We hope everyone enjoyed a restful break over the recent holiday and are ready to embrace another busy and engaging term. I would like to issue a warm welcome to our new grade 5 teacher Debra Main, who has already settled into RHPS life and is a welcome addition to our staff. We have more exciting staff news! Our lovely Art Teacher Jacqui and her husband Sam are now the proud parents to a beautiful baby boy. Congratulations from all at RHPS.

A huge thank you to Jess Walta who along with Rosie White our speech pathologist and Suzie Hicks, Prep Teacher organized No Pens Day, Wednesday! Jess is using her department funded teacher professional leave to look at current research to support the development of Oral Language. This has been identified as an area for improvement not only across our school but across our immediate network of schools. The research has led Jess to an initiative that had great success in the United Kingdom. No Pens Wednesday encourages students and teachers to put down their pens and pencils for one day and look for other ways to focus on learning through speaking and active listening. Good oral language and listening skills are vital for students’ literacy development but often is taken for granted. Oral language needs to be taught explicitly. Poor language skills can impact upon other areas of learning including behavioural and emotional development. High quality classroom and playground talk is a key factor in improving student engagement and improved learning. No Pens Day Wednesday is a fun and engaging way to highlight the importance of oral language and listening for learning.

One of our school focuses this year is to build the resilience of students. Resilient students are able to bounce back from life’s curve balls. The NED Show which stands for Never give up Encourage others and Do your best is a free show for all students that supports students in taking responsibility for their own actions and encouraging students to have a go by stepping out of their comfort zone. This is done in a supportive environment. The NED show is American based but the focus of the program supports what we are trying to achieve at RHPS.

On the first day of term staff learnt ways to support themselves in being more resilient in life and strategies they could use to best support and promote resilience to our students. We were fortunate to have Hugh Van Cuylenburg present the workshop. Hugh was our keynote speaker at the grade 6 leadership conference in February. We are hoping to invite Hugh back next year to learn more about how our school can become involved in The Resilience project. There will be an opportunity for parents to become involved also. To learn more about Hugh and his work, google Hugh Van Cuylenburg or The Resilience Project.

As you can see, once again we have started the term as we mean to go on! It is full speed ahead but as always focussing on what matters most—our students!

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ITALIAN FACT OF THE WEEK

Did you know that Italy was once called Rome? The Ancient Romans lived two thousand years ago but the legacy of their culture lives on today. We still study and use their language and literature and their ideas on government and administration have influenced legal and political systems all over the world. Many grand buildings copy Roman style, and many of the grand Roman buildings still stand today. Many of the words we use in everyday English come from Latin, the language spoken in Ancient Rome. For example video is Latin for ‘I see’ and ‘decimal’ comes from the Latin for ‘ten’. This is what makes learning Italian one of the easier languages since so many words are similar to English. Over the next few weeks stay tuned to find out more interesting facts about Italy’s language, history and culture.

OUT OF SCHOOL HOURS CARE

Vacation Care – Danielle ran a very successful program over the holidays; the children enjoyed their excursions to Laser Tag in Thomastown and their trip to the movies at Epping and really loved the experience of creating, dressing and stuffing their own soft toys when the Build a Bear people visited.

For the next holiday period Danielle is organising another visit to Airbourne in Roxburgh Park because the children enjoyed it so much last time; another day at the movies and also a visit from the Archery man so make sure you book early to avoid missing out; booking dates will be advertised shortly.

After Care – The two little girls in the photo are some of our ‘little champs’ that we have at aftercare. We want to acknowledge Ela and Ava from grade prep for using their manners and communicating so well with the staff. The girls have also showed the older children how to do ‘hands on top’ properly. Well done girls!!

Parent Workshop - Tips for Budgeting Your Money

Christian Unger from the Saver Plus Project – Brotherhood of St Laurence will be running 2 consecutive workshops on how to plan and budget your money.

When: Thursday 7th & Thursday 14th August
Time: 9.00 – 11am
Where: Conference Room at RHPS

**Coffee and tea will be provided, however unfortunately there will be no child minding facilities available**

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Please ring the office (93051688) to confirm your attendance. If you would like any further information, please see Stacey, Michelle or Joan at the office.
Premier’s Reading Challenge

Congratulations to those students who continued reading over the school holidays. We now have 52 students who have signed up for the challenge and are reading every night. Remember that if you read for only 20 minutes a day, you will read over 1.8 million words in a year!

Well done to the following students who have already completed the Challenge:

Mercedes Ione 2Melissa
Shehan Imbulana 2 Melissa
Babur Kurban 3 Rachel
Haider Al Shafer SMichelle/Lena
Khadijah Kassar 5 Michelle/Lena
Dineth Seneviratna 5 Deb
Waruni Devasurendra 5Pat
Jeshni Imbulana 5 Michelle/Lena

Don’t forget to record your books online or bring along your reading sheets to the office so that we can enter books for you.

The important date to remember is that the Reading Challenge closes on 12th September and no books can be entered after that date.

ROXBURGH HOMESTEAD COMMUNITY HUB NEWS

Classes need at least 10 people enrolled in order to run.

Education Support (Teacher’s Aide) and Job Skills has been postponed until 10 people register with Kate Thomas.

If you are interested in the below classes, including doing you First Aid level 1 certificate (Approx. $100), please return the below slip to the office or email your interest to: thomas.kate.l1@edumail.vic.gov.au

Name: __________________________________________
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