Education Week

*Mathematics knows no races or boundaries; for mathematics, the cultural world is one country.*

*David Hilbert.*

This year in Education Week students and teachers were asked to crack the code with maths. Our school will continue to be exploring maths with students and parents. We had a fantastic launch on Monday, where it was explained there are hundreds of rewarding careers to be had that have maths at their very core. The children were delighted to watch a video clip, entitled Robo Girls that aims to get more girls interested in engineering, science and technology through robotics. Our Open Morning on Wednesday was a wonderful opportunity to connect with our school community as parents and friends visited classes to watch their children in action in the classroom.

The Book Fair is another highlight of this special week and our children have already been preparing their wish lists for books they would like to buy. Our closing ceremony will feature video clips taken by our grade 4 students highlighting this wonderful extra special week of focussed learning.

We would like to acknowledge Maree Leopold’s and also Barb’s contribution to education as they celebrate 40 years in education. This is a wonderful achievement not only recognised by the department but by our school as well. A fitting time to celebrate during Education Week!

**Keeping our children safe**

The police will be patrolling in unmarked cars as we try to combat the risk that our children are subjected to on a daily basis. Those of us on yard duty witness children getting into cars without putting on a seatbelt or not using a booster seat if required. The back seat of the car is the safest place for all children to sit. Please help to keep our children safe by ensuring your child is restrained legally and safely in your car. We are also seeing cars double parked which is illegal and parents crossing with their children beyond the school crossing. Our children are precious. Please do not put their lives at risk. It only takes a split second for a tragedy to take place. Children model their behaviour on ours. Let’s make sure we are being the best and safest role models we can be.

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If your child gave you one of these Melt Burner Sets for a Mother’s Day gift, please return it to the school ASAP.

We have been notified by the company we purchased them from that they have been recalled.
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22 May 2015
**Education Week Scratch Challenge**

As part of Education Week our Year 4 and 5 students have been using code to create projects using the program Scratch. With Scratch, they can program their own interactive stories, games, and animations and share their creations with others in an online community.

Scratch has helped them to learn to think creatively, reason systematically, and work collaboratively, all essential skills for life in the 21st century. Students participated in the Great Victorian Coding Challenge where they were asked to complete one of three challenges based around maths.

**The challenges were:**

**Challenge 1:** Use Scratch to create a character that draws different shapes.

**Challenge 2:** Use Scratch to animate a character to explain a simple maths idea.

**Challenge 3:** Use Scratch to create a game that explores a maths concept.

Many students have had their projects uploaded to the Scratch website. You can check them out at the following links.

Challenge 1: [https://scratch.mit.edu/studios/1049918/](https://scratch.mit.edu/studios/1049918/)

Challenge 2: [https://scratch.mit.edu/studios/1049922/](https://scratch.mit.edu/studios/1049922/)

Challenge 3: [https://scratch.mit.edu/studios/1049924/](https://scratch.mit.edu/studios/1049924/)

All students who have uploaded a project will be awarded a certificate of participation.

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Today we saw Australian animals who visited us at school. I saw a koala and his name was Billy. He liked to eat gum leaves. Billy likes to sleep 20 hours a day and he is only awake for 4 hours. When I touched Billy it was soft like my hair. I had a photo taken with Billy.

By Narmin  Grade 2 Jenny & Seb

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Today we saw Australian animals at school. The black headed python was long, fat and slimy. He poked his tongue out at everyone. The python lives underground and eats mice and other pythons. I was lucky to help Megan put the animals in their boxes.

By Blayke Grade 2 Jenny/Seb
Our second Monday afternoon working bee was another great success. We’ve almost finished preparing the front of the gym for planting out.

A big thankyou to Adenn from 1 Kristy Lee and his mother, Rachel who is a dynamo in the garden and who also donated several fantastic plants to help beautify our garden.

If you would like to help us, we garden every 2nd Monday (next one on Monday 25th May) or if you would like to donate some plants, please leave them at the front office and Vicki or Jacqui will collect them.

Is your child entitled to $1000 towards dental treatment?

The Medicare Child Dental Benefit Schedule is available to eligible families to cover the costs of dental treatment up to $1000. Your children may be entitled to this benefit.

Greenvale Dental Group accepts patients under this scheme with no out of pocket expenses to you. We are conveniently located inside Greenvale Shopping Centre (opposite the florist) and are open 6 days including late night and Saturday morning.

If you would like to make an appointment, or require further information, please call our rooms on 9333 6854 or visit our website www.greenvaledentalgroup.com.au

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You’re invited to our Scholastic Book Fair

Kings, Queens & Castles

Enter the Kingdom of Books!

Thelma the Unicorn

Dear Parents,

Reading takes children further by engaging their imaginations. Our Book Fair will be a great way for you to:

- View the best selection of affordable picture and board books
- Encourage your child to explore new books.

The more children know about reading, writing, listening and speaking before they arrive at school, the better prepared they are to become successful readers.

Date: 19th to 25th May
Place: RAPS Library
Time: 8:30 - 4:30

Did you know? Every purchase you make from our Fair earns Rewards from Scholastic to help us obtain more learning and literacy resources!

