo-wards

The next phase of our SWPBS rollout is to start recognising positive behaviours around our school through our "Roo-wards" program. When students receive a Roo-ward card, they will earn Buckaroos, which can be spent on incentives. The nature of these incentives is yet to be finalised, but we are hoping that our Roo-ward shop will be open in Term 4. In the meantime we will be asking students and families to suggest the types of items or experiences they would like their students to be able to work towards. So far we have suggestions of canteen vouchers, pizza lunches with friends/classmates, vouchers to various stores, school supplies (pens, notebooks etc), golden time, and access to comfy chairs!

Please contact the College if you have any questions or suggestions for this. In the meantime, look out for the following cards which might come home in your child's schoolbag!

**There are 3 levels of Roo-ward cards, each of which earns students Buckaroos**



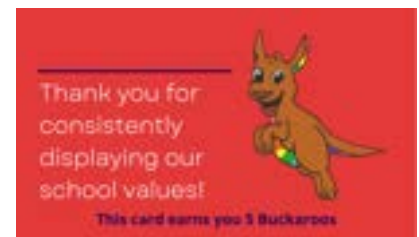
### **Blue Roo-ward Card (1 Buckaroo)**

For students who exhibit a positive behaviour from our Whole School Expectations.



### **Yellow Roo-ward Card (2 Buckaroos)**

For students who have stretched themselves to exhibit a positive behaviour they usually find difficult.



### **Red Roo-ward Card (5 Buckaroos)**

For students who consistently display positive behaviours from our Whole School Expectations.

## **Meetings and Events**

**SRC Icy Pole sales:** Thurs lunchtimes

**Senior SRC Meeting:** Friday 14th July

**Junior SRC Meeting:** Friday 14th July

**Whole School Forum:** Friday 21st July

**Movie Night:** Friday 28th July

## **Upcoming Casual Days**

**Pyjama Day:** Friday 28th July

**Book Week:** Monday 21st August

**RUOK Day:** Thursday 14th September

**Footy Colours Day:** Friday 15th  
September

# BOOK CLUB

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Due Wednesday 26th July



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.**

## 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

COLOURED WORD WIZ KIDS 100 NIGHTS



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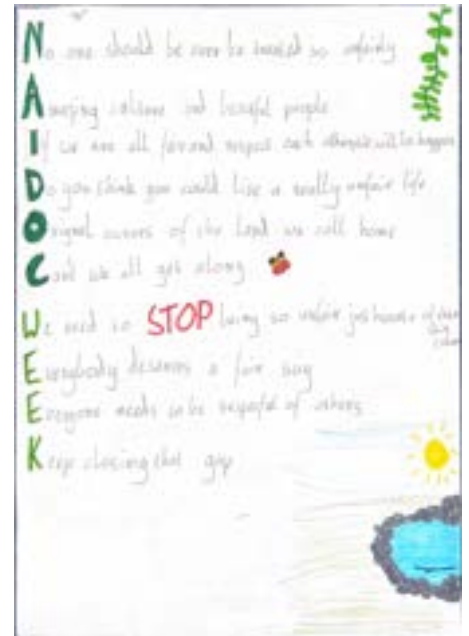


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Logan

## Grade 3/4 - NAIDOC Week



This week, Grade 3/4 students looked at NAIDOC Week which was celebrated over the holidays. Students learnt about the importance of NAIDOC Week and celebrating 'For Our Elders'.

Here are a few acrostic poems from students in Grade 3/4.





## TINY HOUSE PROJECT HELPERS WANTED

The Grade 5/6s are completing a Project Based Learning elective this term and their project is to design a tiny house for a client as a team of architects. To make this project as realistic as possible the teams will each have their own "client" who is wanting a new house for either for just themselves or their family. The students will take this information into consideration with their designs and will present their models, blueprints, and report to the client at the end of the term. As a client you do not have to be in the market for a house design, but willing to answer questions based on what you would like a dream tiny house to be. I am hoping to have the clients visit in week 3 on the 27th of July at 1:30pm for information gathering and then you will be welcomed back on the last Thursday of term to see the final designs and 3D models of the house they have created for you. I am after 5 clients as there will be 5 teams so if you are interested at all in being involved, please contact the College and Elly Schumann will be in touch.

