

DIARY DATES

OCTOBER

Mon 21 REACH Workshop—Year 6 students
Tues 22 Cosmodome incursion—Grade 5 students
Thurs 24 2014 Preps Teddy Bear Picnic
Tues 29 Camp Day—Year 2 students
Eureka Tower Excursion—Grade 1 students

NOVEMBER

Mon 4 **CURRICULUM DAY—NO STUDENTS AT SCHOOL**
Tues 5 Cup Day—Public Holiday

I would like to welcome back all of our wonderful students, parents and community members to what is looking like a busy term 4. This term we have Student Led Conferences, year 2 camping experience day, year 6 graduation and transition activities. Our wonderful preps for 2014 will also begin familiarizing themselves with the learning spaces here at Roxburgh Homestead.

During this week, we celebrated Student Led Conferences and many of our parents recognized the outstanding efforts and achievements of individuals, across our range of programs. The atmosphere was indeed exciting and reflective of the “buzz” that exists in our school community.

2014

We are currently looking at structures for 2014 with the composition of new students and those that will be leaving the RHPS learning community next year. If you are leaving at the end of the year, could you please fill in the form below and return it to the office staff so we can ensure all the relevant transition processes are followed. This will ensure that the transition is as smooth as possible.

Community Hub

Last week we welcomed Kate Thomas who is our new Community Hub Coordinator. Kate will be working with us one day a week and will be looking at beginning a playgroup, engaging in developing links with the community and running a variety of programs based on community feedback. Welcome Kate. *(please see article on page 3)*

Have a great week,

Anthony Simone

BOOKLISTS

The 2014 booklists were distributed to the children last week—if you did not receive one please see your teacher or the Office.

Payment by cash, cheque or eftpos before Tuesday, Dec 10 and you can collect your book on Thurs, Dec 12.

Payment and collection before school commences in 2014 is Wednesday Jan 29th - 9.30am—12.30pm.

ENROLMENTS

If you, or any of your friends or neighbours are intending to enrol at Roxburgh Homestead please do so ASAP as we are about to organise staffing for 2014.

Are you leaving Roxburgh Homestead Primary School at the end of 2013? If so please notify the Office ASAP.

Name.....Grade.....School in 2014.....

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Talking about learning.

An important part of learning is being able to articulate what you have done, what this means in your life and what your goals are. This gives learning a purpose and helps to engage the learner, encouraging deeper meaning. This week at Roxburgh Homestead Primary School, we have encouraged all students to articulate this learning through student led conferences. With the support of their teacher, students discussed their learning, highlighting areas for improvement. Students also provided examples, and in some cases demonstrations of what this learning looks like.

At our school student led conferences are scheduled twice a year, alternating with written reports. During student led conferences the school is certainly buzzing with lots of children very excited about their learning! This buzz doesn't just happen overnight. There are a lot of processes put into place across the school to ensure students are able to articulate an accurate picture of their learning. This includes:

- Learning intentions – At our school lessons begin with learning intentions. This statement ensures that students are clear about what they are learning in any given lesson. That way they are clear about what they are to achieve. The teacher is also then able to give feedback in relation to this learning.
- Rubrics and matrices – Teachers use a range of tools to ensure students are very clear about their achievements. Examples include the counting matrices used in some year levels to show students both their achievements and their next goal.
- Strategy lists – In junior classrooms, reading strategies are listed on the 'CAFÉ' board. After consultation with the teacher, each student is allocated a strategy to help them improve in reading.
- Testing – At Roxburgh Homestead Primary School we don't make testing secret teacher business. Learning is about improvement and it is important for students to see the improvements they are making.
- Reflection/sharing – Students are encouraged to discuss their learning as a regular part of each lesson.
- Anchor charts – Our classrooms have lots of posters and charts reflecting student understandings. These charts help students define important concepts and also bridge new learning to previous learning.
- Writers notebooks/strategy books/ learning journals – Classrooms use different tools to record learning as it happens and the strategies students are learning.

The above examples are only a few of the different ways we encourage your child to think about their learning. Now that you know this, please ensure you ask what your child has learnt every day... and don't accept it when they say 'nothing'! Lets keep the excitement and momentum of student led conferences happening every day.

