



**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

It has been great to have the Royal Far West team visit this week. They have completed a number of

observations, undertaken some testing and provided a lot of advice and strategies for staff. Their expertise and insights have been invaluable.

*Hayden, Lizzie & Emily From Royal Far West*



### SCHOOL NATIONAL TREE DAY – TODAY

Today is School National Tree Day. A big thanks to the Year 9-10 Personal Learning class for their excellent efforts in painting 150 tree guards (and a far bit of themselves and the road!). An intrepid bunch of students worked well to plant, protect and water 150 trees up at the Rainbow Rise site.



### NAPLAN RESULTS

NAPLAN results for 2023 were sent out on Friday to all families.

## Calendar

### Term 3

#### Week 5

MARC VAN  
Illustrator visit

#### Week 6

Man Cave &  
Flourish Girl  
SM Cluster Cultural  
Performance

#### Week 7

MARC VAN  
Our Space Session  
SM Cluster Athletics @  
Rainbow  
KINDER QUIZ NIGHT

#### Week 8

Year 10 Work  
Experience

#### Week 9

School Production

#### Week 10

Yr 9/10 Sailing camp  
End of Term 3

**Mon 18th Construction Begins**



## Meeting Dates

### School Council

14th August

### Parents and Friends

General Meeting 28th August

12pm at school

Webex available 26502576368

## PRINCIPAL'S PONDERINGS...CONT

### BUILDING WORKS TAKE #2 – UPDATE 10

No new updates this week. The tender process in motion 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)

### VCE EXAMINATION AUDIT

On Tuesday of this week the school had a VCE Examination audit. This was to check that we were following all the correct procedures when receiving storage of the GAT and exams. They also discussed the procedures we follow on exam days. Once again, I would like to acknowledge the huge amount of time and effort our administrative team put into making sure we were compliant. Well done team!

### PARENTS/CAREGIVER/GUARDIAN SURVEY..coming soon!

This survey will be open from Monday 7th August to Friday 8th September. For more details please see the item towards the end of this newsletter.

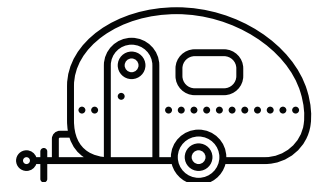
### HALL FAREWELL PLANS - CANCELLED!

Due to lack of response to the suggested plans we will not be going ahead with the meal on the second night of the Production. We might try to celebrate the history of the hall in other ways at a later date.



### RAINBOW GRAB 'N' GO

This week we had to postpone our visit to the hospital due to the gastro outbreak. Instead the team cooked Danish pancakes for the students and staff back at school. We will definitely be re-scheduling our visit to the hospital. Next week we will be selling donuts!



## MONDAY

Canteen open

Bakery

Hot Dogs

Dim Sims

Heated up lunches

(junior school)



Hot Dogs \$3

## CANTEEN

### WEDNESDAY

Hot Dogs

Dim Sims

Heated up lunches

(junior school)



Dim Sims \$1-50 Tomato, BBQ and Soy sauce available.

## FRIDAY

Canteen Open

Bakery

Hot Dogs

Dim Sims

Heated up lunches

(junior school)



Hot Dogs \$3

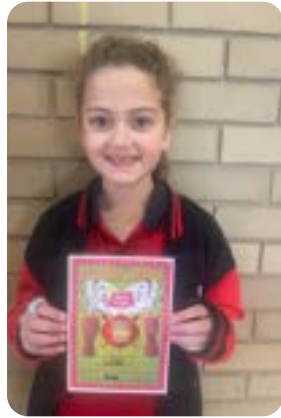
# READING AWARDS



## 150 NIGHTS



Ruby



Lilah



## 125 NIGHTS



Tanner



Will



Adalyn

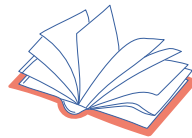
## 100 NIGHTS



Natas



Clancy



## 75 NIGHTS



James

## MULTILIT



Elsie has completed the Multilit program - Well Done!



## COLOURED



## WORDS LEGEND



Logan



# School Wide Positive Behaviour Student Voice, Agency and Leadership



## STUDENT LED INITIATIVES

### PYJAMA DAY AND MOVIE NIGHT

Today the Junior and Senior SRC held a Pyjama Day and Movie Night - a much anticipated day in the school calendar. Both students and some teachers fully embraced the opportunity to come to school in their cozy gear, with ugg boots and Oodles the order of the day! After school there will be a movie night in the hall.



### RAINBOW GRAB 'N GO

Once again this week we have had the opportunity to have goodies from the Grab 'n Go Van, with delicious mini pancakes on Tuesday and of course hot drinks. Thanks to Shekinah, Anthany, Marty, Mitch, Jaime and Ayla for their continued work on this.



### FIREPITS FOR RAINBOW LAKE

Sally Smith and Amelie Fuller are continuing work on their Community Learning Project to install firepits at Rainbow Lake. The Rainbow Lake Association have offered to support the girls in this by preparing the sites for the firepits to be safely installed. There will be a raffle held soon to raise money for this project, so please stay tuned for further information.

