DIARY DATES:

AUGUST
Mon 11 Year 6—Reach Program
Tues 12 Student Lead Conferences 3.30pm to 6.00pm
Wed 13 Student Lead Conferences 3.30pm to 8.00pm
Thurs 14 Money Matters Workshops 9—11 in the Conference Room
Sat 16 Sausage sizzle at Jacana FC
Mon 18 Years 3 & 4 Anywhere Anytime Learning information night 7—8pm
Tues 19 Prep Incursion RACV

Great news!

This Friday at 6pm, our school will feature on the Today’s Schools, on Channel 31. The segment will feature our recent No Pens Day, Wednesday which focussed upon a day of oral language and listening skills. If you are home, tune in or you may wish to record the segment.

Reports

Thank you to those parents who had queries, regarding their child’s report who came to discuss their concerns with their child’s teacher. As stated in the newsletter prior to the student reports going out, the June report for this year is a transitional report between student progress against the former Victorian Curriculum and the current Australian Curriculum. Those parents who attended the parent forum earlier in the year with regard to changes in curriculum would be aware that the progression dots in some cases did not align. As students move through the school you will find that their learning progression may not be linear. As learning becomes deeper, progression may not have the same acceleration as seen in the lower grades. Teachers use several sources of evidence and moderate with colleagues when assessing students. We are more than happy to discuss your child’s progress at any time. Please remember learning is developmental and ongoing.

Thank you

Thank you to those parents who were randomly selected to submit feedback about our school, through a state wide survey. Unfortunately, we only received 16 out of the 109 surveys sent out. This means our school will not receive valid data and we will not be able to compare trend data over the years. We use feedback from parents, staff and students to access how we are travelling as a school community. As we are about to embark upon a school review, this information would have been very useful and important to guide us with future planning.

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ITALIAN FACT OF THE WEEK

As stated in the last newsletter, many English words have their origins in Latin. In Grade 5 students have learnt the parts of the body which form the basis of many related English words. For example, mano is Italian for hand, from which we get words like manual, dente means tooth from which comes dentist and dentures and piede is foot leading to words like pedestrian and pedal. Cento means one hundred so a centipede, (centopiedi), literally means 100 feet! In Grade 4 students have learnt the days of the week which relate to the names of the planets, which in turn are named after the Roman gods. If your child is in Grade 4 ask them to name the days in Italian.

Anywhere Anytime Learning-Parent Visits

This year Grade 4 students have been able to access 1-1 computers during class time with 25 Lenovo notebooks available to the Grade 4 classes. Students and teachers have worked on building their skills using this technology so that they can learn anywhere and anytime.

After two successful classroom visits in July we would like to invite parents to once again visit the Grade 4 classrooms to see Anywhere Anytime learning in action. These visits will be held at the following times:

**Tuesday 26th August-9.15-10.30am**
**Wednesday 27th August- 9.15-10.30am**

Each visit will start in the gym foyer for a short introduction before we go up to the classrooms.

Broadmeadows MP Frank McGuire invites you, family & friends to hear about Lifelong Learning, Jobs & saving footy in its backyard.

Join him for a community sausage sizzle

Saturday 16 August at 12.30pm
Followed by Jacana FC seniors game at 2.15pm
Jacana Football Club—Lorraine Crescent, Jacana.
RSVP essential by Monday 11, August
Lloyd McDonald 9300 3851 or
lloyd.mcdonald@parliament.vic.gov.au

Craigieburn Hume Global Learning Centre
Free Information Evening for families, school and services that are supporting school age student on the autism spectrum.

The intention of this workshop is to share an understanding of the characteristics of autism and the impact on daily life and learning and to share some strategies to support the child and the family.

Where: Craigieburn Hume Global Learning Centre
75-95 Central Park Avenue Craigieburn
When Wednesday 13 August at 6.00pm—8.00pm
(Registration and refreshments on arrival)

eSmart Schools

Our school is currently on a journey to become eSmart. An eSmart school is a school where smart, safe and responsible use of information and communications technology is expected and part of the school culture. Our school is using the resources from the eSmart framework to develop a sustainable approach to cybersafety, cyberbullying and bullying. This framework will enable us to work with students, teachers and the school community to create a positive school culture and protect children from cyber-risks.

