



BE KIND, WORK HARD,  
BOUNCE BACK

*Dream Big*

# Newsletter



Issue 37 - 24th November 2023

We are a Child Safe School

## PRINCIPAL'S PONDERINGS...

### GRADUATION

Last Thursday I had the privilege to attend the Grade 6 Graduation Night. As always, Mrs Gregory had everything planned perfectly (thank you). There were games played, photos galore, parent appreciation from the kids, lovely roast rolls provided by the Parents & Friends, very tasty apple crumble and an abundance of laughing and mirth! There seemed to be a high level of competition between the kids and parents for some of the after dinner games of hide and seek and kick ball, with a number of protests lodged by the students!



On Tuesday of this week we ventured down to the Rainbow Recreation Reserve to celebrate the senior graduating class of 2023.



The students set up the room (and rekindled my loathing of confetti!!). Grace Phelan worked her magic to produce a top notch grazing table (and introduced me to salted caramel popcorn), BJ Barton provided another beautiful meal of smoked meats and the Parents & Friends

provided salads. Tammy Bigham and Elly Marra made desserts including some lovely cheesecakes and pavs. Sooooo good!! Enough about the food (have I mentioned I love pav?). All the students were toasted and gently roasted about their time at the school. The girls looked stunning and the lads scrubbed up mighty well too!



## Calendar

### Week 9

#### NOVEMBER

Wed 29th

Ag trip to Horsham Livestock Exchange and Green Taylor Partners.

#### DECEMBER

Fri 1st

Didjeribone Performance Last Day Year 10

### Week 10

Thur 7th-

Whole School

Fri 8th

Transition

### Week 11

#### Activities Week

Tue 12th

Prep/Year 7 Transition

#### Presentation Night

WED 13TH

WHOLE SCHOOL

CHRISTMAS LUNCH

Thurs 14th

Music Concert 1.20pm

### Week 12

Tues 19th

STUDENT FREE DAY

Wed 20th

STUDENT FREE DAY

END OF TERM.



## 2024

#### JANUARY

### Week 1

Mon 29th

Staff start back at school

Tues 30th

STUDENTS FIRST DAY

## Meeting Dates

### School Council

11th December 2023

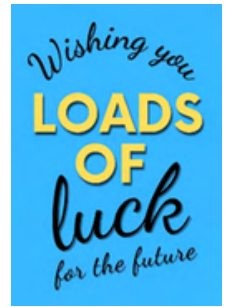
### Parents and Friends

General Meeting TBA

Webex available 26502576368

## PRINCIPAL'S PONDERINGS...CONT

There were many many highlights from the speeches and it was great to see each student taking up the right of reply. A big thanks to Nadia Wedding for all the organisation and planning , to Murray Robinson for mc-ing the night and all the staff that prepared and delivered very entertaining speeches. to the Year 12's, we as staff have ridden the rollercoaster ride of your education with you and are SO PROUD that you stayed true to the journey.



## END OF YEAR PLANS (JUST THOUGHT I WOULD REPEAT THIS!)

School Council approved the use of two student free days to be used for the 19th & 20th December. We will finish our official school program on Friday 15th December. If students attend school on Monday 18th December they will be helping staff clean and move!

## BUILDING WORKS TAKE #2 – UPDATE 24



The **community group/individual resource gathering days** will be on the weekend of the **16th & 17th December**.

This week we had a meeting to discuss dates and the progress of the tender process.

Over the upcoming weeks we will have a number of visitors to the site including the architects, the VSBA Project Manager, the contractors applying for the project and the Makesafe crew who will be looking after the asbestos removal.

The Asbestos removal is planned for early January. The buildings involved in stage one will become a construction site in mid-late January.



## RAINBOW GRAB 'N' GO

As the weather warms up the Rainbow Grab 'n' Go team will be providing slushies for students.



Please see the back of the newsletter for information on the town Christmas tree lighting activity.



## CANTEEN

Hot Dogs \$3      Dim Sims \$1.50

Tomato, BBQ and Soy sauce available.

