



DIARY DATES

AUGUST

Fri 9	District Athletics Day @ Meadow Glen
Wed 14	Grade 5 Excursion to Sovereign Hill Prep RACV Road Safety Program Incursion
Wed 28-Fri30	Grade 4 Camp to Gundiwindi
Wed 28	Prep Excursion to Essendon Traffic School Father's Day Stall
Thurs 29	Father's Day Stall

SEPTEMBER

Tues 3	Grade 1 CSIRO Incursion
Wed 4	Whole School Footsteps Dance Company Workshop
Fri 6	Primary Music Institute Open Day Lessons



Preps celebrate 100 days of school!

Congratulations, once again to our Prep students who have celebrated 100 days of learning! If you have not had a chance to view their wonderful projects as yet, you will find them proudly displayed in the Prep corridor.

RHPS Choir

Don't forget to mark on your calendar, our school community assembly, on the afternoon of August 16th when our school choir will be next performing. I have been privy to the rehearsals and the choir is in fine voice! Thank you to Claudine Lagier and Karen Wurr, who are working with the choir at lunchtimes to ensure they are at their peak performance level for our assembly.

EID

To our families who will later this week celebrate Eid al –Fitr, after the month long fast of Ramadan, we hope you and your families enjoy this very special time.

School Funding

You may have recently heard in the media that Victoria has signed the school funding agreement between the Victorian and Commonwealth Government. This will mean extra funding for all schools. Schools will get more money in the budget next year, until 2019 when the agreement ends. In the last week of term three, our school will receive our indicative Student Resource package. This is based on the number of students we think we will have in 2014. At the end of February 2014, a census of student numbers takes place that will directly impact upon our confirmed budget for 2014. After census day 2014, even if we receive enrolments throughout the year, we are not funded for those students for that year.

2014 Enrolments

If you know of anyone, intending to enrol their children at RHPS for 2014, especially Prep students and they have not already done so, please inform them they need to enrol now! The leadership team is already in workforce planning mode. The process to employ staff is a long one and student numbers are the dominant factor in determining our school budget. The high quality programs we deliver and class sizes are shaped by our school budget, so if you are intending to enrol or intending to leave our school, the sooner we know, the better our forward planning will be!

Barb Adam - Principal

Last week was Literacy and Numeracy week for all Victorian schools. This is a time to recognise the importance of literacy and numeracy development across all areas of life. It has been fantastic watching our students participate in the special activities for the week.

In the area of literacy the main activity was 'Poem in a Pocket'. Classrooms right across the school were involved in discussing, examining and writing different types of poetry. This included acrostic poetry (a poem in which the first letter of each line spells a word) and diamante (a strictly structured form of poetry where the text forms the shape of a diamond). Once completed, students were encouraged to carry their poem in their pocket, sharing with peers and teachers in the yard. We were delighted when on yard duty as students were extremely excited about sharing. If your child hasn't yet had a chance to share their poem with you, please ensure you ask all about it!

To celebrate numeracy all grades participated in a hands-on data collection, examining an important environmental issue. Each class collected their lunch rubbish and teachers transported this to the multipurpose room, grouping the items under plastics, food scraps, paper and other (foil, polystyrene etc). Once completed all grades were encouraged to examine the findings and draw conclusions. Most students were shocked at the amount of plastic! The data collection also encouraged discussion about biodegradability and environmental impact. An excellent learning opportunity for all!

At Roxburgh Homestead we focus strongly on the development of literacy and numeracy skills across the school. This might start with simple skills at the start of prep, but will increase in complexity as your child develops. The activities from last week highlight the importance of this focus and the importance of applying concrete skills. Many thanks to Glenys Lynch and Holly Dixon for the organisation of these activities.

The following websites may also assist in literacy and numeracy development at home:

<http://www.storylineonline.net/> (Great children's stories read online)

http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks1/literacy/alphabetical_order/play/ (Fun activities for learning alphabetical order)

<http://www.oswego.org/ocsd-web/games/spookyseq/spooky2.html> (Fun counting activities)

<http://www.mathplayground.com/> (Lots of different math activities)

<http://www.oswego.org/ocsd-web/games/mathmagician/cathymath.html> (Race against the clock in addition, subtraction, multiplication and division)

We hope you enjoyed the special activities last week, but more importantly – the literacy and numeracy activities that take place in your classroom every day!

Rachelle Hedger (Junior Sub School Leader) & Anthony Simone (Senior Sub School Leader)

Art Show 2013

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POET'S CORNER
FESTIVAL OF LIVING ART PERFORMANCES
FACE PAINTING

BRING ALONG THE FAMILY FOR AN EVENING OF INSPIRING ART DISPLAYS AND ENTERTAINMENT.