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Dream Big



Newsletter

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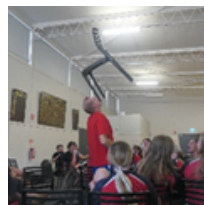
PRINCIPAL'S PONDERINGS...

THE MAD WORLD PERFORMANCE

On Tuesday 5th March all students from Prep-Year 10 ventured down to the Rainbow Rec Reserve to watch a very innovative and entertaining performance called It's A Mad World.

The laughter and squeals of delight (particularly from the Prep students) was indicative of the level of engagement and enjoyment from all who watched the show. Also, the look on Per's face when he realised the height of Oscar was priceless.

Per Westman was the sole performer who presented two very different characters. He dazzled us with his juggling, unicycling and many other skills. He is a founding member of the famous Flying Fruit Fly Circus and currently works with them as a teacher.



FOOD LADDER UPDATE

The very proactive Food Ladder elective students have been at it again! This week they wrote a letter to Bunnings Horsham seeking sponsorship for their ongoing venture. They also brainstormed plans for developing the area around the greenhouse and came up with a plethora of recipe ideas for our first harvest. I have been very fortunate to work with such an enthusiastic group of students on this project.



FOOD LADDER

REMINDER OF NEW DATES

The Royal Far West (RFW) outreach visit was cancelled last week. They will now be coming to visit in

WEEK 8 OF TERM 1 - 18th-22nd MARCH.

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

Calendar 2024

MARCH

Mon 11th
Wed 13th
Thurs 14th
Fri 15th

Week 7

Public Holiday
NAPLAN starts
Elevate Study Skills
Session

School Photos



Week 8

Tue 19th

MARC Van
Somers Camp starts
Parent/Teacher
Interviews

Wed 20th

**Thur 21st-
Fri 22nd**

Year 11/12 Grand Prix
NAPLAN finishes

Tue 26th
Wed 27th

Week 9

P-12 Athletics

Somers Camp finishes
Form Captains
Breakfast
Casual Day Aussie Icons
Last Day of Term 1

Thur 28th



Happy Easter to you all.
We hope Easter Bunny finds you.

APRIL

Mon 15th
Tues 16th

TERM 2

First Day of Term 2
**Man Cave & Flourish
Journey**

Meeting Dates School Council

13th March 2024

Junior SRC
Icy Poles \$0.50c
Wednesdays
at Lunchtime



PRINCIPAL'S PONDERINGS...CONT

TEAMWORK AT ITS BEST!

I thought I would include some photos of the Grade One lads working together on their Ozobot track. It was great to see and hear the way they worked together! Next week they will all become mini-teachers of DigiTech as they welcome the Preps to the world of robots!



BUILDINGS WORKS UPDATE

The letter of contract is a magical document that may go out in the near future..... we are hoping for next Tuesday!



INTER-GEN PROJECT

On Monday 4th March the Year 9 Personal Learning team cooked up a storm for the Social Support ladies. This was our first Inter-Gen activity for 2024.

The menu included a fruit platter expertly put together by Lenny. This was followed by the main course of tacos led by Oscar, with excellent team work from Bailey and Jett and sushi from the dedicated team of Jayde, Maggie and Ryder (there were some expert wrapping skills on display). Archer and Baxter looked after the set up, drinks and (with Lenny) baked some magnificent brownies that were served with ice cream.

By all accounts the meal was superb. There was excellent teamwork and communication skills on display ...but the biggest highlight of the activity were the connections and the conversations!



LITTLE DESERT & BLACK RANGES SWIM

A huge congratulation to all the junior students who represented the Southern Mallee Cluster at the next level of swimming. They looked mighty cool in their new Cluster shirts too! (See the extended article later on in this newsletter).



PARENTS & FRIENDS

Please refer to letter regarding P & F Association becoming inactive in 2024.

