

DIARY DATES

MARCH

Fri 8	Interschool sport @ Good Samaritan PS
Mon 11	Labour Day Public Holiday—NO SCHOOL
Tues 12	Grade 5 Excursion to CERES
Thurs 14	Parent Tour at Roxburgh College 10am
Fri 15	Interschool sport @ Greenvale
Wed 20	Special Lunch Day—Canteen
Thurs 21	Grade 1 Community Helper's Day
Fri 22	Interschool sport here V St Carlos
Mon 25	Parent Forum—Fundraising
Tues 26	2014 Prep open morning 9.30—10.30
Thurs 28	End of Term 1—early finish 2.30

LAST DAY TERM 1 EARLY DISMISSAL

2.30PM

THURSDAY, 28 MARCH



RHPS, now also stands for Respect, Honesty, Pride and Success thanks to the hard work of our grade 6 students. Our re vamped school values is just one of the many outcomes from the 3 day student leadership conference that took place at our school. Next week we will be issuing a special conference edition of our parent bulletin, written by our grade 6 reporting team who recently featured in the Leader newspaper alongside Tiffany Hall and Mike Spears. Both Tiffany and Mike conducted workshops for our grade 6 students.....but I will let our reporters unfold the magic of the conference in next week's special bulletin. Suffice to say, if you visit the office foyer you will be left in no doubt as to what our school values are. If you were able to join us at our first student lead assembly.....your ears are probably still ringing as every student from Prep to grade 6, shouted from the rooftops our new school values. All students enjoyed and learnt so much from the conference and teachers were able to observe students display leadership qualities across an array of activities. Congratulations to Adam Ali, Ashlee Howson, Roman Tan and Reem El Daouk who were chosen to be our first school assembly presenters. This was a result of their leadership capabilities demonstrated across all conference days. These students conducted their first assembly last Friday and came across as seasoned veterans. Thank you to Liz Eastwood who supported and helped students prepare for their debut!

I would like to remind our parents that teachers are not on yard duty until 8:45 am. We have noticed some students coming to school quite early who are not enrolled in Before School Care but are playing with the Before School students. The Before School Staff have a duty of care to the students who are enrolled and are not responsible for those students who want to join in the outside early morning activities. As a safety measure and precaution, if you need to leave your child prior to 8:30 am when we have some staff at school, please use the Before School Care facility. Also remember, rostered staff are not officially on yard duty until 8:45 am. Thank you for your assistance in this matter but if you have any queries, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Congratulations to the following parents who have been elected to represent our families on school council for the next two years. Belinda Howson, Leanne Warren and Julie Sirim. Our newly elected staff representatives are Anthony Simone and Bay Fikri. Thank you to all who nominated. It was a wonderful and heartening response from our school community.

I would like to extend a huge thank you to Belinda Howson and Leanne Warren who together have coordinated and executed our annual fundraising chocolate drive. It is unfortunate that fundraising is a reality in schools to raise money for facilities. Your contributions to the chocolate drive will be put towards air conditioning in the new gym. If you have sat through an assembly during this summer, you would know it is not a luxury but a necessity. The fundraising committee had a disappointing response when they asked for volunteers to help. We feel some potential helpers may be unsure of the process, so we are holding a parent forum on **March, 25th at 9:15 am in the foyer of the new gym** so Belinda and Leanne can outline and demystify expectations and processes. All are welcome!

If you have any queries, please feel free to call.....my door is always open! Barb

PARENT HELPER COURSE

Parents, are you interested in helping out in the classroom? This year, the training course for Parent Helpers will be held on Friday the 22nd of March, from 9:15am to 3:00pm. A note will go out to students with all the details, including a reply slip to fill in if you wish to attend. Morning tea and lunch will be provided. Please make alternative arrangements for young children as we cannot offer child minding.

If you have any questions, please contact Holly on 9305 1688.

HELP WANTED

We are having an opening morning for our 2014 Prep parents on Tuesday March 26. We are hoping to enlist some volunteers to do a letter drop in our local area. Volunteers can sign up at the office.

Personal Goods brought to School at Owner's Risk

Personal property is often brought to school by students, staff and visitors. This can include mobile phones, electronic games, calculators, toys, musical instruments, sporting equipment, and cars parked on school premises.

The Department does not hold insurance for personal property brought to schools and it has no capacity to pay for any loss or damage to such property.

SCHOOL ZONE PARKING OFFENCES

We all understand that pick up and drop off times around schools are very busy.

Do the right thing be aware and be patient.

Signs are placed around school precincts to protect our kids.

Police will enforce breaches of the road rules.

A message from your local police.



VICTORIA POLICE



A 'No Parking' sign means that drivers must not stop in the area indicated by the sign unless they are dropping off or picking up passengers or goods. While stopped drivers are not permitted to leave the vehicle unattended, which means they must remain within 3 metres of the vehicle. The driver must complete their task and drive on within two minutes.

Drivers with a disabled parking permit may stop for twice the allowed time.. Penalty \$28



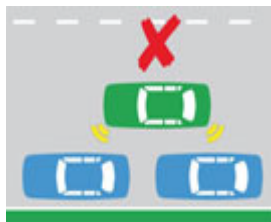
A driver must not stop in the area shown by the arrows on the sign, even if they are picking up or dropping off passengers. Similarly, drivers must not stop along sections of road marked with a continuous yellow edge line, where older 'No Standing' signs are being phased out, but they have the same meaning as 'No Stopping'.

Penalty \$141



No stopping on a children's crossing or
Within 20 metres before or
Within 10 metres after a children's crossing
You cannot proceed through the crossing
until all people are off the crossing.

Penalty
\$141



You are not permitted to stop or park your vehicle alongside another vehicle that is already parked parallel to the kerb

Penalty
\$85