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BOUNCE BACK**

*Dream Big*



# Newsletter

Issue 7 - 15th March 2024  
We are a Child Safe School

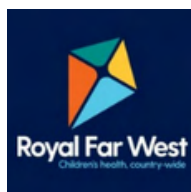
## PRINCIPAL'S PONDERINGS...

### LEADERSHIP DAY

It was great to see our Senior Student Leadership Team venture down to Melbourne for a leadership conference run by Youth Leadership Academy Australia. Thanks to Mrs Ella Clarke for organising this worthwhile event. Please see the detailed report later in this week's newsletter.

### ROYAL FAR WEST VISIT

Next week we have our rescheduled outreach visit from Royal Far West. This will give the team a chance to meet the students that they see via telehealth link up, as well as complete some observations and testing in the junior building. They offer Psych, OT and Speech sessions as well as providing assistance to staff to build teacher capacity. If you believe your child could benefit from any of the above services please contact the school for more details.



### ELEVATE STUDY SKILLS

On Thursday we had a visit from Arshia who is part of the Elevate team. He presented a number of invaluable sessions on study skills to our Year 7-12 students. It was pleasing to see that 100% of our students found the program effective and that they would recommend it to other students!



### SCHOOL COUNCIL

On Wednesday we had our School Council AGM. We welcomed Krissy Weir as a new staff representative on council. We also welcomed back Allan Roberts, Pete Stasinowsky, Lisa Jochinke, Nadia Wedding, Veronica Huff, Fred Saul and Gene Fuller. Bec Boyle, Choni Petschel and Andy Clugston are all in their second year of council. Congratulations to the following members who were elected to these positions:

- **President** : Allan Roberts
- **Vice President** : Lisa Jochinke
- **Treasurer** : Rebeckah Boyle



There are still a number of parent positions available on School Council. If you are interested, please contact the school for more details.

## Calendar 2024

### MARCH

**Week 8**  
**Tue 19th** MARC Van  
**Wed 20th** Somers Camp starts  
 Parent/Teacher Interviews  
**Thur 21st- Fri 22nd** Year 11/12 Grand Prix  
 NAPLAN finishes

**Week 9**  
**Tue 26th** P-12 Athletics  
**Wed 27th** Somers Camp finishes  
 Form Captains Breakfast  
**Thur 28th** Casual Day - Aussie Icons  
**Last Day of Term 1**



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

### APRIL

**Mon 15th** **TERM 2**  
 First Day of Term 2  
**Tues 16th** **Man Cave & Flourish Journey**

## Baked Spud Orders

**must be returned on  
Monday 18th April.**

**New order forms available from the office if needed.**

## Meeting Dates School Council

Monday 22nd April 2024

**Junior SRC**  
 Icy Poles \$0.50c  
**Wednesdays**  
 at Lunchtime



## PRINCIPAL'S PONDERINGS...CONT

### WE NEED YOU!!



As you would have already noticed, our Parent & Friends Association has been forced to become inactive due to lack of support.

Unfortunately, this limited level of support has filtered down into our student body. We are struggling to get any student representatives on School Council and the SRC has had limited by-in from senior students.

Student voice plays such an important role in shaping the how, what and why of our school. Participation in forums like School

Council and SRC are effective ways of having a say.

As a school we rely on the input, support and participation of the wider school community including parents, carers and students. It is this combined voice and effort that make our school an innovative and responsive educational setting.

We need your help to ensure that this continues to happen!

### SNAPSHOT FROM THE WEEK



*Cars elective washing the bus*



*Tom with his family tree*



*Eli guiding Darcy and Mitchell*



*Maryjane watering in the greenhouse with Mitchell watching closely.*

### SOMERS CAMP

We have a number of our students heading off on Somers Camp next week. We wish Bella, Kolby, Edison, Phoenix, Felicity and Adalyn all the best as they experience a variety of indoor and outdoor activities and build new connections and friendships. We have ex-students on our staff that still remember their Somers Camp adventures very fondly.

### BUILDINGS WORKS UPDATE

Still waiting for an update on the whereabouts of the letter of contract!





# School Wide Positive Behaviour Student Voice, Agency and Leadership



## Youth Leadership Academy Australia Conference

On Wednesday Phoebe, Holly, Shekinah, Lewis, and I (Heidi) as our Senior Leadership Team travelled to Melbourne to the Youth Leadership Academy Australia conference. At the conference we learnt valuable skills to improve our leadership like how to approach a difficult conversation, and the different leadership styles such as peer, support, and director. We also had presentations from Wil Massara (founder of the Academy) Amanda Marahall, Bonnie Ryan-Rowe (Facilitators), Trent Dennis-Lane (former Sydney Swans and St Kilda Player) and Skye Hughes (founder of the Youth Engagement Project). Overall, it was a very enjoyable experience, and we would like to thank Miss Wizz for organising it, taking us all the way there and putting up with our craziness throughout the trip.