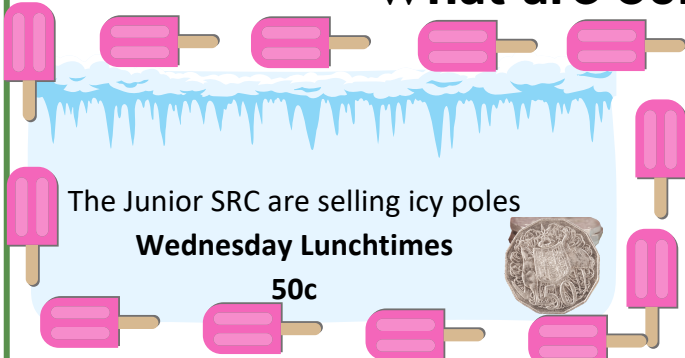




School Wide Positive Behaviour Student Voice, Agency and Leadership



What are our SRC teams up to?



Upcoming Casual Days

Thur 28th March - Aussie Icons Day

Fri 10th May - Dolly's Dream (wear blue)

Fri 28th June - Junior - Jump Rope for Heart (wear red)

Senior - Push Up Challenge (wear yellow)

Mon 19th Aug - BOOK WEEK (favourite book character)

Thur 31st Oct - Halloween



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: Senior Tue 12th March
Junior Mon 18th March

EXPLOSION CARD!

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

Lewis, Heidi, Shekinah and Nekeisha were awarded Explosion Cards this week for stepping up in the absence of Man Cave and Flourish Journey to provide their peers with an alternative program.

READING AWARDS 25 NIGHTS



Tate



Natas



Eli



Yosha



Xavier



Jurie



Tyler



Maryjane



Noah



Elodie



Hendrix



Addalyn



Harry



Elsie



Nate



ANZCA GRADUATION CONCERT

From Ann Pearce and Mrs Staples

On Saturday March 2nd, four of our dedicated piano students, Amaya, Annika, Giaan and Inara ventured down to Methodist Ladies College in Melbourne for the ANZCA (Australia and New Zealand Cultural Arts) Graduation Concert. This annual event celebrates the achievements of students from across the world who have completed ANZCA exams at a high level (Grade 7 or above) in 2023. They also showcase their talent with a concert for families and selected students from across the state. This year we were fortunate to be allocated two students that we could nominate for encouragement awards and who would receive their certificates on this day. (They didn't have to perform – just enjoy and be inspired!!!)



In previous years Cooper Stasinowsky and Lily Saul have also received these encouragement awards and this year it was Amaya and Inara. Congratulations everyone!
Thank you to Choni and Dean for taking the girls down to Melbourne and back, and Annika and Giaan for supporting their siblings! We believe the performances were fantastic!



COME AND TRY NIGHTS:

**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**

**RAINBOW
SCOUT
GROUP**

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



**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.*

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.



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, however they have now arrived! The online shop has been extended until **Sunday 17th March.**



Royal Far West
Children's health, country-wide



We'll be visiting soon!

Royal Far West clinicians will be onsite at our school.

Royal Far West clinicians will be returning to visit our school this term 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 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.

It is possible that your child may be observed or involved in classroom activities the clinicians run in the school setting during the visit. They may also suggest further assessment to determine if additional individual support is required or recommend additional school-level supports that may be helpful. Please let the school know if you have any questions about this, or if you do not want your child observed or involved in activities during the visit.

Royal Far West Onsite: 18th to 22nd March, 2024.

Please chat with school staff to learn more!

Rainbow P-12 College Athletics Carnival @ Rainbow Recreation Reserve

Tuesday 26th March – Starting time 8:50 am

Important Information

Students are expected to come straight to the Rainbow Recreation Reserve at 8:40am for an 8:50am start. Buses will be dropping off and picking up students straight from the Reserve.

Sunscreen is provided by the school, however, if you child has a sensitivity please bring some from home.

SRC will be selling soft drinks, fruit boxes, water and lollies and there will be a BBQ for lunch. Costs will be provided closer to the event.

Lunch break will be approximately at 11:30pm, but we encourage students to eat during breaks within their program.

