NAPLAN

Congratulations to our students in years 3 and 5, who sat the NAPLAN test earlier in the year. The results have come in and I am pleased to announce that we have an upward trend in numeracy and literacy. We matched state average in grade 3 numeracy and our reading was just below that of the state. However, the gains we have made in reading since last year are fantastic. Likewise the grade 5 cohort have made gains in numeracy and our data shows we are just below state mean. Our data in reading in grade 5 is similar to last year but we have made huge gains since 201.

Well done to our students and not only to their current teachers but to all who have had input into the learning of our students. Our aim as a school is to reduce variability across grade levels and to ensure all students receive the best quality learning at RHPS. We have strategically placed key support people in these areas and we are starting to see real gains in our explicit and focussed teaching. The parents of students in years 3 and 5 will receive your child’s individual results this week. If you have any queries about your child’s NAPLAN results, please contact your child’s teacher or the school.

Community

_A lone we can do so little, together we can do so much. Helen Keller_

_Schools are more than just places for children. They are the heart of the community. Pat Lynch_

A huge thank you to our families, students and staff who gathered together after school on Wednesday afternoon to work as one..... to drill, stick, hammer and have loads of fun placing the faces you made with your families last term on frames so they can be positioned around our school. We will ensure this will happen before the end of this term. There was such a buzz about the school and much laughter as our school community came together to ensure not only, _every face has a place_ at our school but also as a community to be proud of who we are and what we stand for! We want to display every special and precious face that represents our school community. The sausage sizzle afterwards was a great way to get together and have a chat beyond the classroom doors. Thank you to the Kids Matter Team who organised the event. Thank you to all who contributed in some way, especially our parents and children. I can’t wait for the unveiling of the faces and the fun it will be discovering where your face is within the school grounds. It is a wonderful legacy you have for future generations.

_Barb Adam_

_Principal_

_Bu notu anlamak için yardımcı ihtiyacınız olursa, lütfen genel ofise gelin._
## Important Message

Parents who hold a valid health care / concession card may be eligible for an allowance of $125.00 which will be paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions, or sporting activities for the benefit of your child. Please collect a form from the office. These forms need to be returned (with your health care / concession card) to the Office no later than Wednesday, Sept 16th.

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Mلاحظة هامة:

مساعدة مالية للمخيمات، والرياضة والرحلات

الاباء الذين يحملون بطاقة الكونسيشن الصالحة قد يكون موهلا للحصول على مساعدة مالية (125.00) دولار.

سيتم دفع المبلغ الى المدرسة للاستخدام نحو النفقات المتعلقة بالمخيمات والرحلات، او الاتصال الرياضية لصالح طفلك.

الاستمارة متوفرة في مكتب المدرسة.
Important Information

If any parents currently have intervention orders, court documents or medical records that have changed please contact the office with your updated records.

Grade 2 Mr Men Book Launch

On Friday 7th August the Grade 2 students spent the afternoon officially launching the Mr Men and Little Miss books they had spent Term 2 planning, writing and illustrating. Students were so happy to see their parents, families and friends take the time to come and listen to their stories. Friends and families even got an autographed front cover from the aspiring young authors!
Anywhere Anytime Learning in 2016

Our school will have an Anywhere Anytime Learning Program in Years 4, 5 and 6 in 2016.

Anywhere Anytime Learning is where a student and teacher has access to their own internet connected device for use both in the classroom and at home. This device is preloaded with software that supports learning at school and at home. This gives students the opportunities to learn, create and problem solve anywhere and anytime. Research shows that students who have access to their own device are more motivated and engaged in their learning with improved Literacy and Numeracy skills.

This year students in Years 4 and 5 own their own laptop, loaded with software owned by the Department of Education. Teachers and students use their laptops to support learning through collaborating, researching, problem solving, researching, watching animations, creating graphs and charts, working on digital learning objects, recording their ideas using ICT tools and sharing their learning through Edmodo and Weebly.

Students in Years 4 and 5 in 2016 will be given the opportunity to purchase their own Lenovo Thinkpad 11e or Thinkpad 11e Yoga for use at school and at home next year. The device selected is only available for purchase through the JB Education Solutions portal.

This is an optional program-students who do not purchase the device will continue to have the same quality ICT program they currently have. Students who do purchase the device will have anywhere anytime access to a computer.

