

# The Inside Scoop

ROXY WRITERS SPECIAL EDITION

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## IN THE BEGINNING



At 9:00am on the morning of Wednesday 20th February, 103 Year 6 students, and a team of teachers, entered the New Gym ready to start the journey of the Inaugural Year 6 Student Leadership Conference. Students were presented with their conference bags, changed into their conference t-shirts and began working on understanding what it takes to be a leader at Roxburgh Homestead Primary School.

## From the Minds and Mouths of our Leaders

*From Justin*

### The Roxy Writers



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2013 was different from other years for the Grade 6s as there was a special incursion for us. It was the Grade 6 Leadership Conference that lasted for three days and everyone attended. Everyone was given a show bag with items such as pens, books, etc. for those 3 days. In those 3 days there were special guests that were invited to RHPS to talk to us and explain leadership. These guests included: Mike Spears, Tiffany Hall, Linh Doh, Frank McGuire and the Reach Foundation. They all were talking about leadership, what they do for a living and what they have done in the past.

Overall, the conference was an absolute blast. It was great to be with friends, to experience new things and meet the guest speakers who could come.

*From Sarah & Lara*

Some of you may not know about the Grade 6 Conference that took place last week, but after you finish reading, you will. It was an exciting event for us all. We had many guest speakers. Some I'm sure you have heard of, like Mike Spears and Tiffany Hall. They taught us a lot. Especially about our values. **RESPECT, HONESTY, PRIDE and SUCCESS!** We are going to tell you even more.

But before we do, just remember that you'll do something like this when you're in Grade 6. So..... Get ready!

*From Tahmid & Jaimon*

On the 20<sup>th</sup> to the 22<sup>nd</sup> of February, the Grade 6s had an awesome conference. There were guest speakers like Tiffany Hall, Mike Spears, the Reach Foundation and Frank McGuire. We did group work and made epic posters. We learnt about values and the 7 Habits of Happy Kids. The school was so generous they even gave us a special dinner. At the dinner the successful Linh Do came to speak with us. The conference was great and all of the kids at RHPS would certainly do it again.

*From Tijana & Melis*

On the 20<sup>th</sup> of February we had an amazing **Leadership Conference**. We met lots of **inspirational** speakers like Mike Spears, Tiffany Hall, Linh Do, Frank McGuire and the Reach Foundation. They all never gave up on their dreams. We learnt important things such as **values** like respect, responsibility, persistence, pride and much more. We did a group activity which required **teamwork** and everyone contributing. We also learnt what R.H.P.S really stands for. It is **Respect, Honesty, Pride and Success**. These are things that stood out for us.



"Don't be afraid to be amazing!"  
Andy Irwin  
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*We would also like to make special mention to Mandy Karangelen who spent the three days with us taking photographs of our journey.*

**A VERY SPECIAL THANK YOU to all our teachers who made sure we all felt AMAZING! YOU'RE AMAZING TOO!**

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## SWITCHING ON OUR DREAMS

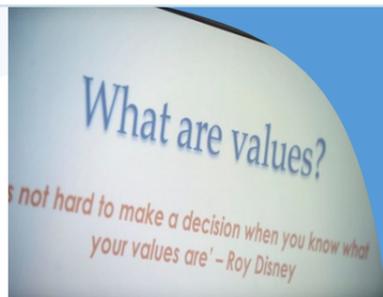
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On the night of the year 6 dinner, a great leader named Linh Do came and dined with the Year 6s. She spoke to us about how she became a leader and what made her want to begin her journey to become a success. She started her story when she was 12 years old. Her light went out so she told her mother that it was broken. She went with her mother to buy a new light. When she saw her mother was going to buy an \$8 fluorescent light bulb over a 50c light, she asked her mother why she was buying the fluorescent light bulb. After hearing her explanation, Linh decided to sell 1,000,000 fluorescent light bulbs. As she grew older she helped create and run a website.



# The People Who Inspired Us...



The Roxy Writers have spent time reflecting on their experience during the conference. Read their impressions about the guest presenters.



She told us what she did to make this all happen. She said that she planned out what she was going to do and she followed her dreams. She used the tactics of persistence and confidence to make her goal of becoming the magnificent leader she is now.

Most people thought that the dinner was great. Linh Do made a mini competition for the first person who could get their food first. One of the competitions was who could dance the best in front of everyone and only one person danced in front of all of us. At the end of the dinner we all had a quiz about the staff who took part in the year 6 conference as we waited for our parents.

## MIKE THE GIANT BY LARA & SARAH

Mike Spears is a professional basketball player and inspirational speaker (he is also a giant!!!) He came to our school on Thursday the 21st of February to teach us about leadership. This is what we learnt:

It started with him talking about his past. Then we did some exercises with him and we learnt that exercise is a GOOD thing! Mike told us two stories, one was about when he was in high school when he did basketball training. He got a new coach, and the coach was a nerd: red curly hair, lots of freckles and the funniest thing was that he wore his shorts up so high that they hardly covered his bum! The point of that story was to teach us that no matter how hard things get, we should NEVER give up.



The second story was about him going to a camp when he was in the church. It taught him to always set the bar high no matter what.

So remember, never give up and always try your hardest no matter what happens.



**R—RESPECT**  
**H—HONESTY**  
**P—PRIDE**  
**S—SUCCESS**



## SUCCESS TAKES TIME BY JUSTIN & JASKIRAT

Frank McGuire was one of the guest speakers at our Conference. He is currently 55 years old and has a younger sibling, Edward McGuire. Eddie is the president of the Collingwood Football Club from the AFL and also hosts the TV show *Hot Seat: Who Wants to Be a Millionaire* on the Channel Nine Network. Frank is an MP (Member of Parliament).



He holds the electoral seat (which means he represents the most popular party in his district) of the electoral district of Broadmeadows (Broadmeadows, Campbellfield, Coolaroo, Dallas, Jacana, Fawkner, Glenroy, Hadfield, Roxburgh Park, Somerton and Westmeadows) for the Labor Party.

We were privileged to have Frank join us in our Year 6 Leadership Conference.

He told us about leadership skills his life. He said that he and Eddie grew up in Broadmeadows. Frank said that he was a very keen writer and that Eddie was passionate about footy. Both interests opened doors for them by allowing them to earn scholarships. Frank got employment as a journalist. He also managed to introduce Eddie into media. Observing politicians, Frank decided that politics was an appropriate profession for him.



Frank is a proper leader because he was attached to his dreams and goals and also because he showed a fair bit of persistence. He has made Melbourne a more advanced and safer place, so that means he cares for his community (just like we should – the values of pride and success are strong motivators for us at RHPS). Thank you for your time Mr McGuire. We were honoured for you to have come to our conference.

## OUT OF OUR COMFORT ZONE BY TAHMID & JAIMON



Overall we all had a great time with Reach. We would love it if they came back to our school again.

On the Thursday of the conference, Reach worked with our group. They taught us about confidence and comfort zones and what to do when someone is feeling down.



**"Don't be afraid to be amazing!"**

Andy Irwin

## White Ninja Inspiration

By Melis & Tijana

Do you want to know who the Grade 6s met? Well don't stop reading now because we are going to tell you about the amazing Tiffany Hall.



Tiffany was one of the coaches on *The Biggest Loser* last year and she generously came to our school to inspire and motivate us. She taught us some brilliant moves, but values were at the centre of everything. **Georgia** says "I think Tiffany taught us persistence because it takes time to accomplish our dreams". And don't forget everyone: **"I'M AMAZING! YOU'RE AMAZING! WE'RE AMAZING!"**

