DIARY DATES:

SEPTEMBER

Wed 10       School Concert—Hamer Hall
Wed 10       NO CANTEEN TODAY
Fri 12       5/6 Hooptime @ Craigieburn
Tues 16      Grade 3 excursion to Lego
Tues 16      Special Lunch Day—wear any sport colours
Wed 17       Grade 2 excursion to CERES

Lunch box make-over.

Thank you to those parents who joined the forum on healthy lunchbox alternatives on Monday. The session was facilitated by one of our School Councillors Derya Helou Kucukali who has an interest in all things healthy with a Science degree to ensure this passion is based upon the latest research. Derya tantalised taste buds by having an array of delicious snacks and treats for parents to try. Recipes that were quick and easy to follow were also presented on the morning. Derya was supported by our Canteen Coordinator, Leah, who spoke to parents about the healthy options to be found on the canteen menu. Thank you to Derya and Leah. A forum for our parents by our parents! This week Victoria celebrates Adults as Learners Week, so Monday’s forum was a great way to launch the week.

Anywhere, Anytime Learning

Thank you also to the parents who ventured out on a cold, wet and wintry evening to learn more about the Anywhere, Anytime Learning. Thanks to Maree Leopold our 1 to 1 e learning Coordinator, Alex Mowat leader of the grade 4 team and Angela Toscano, grade 4 teacher who with Maree explained how technology can support and enhance student learning beyond the classroom. We also thank the representatives from JB Hi Education who were able to talk expertly on the specifications of the laptop that is on offer for the 2015 students in grade 4 and 5 to purchase for next year. The questions from our parents were thoughtful and reflective as they absorbed the detailed information presented and the implications of how we teach and learn in the 21st century.

Count down time.

We are in the final rehearsing days for the concert. We offer our most sincere thanks to Claudine Lagier, grade three teacher, who stepped in at the last moment as Concert Director this week, to support Karen Wurr, our Performing Arts teacher who is very ill. The children have given Claudine a new name, “Claren”, which is a cross between Karen and Claudine. Thank you to all staff and parents involved. It is indeed a community effort! It will be a great evening. If you haven’t purchased your tickets…there is still time.

Fathers’ Day Stall

Thank you to our wonderful volunteers who have provided the opportunity for students to buy a Fathers’ Day gift by running our annual Fathers’ Day stall. This is a community service and not a fundraising event. Thank you to Terri Adorna and Melanie Gay who have organised this community service and to the volunteers who have supported them.

Barb
ITALIAN FACT OF THE WEEK

Did you know that Italy is home to 50 World Heritage Sites, the most of any other country? Some of these include the Colosseum, the Leaning Tower of Pisa, the cities of Pompeii, Florence and Venice, the Vatican, the volcano Mt Etna, the Amalfi Coast and the beautiful landscape of the Dolomite mountains. Many of these sites have been chosen because of their incredible beauty or rich architecture and history, making Italy one of the most popular tourist destinations in the world.

Premier’s Reading Challenge is Ending!

A reminder that the Reading Challenge ends on 12th September. All books must be entered by 10th September.

IMPORTANT UPDATE

Anywhere Anytime Learning

An Information night was held last Monday evening for parents of our Year 3 and 4 students. This evening outlined the current program in Year 4 and the proposed program for 2015. Information about what Anywhere Anytime Learning is and how it is being implemented was explained and parents had the opportunity to ask questions about the program.

Representatives from JB HiFi Education Solutions explained the ordering process and answered questions related to the device cost, warranty and insurance. The evening was successful and it was great to hear the positive comments and questions from parents who attended.

If you were unable to come then information about the 2015 program will be sent home with all Year 4 and 5 students. This Information Booklet outlines what Anywhere Anytime Learning is and will answer many questions parents may have.

In 2015 all Year 4 and Year 5 students will have the opportunity to purchase their own Thinkpad 11e through the JB-HiFi Education Solutions Portal. This device can be used both at school and at home throughout the next 2-3 years of primary school. Students who opt to not purchase this device will continue to be supported through the use of technology in their classrooms and the ICT lab.

Further information will be sent to parents next term when the portal is open for parents to order the device for the 2015 school year. For now if you have any questions please contact Maree Leopold during school hours.

September Holidays Hot Shot tennis programs

Craigieburn Tennis Club:
Mon 22nd – Thurs 25th Sept
Greenvale Tennis Club:
Mon 29th Sept – Thurs 2nd Oct

Roxburgh Park Cricket Club—Falcons Junior Registration
Friday 12 September @ 6-7.30pm and Saturday 20th September @ 10-12noon
Matt English—0430 547 351 (4pm—6pm)

Our School now has our own Skoolbag iPhone and Android App to help us communicate more effectively with our Parent/Student community. We are asking parents/students to install our Skoolbag School App.

