



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

Dream Big

Newsletter



Issue 5 - 1st March 2024
We are a Child Safe School

PRINCIPAL'S PONDERINGS...

STUDENT LEADERSHIP AT ITS BEST!

Due to the catastrophic weather conditions and fire danger this week we had a number of organisations postpone their visits to Rainbow. This included The Man Cave and Flourish Journey teams.

Displaying outstanding leadership qualities, our Senior School Captains and senior students stepped up and organised their own smaller version of the day.



Showing enthusiastic leadership and a motivated approach, Shekinah brought together the other School Captains, Lewis and Heidi to plan out a program. With the additional help of Nekeisha and using the Year 11/12 students as sounding boards, they were able to provide a number of well thought out and superbly delivered activities. It must also be noted that Lewis basically ran the boys program single-handedly!



Recess and lunch was provided. A huge thanks to Nicky Kruger and her team of helpers for organising all aspects of the yummy roast meat and gravy rolls.



In the afternoon our Rainbow Lake plans went slightly askew as transportation to and from the Lake became an issue with road works and long wait times. However, the feedback from the students was all exceedingly positive and the staff that attended were impressed with the empathy and care shown by the students running it.

Late last year I mentioned that we were in very good hands with our Leadership Teams for 2024. What I have seen over the past two weeks has definitely confirmed this.

Take a bow Shekinah, Lewis, Heidi and Nekeisha. What you did this week was remarkable and I hope you understand the lasting impact you have had on both students and staff alike.



Calendar 2024

MARCH

Tue 5th

Thur 7th

Mon 11th

Wed 13th

Thurs 14th

Fri 15th

Tue 19th

Thur 21st-

Fri 22nd

Tue 26th

Wed 27th

Thur 28th

APRIL

Mon 15th

Week 6

MARC Van

Ag Field Days Trip

Week 7

Public Holiday

NAPLAN starts

Elevate Study Skills Session

School Photos

Week 8

MARC Van

Year 11/12 Grand Prix

NAPLAN finishes

Week 9

P-12 Athletics

Form Captains Breakfast

Parent/Teacher

Interviews

Casual Day - Aussie Icons

Last Day of Term 1

TERM 2

First Day of Term 2

Meeting Dates

School Council

13th March 2024

Parents and Friends AGM

4th March 2024 @ 7-30pm

Webex available 26502576368

Junior SRC

Icy Poles \$0.50c

Wednesdays

at Lunchtime



PRINCIPAL'S PONDERINGS...CONT RESCHEDULING

Now for some rescheduling!

The Royal Far West (RFW) outreach visit was also cancelled this week.

They will now be coming to visit in **WEEK 8 OF TERM 1 - 18th - 22nd MARCH.**

The Man Cave and Flourish Journey session will now be held on **TUESDAY 16th APRIL** (first Tuesday back of Term 2)



FOOD LADDER UPDATE



FOOD LADDER

A huge shout out to the students who have continued to monitor the conditions and water quality in the green house. Annika and Amaya have been very proactive in ensuring that what Nigel and Veronica helped set up will continue to flourish.



Some of the first plantings are growing rapidly

The Food Ladder elective team are also very keen to develop the area around the greenhouse with huge plans for shuttle veggie gardens and flower beds, as well as extra beds inside the greenhouse itself. This will of course complement the exiting veggie patch that Mrs Fulton has established for her classes!

OUR STUDENTS IN ACTION – ITS ALL ABOUT COMMUNITY!

The Year 9 Personal Learning class went out to Rainbow Lake on Monday to do some weeding, watering and spreading of mulch.



FUN

The VM PDS class takes a session of PMP (Perceptual Motor Program) with the Prep/One class each Monday.



SCHOOL COUNCIL POSITIONS STILL AVAILABLE!

A position on School Council is a two year tenure. This means that every year there are positions available for parents/carers, students and staff to get involved in the processes and procedures that relate to the operation of the school. In 2024 we have the following positions vacant:

- 7 parent positions
- 2 student positions
- 4 staff positions.

If you are interested in School Council please catch up with past or present members for an insight into how the School Council operates. For details please see the Notice of Election and Calls for Nominations sheet in this newsletter. Nomination forms are available at the office.

BUILDINGS WORKS UPDATE



Our very cautious and elderly snail had a big rest this week... no progress to report.



