



BE KIND, WORK HARD,  
BOUNCE BACK

*Dream Big*

# Newsletter



Issue 26 25th August 2023  
We are a Child Safe School

## PRINCIPAL'S PONDERINGS...

### WHAT A WEEK!



Here is a brief list of activities that happened this week.

Monday – Book week parade

Tuesday – Removalists arrived and the whole school has an Our Space session

Wednesday – Student free day, the “big shift” and setting up for the Book Fair

Thursday – Golf trip to Horsham and Community walk-through of school

Friday – SM Cluster Athletics

....in between all these activities we managed to do some teaching and learning!



### SM CLUSTER PERFORMANCE



Last Friday we ventured over to Hopetoun to see an entertaining play called 'Treasure Island'. We enjoyed some tabloid sports run by the Hopetoun P-12 Year 9 students (great job!) and finished the day with some pirate related activities. In between this there was lots of play, interacting with students from other schools and networking. I love the links the kids build on these days!



*Pirates Jurie, Bronte & Elsie*



*Bella, Lane & Emma*

### BOOK WEEK

As a Librarian (in a former life!) I love to see kids (and adults) enjoy reading and sharing their love of books and characters. We had a very entertaining Book Week parade on Monday, which not only included our Shake Rattle and Read crew, but was also streamed live to the residents down at the Hospital. There were some very innovative and imaginative costumes and it was great to see many of our staff get into the spirit of the day! Remember our Book Fair starts on Monday!

## Calendar

Term 3

### AUGUST

Mon 28th-  
Fri 1st

#### Week 8

Year 10 Work  
Experience  
Book Fair  
Garage Sale



Mon 4th -  
Tues 5th  
Thurs 7th

#### Week 9

School Production

Mon 11th  
Wed 13th  
Fri 15th

LD Aths at Stawell

#### Week 10

Yr 9/10 Sailing camp  
Piano Exams - Mildura  
Footy Colours Day  
End of Term 3

2nd Oct

#### Term 4

Term 4 begins



*Our wonderful staff getting in to the spirit of book week*

## Meeting Dates

### School Council

11th September

### Parents and Friends

General Meeting 28th August  
12pm at school

Webex available 26502576368

## PRINCIPAL'S PONDERINGS...CONT



Tate

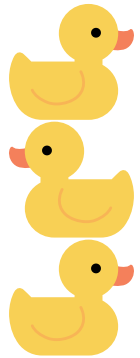
Haylee



Elodie & Frankie

## BUILDING WORKS TAKE #2 – UPDATE 13

- Lots of action at school regarding the Building Works Project as mentioned above.
- On Thursday 24th we had a **community walk through** which was attended by 6 people.
- The **“remove resources”** weekend has been postponed due to footy/netball finals, the cold weather and the fact that we are still keeping a couple of classrooms operational. The new date is potentially Sunday 10th September TBC.
- We will be holding a **garage sale** next Friday 1st September. See end of newsletter for details.



## PARENTS/CAREGIVER/GUARDIAN SURVEY

A Compass post was sent out on Monday 7th August with all the details regarding this survey. The survey is open until Friday 8th September. We have 57 families at school. We would love to get input from every family if possible.

**Our response rate as of Thursday 24th August is only 19% (that is 11 surveys).**

**PLEASE HELP SHAPE THE FUTURE OF YOUR CHILD'S EDUCATION.**



## RAINBOW GRAB 'N' GO

Today the Grab 'n' Go team were at the Cluster Athletics selling hot drinks and slices. Next week they will be selling toasted sandwiches and hot drinks on Tuesday and hot drinks on Thursday.



## THE BIG SHIFT

Starting very early on Tuesday morning we started to pack up and relocate parts of the school in readiness for the Building Works coming up. What we were able to achieve in two days was absolutely incredible. The work rate of the students during the Our Space session was phenomenal. All students just rolled up their sleeves and helped with any job they were given. They set the pace for the next day where staff worked throughout the day to pack up classrooms and shift furniture. I am in awe of what we achieved and so grateful for having a staff who have such an outstanding work ethic. I would like to thank the Slingshot removalist team for their professionalism and adaptability over the two days they worked with us. I would also like to thank Allan Roberts, Pete Stasinowsky, Andy Clugston and Choni Petschel who came in to lend a hand with the shift. Their time and effort was definitely appreciated.





