

DIARY DATES

JULY

Fri 26 Year 3 Billy Cart Incursion
Mon 29 Reach Workshops Year 6
Wed 31 Prep 100th Day at School
Grade 5 Discovery Day to Craigieburn SC

AUGUST

Wed 7 Preps Senses Day
Fri 9 District Athletics Day @ Meadow Glen
Wed 14 Grade 5 Excursion to Sovereign Hill
Prep RACV Road Safety Program Incursion



PREPS -100 days WOW!

I would like to extend a warm welcome to our school community as we complete week 2 of this semester. We welcome Rachelle Hedger back to the fold after her sojourn at Diggers Rest Primary School last term as Acting Principal. We also thank Liz Eastwood for her visionary and innovative work as Acting Assistant Principal during that time. Our school is richer for both Rachelle and Liz's experiences. We are fortunate to have new students and their families join us this term. We hope you feel a part of the Roxburgh Homestead Family very soon. We respectfully acknowledge and support those who are observing Ramadan. We know this is a special time for many of our families within our school community.

The curriculum day which was the first day of this term saw our staff working together to reflect upon, review and refine the learning targets of our annual implementation plans. We also unpacked the importance of making each day extraordinary for all who work and learn within our school community. Our mission is to ensure our students are literate, numerate and curious. We want our students to have choice in their lives, so no matter what career path they choose they have the resilience and values to support them to be successful in life.

If you are in any doubt as to the premise of our school culture, then a visit to our office will reinforce what we stand for as a school community. Thank you again to Liz Eastwood and John Shaba our IT technician for the super computer screen in our office foyer which relays and captures the joy of learning at RHPS!!!

I would like to share a quote by Martin Luther King with you that I shared with staff at the beginning of this term and reinforces two of our school values of Respect and Pride. Martin Luther King said, "If a man is called to be a street sweeper, he should sweep streets even as Michelangelo painted or Beethoven composed music or Shakespeare wrote poetry. He should sweep streets so well that all the hosts of heaven and earth will pause and say, "Here lived a great street sweeper who did his job well".

EMA (EDUCATION MAINTENANCE ALLOWANCE)

Any parent or guardian who was not paid their EMA in the first instalment because their application was rejected, they did not apply or they enrolled at the school after the cut off date must submit their application for the second instalment to the school **no later than Friday, August 2.**



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PARENT FORUM

Tuesday 30th of July

3:30–4:30pm in the New Gym Foyer

AusVELS and the Australian Curriculum Update

This Parent Forum will build upon the previous session we ran last term on the new Australian curriculum.

If you missed the last forum, this one will provide all the information you need. If you did attend, we will be building on what we started to discuss last time.

Please make note that this forum will be held on Tuesday afternoon not in the morning as we usually do.

We hope to see you there.

Remember to keep reading as often as possible and to try out different genres. You might find a new favourite!

Don't forget the library is open on Tuesday and Wednesday mornings from 8:30 if you want to return and borrow books or just sit and read!



25 July 2013

LITERACY AND NUMERACY WEEK 2013

During the week

July 29th to August 2nd

schools all across Australia will celebrate Literacy and Numeracy Week. At Roxburgh Homestead Primary school, we will be taking part in some special activities during this week.

In Literacy, the 'Poem in Your Pocket' activity will encourage everyone to write their own poetry and share it with others. The only rule is: it has to fit in your pocket!

In Numeracy, the theme is

That Is Rubbish!

Next Tuesday every class across the school will collect the rubbish they create that day at recess and lunch. This will then be sorted into different categories, for example: plastic, paper and so on. We will tally this up to see how much rubbish we create in one day.