## Celebrating Consistency

Congratulations to our students who have been recognised this week for consistently displaying positive behaviours and character strengths.



**Mitchell Ey**  
**Lucy Thomas**  
**Lewis Cocks**  
**Holly Doxey**  
**Phoebe Bigham**  
**Aiden Preston**  
**Will Fisher x 2**  
**Oscar Clarke**  
**Lenny Weir**

**Annika Petschel**  
**Jacob Boyle**  
**Clancy Weir x 2**  
**Inara Petschel x 2**  
**Ava Lester**  
**Emma Saul x 2**  
**Lilah Bainbridge**  
**Evie Simpson**  
**Jurie Ali**  
**Nate Clugston**

## Meetings and Events

**SRC Icy Pole sales:** Thurs lunchtimes  
**Senior SRC Meeting:** Friday 4th Aug  
**Junior SRC Meeting:** Friday 4th Aug  
**Whole School Forum:** Friday 13th Oct

## Upcoming Casual Days

**Book Week:** Monday 21st August  
**RUOK Day:** Thursday 14th September  
**Footy Colours Day:** Friday 15th September

# BOOK CLUB

What this space...



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

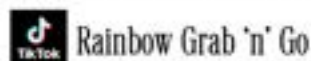
## Student Absences

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>

# BOOK FAIR!

SCHOLASTIC

**21ST AUGUST 2023**

**JUNIOR BUILDING**

**MORE INFO TO COME IN THE FOLLOWING WEEKS**

## 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 Chips

Thursday - Coffee

## ATTENTION

**Our community is currently experiencing a large number of Gastroenteritis cases. If your child is unwell or experiencing any symptoms, please do not attend for 48 hours after your symptoms stop!**

**Please wash your hands with soap and water thoroughly and frequently.**



## Cows Create Careers project.

### STUDENTS WELCOME FURRY FRIENDS TO THE PLAYGROUND

Thanks to the Gardiner Foundation and WestVic Dairy, excited students from across South-West Victoria are preparing to welcome some new furry friends to the playground.

Through the Cows Create Careers project, students will learn about dairy industry careers in a very hands-on way: for six weeks they will rear and care for two three-week old calves.

Schools in the South-West Victoria region will participate in the project during Term 3 in 2023. A local dairy farmer will teach the students how to care for the calves and demonstrate skills such as animal husbandry, feeding and weighing. An Industry Advocate will also visit the students to speak about their career in the dairy industry.

Each school is provided with dairy industry curriculum for Years 7-11 at no cost, and students form teams to complete industry-based assessments.

John Hutchison, Jaydee Events director, said the innovative project highlights the diversity of skills and professional careers within Australia's vibrant dairy industry: "Cows Create Careers allows students to engage with the dairy industry in a fun and hands-on way - all while highlighting the range of university, vocational and professional pathways within the industry," he said.

Cows Create Careers was originally established in 2004 with dairy farmers in the Strzelecki Lions Club in Victoria and nine Gippsland schools. The project has since been supported by industry, regional development programs, dairy farmers and sponsors. It has now grown to over 217 schools across Australia with more than 11,680 students completing the project in 2022.

"While Cows Create Careers increases student awareness of the dairy industry, the benefits of the project extend well-beyond the classroom," John said. "It opens opportunities for students to engage with the dairy industry, creates links to their local community, and allows them to learn new skills."

"Since the project's inception, we have been continually encouraged by the personal growth and opportunities that have evolved from the project, for both the students and project volunteers".



*Evan and Jasper feeding the calves.*



*The 3/4 class visited the cows on Wednesday - the students were very excited to meet our new West Paddock residents.*



## Cows Create Careers Cont'

The project's volunteers are vital to the ongoing success of Cows Create Careers. Coming from various professional dairy careers, volunteers speak to the students about their experiences in the industry, support students in career decision making, and have important links to education and employment sectors. Last year alone 374 passionate volunteers gave 1,870 hours of their time across 23 Australian dairying regions.

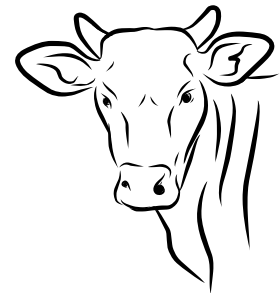
The project would not be possible without our major supply partner, MaxCare who supply the milk powder nationally to all Cows Create Careers farmers and schools and our Primary Sponsorship Partners – Daviesway, Dasco, Peach Teats and Stallion. Thanks also to Reid Stockfeeds who provide the calf rearer for the participating Victorian schools.

Upon completion of the project, students and teachers will be recognised at an interactive presentation day, where there will be industry-based games and prizes awarded to the winning teams and schools. The presentation days for the term three participating schools will be held on Tuesday 10th October 2023, Friday 13th October and Thursday 2nd November 2023.

