Dear Roxburgh Homestead Community,

As you walk through different corridors or up and down the breezeway it is extremely rewarding and satisfying to hear our students articulate their learning. This week I have had the privilege of working within the grade 5 classrooms. The students are clearly able to articulate their learning, critically analyse and reflect opinions and use a variety of strategies to solve complex problems. As we move into a rapidly changing world our students need to be best equipped to draw on a variety of skills and thinking to help work towards our mission statement of ‘developing global citizens’.

The development on the whole child pivotal in achieving this mission statement. This week our year 3 and 5 students have been completing the NAPLAN testing. The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) for years 3, 5, 7 and 9 students assess student knowledge and skills in Writing, Reading, Language conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and Numeracy. Although this form of testing is often reported on in the media it assists in students developing their skill set of working within exam conditions.

Last week the year 5 and 6 students completed an ‘Attitudes to School Survey’. The completed surveys are sent to the Department of Education and results are then sent onto the school. At Roxburgh Homestead student voice is a vital component of our school culture therefore the results will be shared with the students as well as members of our school community once we have received them.

Next week, 19th - 23rd May is Education Week at Roxburgh Homestead with a variety of wonderful learning experiences for our young learners. This year education week will have a science focus and grades across the school will be participating in science experiments. We will also be working in conjunction with Scholastic to have the book fair return to our school. It will be open daily before school and after school for students to utilise. On Friday the book fair will be open to parents. Also on Friday we will be having an open morning for an opportunity to visit your child/children’s classroom from 9:00- 10:30. At Fridays assembly students will participate in a ‘book character’ parade.

The school community would also like to thank Kristy Burrows, Terri Ardorna and Melanie Gay for all the time and effort that was put into another very successful and well organised Mother’s day stall. The look on our student’s faces when they were buying presents for their loved ones was very satisfying.

Last fortnight Barb mentioned the great contribution some of our students made to the annual ANZAC ceremony. We would like to acknowledge Brooke Grambau who also represented the school. Thank you Brooke.

Many of these significant learning experiences mentioned above contribute to the development of ‘developing global citizens’. We look forward to continuing the wonderful learning experiences for our students.

Have a great week.

Anthony Simone

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**Positive Behaviour Support Workshop for parents and carers of Children and Young Adults with Autism Spectrum Disorder.**

**When:** 21st, 22nd & 23rd May 2014  
**Where:** Moonee Ponds Bowling Club  
**Time:** 9.30am—2.30pm  
**Cost:** Free
The Victorian Child Oral Health Survey is coming to Roxburgh Homestead Primary School. 115 families have been randomly selected to participate in a survey. If you were one of the 115 families could you please return your survey to the school tomorrow. The Oral Health people will be at school on Monday and Tuesday next week. Your participation will help contribute to the collection of important and useful oral health data used to improve dental services across Victoria.

Have you thought about using our before care program??
We have spaces available for your children to enjoy playing and extending their life experiences. If you are interested in being part of our program please call in and see any of our friendly professional staff or phone during program hours for more information.

We provide:
- A healthy selection of choices for breakfast
- Fun and exciting activities
- A home like environment
- Warm caring and friendly staff

Our hours of before care operate from 6:30am until 8:45am
Our prices are very affordable; childcare benefit can be automatically deducted from your weekly fee; you can also arrange to have your childcare rebate deducted.
Looking forward to seeing you!! Margaret and Danielle

CANTEEN NEWS
There are some new and exciting things happening in the canteen in term two.
“Milkshake Monday” We will be offering school approved milkshakes in strawberry, caramel, banana, chocolate and vanilla. These will be available on MONDAYS ONLY and cost $2.00. They can be ordered in lunch orders also.
“Fried Rice” We did a trial last week of fried rice and mini springs rolls and with the huge amount of positive feedback. We deemed it a success so will be offering these over the counter on a TUESDAY at recess and lunch.
“Tropical Day” as the weather gets colder we will be transforming the canteen into a topical oasis for a special food day next month, so stay tuned for more information. Leah

MOTHER’S DAY STALL THANKYOU
A huge thank you goes out to the lovely mums who organised and helped with our Mother’s Day Stall. The children were very excited taking the gifts home in their bags that were decorated in their art classes. I am sure the special people who received gifts were very pleased with them.


ROXBURGH HOMESTEAD HUB
Roxburgh Homestead Playgroup (Thursdays 9am-11am in the Multipurpose Room) has a new facilitator. Her name is Hiba and she will, with parents and guardians, teach your child the value and importance of developmental play.

Other dates and activities are advertised in the notice board near the library.

Adult English Class—Thursdays 1.30pm—3.15pm
Adult Computer class—Mondays 9.15am—11.00am
Work Skills Sessions—Fridays 12.30pm—2.30pm
Introduction to Education Support Pre-Accredited short course—Roxburgh Rise PS 9305 4334 Mondays 12.30-2.30pm
Free Volunteer Information Sessions—Friday 16 May, 12 noon, Hume Global Learning—Broadmeadows 9356 6999

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