TAKE THE  
*Chance*



**A note from Miss Wizz -**  
*I would just like to say what an enjoyable excursion this was to supervise.*

*I am so proud of the way our students embraced this opportunity, participated respectfully and reflected on what they had learned on the way home. The conversations we had on the bus were both entertaining and thought-provoking and I am so impressed with how Lewis, Shekinah, Heidi, Holly and Phoebe have a desire to make a difference in their world.*



### 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

**Friday 22nd Mar:** Donuts @ Enduro Scrutineering

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

**SRC Meeting Dates:**

Junior Mon 18th March

Senior TBA

# READING AWARDS

## 25 NIGHTS



Judson



Tom



Logan



Louis



Sadie



Kolby



Hayden



Lilah



Edison



Kayla



Pippa



Emma



# LITTLE DESERT & BLACK RANGES PRIMARY SWIMMING CARNIVAL

On Wednesday 6th March, we had 7 students venture to the Horsham Aquatic Centre to compete in the next level of swimming sports.

We had the following students participate in these events:

Hendrix Clugston	- Freestyle & Backstroke
Emma Saul	- Backstroke & Butterfly
Harry Fisher	- Freestyle, Breaststroke & SML Relay
Hugo Gould	- Breaststroke
Edison Stasinowsky	- Freestyle & Backstroke
Pippa Fisher	- Freestyle & Breaststroke
Felicity Keller	- Backstroke



*Hendrix & Emma*

Everyone represented our school with pride and they even got to wear our snazzy new SML Cluster t-shirts – which look fantastic!

Hendrix and Emma also stepped in to help St Pats in Nhill by swimming in their relays.

Well done everyone!



*Felicity, Emma, Hendrix, Edison & Harry*



**HEY VCEs...**

**WANT TO REDUCE YOUR WEEKEND HOMEWORK**  
**AND FREE UP TIME TO DO FUN STUFF?**  
**WELL YOU CAN!!**



Stay at school each afternoon from **3pm until 5pm**. This gives you **TWO HOURS HOMEWORK TIME** without those annoying distractions lurking at home (like your phone, the TV or even younger siblings!!)

**Study Buddies** gives you the opportunity to get lots of uninterrupted homework done before tea time. If you stay and study four times a week after school, that's potentially eight wonderful productive homework hours, freeing up time on the weekend to relax, avoiding that Sunday night "I haven't finished my homework for Monday" panic and making teachers all over the school really happy



During this time, you can undertake homework, extra study or take an opportunity to catch up with your teachers for extra support where possible.

**There will also be some shameless bribery in the form of afternoon tea/snacks on offer for those who are able to stay.**

Please let Mrs Leach know if you are wanting to stay after school and be a **STUDY BUDDY!**

# RAINBOW P-12 COLLEGE (2<sup>nd</sup> round)

## HOODIE

ONLINE OPENING DATE: MONDAY 26<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY, 2024

ONLINE CLOSING DATE: **SUNDAY 17<sup>th</sup> MARCH, 2024**



Hoodie = \$69

Follow the following easy steps to order your garments online.

1. Go to [www.fcw.com.au](http://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 17<sup>th</sup> March.**

## 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.



## 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.*



**Royal Far West**  
Children's health, country-wide



*We'll be visiting next week!*

### 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 26<sup>th</sup> 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 your 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.

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## Helpers

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

Marking Oval       Events       BBQ

Signed \_\_\_\_\_



## Easter Sunday Session at the Museum

Music from duo Sam + Sam who bring their pop/rock/modern country vibes and infectious energy to Warracknabeal Easter Festival.

Food trucks and bar available (beer, wine and cider).

Kids activities including Jamie and Kim's Mobile Zoo, Tiny Goat Co and Balloonatic Bruce.

Plus face painting, sandpit and maze. Arts and crafts, messy play and a few surprises!

Bring your picnic rugs and chairs.

### Sam + Sam



## Easter Race Meeting

General admission and packages available, excellent catering, and kids activities.

All ticketing is available online at [country.racing.com/warracknabeal](http://country.racing.com/warracknabeal)

### 2024 Sponsors

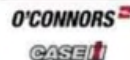
A BIG thank you to all our sponsors who help make Easter in Warracknabeal a fun filled weekend.