School Wide Positive Behaviour Student Voice, Agency and Leadership



Senior Form Captain reflections

Year 12 - Emma and Natalie

The Swimming Sports were a great hit, our last EVERRR! It was heartwarming to see everyone having a go, both swimming and helping out. The VCE study Day in Horsham was very insightful for the English students, with some useful skills for studying and getting through the year being learned. The DIY Man Cave and Flourish Journey went well - we all had a blast. Everyone was super supportive of and thoughtful towards each other.

Year 11 - Breanna and Aiden

We are having a pretty good year so far. It was a big change going into year 11 sharing a space with the Year 12s as we didn't have many classes together last year. VET is going well and the Wellbeing Wednesday has been good for students who don't have VET to catch up on homework in their VCE or VM classes. The lighting backstage isn't the best but we are managing it. It can also be a bit loud with the classes in the hall, but we are learning to cope with that too!

Year 10 - Parker

This year has been pretty good so far - everyone is enjoying their new VET classes or work placements and we had fun participating in the Swimming Sports and our own home made Flourish Girl and Man Cave. I don't think anyone really likes all the school work, but it is good to see that everyone is doing their best, especially with the building works going on.

EXPLOSION CARD!

This card is awarded to a student who has gone above and beyond our school values. It is worth 10 Buckaroos. This card was an idea Edison Stasnowsky.

Phoebe Bigham was awarded our first Explosion Card for her organisation and execution of Pancake Day. Phoebe demonstrated all of our school values in abundance to make this day happen.

Year 9 - Oscar

The start to the year hasn't been that crazy - with not many super highs or super lows. The changes to our areas because of the building works hasn't caused too many issues and everything is running smoothly. It was good seeing two members of our class make it through to the next level of swimming. The injection of youth into the teaching department has been a positive. The cancellation of Man Cave/Flourish Journey was disappointing, but the older students stepping up to run a small session was good. This year we have also welcomed two new students, Bailey and Jett, who are twins.

Year 8 - Amaya and Tim

After starting the school year we are now slowly getting used to the rooms and the schedule. We are getting used to having the hall as our classroom, and the couches are usually filled during recess and lunch with classmates talking, hanging out and playing games. We look forward to seeing how the year goes from here.

Year 7 - Ruby and Haylee

The Year 7's have settled into our first year in the senior school well. We have a small class of 8 students and although the work has been harder, we help each other and have great teachers who support us.

Student Meetings and SRC Events

Wednesday 12th - 13th Mar: Youth Leadership Conference (Melbourne) - For Senior School Leadership Team

Thursday 28th Mar: Form Captains' Breakfast and AUSSIE ICONS casual day

SRC Meeting Dates: TBC

INTEGRATED STUDIES

In case you've been wondering what happens in our Integrated Studies classes... We provide multiple learning opportunities by integrating a variety of subjects in order to create fabulous pieces of work.

In this particular Grade 2/3/4 Integrated Studies class, our focus was on:

- Drawing, identifying and describing 2D shape (Mathematics - Geometry)
- Measuring using centimetres (Mathematics - Measurement)
- Recording data (Mathematics - Statistics)
- Exploring colour and shade with chalk (Art)
- Working as part of a group (Personal and Social Capabilities)
- Sharing our findings as a class (English - Speaking and Listening)

And this is what was produced from our students....



LITTLE DESERT SWIMMING

On Monday we had a group of students travel to Horsham to compete in the Little Desert Swimming Sports. All swimmers did their absolute best in the pool and their cooperation and assistance with timekeeping was much appreciated. Will Fisher got a first in the 16yo boys 50m freestyle and 50m backstroke. Addison Fisher came first in the 13yo girls 50m breaststroke and Annika Petschel came first in the 50m backstroke. Our 16yo boys freestyle relay team of Will Fisher, Caleb Tregenza, Fletcher Keller and Lenny Weir came a very close 2nd place.

Thank you to Kim Bye for driving the bus, Choni Petschel for coming along to support the kids and for helping out with the timekeeping, and Miss Wizz.



COME AND TRY NIGHTS:

RAINBOW SCOUT GROUP

**27TH FEBRUARY
5TH MARCH
12TH MARCH
3:30PM
TO
5:00PM**

**CUBS
7.5 - 11 YEARS
SCOUTS
11 - 15 YEARS**

**ALL ADULTS AND YOUTH
ARE INVITED ALONG TO
CHECK OUT WHAT WE
DO.**

**SCOUT HALL @ RAINBOW
REC RESERVE**



**ENQUIRIES CALL
CLAIRE: 0428149978**



Casual Day

Last day of Term 1

Theme - Aussie

Icon's

Gold Coin Donation to SRC

Costumes need to be school appropriate with no alcohol logos.