## Upcoming changes to NAPLAN reporting

Ahead of NAPLAN results for students being released from Monday 17 July 2023, I'm writing to inform you of some changes to this year's reporting. These are changes being introduced nationally by the Australian Curriculum Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA).

NAPLAN will continue to measure student achievement in numeracy, reading, writing, spelling, and grammar and punctuation but the results will now be presented in 4 proficiency levels:

These are:

- exceeding
- strong
- developing
- needs additional support.

This change will give schools, parents and carers clearer information that details student achievement against new proficiency levels. Students' NAPLAN reports will continue to show how they are tracking against their peers and provide an indication of their skill levels against national averages and where we would expect them to be in order to get the most out of schooling. This provides valuable information to teachers about how we can continue to support your child. Each set of NAPLAN results is an important milestone but it's also important that students know that one result does not define them – these results are about making sure every student gets the support they need so they can continue to get the best from their learning.

When we provide you with your results, you will also receive information about what the new proficiency levels mean.

As ever, you're welcome to speak to me, or your child's teacher with any questions about these changes.



### Week 2 - 18 July

Tuesday - Juice & Smoothies

Thursday - Coffee

### Week 4 - 1 Aug

Tuesday - Hot Jam Donuts

Thursday - Coffee

### Week 5 - 8 Aug

Tuesday - Nuggets & Chips

### Week 6 - 15 Aug

Tuesday - HSP

Thursday - Coffee





# AGRICULTURAL ELECTIVE HAPPENINGS

## (LONGY CAMP) FROM MR ROB

It was cold, muddy, packed full of information, great hearty warming meals, fun and focused around opening opportunities for students in the rural sector and all packed into four full days. Monday we dodged rain-showers whilst trying to pack the bus, trailer and Mr Rob's car full of sleeping bags, clothes and slices/cakes to share. We arrived at Longerenong Agricultural College where we met Julie, who went through the rules and regulations before issuing every student with the key to their own room (complete with split system heating). Boys were on one level with the girls a couple of flights up. Shared common rooms were the centre for recreation along with the student's gym.



After welcome drinks (sounds like a convention!), the students set up their rooms and got ready for orientation. This involved looking at a couple of trial sites including the oldest continuous cropping trial site in Australia (wheat on wheat on wheat - you get the picture, for 110 plus years!). We got caught in a massive hail storm in the middle of the paddock and raced back to the bus and car wearing 15cms of sticky Wimmera grey clay on our boots. (Hence the big clean out of the bus on the first day back after the holidays, as that clay did not dry quickly). Students were shown the different root systems of plants such as barley compared to beans and how nitrogen transfer occurs in legumes.

A wonderful schnitzel hot wrap did wonders to restore warmth back into our bodies. We were introduced to Chelsea the chef who performed food miracles each meal the whole time we were there.

The Longy tour continued after lunch where we looked at the animal programs including the hoof to hooks led steer option that students can get involved in. The students were fascinated at the range of identifiable animal traits and began to understand the old saying, "calm shepherd, calm sheep" as it applied to all the animals. A quick look at the shearing shed complex and how all students are taught shearing and wool handling as part of their course of study was explained to the students.

Free time included lots of gym work so netball and footy coaches should be pleased as the kids certainly did not slack off on the exercise side of things.

Tuesday was all about the Careers Expo and after a filling breakfast our Ag students joined the rest of the local schools at the Wimmera Machinery Field days site for the event. Mr Rob helped out with seminar supervision doing our bit for the day. It was good for our students to get there early so that they were genuinely able to ask lots of questions (and get the good giveaways), and really engage in some career thinking.

Our lunches were catered for as part of the camp so we grabbed Mrs Petschel who had come down to help supervise the Careers Expo and took her back to Longy to see our set up and have lunch and catch up with what the students had been doing. We returned back to the Careers Expo in time for the discussion and presentation from the mineral sands mines which will be opening in Doon. Watch this space for job opportunities!