To install it, just search for our school name "Roxburgh Homestead Primary School" in either the Apple App Store, or Google Play Store.
Every day Counts

We strongly suggest that you avoid being absent from school. After conducting some research and interviewing our teachers, we found that when you are away you miss important learning which is required for a complete education. Therefore absences leave large gaps in students’ learning. There are many more reasons why you should attend school such as social development and academic improvement. This report will explain how attendance affect students’ lives in many ways. Great attendance is the most important thing you can do for your child’s academic and social development. That is why every day counts.

Missing out on school will result in giant gaps in much needed learning and that will cause students to fall behind in their learning. If you fall behind you will need to catch up on important work that other students have already done and this means it will take longer to do the work. If it takes longer to do work it means that the new work that is given to students might not get finished. This builds anxiety and stress in students which makes learning new information more difficult. That is why every day counts.

Although being sick is unavoidable, great attendance will greatly benefit a student’s academic development. If students can attend every day, it is more likely that they will reach their full potential which will lead them to achieving the best future possible. Students need to ask themselves. Is it really worth taking day off school today? The following is an example of how an absence can affect a student. A fellow classmate of ours took a day off school. As she had taken a day off and missed several lessons, she was unable to complete her newly assigned task when she returned. This caused her to fall behind further and struggle with new learning. That is why every day counts.

Finally, if you are away you miss out on socialising with other children. You may not develop a good friendship base unlike others who avoid missing days of school. Children who come to school every day will be involved with all social events that are going on at school. Research suggests that children must be able to play with other children their own age to continue to develop socially. That is why every day counts.

In conclusion, if you are away from school it has a lot of negative effects on your learning and it could cause you a lot more unnecessary stress because you have to catch up on a lot of work. Missing out on school could result in giant gaps in children’s education and they may have a setback in their chosen career later on. That is why every day counts.

By: Yusuf Ibrahim and Menuka Fonseka (6 Dale)
Maths Investigations at RHPS

What’s happening in our rooms?

Did you know that the students at RHPS are fabulous Mathematicians? Here are some of the investigations our Mathematicians have been involved in:

- Prep: Ten New Preps
- Grade 1: Halving Shapes
- Grade 2: How old? & Arrays
- Grade 3: Drinking Water
- Grade 4: Multo
- Grade 5: Statistics/Surveys
- Grade 6: Theme Park Maths

“How Old” in Grade 2

Investigation: The ages of the people in my family total 120. In your class, are there more families whose ages total more than 120 than there are families whose ages total less than 120?

This investigation required students to apply their knowledge of place value and addition strategies to solve the problem.

Maths Challenge

A cat is at the bottom of a 20 metre wall. Each day he climbs up 5 metres…….and each night he slides down 4 metres.

How many days will it take him to reach the top of the wall?

20 August 2014
**Reading Tips for Parents**

- **Praise** every effort in reading, especially if your child’s confidence is low.

- **Don't compare** a child’s performance with that of friends or relatives.

- Involve your child in the **selection** of a story or a book. Ask your child to tell you about something that interests him/her. Use this information when selecting reading material for your child or assist them with the selection.

- Children need to learn to experience the balance between personal choice reading and instructional reading.

**When reading a book you could discuss the following statements :-**

- I **enjoyed** reading this book. *(Agree or Disagree)*

- I would like to read more books by this **author**. *(Agree or Disagree)*

- I could think of a **friend** that would like to read this book. *(Agree or Disagree)*

- This book would also be suitable for **adults** to read. *(Agree or Disagree)*

- This book is suitable for both **boys and girls**. *(Agree or Disagree)*

**Suggestions To help Increase Understanding**

One way of helping your child to understand what they are reading or listening to is to get your child to ask questions.

When you are involved with reading with your child try the following :-

- Before reading takes place ask your child to think of one question to ask.

- Your child listens or reads (silently or out loud) thinking about a good question to ask.

- When reading is finished your child asks their question.

- You could also ask a question.

- As your child’s questions become more complex you could gradually get them to ask more than one question.

**Reading Habits to Consider...Does Your Child Do Any of the Following?**

Tick off:

- Recognise base words within other words.

- Name basic parts of a book.

- Select own books to read.

- Read silently.

- Read often.

- Show enthusiasm about what they have read.

- Read in preference to watching television.

- Show interest in what older people are reading, e.g. brothers, sisters, parents.

- Read a book as a result of seeing a show about the same topic on television.
HOLIDAY FUN STARTS HERE

September/October 2014

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Opening Hours 7:00am-6:00pm

Booking Week: Monday 1st Sept to Friday 5th Sept 2014

Come see one of the girls in the aftercare program or call on: 0417594511
Have you thought about using Out of School Hours Care??

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.

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!!

**SAMPLE OF OUR WEEKLY PROGRAM PLAN TO SUPPORT THE NATIONAL QUALITY FRAMEWORKS**

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