What to Bring

Clothing:

House Colours or Sports Uniform

Suitable sunhat

Snacks, water, packed lunch (if not having BBQ)

Jumper/tracksuit pants – if the weather is cool

Parent Helpers

Due to the amount of organisation that is required to run an Athletics Carnival we are looking for volunteers willing to help in 3 areas:

- Marking the oval
- Helping with events on the day
- Assisting with the BBQ

If anyone is willing, could they please fill out the form below and return it to the College ASAP.

First P-12 Athletics Event

This year we will be trialing running a whole school Athletics Carnival as we are the only school in the cluster who does not run a school athletics event for our junior students. This has meant a lot more organisation and configuration but a challenge that the Sports Coordination team are excited to undertake. As the SML cluster athletics will still be running in Term 3, there will be no age champion medallions for the junior students at this year's P-12 event. They will still receive ribbons for each event and points that will go towards the very first P-12 Athletics House Champion.

If you have any questions, please contact our Senior Sports Coordinator Elly Marra at the school on (03) 5395 1063.

Helpers

I (name) _____ am willing to help at the Rainbow Athletics Carnival in the following area.

Marking Oval Events BBQ

Signed _____

Work Hard. Be Kind. BOUNCE BACK. DREAM BIG.

Email: rainbow.p12@education.vic.gov.au

6th March 2024

Re: Parents & Friends Association inactive for 2024

Dear Parents & Carers

The decision was made at the recent Parent & Friends Association AGM that the Association would become inactive for the remainder of 2024.

This means that all fundraising and other activities will not run in 2024.

The reason for this decision is based on the limited support the Association receives and the fact that the responsibility for organising most events is left to the same small group of parents.

Below is a list of activities, events and contributions the Parents & Friends Association have been involved in just to give you a snapshot of what has been achieved over the past couple of years:

Events Past and Present

- Swimming Sports BBQ
- ARB 480 (Baked Spud/Hot Roast Rolls/ Casseroles+Pies+Desserts)
- Athletics (Jnr and Snr) BBQs
- Pink Market Day Baked Spuds 2023
- Mothers Day (Stall and Craft Activities)
- Rainbow Rises 240
- Fathers Day (Stall and Craft Activities)
- Production Raffle
- Show Luncheon (+extra 2023)
- Presentation Night Raffle
- Fete (last 2019)
- Yr 12 Graduation Dinner (full catering until 2022)
- Enduro 560 (Friday Night St Party and out the Hill)

Event Contributions

- Welcome Night BBQ 2023 (coleslaw)
- Yr 12 Graduation Dinner (platters and salads 2023+)
- Man Cave Lunch
- Flourish Girl Lunch

What they have used funds for so far...

- Leadership Badges
- Awards Presentation Night
- Blinds Jnr Building
- Individual Classroom Whiteboards
- End of Year Activities
- Man Cave
- Flourish Journey
- Christmas Breakup Santa
- Gr 6 Graduation Dinner
- Gr 6 Tea Towels
- Yr 12 Graduation Dinner
- Yr 12 Padlocks
- Book Shelves
- Climbing Wall
- Musical Instruments- Classroom Sets
- Sandpit Toys and Storage Box
- Canteen Fridge
- Show Girl Sponsorship
- Breakfast Club Bowls and Cups
- Fundraising Tables
- Donation to Pink Market Cause
- Poly Water Trough for Cows Create Careers
- PMP Equipment
- Sporting Equipment
- Digitech Donations
- Eisteddfod Entries
- BBQ Equipment
- Aprons for Food Classes
- Fulfilling class wishlists

Ideas for big ticket items

- Outdoor Furniture Jnr Building
- Monkey Bars
- Ninja Course

From the above list you can see that the Parents & Friends Association has contributed to a vast array of activities and financially supported a huge number of resources and events within the school and wider community.

All this to enhance the learning experiences and opportunities for your children.

Without the ongoing fundraising efforts of groups like Parents & Friends the College will have to reassess the viability of a number of ongoing activities.

I am hoping that as we move forward we can come up with a way to continue the good work and support of such groups.

If you have any ideas or would like to discuss this further please contact me on 0428951198.

Yours sincerely,



Colleen Petschel
Principal
Rainbow P-12 College