



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

*Dream Big*

# Newsletter



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We are a Child Safe School

## PRINCIPAL'S PONDERINGS...

### ROYAL FAR WEST VISIT

Next week we are lucky enough to have a second visit from the RFW team. Here is an extract from their flyer that went out to all junior families this week:



*Royal Far West clinicians will be returning to visit our school this semester to provide a range of allied health services for students, and to plan and/or deliver associated professional development activities for our teachers and support staff.*

*This second visit will provide an opportunity for clinicians to deliver some face-to-face services to support the wellbeing of the students and school community, such as in-class activities, school staff support workshops and parent/carer learning opportunities. They may also provide individual occupational therapy, speech pathology and psychology, for some of our students. If you have specific concerns regarding your child's speech and language, fine or gross motor skills, or behaviour, ask school staff about the referral process or speak with a clinician during the visit.*

### MY WEDNESDAY!

I will classify Wednesday 19th July as a bobby-dazzler of a day!

- Before school staff cooked up breaky for the kids, had some of those relational chats and experienced many examples of gratitude
- In the morning, I tagged along with the P-2 students to a transition session to see the importance of unstructured play and make connections with our 2024 Prep crew
- At recess, I had the pleasure of shouting staff morning tea to thank them for their outstanding efforts with our first PLC cycle (very proud)
- In the afternoon, a group of Grade 2 students and their Grade 5/6 buddies ventured down to the Hospital to read to the residents and share afternoon tea. As one of the staff said, the activity just "warmed her heart"

I would not have had the chance to experience these wonderful opportunities without the brilliant support and work of all our staff and the community partnerships (Bec Bastin – you are an absolute Legend!)



## Calendar

### Term 3

#### July

Tues 25th

Wed 26th

Fri 28th

#### AUGUST

Tues 8th

Wed 9th

Thur 17th

Fri 18th

Tues 22nd

Fri 25th

Mon 28th-

Fri 1st

Mon 4th -

Tues 5th

Mon 11th-

Fri 15th

Fri 15th



**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

### SCHOOL NATIONAL TREE DAY – FRIDAY

Next Friday is School National Tree Day. Rainbow P-12 College has been invited by the Hindmarsh Shire Landcare Network to be involved in this day. This includes the painting of 150 milk carton guards and the planting of 150 plants in a rainbow arc up at the Rainbow Rise site. At this stage the activity has been offered to Grade 5-6 and Year 7 students but it may be opened up to other year levels once we finalise initial numbers.



### BUILDING WORKS TAKE #2 – UPDATE 9

The Building works team had a meeting last Thursday. The only change is that the starting date for construction work has been shifted to the 18th September to co-incide with the start of the school holidays. Everything else 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 as moved back a week to coincide with the school holidays (from the 11th September to the 18th September)*

### ESSENTIAL SERVICES MANAGEMENT (ESM) AUDIT

On Wednesday of this week the school had an ESM audit. This was to ensure that we had all our emergency safety measures in place. I would like to acknowledge the huge amount of time and effort our administrative team put into making sure we were compliant. A big thanks to Karen Koning, Krissy Weir and Tammy Bigham for their work in this area.

### HALL FAREWELL PLANS

*Let's Celebrate!*

We have not had a nibble or any interest shown in regards to hall memorabilia or involvement with the meal to celebrate the history of our hall.

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.

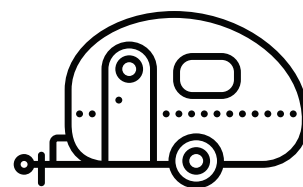
Even though there may be chaos happening all around us at this stage of term 3 we are still hoping to have our stage production in the hall this year on the 4th & 5th of September. As a way to celebrate the life and times of the hall (before we turn it into classrooms during the build) we are proposing 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 sold juices and smoothies on the Tuesday and opened for coffee and other hot drinks on the Thursday. Next Tuesday we are taking the van down to the Hospital as part of the Inter-Gen project.



# 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)



# READING AWARDS

## 150 NIGHTS



Edison



Tyler



Harry



Inarra



Emma



Kayla

## 125 NIGHTS



Xavier

## 100 NIGHTS



Will



Jurie



Yosha



Kolby

## Fishing Elective



Evan's first fish.  
7 trout we caught  
when the students  
ventured up to the new  
Rainbow Lake.