LET’S RAISE READERS!
Good healthy minds are vital for life. Children who have healthy minds are better able to meet life’s challenges and have stronger relationships with the people around them. They are also better learners who are more likely to succeed at school. It provides a solid basis for managing changes as children grow. On the other hand, children who are exposed to multiple stressors – such as a family breakdown, poverty, abuse, racism, bulling, or the mental illness of a parent – are at a higher risk of developing emotional or behavioural problems that can continue into adulthood.

It’s not always possible to tell which children will develop difficulties, so it’s important to consider the wellbeing of all children. The good news is that KidsMatter Primary is all about growing healthy minds. KidsMatter is a healthy mind and wellbeing framework that helps schools focus on the development of all their students in partnership with families. It was developed by experts in the field and has already made a big difference to the lives of Australian children.

How does KidsMatter Primary work?

When schools take on KidsMatter Primary, they build on the work they are already doing to support students’ healthy minds and wellbeing. Firstly, the school forms an Action Team to represent the whole-school community and to coordinate and lead the implementation of the initiative. The Action Team reviews the schools’ current efforts across four focus areas (or ‘components’). They look for ways they can strengthen these efforts, and then take action using a step-by-step planning process. Every school is different, with different needs for their students and families. The KidsMatter Primary framework covers four components that have shown to be highly successful in supporting healthy minds and wellbeing of children.

How can families help?

Families are the biggest influence on children’s healthy minds and play a very important role in KidsMatter. Children benefit when the important people in their lives work together and have a shared understanding of their development and their needs. KidsMatter Primary has developed a range of information sheets with parenting tips and strategies to help all Australian families support the wellbeing of their children. View them online at www.kidsmatter.edu.au There are many things you can do to help make it a success:

• Read the KidsMatter Primary information sheets to further your understanding about children’s healthy minds.
• Develop relationships with staff, so you can share knowledge and information about how they can support your child.
• Get involved in the Action Team.
• Ask staff how KidsMatter Primary is being implemented.
• Participate in school activities to build a sense of community.
• Respond to any school requests for ideas or information.

Successful schools start with healthy minds
As of this month our newsletter will be included once a month online with the schools newsletter. We will print a few copies for the families that do not have access to the internet.

**Vacation Care.**
Bookings for the June/July Vacation Care will be from Monday 8th June. You will be able to book from the Multi Purpose room after 4.00pm only.

**Wish List.**
We are seeking items that the children will enjoy ‘breaking apart’; things like old telephones, printers etc. The children will enjoy prying these apart to see how they work. (We will not be expecting them to put them back together, so please do not send in anything that you want back).

We are also on the lookout for a remote control that is suitable for our Sanyo television; ours has gone walkabout.

**Parent Feedback.**
We will be asking parents to fill out a survey sheet shortly that we can gain feedback via families from. We will make the survey very easy to fill out so as not to take too much time and energy. Families can also pass on feedback by contacting us via our email address; after@roxhomesteadps.vic.edu.au.

**Peer Leadership**
We are introducing a Peer Leadership Program into our Service. Children in Grades 4 and above are being asked to fill in an application to become a Peer Leader; they will be undertaking tasks such as helping staff to set out and clear away resources and activities and help to collect the prep children from their classes etc.

Peer Leadership helps children extend on their leadership skills and self help skills; helps to strengthen their sense of wellbeing and build their confidence.

The successful children will be undertaking their tasks for one term; (this time we are extending until the end of term 3). If you would like your child to participate, ask them to get an application and fill it in and we will take it from there.

**Our Little Champs.**
This month we are awarding the ‘Our Little Champs; award to a brother and sister; Alexzander & Annabelle Newlands.

These two children always enter Before School Care in the morning with big smiles and happy dispositions.

They are usually the first to offer help in the mornings either setting out the resources or helping other children to settle and feel comfortable.

Good work Alexzander and Annabelle!
VACATION CARE

29th June – 10th July 2015

HOLIDAY

FUN STARTS HERE

ROXBURGH HOMESTEAD VACATION CARE

July 2015

ARTS & CRAFTS
INCURSION – PHOTO BOOTH (UNLIMITED PHOTOS)
SPORTS GAMES
ENJOY MUSIC & DANCE
EXCURSIONS – Laser Tag, Buzy Kidz & Epping Cinemas
SPECIAL LUNCH – K.F.C
AND MUCH MORE

BOOKINGS WILL BE TAKEN FROM MONDAY 8th June 2015 UNTIL FRIDAY 12th June 2015.
PROGRAMS ARE AVAILABLE FROM THE MULTIPURPOSE ROOM OR THE GENERAL OFFICE.
LIMITED PLACES AVAILABLE

INFORMATION FOR THE ROXBURGH HOMESTEAD July 2015 VACATION CARE PROGRAM

Our Program makes holidays fun and exciting. Your children will be entertained throughout the holiday period with excursions, incursions and a full range of stimulating activities to cater for all ages, supervised by our experienced and qualified educators.

Our Program is a great solution for working parents or for those families that want their children to socialise and be actively involved in motivating experiences.