# School Wide Positive Behaviour Student Voice, Agency and Leadership



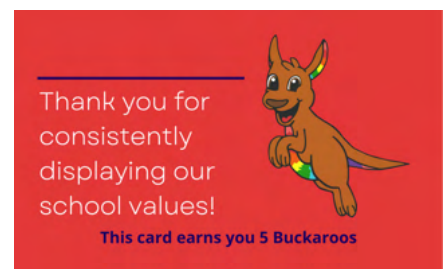
## Student's Working Hard and Taking Pride in our School



### Celebrating Consistency

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

**Edison Stasinowsky**  
**Sally Smith**  
**Holly Doxey**  
**Pippa Fisher**  
**Will Fisher x 2**  
**Nekeisha Bastin**  
**Caleb Tregenza**  
**William Boyle**



### Meetings and Events

**SRC Icy Pole sales:** Thursday lunchtimes

**Senior SRC Meeting:** TBA

**Junior SRC Meeting:** TBA

**Form Captains' Breakfast:** Friday 8th Sept

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

### Upcoming Casual Days

**RUOK Day:** Thursday 14th September

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

# BOOK CLUB

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Orders due by 28th August



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

**Some 2023 School Fees are still 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.cc/rainbow.grabngo>

# READING AWARDS

75 nights



Lawrenz

100 nights



Callum

125 nights



Natas

150 nights



Adalyn

175 nights



Ruby

200 nights



Edison



Harry



Inara



Tyler



Taylor



Kayla

## 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)



Hot Dogs \$3

Dim Sims \$1.50

Tomato, BBQ and Soy sauce available.

## FATHER'S DAY

Father's Day is fast approaching, and junior students will be making personalised gift ideas (think "techno" and batteries for the older kids!).

Each junior year level (not composite classes) will have the opportunity to make their unique Father's Day gifts during their art classes.

EACH STUDENT will need to pay \$10. This can be paid in an envelope with your name and class to Mrs Huff ASAP



**Rainbow**

Grab 'n' Go **Week 8 - 29 Aug**

Tuesday - Toasted Sandwiches

Thursday - Coffee



**Week 9 - 5 Sept**

Tuesday - Slices



## OCTOBER SHOW

The Parents & Friends Committee are seeking volunteers to help make and serve food for the

Rainbow Show Luncheon on Tuesday 17th October. This is one of our biggest fundraisers for the year and there is a lot of work that goes into running this event.

If we don't have enough volunteers by the end of the term, Friday 15th September, we will need to withdraw from catering the show luncheon.

All help would be greatly appreciated. If you are able to spare some time you can answer on the 'Parent Helpers 2023' Group Chat in messenger or please contact

**President**

Choni 0429 178 959

**Secretary**

Roschelle 0417 087 911

**Treasurer**

Rebeckah 0478 190 636



## ATTENTION

Our community is currently experiencing a large number of Gastroenteritis cases, colds and flu. If your child is unwell or experiencing any symptoms, please do not attend school. For Gastro, the exclusion is for 48 hours after your symptoms stop! Please wash your hands with soap and water thoroughly and frequently.



Rainbow P-12 College presents....



# HOLKA POLKA



**Monday 4th September**  
**Tuesday 5th September**

Doors open at 6.30pm for a 7.00pm start

Tickets available at the door  
\$10 Adults, \$5 school students



**28TH AUG -**  
**1ST SEPT**  
**JUNIOR**  
**BUILDING**

Open for sales on:  
Monday/Wednesday/Friday  
3pm-4pm  
Tuesday/Thursday  
12.30pm-1.30pm, 3pm-4pm  
Please enter school via the  
front office and sign in  
before going to the Junior  
Building.

Early Help  
Family  
Services

**We are here  
to help.**



Early Help provides short term support to parents and other important adults in children's lives that can strengthen their capacity to provide safe and nurturing environments.

Are you experiencing overwhelming changes, stress or isolation?

If so, we are here to help.

Early Help practitioners can provide support in many areas:

- Improve quality of parent child interactions.
- Increase parental/carer confidence to respond positively to parenting challenges.
- Increased awareness by parents/carer self-care and wellbeing.

- Improved participation of children in MCHN, kindergarten, and school
- Increased social connection of parents/carers and children.
- Assisting referrals into paediatric, speech therapy, OT & counselling services.

Early Help practitioners are a great support to have someone to work with your family and assist with any early concerns you and your family may have, so you don't have to do it on your own.