## 75 NIGHTS



Koby



Roger

## 50 NIGHTS



# School Wide Positive Behaviour Student Voice, Agency and Leadership



## Visit to Rainbow Hospital

*On Wednesday the 19th of July, myself and a number of other people went to the see the residents of the hospital. I met a client named Pat and we read two books together. After that we had a chat about what had been happening during the week and found out about each other's lives over snacks and fruit. I had a fantastic time meeting a new person and getting to chat and read to them.*

**William Boyle**

*It was such a pleasure to go down to the hospital and meet the hospital residents. It was lovely to see such smiles on their faces while we were reading with them. The younger kids really enjoyed reading as they were all so sweet and lovely. I also enjoyed talking to them and finding out about their past.*

**Pippa**

*When we all got in the hospital, we found the people we were going to read to. I read to Helen. Helen was a really nice person. I read about five books to her, and she read one book to me. We had a good talk to each other. I told her where I live and where my mum works. We then shared afternoon tea. When we were leaving Helen found me in the line and hugged me and said goodbye to me which I thought was very sweet of her. I really enjoyed visiting the hospital and reading with the elderly*

**Kayla**

## Celebrating Consistency

Congratulations to our students who have been recognised this week for consistently displaying positive behaviours and character strengths. These students have received cards worth 5 Buckaroos each.

Tessa Leach  
Lucy Thomas  
Caleb Tregenza  
Lily Saul  
Giaan Eckermann  
Amaya Eckermann  
William Boyle  
Koby Weir  
Tanner Bigham  
Roger McIntosh

Adalyn Clugston  
Ayla Roberts

Thank you for  
consistently  
displaying our  
school values!



This card earns you 5 Buckaroos

## Meetings and Events

**SRC Icy Pole sales:** Thurs lunchtimes

**Movie Night:** Friday 28th July

**Senior SRC Meeting:** Friday 4th Aug

**Junior SRC Meeting:** Friday 4th Aug

**Whole School Forum:** Friday 13th Oct

## 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.



Rainbow Grab 'n' Go



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<https://linktr.cc/rainbow.grabngo>



## 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.

## Production Costumes Wanted

We are looking for witch and wizard costumes for this year's production.

If you have any old Halloween costumes (dresses, hats, broomsticks, capes, wands...) in the dress up box at home that you could lend us, it would be much appreciated. Sizes from around Grade 4 up.



Parents / carers of students in the production, a note went home this week with rehearsal and production dates. Please note that there will be a number of after school rehearsals, which will be essential for your child to attend.



# Rainbow

Grab 'n' Go

**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



JOHN DEERE

emmetts



## FROM MR ROB



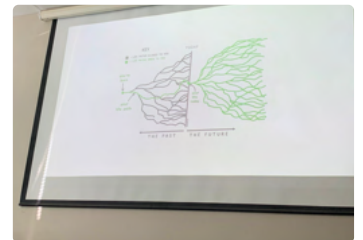
Last Thursday the Ag elective students and VCE Ag class ventured down to Horsham in the two school buses to join up with the Kaniva Ag kids to spend the day at Emmetts John Deere dealership in Horsham. Tony Welch (Auto) and Amber Peters led the students through their safety induction and evacuation procedures and introduced them to what the day was going to look like.

The students were all issued with the Emmetts caps and split up into two groups to tour through the various area of the dealership. They learnt about sales, parts technicians, the online-shop, deliveries, mechanical repairs, machinery delivery and assembly, workshop areas and parts inventory. They also had plenty of opportunities to talk to all the staff that went out of their way to explain how they had individually arrived at their career destination.

The students were all treated to a great BBQ cooked by the staff and also got to talk to them about the technology involved in automation, driverless tractors, green on green spraying, remote detection and diagnostics, career options, the Techstar program training apprentices and what to expect when signing up to Emmetts John Deere Facility (in either South Australia or Victoria). The students were able to recognise the "Keeping farmers farming since 1957" slogan that embodied the ethos of the company.

This was another great chance for students to start to explore career opportunities in the Ag sector and to help solidify the thinking associated with pathways they may choose. It is up to them now to build on the relationships, check out regulations and options with Mrs Leach (careers teacher) and really start directing their efforts into securing places that are open to them.

A massive thankyou to Krissy and Nico who were in the "big kid's bus", Mr Rob and Mrs Fulton who had the "big bus but with the junior kids". And to all the guys and girls at Emmetts especially Tony Welch and Amber Peters who really went out of their way to make the day informative, enjoyable and realistic. This was all part of the Secondary Schools Agricultural Fund. Sheryl Lowe from the Wimmera Mail Times was also in attendance and spoke to many of our students during the day. She was super impressed with their level of involvement, manners and well thought out answers to the questions she asked. Look for the articles in the Wimmera Mail Times and the Farmer newspapers.



## Kinder Transition Visit

As part of Rainbow P-12 College Transition program, on Wednesday 19th July, 17 eager P-2 students & 4 staff trekked down to the Kinder to experience some fun play activities. The students washed and dried clothes, cooked marshmallows on a "fire", flew around the "enduro" track on their scooters, swung to their hearts content, made castles in the sand pit, built trucks and cars from the lego, painted pictures and made food using playdough. Thanks to Miss Western and our Kinder friends for making us feel so welcome.