### MONDAY

Canteen open

Bakery

Hot Dogs

Dim Sims

Heated up lunches  
(junior school)



### WEDNESDAY

Hot Dogs

Dim Sims

Heated up lunches  
(junior school)

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# School Wide Positive Behaviour Student Voice, Agency and Leadership



## *A message from your 2023 Junior School Captains....*

This year we (Ruby, Taylor and Clancy) were Junior School Captains.

We have achieved a lot this year like helping students more, being nicer and being more encouraging. We enjoyed all the lunches that we have gone on, the assemblies, the visits from important people and introducing new people and showing them around. We are very excited that there are responsible people taking over our positions and hope they continue to encourage others to do their best and follow the school values.



**Clancy, Taylor and Ruby**

## Celebrating Consistency

**Lily Saul**  
**Hendrix Clugston**  
**Tyler Webb**

**Heidi Smith**  
**Phoebe Bigham**  
**Giaan Eckermann**

Thank you for  
consistently  
displaying our  
school values!



**This card earns you 5 Buckaroos**

## Meetings and Events

**SRC Icy Pole sales:** Thursday lunchtimes

**Senior SRC Meeting:** TBA

**Junior SRC Meeting:** TBA

## Activities Week

Monday 11th - Friday 15th December  
CASUAL CLOTHES ALL WEEK

Monday: Rainbow Lake Day - bring bathers, BBQ lunch supplied by SRC

Tuesday: Presentation practice - ALL students expected at school in morning.

Wednesday: Pool activity - Bring bathers  
Whole School Lunch supplied by school  
- festive outfits encouraged!

Thursday: Activities at school.

Friday: FAMILY FUN DAY - parents encouraged to attend, bring a picnic lunch.

# BOOK CLUB



Issue 8  
1st December



Supervision at school begins at **8.30am**, please ensure that your children are not here before then, unless prior arrangements have been made.



## Finishing Dates 2023

Year 12 - Last day - Thur 19th October  
Year 10/11 - Exams - 13th-16th November  
Year 10/11 - Step Up - 20th-22nd November  
Year 11 - Last day - Fri 24th November  
Year 10 - Last day - Fri 1st December

**Early Exit** - From Fri 27th October  
Requirements:

For Yr 10 & 11 students

- Post compulsory work experience/work placement – term 4 form must be signed by all teachers that all set work has been completed to an appropriate standard.
- Letter from employer.
- Work experience/work placement form filled in.
- Proviso – **MUST** return to school for exams, Step Up program, presentation night and whole school lunch.

## UNIFORM

If you require any new uniform, order forms are available from the office and are due in with payment by 30th November.



## 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**

## Are these yours?



They have been left behind at school. Please call into the front office if they are yours.

## WANTED

4lt Ice-cream container lids  
Please drop any spares you have to the office.  
Thank you

**Please remember to return your book list forms to school asap.**





# READING AWARDS



## 200 NIGHTS

## COLOURED WORD CHAMPIONS



Eli



Yosha



Adalyn



Tate



Natas

# MUSIC EXAM



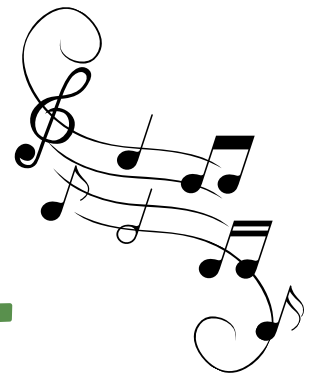
Congratulations to Lily Saul who recently received Honours for her Classical Pianoforte Grade Three exam. Well done Lily!



Roger



Natas



# MUSIC CONCERT

Thursday 14th December

1.20pm in the Hall

Please come along for an lovely afternoon of music from our piano students.

All Welcome



# VALE - Mrs Fay West



It is with great sadness that the Rainbow P 12 community acknowledges the passing of Mrs Fay West.

Mrs West was a lifelong supporter of the school (in all its variations including Primary, Secondary, High, Elementary, Co-location and P-12). She took a keen interest in the school programs and growth, sponsoring an annual award for a student in Grade 6 who displays an excellent work ethic, respect for the community and peers and has a strong sense of personal responsibility. This award called the P.L Wood award honours her own family and is highly prized and sought after.