Rachelle Hedger
Assistant Principal

PREMIERS' READING CHALLENGE 2013

Each year, the Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge encourages kids of all ages to experience a variety of genres. Students from all year levels have the opportunity to read texts they might never have encountered before.

This year at Roxburgh Homestead Primary School, over 40 of our students participated in the Challenge. The following students received certificates for their efforts:

Prep Jo

Shaahid Mohamed Naser
Faris Mustafa

1 Erin

Shehan Imbulana

1 Jo

Mercedes loane

3/4 Clare

Beren Arslan
Esra Cinar
Sarah Eideh
Kulsoom Hussain
Eleeza Maqsood
Samiha Rahman
Sadia Sattar

4 Liz

Waruni Devasurendra
Nicholas Hammond
Supreet Kaur
Dilara Unal

4 Michael

Jade Baird
Caleb Duncan
Jeshni Imbulana
Ali Seleak
Dineth Senevirathna

5 Maree

Mohamad Al-Jawhary
Laurie Avery
Ebru Baykan
Dilara Dalak
Austin Emiantor
Taylan Eraslan
Baris Erpolat
Senith Foneska
Ethan Fowler
Madison Georgiadis
Cihan Gocmen
Taylan Guner
Eda Gurbuz
Grace lupeli

5 Maree (cont)

Jemma Lipari
Anisha Raj
Hazal Rifat
Liam Saunders



Congratulations to everybody who took part in the Premiers' Reading Challenge. A special mention goes out to the following people:

Shehan Imbulana read 44 books
Waruni Imbulana read 47 books
Dineth Senevirathna read 61 books
Mercedes loane read 487 books!

A stellar effort from those four students.

Remember, it is always a challenge to keep reading and experience new and interesting things. If you would like to get involved in next year's Premiers' Reading Challenge, look out for the advertisements when they appear and come and see Holly.



Introducing the Roxburgh Community Hub

Our newly appointed Community Liaison Officer, Kate Thomas will be running the new Roxburgh Community Hub. The hub will be a program implemented over 3 schools in Roxburgh Park: Roxburgh Rise Primary School, Roxburgh Homestead Primary School and Roxburgh Park Primary School.

The hubs will provide local information and include a number of programs, services and groups for parents and members of our wider community. The hub will link service agencies and provide support for families.

Hubs provide a meeting place for the community to share and learn skills, meet new people and access services.

Programs will be introduced to school hubs based on the interest of community members. Some programs that could be included are adult education, service information, early year developmental programs and social groups such as:

- Playgroups
- Bilingual story time and bilingual playgroups
- Transition support into kindergarten and into primary school
- Mother and child English language programs
- Linking to specialist services (occupational therapist/speech therapist)
- Training and education courses (English classes for adults, computer classes for adults, certificate courses)
- Breakfast clubs
- Homework clubs
- Cooking clubs
- Health and wellbeing workshops
- Settlement services
- Volunteer and employment pathways
- Social / Special interest clubs

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We need some volunteers to go through the 3 lost property boxes to sort out the named lost property. After this is done we will have a gold coin donation sale of the unnamed items of clothing. Anyone who has some free time can come and see Rachelle in the Office .

PRIMARY MUSIC INSTITUTE

It is not too late to enrol for keyboard lessons this term. If you are interested come to the office for an enrolment form or contact Primary Music Institute at admin@primarymusicinstitute.com.au for more information. Lessons are \$11.90 for 1/2 hour lesson, in small groups during school time on Fridays with Rosemary.

PARKING ON MCPHERSON BOULEVARD

A reminder the council decided in March to implement a 15 minute time limit on parking between 8.30—9.30 and 2.30—3.30 on school days. This restriction includes both sides of McPherson Boulevard, between Bickerton Way and Rostron Way. There are 2 disabled parking spots near the entrance to the school. Parents using these parking spots must display their Disability Permit sticker on the windscreen. Be aware the council do patrol regularly.

TERM DATES 2014

Term 1: Tuesday 28th January - Friday 4th April

- Teachers commence Tuesday 28th January
- Year 1 to Year 6 students commence Thursday 30th January
- Prep students commence Friday 31st January

Term 2: Tuesday 22nd April - Friday 27th June

- Easter Monday 21st April – Public Holiday

Term 3: Monday 14th July - Friday 19th September

Term 4: Monday 6th October – Friday 19th December