Robert Smith & Co



Warracknabeal Energy Park



WARRACKNABEAL

# Easter festival

Friday March 29 - Monday April 1, 2024

Visit [warracknabeal.com.au](http://warracknabeal.com.au) for updates



## Vintage Machinery Rally

Golf and bowls

Lions Club Street Market

Easter Race Meeting

Easter Sunday Music

and Kids Activities

Street Parade

Show and Shine

Creative Hive Exhibitions

Community Garden

History Tour



## Wheatland Vintage Machinery Rally



Saturday March 30 - Sunday March 31

Over two days the museum's extensive collection of vintage agricultural machinery will be displayed along with stationary engines, agricultural demonstrations and displays. Saturday night features the Twilight Tractor Pull and the Crank Start Tractor Race.

Contact Rally Secretary Dale 0429 146 597 or Col 0429 842 244

## Creative collection brought to you by Creative Hive



The Creative Hive Warracknabeal is showcasing local talent over the long weekend.

Creative works of all mediums will be displayed at numerous venues throughout the town.

## Community Garden



On Saturday you can buy from our selection of home-made preserves, hot jacket potatoes, tea and coffee and home-made slices.

And for the kids, our popular Easter Egg hunt, first session starting at 9am and the second at 10:30am

## Lions Club Easter Saturday Market

Time: 9am - 1pm

Stalls will be situated in Ritchies car park as well as in front of the Tourist Information Centre offering indoor and garden plants, jewellery, suncatchers, sweets, doughnuts, handmade bags, wooden garden ornaments and planters, cakes, decorated biscuits, gift items and more.

Plus there'll be BBQ bacon and egg muffins!



## Golf and bowls all weekend

Competition and social golf all weekend as well as social bowls.

Contact David Stewart 0429 904207

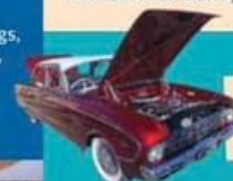
## Easter Saturday Street Parade



Free entertainment for all the family. Local shops will be open. The Easter Parade commences at 11.00am and features vintage tractors, cars and machinery, modern vehicles & novelty floats

Contact Alan Bandy 0487 340504

## 3393 Auto Club Show and Shine



Bring along your car, truck, bike or whatever to be part of the 3393 Auto Clubs Easter show and shine.

Park up in Woolcock St and watch the parade or be in the parade and join the show and shine after.

Contact Cameron Drage 0427 040 121



WEEK 1

# APRIL 2024 SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

WEEK 2



## MONDAY 1 APRIL



Easter Monday  
Public Holiday



## TUESDAY 2 APRIL

Cooking with Sharon  
Nhill Memorial Community Centre  
10am-11.30am



## WEDNESDAY 3 APRIL

Level Up Gaming  
Dimboola Library  
12pm-4pm



## THURSDAY 4 APRIL

CJ Puppet Show  
Nhill Memorial Community Centre  
10am-11am

Dimboola Library  
2pm-3pm



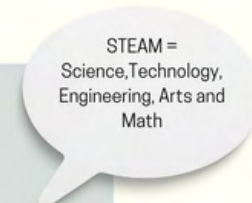
Crafty Art with Danelle  
Nhill Library  
2pm-3pm

## FRIDAY 5 APRIL



STEAM with Jo  
Rainbow Library  
10am-11am

Cooking with Sharon  
Rainbow Library  
2pm-3.30pm



## MONDAY 8 APRIL



STEAM with Jo  
Jeparit Library  
10am-11am

Cooking with Sharon  
Jeparit Library  
2pm-3.30pm



## TUESDAY 9 APRIL

Crafty Art with Danelle  
Dimboola Library  
10am-11am



Cooking with Sharon  
Dimboola Library  
2pm-3.30pm



## WEDNESDAY 10 APRIL

Crafty Art with Danelle  
Jeparit Library  
10am-11am



STEAM with Jo  
Nhill Library  
10am-11am

## THURSDAY 11 APRIL



Movie: Kung Fu Panda 4  
Nhill Cinema  
1pm - 3pm

Free Popcorn and Water provided



## FRIDAY 12 APRIL



Crafty Art with Danelle  
Rainbow Library  
10am - 11am

STEAM with Jo  
Dimboola Library  
2pm-3pm



scan to register



## REGISTER NOW!

Registrations submitted prior to school holidays are much appreciated!

Children under 11 years of age are required to have parent/guardian supervision.

For more information visit  
[www.hindmarsh.vic.gov.au/events](http://www.hindmarsh.vic.gov.au/events),  
call 03 5391 4444  
or email [youth@hindmarsh.vic.gov.au](mailto:youth@hindmarsh.vic.gov.au).



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