SCHOOL FOR STUDENT LEADERSHIP

On Monday our 2023 School for Student Leadership students, Sally and Amelie presented Chris Zadow, President of the Lake Committee with a cheque for the funds they raised last year. These funds will be going towards fire pits at the Rainbow Lake.

Friday Club



Friday Club is back for 2024. Any interested students please meet Elissa at the Bus Gate on King Street on Friday afternoon.

JUNIOR TRAINING

starting next week



Wednesday 6th March, 2024

Location - Beulah

Under 14s Footy - 5pm

Under 13s & 15s Netball - 5pm

Under 17s Netball - 6pm

**SOUTHERN MALLEE
THUNDER**



CANTEEN 2024



Canteen will run **Monday** and **Friday** for Bakery items, hot dogs & dim sims, milkshakes, lollies, chips & ice creams.

Heated lunches will continue in terms 2 & 3.

Primary student lunch orders to be written on a white lunch bag. Bags are available from classrooms.

Please include Primary milkshakes on the lunch order bag.

Secondary students lunch orders are to be written on a brown lunch bag.

Sports T-shirts



A Sports T-shirt order will be placed on 6th March. They are \$40 each and available in Hindmarsh or Albacutya colours. Please contact the office to order. Samples are available to try on.

Reminders to Parents

School Drop Off/Pick up

If you are dropping your children off in the morning before school, or picking them up at the end of school in your car you must do so via McKenzie Lane. Any entry into school grounds must be through the front office located at the front of the hall. If you are dropping off after school has started, please escort your child into the front office. This also applies if you are collecting during the day - please come to the office.

These rules are in place to keep your children safe!!

Bus Travelers

Can Junior School parents/carers please provide clear and concise instructions if students are not going to be traveling home on the bus, or if they are going on an alternative bus. This can be done in the student diaries or by calling the office on 53951063.

Can senior bus students please make sure that they either let their driver know in the morning if they are off bus in the afternoon, or at least let a fellow passenger know.

**SHAKE
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&
READ**

TERM 1

**FEBRUARY
MONDAY 26TH**

**MARCH
WEDNESDAY 13TH
MONDAY 25TH**

9.30AM

**RAINBOW
REC
RESERVE**

School Photo Forms

Please return your school photo forms as soon as possible, even if you are not intending on purchasing any school photos.

Family envelopes are available from the front office.

RAINBOW P-12 COLLEGE (2nd round)

HOODIE

ONLINE OPENING DATE: MONDAY 26th FEBRUARY, 2024

ONLINE CLOSING DATE: SUNDAY 17th MARCH, 2024



Hoodie = \$69

Follow the following easy steps to order your garments online.

1. Go to www.fcw.com.au
2. Click on 'School Uniforms Shop' (a third down the page)
3. Find your school logo and click on that.
4. This page will then give you up to date information such as **cut-off date for orders and delivery.**
5. Select the relevant garment or package (if applicable)
6. Select size and quantity.
7. Then click ADD TO CART.
8. If you wish to proceed to checkout click CHECKOUT or to continue shopping click CONTINUE SHOPPING
9. At any stage if you wish to view your cart, click on the trolley icon at the top of page

Please make sure you have referred to the size chart and ordered the correct size.

Fashion Clubwear only manufactures to order. There will be an administrative charge of \$15 (Incl. GST) if any changes are required to your order prior to the shop being closed. Once the shop is CLOSED, NO changes can be made to your order. NO refunds will be given after your order has been submitted. Late orders will not be accepted.

Upon successful completion of your order, you will be emailed a copy of your order as confirmation. If you don't receive a copy of your order by email, either your order was not successfully completed or the email address you provided was incorrect.



There was an issue with the postage of the sample sizes and they have not arrived yet. We are hoping they will arrive early next week. The online shop has been extended until **Sunday 17th March.**

FUN IN THE CLASSROOM



Tate with his Digitech Creation



Eli with his Botzee



Logan and Tate super excited about their Botzee creations



Natas showing off his artwork from Mrs Huff's class.



Logan very proud of his artistic efforts with an ice cream in his hand!



WANTED

The school coffee van is looking for a donation of a caravan leveller - either a single one or a pair. If you have something you think is suitable, please call school on 53951063 or call into the office.

Thank you.