South West Victorian schools to complete the project during 2023, include: Cobden Technical School, Timboon P-12 School, Goroke P-12 College, Kaniva College, Rainbow P-12 College, St Brendan's Primary School Coragulac, Loreto College Ballarat, Kings College, Colac Secondary College, Hawkesdale P-12 College, Heywood & District Secondary College, Terang College, St Malachy's School Edenhope, Mercy Regional College, Dean's Marsh Primary School, Grasmere Primary School and Hampden Specialist School.



**From Mr Rob**



Heaps of thankyou's from the kids in the Cars and Ag electives to our wonderful community who are ready to put up their hands to help.

A big thankyou to David Young for the donation of the mowers and wiper-snippers for the cars elective. The kids will have some fun pulling them to pieces and seeing if they can get them to go.

Thankyou also to Pete Stasinowsky who has offered to see if he can get some life back into the 1970's Cressida the kids have been working on (along the lines of Greg Luck's Two Face Sandman Ute ....check it out on the Internet). The mechanical know how is past Mr Rob's capacity for sure.

On that note, thanks to Peter Solly for the donation of his dad's old car for the students to work on. Found some interesting bits and pieces in it and amazingly after many, many years out in the open it turned over and the lights worked!! The Kincrome tools are already coming into their own.

Another massive thankyou goes to Adam Schumann for not only donating some lovely fresh straw for our baby calves that arrive on Tuesday next week, but also for transporting it to Rainbow for us.

And finally, to Gene Fuller and Brad Weir for the donation of a couple of bales of hay to help keep the sheep going that are currently on the school's West Paddock. They are due to lamb in the next few weeks (hopefully it will be a little warmer for them).

Our sincere appreciation to all these community members for your kind donations.





## German Poetry Competition - *From Frau Leach*

Our Years 4, 5 & 6 students have been busily preparing poems for the annual German Poetry Competition and they have had their class competitions this term. 3 students in each year level were chosen to represent the school in the Regional Competition. This year we ventured to Horsham College to participate in the event, recite their poems and enjoy a delicious German lunch compliments of the VET Hospitality team. I am super proud to announce the results here.

Huge **CONGRATULATIONS** to the following students who achieved so well in this competition:

### Year 4

- 1st Koby Weir
- 2nd Lane Santos
- 3rd Kolby Bigham



### Year 5

- 1st Adalyn Clugston
- 2nd Edi Stasinowsky
- 3rd Pippa Fisher



### Year 6

- 1st Ruby Tregenza
- 2nd Inara Petschel
- 3rd Ava Lester



First and second place-getters are now eligible to represent the region at the State Final in August. Stay tuned for a report on this. Good luck to all those students. We are very proud of you all !





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## **2023 Parent / Caregiver / Guardian Opinion Survey**

WE WANT OUR PARENTS / CAREGIVERS / GUARDIANS TO TELL US WHAT THEY THINK!

Our school is conducting a survey to find out what parents / caregivers / guardians think of our school. The Parent / Caregiver / Guardian Opinion Survey is an annual survey offered by the Department of Education that is designed to assist schools in gaining an understanding of families' perceptions of school climate, student behavior, and student engagement. The survey is optional but we encourage all families to participate. Our school will use the survey results to help inform and direct future school planning and improvement strategies.

**All families are invited to participate in the survey.**

The Parent / Caregiver / Guardian Opinion Survey will be open from Monday 7 August to Friday 8 September 2023.

The survey will be conducted online, only takes 20 minutes to complete, and can be accessed at any convenient time within the survey period on desktop computers, laptops, tablets or smartphones. The online survey will be available in English and 10 other languages including Arabic, Greek, Hakha Chin, Hindi, Japanese, Punjabi, Simplified Chinese, Somali, Turkish, and Vietnamese.

Please contact the school if you would like more information.



## **This month on SchoolTV - Neurodiversity**

Neurodiversity emphasises the natural variation in how an individual's brain functions and how they perceive and interact with the world, leading to diverse ways of learning and communicating. While most young people are neurotypical, some exhibit variations in brain development, such as ADHD, autism or dyslexia, making them neurodivergent.

Embracing neurodiversity involves accepting, celebrating, and supporting neurodivergent children and adolescents without attempting to change or treat their differences. Using respectful language, challenging unhelpful attitudes, avoiding assumptions, and actively promoting inclusivity can help embrace neurodiversity effectively.

Acknowledging the unique ways neurodiverse young people do things and then adapting tasks and activities to ensure their full participation will encourage them to develop strategies that feel natural to them. It will help improve their mental health, wellbeing and sense of self. By recognising and nurturing their strengths, parents and caregivers can contribute to building an inclusive and compassionate society where all young people can thrive.

Learning more about neurodiversity, equips caregivers with insights into effective communication techniques, educational strategies, and parenting approaches tailored to the specific needs of their neurodivergent child. We hope you take time to reflect on the information offered in this month's edition, and we always welcome your feedback.

If you do have any concerns about the wellbeing of your child, please contact the school for further information or seek help from a medical professional.

Here is the link to this month's edition

<https://rainbowp12.vic.schooltv.me/newsletter/neurodiversity>

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