Mrs West made many excursions to Rainbow to present the award at Presentation Nights and always wanted to catch up with staff and students to see what was going on in the school.

Her life, shared with her husband Dexter was one of positivity and respect for education. We as the Rainbow P-12 community extend our deepest sympathy to the West family.

Vale.

## Grade 3 / 4 camp - Roses Gap

Last week the Grade 3/4 students, Grace, Bronte and Mr Glover ventured off to the Grampians for a three-day camp at Roses Gap. After some forgotten bags (by Grace), trailer issues and music requests, the bus ride to camp was full of excitement and loud voices!

The days of camp consisted of many difficult tasks in which students had to challenge themselves and work together in order to achieve. Students enjoyed the Giant Swing, Flying Fox, Crate Stacking, Hut Building, Low Ropes courses and Canoeing.

The evenings were enjoyed by watching native animals, movies, talent shows and a campfire. Every student showed our character strengths and school values in one way or another and were spoken of highly from the camp staff.

Thanks to Mr Glover for driving the bus (especially to Halls Gap for ice cream) and Bronte for providing the music to hype us up!



# Grade 3 / 4 camp - Roses Gap.... Cont



1<sup>st</sup> December

1 for \$2  
Or  
3 for \$5

# SWEET'S CUPCAKE CARNIVAL

SWEET Inc.



Sweet

@ Rainbow P-12 College

## Kaotic Kupkakes

4 amazing flavors

- Lemon & Coconut
- Chocolate & Strawberry
- Vanilla & Caramel
- Double Choc Brownie

**\$3 each**

—1 DECEMBER—

Starts at 12:40pm  
to 1:20 pm

Limited Stock  
Made with lactose free milk  
Rainbow P-12 Collage  
MPB  
(enter by front office)  
Thankyou



# Christmas Tree Lighting

**FRIDAY 1ST DECEMBER 2023  
STARTING AT 6:30 PM**

**FEDERAL STREET RAINBOW  
OUTSIDE THE POST OFFICE**



**HEAR SONGS SUNG BY STUDENTS FROM RAINBOW P-12  
BBQ TEA  
BEST CHRISTMAS COSTUME - 50 CENTS ENTRY  
ENTER THE RAFFLE TO BE THE PERSON TO TURN THE LIGHTS ON  
ALL MONEY RAISED GOING TO THE CHRISTMAS COMMITTEE**



# RAINBOW P-12 COLLEGE PRESENTATION NIGHT

**Tuesday 12th December**

Rainbow P-12 College Assembly Hall  
6:30pm

**Student Work Displays**

Doors Will Open At 6:00pm For  
The Community To View A Display Of  
Student Work

**Contact Us For More  
Information**

Phone  
03 53 951 063

E-mail  
rainbow.p12@education.vic.gov.au

**All Welcome**



## Opportunity This Way

Cleaner – Rainbow Caravan Park

**Casual (hours will vary and may include weekends and public holidays)**

The Rainbow Caravan Park is a great place for travellers to base themselves when exploring the Victorian Mallee and desert areas. Nestled amongst the iconic Mallee bush, the park presents the perfect blend of bush camping with clean modern amenities. We are seeking a self-motivated person to clean the accommodation facilities, amenities block, and undertake laundry duties at the park on a casual basis.

This position would suit someone looking to take on work during school hours with some weekends. We are seeking someone who is organised, has the ability to work independently to a high standard, and who enjoys contributing to a team and the community through their work.

Council is an equal opportunity workplace that offers a diverse and supportive work environment.

Please contact Mick Henderson, Manager Assets and Facilities, on 03 5391 4444 for enquiries. Applications close **Friday 1 December 2023 at 12 noon** and **must** address the key selection criteria as contained in the position description and application form.

Position descriptions and details of how to apply are available at [www.hindmarsh.vic.gov.au/work-in-council](http://www.hindmarsh.vic.gov.au/work-in-council).