CO-ORDINATOR
Danielle Newman – 0417594511

OPERATING HOURS.
7.00am – 6.00pm Monday to Friday.

FEES
$45.00 Less Centrelink Entitlements

Excursions, Incursions and Special Lunch Days incur an extra cost; this is shown on the booking form.

MEALS.
The meals supplied by this program are not Halal, but we do not serve pork or its by-products.

Breakfast is supplied at the program and consists of toast and cereals. We offer breakfast until 8.00am only.

Morning Tea is not supplied by the program and must be supplied by the family.

Lunch is as stated on the program, please check carefully each day to check whether this is supplied or needs to be brought in from home.

Afternoon Tea is supplied by the program.

Healthy Eating Policy – We promote healthy eating while children are attending our service; please ensure that snacks supplied from home support our policy. (No fizzy drinks or chocolate bars please).

BOOKING PROCEDURES.
Bookings for the July Program will be accepted between Monday 8th June to Friday 13th June after 4.00pm; bookings received after this date will incur the new late booking fee of $5.00 per child per day. Bookings are to be made with the Co-ordinator, Danielle Newman in the Multi-Purpose Room.

Charges for the childcare will be invoiced for payment before the completion of the current program. Failure to pay fees in full on time will incur the new late payment fee of $20.00 per week.

Additional costs for excursions/incursions/special lunch days must be paid when booking.

Unpaid fees will result in the family being unable to attend future Programs.
TERMS AND CONDITIONS.

Centrelink Entitlements – We require Customer and Children’s Customer Reference Numbers and date of birth on enrolment to be eligible for Centrelink entitlements.

Refunds – All booked sessions and payments for extras are non-refundable. This is not negotiable.

Personal Items – Staff will not be held responsible for children’s personal belongings while attending the Program. We strongly recommend that any expensive or special items be left at home. Any clothing brought in should be clearly named for easy identification if left behind.

Late Collection – Late fees will be charged at $1.00 per minute per child after 6.00pm. This fee will be strictly enforced. If late fees are not paid, the family will be excluded from future programs; continuous late collection will result in suspension from the Program.

Children’s Behaviour – Unacceptable behaviour will not be tolerated. If your child misbehaves, behaviour guidance procedures will be put in place, if the behaviour continues; your child will be removed from the program.

Sun-smart – during terms 1 & 4 children are required to wear appropriate sun-smart hats and clothing. Peaked caps and singlets are not acceptable.

Footwear – sensible shoes must be worn at all times; children will be sent home if they arrive in thongs or unacceptable strappy sandals.

Absences – staff must be informed of any absence throughout the program; absences are non-refundable.

EXCURSIONS.

Excursions are restricted to 48 due to staffing reasons. We work on a first in first served policy.

We will not reserve places without payment.

Children must be on time for excursions; we will not ring late-comers and inconvenience other families that have managed to arrive on time.

Missed excursions are non-refundable; please check your program carefully to avoid disappointment.

Excursion forms must be signed upon booking; children will not be permitted to attend without a signed permission slip.

RISK ANALYSIS.

All outdoor venues used at this Program have been checked for safety. Staff/child ratios follow guidelines as set out in the National Standards. A risk assessment for each venue is conducted and is available at the program for perusal.
What is a Blue Light Disco

It’s a fun kids disco run by the Craigieburn Police in conjunction with the CFA, SES and Craigieburn First Responders first aid group. Everyone involved in the event is required to go through Working with Children and a Victoria Police Records checks to ensure a safe environment for all.

Children in grades 3, 4, 5 and 6 are invited to attend the Blue Light Disco held at the
Craigieburn Primary School Hall
87-91 Grand Boulevard, Craigieburn
6.30 until 8.30 pm

The entry fee covers heaps of raffle prizes and give aways.

All children attending are required to be dropped off and collected by an adult. No exceptions. For the safety and welfare of everyone this is a lock out event with no access permitted by the public or parents until pick up time when parents will be allowed onto the dance floor to collect their kids. Early collection of children must be arranged with police supervisors prior to the event.

The cost of this event is $7

Money raised will be donated back to worthy community initiatives and programs for youth. Food and drinks will be on sale at the school canteen. There will be a cloak room operating if a child wishes to leave their jacket or other items while dancing. No bags are allowed in the gym.

Tips for a FUN Blue Light

Come early. There is expected to be a large line.
Bring the correct change.
There will be an express lane for the correct change to get you in the door quicker. $7…..$7…..$7…..$7

No hats or caps – they only end up being used in games of keepings off.
When party rock anthem starts there will be prizes for shuffling…… Have FUN.

Parents
Car Pool, Car Pool, Car Pool……
Please call the parents of your kid’s friends, if you can arrange to drop off and collect other kids as well as your own it will reduce traffic congestion in the car park.

Please contact Sergeant Dale Wesselman at the Police Station if you have any queries on 9303 4433.
Be Prepared...

For new adventure...

Get achieved. Try new things. Test your limits.

Make friends. Challenge yourself.

Discover fun and freedom. Build confidence.