After the full day of learning about what we might embark on career wise it was back to change out of our Ag Uniforms and into bowling gear. Two full on games of bowling followed with the challenge to beat Mr Rob. Jess and Lewis did beat the old fella despite Mr Rob bowling three strikes in a row. Lots of fun for everyone. Back to Longy for tea then onto the bus again for a night visit to the Horsham Livestock Exchange to see the sheep being yarded for sale on Wednesday. We will be returning to see the auctions later in the year along with our tour of DMD who are one of our partner industries in the Secondary Schools Agricultural Fund which provided for the whole Longy Camp and the heaps of tech goodies we have received so far this year.



Wednesday was all about soils and plant agronomy looking at how to tell soil types, pH of soil and how that impacts on plant growth and what healthy plants look like. Wool classing and the opportunities it opens up to the students was also included as part of the morning's activities. The Data Farm provided a real highlight as it gave a window into the world of farming most of these kids will be entering. Cutting edge technology, partnered with machinery performance and what many students might explore as career opportunities without ever having to sit on a tractor seat were the focus.



It was amazing to see the drone photographs and the unintended consequences of single operational farming, not mixed operations with the damage done by mice in canola crops clearly visible from the air, but hidden from view just walking through the crop or by driving past. The links to rapid harvesting techniques of modern machinery and the weeds, small seeds spat out of the header providing food for mice in header trails was readily seen. This is Lesson 101 from the VCE AG exam about unintended consequences easily seen by the students in a dramatic photo display.

Wednesday night was our last night and Nico Roll came down to spend it with the students, as an ex Longy lad he had lots of stories to tell and showed us what could be gained from studying at Longy. He set up a disco in the gym and squash centre and the kids had a brilliant time.

Thursday was pack up and undertake a couple of industry visits before heading home. Johnston Ashati hay processors was first on the list and what a great insight into this industry it was for the students. They were able to observe first hand OH&S issues and QA in full operational mode. They explained to the students their risk mitigation (great learning opportunity for the three Bus Man kids), of having many hay sheds around the district so that fire isn't a problem. The guides showed us how the quality of hay is obtained by each bale being opened, scanned and repacked into these amazingly small, but heavy bales ready for export to Japan and other countries.

Next stop was a look at the Red Tribe tractors at O'Connors where the students were taken through a range of job opportunities available through the many O'Connors agencies across three states. They looked at parts interpreters, accounting, sales, mechanical experts, precision ag and what programs were offered. The Red Star program gives apprentice mechanics a massive tool box to keep provided they stick to the program. The students also learnt about School Based Apprenticeships, Traineeships and work experience opportunities. O'Connors have a saying painted on their wall which embodies their philosophy ... "She'll be right is not just a saying but a promise". Again, a great learning opportunity for the Bus Man kids in relation to corporate culture. Perhaps the highlight of that visit in a humorous context was when the prizes were given out for correctly answering questions about the job pathways at O'Connors and Oscar had correctly identified all the pathways was his response when given the red cap was "Thankyou but I'm not really a red man I prefer green tractors!!" Lunch back at Longy with a gratitude circle was undertaken to thank the Longerenong Staff for their fantastic effort as well as acknowledging the effort undertaken by the Rainbow staff and Nico Roll. All the students were asked to indicate what they had learnt and what was the best thing about the camp. The students who thanked the staff and teachers spoke with sincerity and genuine feelings of gratitude which was pleasing to see.

A massive thankyou to the LLEN (Local Learning and Employment Network) in particular Tim Shaw for affording us a spot in the program, to Longerenong Ag College staff who went out of their way to make us feel warm and welcome, to Jess our car driver and "mum", Gracie our hop along helper and sensible voice on the bus keeping distractions down, Miss Schumann who came along on the last night to give the others a break and who joined in enthusiastically as always and Nico Roll (disco king) who along with Jess provided the background knowledge to Longerenong life as seen through the eyes of past students.

This was an excursion that fitted in with our submission for funding through the Secondary Schools Agricultural Fund and provided an exceptional opportunity for student to really experience college life in the real rooms, eating the real food, experiencing some of the real programs that they might encounter in years to come. We backed this up with a day excursion to Emmetts on Thursday this week to look at how the Green Tribe machinery go about sourcing their workers and how the pathways for a career under their banner can happen. Tony Welch is in charge of this activity and we along with the kids from Kaniva, are getting some pretty special treatment. All of these activities are free to the students undertaking Ag at Rainbow P-12 and I sincerely hope the students continue to show their appreciation through their enthusiasm.