To assist parents make an informed decision the Year 4 classrooms will be open for parent visits on the following dates from 9.30-10.30. Please meet in the gym foyer at 9.30am.

Monday 24th and Monday 31st August,  
Tuesday 25th August and Tuesday 1st September

Notes have been sent home with all Year 3 students. Please return the reply slip or contact the school if you are planning on attending.

eSmart News

Year 6 Police Visit

As part of our school’s eSmart program an officer from the Hume Police Servicing Unit will be visiting our school on Thursday 3rd September to speak with our Year 6 students about safe and acceptable use of the internet and social media. Students are often not aware of their responsibilities and the possible consequences when accessing websites and social media.

This presentation will ensure that all students clearly understand their rights and their responsibilities.
Why connect at school?

Peter held his daughter Rachel's hand tightly. It was a first for him to be taking Rachel to school. His heart was pounding as they made their way to the classroom. There was the teacher, Ms Lim. She smiled at them, "Welcome Rachel, hello Peter." Another child waved at Rachel. She seemed happy to have a friend to play with. So why was Peter still nervous?

"We're having a morning tea for parents next week. Will you come?" Ms Lim asked. "I'll try," Peter said. "It all seems different from when I went to school," he thought as he headed out the door. "They seem to want parents to be involved. I wonder what else has changed?"

Schools can be scary places, and not just for children

Parents and carers also need to feel welcome and at ease to get the most out of being involved with their children's school.

When parents and carers are involved and connected with school, children are better learners and have better mental health and wellbeing. This is an important emphasis in schools nowadays that may be very different from what parents or carers remember, or what they may have experienced in another country.

Connecting at school

Being connected at school is not about having mobile phones and computers. It's about knowing you can get support, that you will be listened to, and that you can work together with school staff to help your child learn and develop. Working together to care for children is the best way for schools and parents and carers to support children's mental health and wellbeing.

- When schools and parents and carers work together, children find it easier to understand what is expected from them and are better able to manage. They have fewer behaviour problems and do better at school.
- When parents and carers are connected to school it helps them get support when they need it. Support may come from talking with teachers or other school staff, or from making connections with other parents and carers. Schools help families to connect through having lots of different activities that parents and carers can get involved in.
- Being connected to the school helps keep parents and carers informed. Parents and carers who are informed about what their children are learning at school and about opportunities to get involved are able to support them better at home.
School is a place for adults to make new friends too!

Having opportunities to get to know other parents and carers, to find out how to support children's learning, or to get involved in class activities can help parents and carers feel connected to the school.

Working together is the best way to support children's mental health and wellbeing.

How parents and carers can get connected to the school

- Make contact with your child's teacher and keep in touch. Ask for help if you don't understand something.
- Check for notices that are sent home and keep informed about school activities through the school newsletter.
- Attend information sessions and social activities at the school whenever you can.
- Make contact with other parents and carers at your school; perhaps meet up informally with parents or carers of other children in your child's class, find out about parent social groups that meet at or near the school, or join a parent committee.
- Take an interest in the school council and consider joining it if you have the time and skills.

This resource is part of a range of KidsMatter Primary information sheets for families and school staff. View them all online at www.kidsmatter.edu.au
OUT OF SCHOOL HOURS CARE NEWSLETTER – AUGUST 2015.

Vacation Care.

The Programs are now available for the September Holiday period, please come and get a copy. Enrolment week is Monday 31st August to Friday 4th September. Excursions are limited so book early to avoid disappointment.

Augusts’ Little Champ.

Kyan Goodrich
Kyan is the first person to offer any assistance required by staff or other children; he is easy going and other children enjoy being in his company. His presence here is enjoyable. Good work!

Making casual bookings.

Could parents please use surnames when adding bookings to our communications books please, sometimes we have children with the same given name and it can become confusing.

Please text our program on 0417594511 if wanting to add your child to the roll throughout the day rather than ringing or contacting the office.

Direct Debit.

Direct debit has commenced, please ensure that you have sufficient funds in your account on the day that you have nominated to make payment. Eftpos facilities will cease from the start of term four.

Our Pet Wall.

We still have room on our display for more pets; if you do not have a copy of a photograph, you man email them to us on after@roxhomesteadps.vic.edu.au and we will print it for you.

