

DIARY DATES

NOVEMBER

- Fri 15 Girls Football Day
- Thurs 21 Prep Transition A-K
- Thurs 28 Prep Transition L-Z

DECEMBER

- Tues 3 Year 4 Excursion to Immigration Museum
- Thurs 5 Choir Excursion to Craigieburn Central
- Wed 18 Year 6 Excursion to Funfields
- Thurs 19 Year 6 Graduation
- Fri 20 Last Day of Term 4—Early Finish @ 1.30pm**



Remembrance Day

Our students have been discussing Remembrance Day this week. I am proud to showcase a poem written by Darcy Morrison, from 3 Matt Markmann’s class. I’m sure you will agree that it is an accurate and poignant depiction of a battlefield. Well done Darcy.

Hear the treacherous gun fire as the fallen soldiers lie
 Destroyed land as the grenades flew across the black smoke filled sky.
 Remember the soldiers that risked their lives keeping countries safe
 See the bullet shells lie on the burning ground
 Scared towns people tremble in their home
 Our fallen men served their country.....that is Australia.

Latest enrolments

We are pleased to announce that we have 94 preps enrolled for 2014. The transition for our newest members of our school community has been a great success. If you have a child starting school next year and haven’t as yet enrolled please ensure you do immediately as we are finalising staffing for 2014. Student numbers are the main determining factor of our school budget.

Anywhere, Anytime Learning Update

RHPS eLearning Vision Statement

Our vision is to prepare our students for their future, rather than our past, by facilitating their discovery of knowledge through critical thinking, collaboration, creativity and communication through a rich blend of traditional and digital learning environments.

Roxburgh Homestead Primary School has made a commitment to 1:1 learning using technology to support this strategy. In years 1 and 4 in 2014 we proposed a joint commitment between families and the school to allow students to take their device home so it may be used after school and weekends. We targeted students in years 1 with a 3 year lease program for families. We had proposed a tablet device for grade 1 students and a notebook for year 4 students. We have spent many years in the planning phase to ensure we had the end in mind with where we wanted to go with the strategy, so we were always taking steps in the right direction.

However, after our parent forums that were held in September and in consultation with School Council we have decided to phase in the program starting with grade 4. Our 2014 grade 1 students will have access to a bank of tablet devices in their class. We will collect data on how the grade 1 students are using the devices to support their learning and the impact on that learning. We will also be running frequent parent forums to ensure transparency and understanding in the type of learning we want our students to achieve.

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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School Reports

Last week in the newsletter we discussed the importance of feedback for your child's education. At the moment our teachers are very busy putting together reports. Written reports are another source of feedback that informs students and families about progress in learning.

The written reports put together by our staff inform progress in a number of key areas. This will include English, Mathematics, The Arts, Physical Education, work habits and effort. As students progress through the school, reports will include other subject areas including LOTE (Languages other than English- Italian), History and Science. The areas within the report are designed to indicate progress whilst providing a written explanation of achievements and areas for improvement.

Our current reporting system indicates progress through the placement of a black dot on a continuum of learning. In most subject areas there will also be a white dot, indicating the level of learning at the end of 2012. In 2013 Victoria is moving to a new curriculum and system of reporting. Because of this, the white dot may not appear in some subject areas. If you are concerned about your child's progress in a subject, please see your child's teacher.

Some children across the school will meet the criteria for an additional section in the report. This section is for students who have English as an additional language. This part of the report provides information based upon a continuum of learning specifically designed for children who are learning English in addition to their first language.

Feedback is most effective when both timely and ongoing. School reports are only one of a number of ways that we provide feedback to students and families throughout the year. If at any time you have a question about learning, please see your child's teacher. Reports are scheduled to be distributed on Friday the 13th of December.

Kind regards,
Rachelle Hedger and Anthony Simone

LITERACY AND NUMERACY ACTIVITY: FAMILY NAMES

Here's a simple activity you can do at any time.

Write down the first name of each person in your family. You can include yourself, Mum, Dad, brothers and sisters, grandparents, aunts and uncles, cousins, pets, or anyone else you consider part of your family.



Next, write down the 26 letters of the alphabet. Your task is to find out information based on the names of the people in your family. You might like to draw up a table and keep a tally under each letter so you can see your answers clearly.

Answer the following questions:

Which letter of the alphabet is used the most in the names you have listed?

Which letter is used the least?

Which letters weren't used at all?

Who has the most vowels in their name (a, e, i, o, u)?

If you complete this activity, bring it over to Glenys and Holly so we can display it.

Free Come and Try Day.
Milo T20 BLAST Cricket.
Windy Hill, Brewster St, Essendon.
Friday November 29th & December 6th 2013, 6:00pm-7:30pm.

This open day allows children to try the game and learn the skills in an action packed 90 minutes.

Register your child's interest in participating at the FREE Come and Try Day by emailing Darren.Driscoll@cricket.com.au

Gold Coin Uniform Sale.

Thankyou to 2 of our wonderful parents, Mel Gay and Kristy Burrows, who have gone through the 3 lost property boxes. They have sorted the named uniform pieces and if you have your uniform labelled with a christian and surname they will return it to your child.

There will be a *gold coin donation sale* for second hand unnamed uniform pieces in the Multi-purpose room, next week, on Tues 19th, Wed 20, Thurs 21 Nov. 8:45 – 9:30 & 2:30-3:00.

Community Hub Free Playgroup



For families with children up to the age of 5 years

When: Every Tuesday **Starting Tuesday 19th November**

Where: Roxburgh Homestead Multi-Purpose Room

Time: 9:15am – 10:30am



The playgroup is a time for parents and guardians to join their children and show them how to enjoy music, play time, painting, singing, dancing and other fun filled activities.

Contact Kate Thomas, Community Hub Worker for more information.

thomas.kate.l1@edumail.vic.gov.au

Students to Play at the 2014 Australian Tennis Open

Grade 3 and 4 students will be taking part in the MLC Hot Shots School Australian Open Playoff Clinics – two children; one boy and one girl will represent the school at the **2014 Australian Open**.

Community Tennis Play

In conjunction with this school program Greenvale and Craigieburn Tennis Clubs are holding Community Tennis Days throughout November and December, for 4 weeks. **Community Tennis Play** - is an opportunity for kids to play tennis in a fun supportive environment with the focus on enjoying the game with friends and being a good sport.

When? Greenvale T.C. – from November Monday 25th to December Monday 16th

Craigieburn T.C. – from November Thursday 28th to December Thurs19th

Information – call 9333-6525, email: tim@compltetennis.com.au,



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**Registration Day
Christmas Breakup
All Welcome
24/11/2013
12pm Onwards
At Bottom Clubhouse
75 Lakeside Drive
Roxburgh Park**