**Get in touch**

**T** 03 5362 4000

**E** [earlyhelp@vt.uniting.org](mailto:earlyhelp@vt.uniting.org)

**Uniting**

**Uniting Early Help** will be attending Rainbow P12 College on the following dates, please get in touch if you would like to speak to the visiting practitioner or alternatively call Esther to book an appointment on 0448 562 184.

Tuesday 29th August

Tuesday 12th September

Tuesday 26th September – School Holidays so won't be attending.

Tuesday 10th October

Tuesday 24th October

# Community event with Rosalie Ham

You are invited to attend a conversation with Rosalie Ham, author of the witty and heart-wrenching novel, *The Dressmaker* and its sequel *The Dressmaker's Secret*!

MONDAY  
AUGUST 28

OUYEN COMMUNITY  
CENTRE

6:30 PM





# BOOK WEEK PARADE



Shake Rattle & Read friends all dressed up



Prep/1/2 Class



3/4 Class



5/6 Class

From dinosaurs to divas, sports stars to skeletons, witches to Wally's, we had a very colourful and inventive Book Week Parade on Monday. Thank you to everyone that dressed up! Winners on the day were....



- Maryjane Morris
- Natas Morris
- Sadie Lester
- Taylor Fisher
- Annika Petschel
- Krissy Weir



Senior students also participated



Staff in their creative costumes



# Respectful Relationships

## SPECIAL REPORT



This month on SchoolTV - Respectful Relationships

Fostering a nurturing environment of respectful relationships within your family holds the key to not only harmonious living, but also improved academic outcomes for your children. As parents and caregivers, embracing the art of teaching children about respect at a young age sets the stage for a lifetime of healthy interactions and empathetic understanding. It will help cultivate a positive environment where communication flourishes, conflicts are resolved constructively, and bonds are fortified.

Teaching children to respect themselves and others will open up avenues for both personal growth and academic achievement. Fostering an environment where respect is not just a word, but a practiced behaviour, will empower young people with essential life skills. Effective communication, active listening, and the art of compromise, will provide your child with a solid foundation that will transcend family interactions and help them collaborate effectively with peers, teachers and the broader community.

Equipping children with an understanding of healthy versus unhealthy relationships is an important aspect of their development. It will guide them to make informed choices, foster positive connections, and set boundaries that contribute to their emotional wellbeing. Understanding the nuances between healthy and unhealthy relationships provides children with the essential tools to navigate their social world, build self-esteem, and cultivate meaningful relationships.

In this edition of SchoolTV, learn how to empower young people in healthy interactions to embrace differences and forge connections that honour their self-worth. 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 medical or professional help.

Here is the link to this month's edition

<https://rainbowp12.vic.schooltv.me/newsletter/respectful-relationships>



# GARAGE

# SALE

1st of September

Strictly 1.30pm - 5.00pm

Enter school via  
King Street entrance



*DON'T  
miss it!*



Dear parents and carers

The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) assessments held earlier this year had a very high participation rate from Victorian students, with participation levels returning to pre-COVID levels.

Last month, families with children in grades 3 or 5 or years 7 or 9 who participated in the assessments received their results through an individual NAPLAN report.

Today, the statewide results have been released, and I am pleased to have this opportunity to provide some information about Victoria's performance.

There are a total of 20 tests each year across grades 3 and 5 and years 7 and 9 that assess student achievement in reading, writing, numeracy, spelling, grammar and punctuation. Of the 20 tests, Victorian was ranked first or second in 16, more than any other state or territory, and an improvement on the 2022 results when the equivalent figure was 12.

NAPLAN results for Grade 3 are of particular importance because the first 3 years of schooling establish the foundation for further success. Victorian Grade 3 students achieved the highest results in the country for both reading and numeracy.

In secondary schools, Victoria had the lowest proportion of students needing additional support in both years 7 and 9 in both reading and numeracy compared to all other states and territories.

The results have also highlighted the fact that we need to continue our efforts to close the gap between advantaged and disadvantaged students. While Aboriginal students in Victoria achieved higher results on average than in other states and territories, the gap between the performance of Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal students is still too large, as is the gap between the average performance of metropolitan students and that of regional students.

Overall, however, while we are clearly focused on the areas where further improvement is needed, these are excellent results. They are a tribute to the outstanding work of teachers, principals and staff in the schools across our state.

No one would suggest our schools are perfect. Education is always an unfinished business. But on the evidence of today's release of the statewide NAPLAN results, Victorian teachers and school principals are doing a great job.

Dr David Howes  
Deputy Secretary, Schools and Regional Services