Afternoon Snacks.

The menu for afternoon snack is displayed on the notice board above the sign in sheet; please check it; if your child will not eat what is offered they can bring something healthy in from home. Fruit is always offered every afternoon.

We offer the children another small snack after 5.30pm in the evening, usually fruit or biscuits.
ROXBURGH HOMESTEAD

VACATION CARE PROGRAM

SEPT/OCT 2015

MONDAY 21ST SEPTEMBER – THURSDAY 1ST OCTOBER

HOLIDAY FUN STARTS HERE

- ARTS & CRAFTS
- INCURSION – ARCHERY
- SPORTS GAMES
- EXCURSIONS – MOVIES & INFLATABLE WORLD
- ENJOY MUSIC & DANCE

BOOKINGS WILL BE TAKEN FROM MONDAY 31ST AUGUST UNTIL FRIDAY 4TH SEPTEMBER 2015.

- PROGRAMS ARE AVAILABLE FROM THE MULTIPURPOSE ROOM OR THE GENERAL OFFICE.
- LIMITED PLACES AVAILABLE
- 0417594511
Start collecting for your school now.

The Woolworths Earn & Learn program gives schools and Early Learning Centres around Australia the chance to earn new educational resources.

Make a difference for your local school

Simply shop at Woolworths and you will receive one Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker for every $10 spent*

Stick the Woolworths Stickers onto the Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker Sheet

(available from the School General Office)

Once its complete, pop it into the collection box at the School’s General Office

*Excluding tobacco, liquor and gift cards

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Wednesday the 26th of August
is our next oral language day, No Pens Day Wednesday.
Our theme this term is **rhyme**. The students need to bring to school **two things that rhyme**. Your child will bring home some ideas that their class brainstormed together:
"Spare Change Sports Dress Up and Lunch Order Day"

Tuesday 8th September.

Attention Students and Staff!!

Come dressed in your favourite team colours and bring as much spare change that you can spare! Money raised will be put towards saving up for the Gym Fan.

The class who contributes the most Spare Change on the day will win a very exciting prize! A special lunch for the entire class to enjoy!
Canteen News

Sports Day
Tuesday 8th September
Lunch packs will cost a total of $7.00 each

Information to go home next week

Message from the Canteen

Leah is now making yummy homemade macaroni and Halal spaghetti Bolognese

no extra cost.

Reminders

Please if child needs Halal food mark this on the bag.

Remind your child if they have a lunch order in the morning as late lunch orders will not be filled as this is becoming to difficult and the student will have to choose from the prepared food that sold during the break.

Father's Day BBQ
Masters Roxburgh Park
Saturday 29th August
9am - 4pm

Masters Home Improvement
1550 Pascoe Vale Road
Roxburgh Homestead PS
has been lucky enough to secure the Roxburgh Park Masters BBQ facilities for our fundraising!!

Please come down and buy as many sausages and cold drinks that you can!!

All money raised will go towards our Gym Fan!!

Tell all your Family and Friends too!! The more people that know that more money we can raise.

Let's support our school and show our kids what wonderful community spirit we all have!!!

Helpers needed and any time you can spare will be greatly appreciated!!! Please leave your details at the school office and we will contact you to let you know what time we need you.

Thank you in advance.

Together we can ALL make this a GREAT day for our school Fundraising Efforts!!!
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.

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.

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PRIMARY MUSIC INSTITUTE

Keyboard Lessons At Your School

Enrol TODAY – via PMI’s website OR enrolment forms available from the school front office.

Lessons are held once per week on school campus – typically during the school day.

Only $13.50 per child per small group lesson (typically 3-5 students for 30 minutes)

Our small group lessons provide a fun and affordable opportunity to learn instrumental music.

Private lessons also available ($32.50 per child for 30 minutes)

Learning plan for all students via “PMI Stars” program – structured objectives with progress visibility.

PMI teachers supply keyboards and textbooks for lessons (students bring only PMI Stars workbook)

Ten minutes per day of practice at home is all that is required to see improvement!

Instrumental music can improve your child’s school results – including for reading, maths, coordination

Limited spaces available for next term so please enrol ASAP (timetables are prepared during the holidays)

P: 1300 362 824   E: admin@primarymusicinstitute.com.au
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