We would like to invite interested parents to join the eSmart committee and to be involved in discussions and the development of a whole school approach for Roxburgh Homestead PS together with teachers and students.

If you are interested please complete the form below with your contact details and we will be in touch to arrange meeting times that are convenient.

I would like to be involved in the eSmart committee.

Name: __________________________
Contact phone number: __________________________
Contact email: __________________________
Have you heard?

EVERY DAY COUNTS

We are hoping the whole school community has heard. Our intention is that students, teachers and parents are talking about the importance of regular school attendance.

We have been including in each newsletter an update on general attendance across the school as too a WINNING CLASS that has achieved the most days at school as compared with other classes. Our intention is to continue to extend the school’s recognition of both student attendance and punctuality as the term progresses.

All grades are now talking about “Every Day Counts” - class targets are being set, posters are being made, literacy and numeracy learning is being based around the discussion and activities. As of Friday, August 8th the winning class will be presented with an award at assembly, students having excellent attendance as well as consistent punctuality with be acknowledged at the end of each semester during an assembly. Each class will recognise their own students who have been on time to class as well as students having regular attendance.

Every Day Counts is a message the school wants to emphasise to all members of its community, to this end we are reviewing all related school documentation eg school policy, current processes as well as developing new ones. As each document is completed it will be included in a newsletter for all families to familiarise themselves with. In this way the school’s expectations are clear to all and the importance of regular attendance highlighted.

EVERY DAY COUNTS

An absence that is NOT related to illness or an extended overseas visit, is a lot more than a number, it is a missed learning opportunity that should we should not let happen.

EVERY MINUTE COUNTS

Being frequently late to school can disrupt a student’s learning, can create anxiety for students and isn’t sending the message that punctuality is a respectful expectation of everyone.

If you haven’t started to talk about EVERY DAY COUNTS we need you too, it is important. The school wants to improve whole school ATTENDANCE because it is committed to improving learning outcomes for all students and we need students at school for this to happen.

STUDENT ABSENCE SUMMARY BY GRADE 15/07/2014 - 05/08/2014

Combined explained and unexplained absences

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Congratulations Prep Jo you will have our ‘Every day counts’ bear for the next two weeks. It will be presented to the grade at our school assembly.

STUDENT LEAD CONFERENCES

The Student Lead Conferences P-6 will be held next Tuesday , 12 August 3.30—6.00pm and next Wednesday, 13 August 3.30-8.00pm. go to www.roxhomesteadps.vic.edu.au, click on the ONLINE BOOKING tab and enter this school event code R8RSQ and follow the 3 simple steps. 1. Enter your details 2. choose teachers 3. choose times.

When you click finish your interview timetable will be emailed to you automatically—check your junk mail folder if you do not receive your email immediately. You can return to www.roxhomesteadps.vic.edu.au at any time and change your interviews.

Bookings will be closed Monday 11th August at 4.00pm
100 Days of School

On Tuesday 29th July, our Prep students celebrated their 100th day at school. The children were involved in lots of fun and engaging activities which all involved the number 100.

Some of the activities were:

* Draw a picture of what you might look like when you are 100 years old.
* Build a tower with 100 red plastic cups.
* Make a crown with 100 dots on it.

The Preps are now 100 days SMARTER!

Meet Grandma Jo Anne, Grandma Jessie, Grandma Melissa, Grandma Elissa and Grandma Julia.

OUR TEACHERS TURNED 100 YEARS OLD FOR THE DAY!
What to expect:
- Healthy lunchbox ideas
- Take home recipes
- Healthy vs unhealthy food choices
- Taste testing
- Walk out empowered with healthy food ideas
- Have fun, share ideas and mingle with other parents

• Are you a frustrated and frazzled parent, lost for healthy options for your child’s lunchbox?
• Unsure of the “healthy” snack and lunch options advertised in the media and supermarket shelves?
• Do you want to make the right choices for your child knowing they’ll enjoy and appreciate new food ideas?

**RHPS PARENT FORUM:**

**Presenter:**  Derya Kucukali (BSc DipEd Health Coach )

**Date:**  Monday 1st September, 2014

**Time:**  9.15am cuppa and snacks for a 9.30am start

**Venue:**  RHPS New Gym Foyer
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