Welcome to Term 4 everyone,

I would like to say a big thank you to all our parents and community friends who supported our fabulous Art Show at the end of Term 3. We should be so proud of our students and their creativity. Our students are very talented on so many levels.

The sun is finally shining and at last we can all start warming up. Of course what this means is that we need to remind our students to follow the Sun Smart Policy of wearing a wide brimmed hat (to cover their ears) and to wear sunscreen. As part of the policy any child without a hat has to sit in the shade. The wearing of correct uniform is important to us here at RHPS as it helps foster in our students and our community a sense of pride, identity and ownership in the school. If you have any questions about what type of hat is suitable or about uniform in general, please ask at the office. Please see the attached copy of our RHPS School Uniform Policy which has been recently updated by school council. Teachers will be reminding students to drink lots of water on hot days and of course we will continue to monitor whether to send students outside to play on extreme weather days.

We would ask that all our parents of students in grades 3 to 6 attend our Internet Safety Awareness Information night this coming Monday the 19th October. It is vital that teachers and parents work together in partnership in becoming educated around cybersafety. Our students’ social worlds are increasing due to the use of the internet and primary aged children do not always have the maturity to deal with issues that confront them online. There are age limits of 13 years and above for most commonly used social media sites and students under that age should not be using these. We believe the presentation delivered by a qualified Cybersmart trainer from the Australian Communications and Media Authority on Monday evening in the gym foyer will be very valuable.

Sandra James
Acting Principal
Rationale:

- A high quality, appealing, practical set of garments has been selected by the School Council following extensive consultation with the community.
- The wearing of a uniform will form part of a strategy to improve individual student safety and group security.
- The wearing of Roxburgh Homestead school uniform will help foster a student and community sense of pride, identity and ownership in the school.
- The Roxburgh Homestead dress code will not discriminate against students on the basis of sex, race, ethnicity, nationality, religious beliefs, colour or disability.
- The Roxburgh Homestead uniform shall be consistent with DEECD policy in this area.

The uniform is available for purchase through a local supplier (currently Primary School Wear).

Guidelines:

- The wearing of school uniform becomes compulsory as from the beginning of 1999.
- The uniform will be supplied by “Primary School Wear” who have an outlet close to the school. The uniform will comprise of any items listed on their product list.
- It will be acceptable for students to wear suitable items of clothing from discount department stores (such as Big W) providing they are in the colours of navy and white.

The chosen aspects of clothing will enable both boys and girls to participate actively and safely in all school activities.

In accordance with the Sun Smart Policy, each student will be required to wear a hat when undertaking outdoor activities, including excursions, during terms one and four.

It is an expectation that parents will notify the school as to reasons why students are not in uniform.

The Principal will have the power to grant exemptions from the dress code where a parent or student can demonstrate a particular health problem, religious, cultural or economic hardship in relation to the wearing of the school uniform.

The issue of sanctions or exemptions for students who are short term enrolments will be negotiated between the Principal and the parents.

- Make-up and inappropriate jewellery is not to be worn by students e.g ( dangling earrings )

Sanctions will be applied to those students not wearing school uniform.

Sanctions:

Students not wearing a hat during designated times will be restricted to shade areas.

Parents will be requested to explain why students are not in full uniform to the School Administration.

Students not wearing uniform may be required to wear school supplies within school hours to comply with the uniform code.

This policy was last ratified by School Council in June 2015.
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ACMA Cybersmart Outreach—Internet Safety Awareness presentation

Do you know what your children are doing online?
Do you want to keep your children safe when they are online?
Do you want tips to help your child stay safe?

Come along to our Internet Safety presentation on Monday 19th October at 5.30pm in the Gym.

As part of its Cybersmart Outreach program, the Australian Communications and Media Authority (ACMA), delivers free internet safety awareness presentations for parents, teachers and students. Presentations provide valuable information about the risks confronting children online, and offer tools and tips to help make their internet experiences safe and positive.

Internet safety presentations cover topics including:
• The ways children use the internet and emerging technologies
• Potential risks for children online, such as cyberbullying, illegal content, inappropriate contact, identity theft, grooming and predatory activity
• Tips to help children stay safe online.
The presentation is conducted by an accredited cybersmart trainer and is provided to schools free of charge.

All students in Years 3-6 will be attending a presentation at 2.10pm on this day. Parents are invited to attend the parent presentation at 5.30pm.

A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

Family Life Victoria will conduct a Sexuality Education Program on Thursday 19th November, 2015

Our programs support parents to help their children learn about aspects of human sexuality. These entertaining and valuable sessions are not to be missed.

Session 1 Body Basics Years 1-2
Session 2 Where Did I Come From? Years 3-4
Session 3 Preparing for Puberty Years 5-6

Admission: One session - $20 per family
Two or more sessions - $25 per family
Watch for more details about the sessions, closer to the date

BOOKS AVAILABLE FOR SALE

Cash or Credit Card only
Next week we will be running parent forums to help you understand the report your child will receive later this term. We will explain the process that teachers go through when compiling a student’s report.

For those parents who receive an EAL report for their child we will also explain how those reports are structured.

You will be able to ask any questions you have during these sessions.

I/We will be attending the parent forum “Understanding My Child’s Report” in the Gym foyer.

Name/s: _________________________________

Child’s name/s: ___________________________

Child’s grade/s: ___________________________

Bu notu anlamak için yardımcı ihtiyacınız olursa, lütfen genel ofise gelin.

والتقديم أي نوع من المساعدة يرجى الاتصال بالإدارة العامة للمدرسة
Our Little Champ for October.

Beth Stevanovic
Beth is always the first person to offer any assistance required; she arrives here with a big smile on her face and leaves in the afternoon with the same smile.

Well done Beth, it is a pleasure to have you here.

Direct Debit.
The new payment system is operating extremely well; thank you to the families that are participating; please ensure that you have sufficient funds in your nominated bank account otherwise a default fee of $9.90 per default payable by the customer will result.

There are still a few families that have not signed up as yet; please remember, school council has agreed that families choosing to pay cash must make their payments in advance.

Vacation Care
Unfortunately the Archery session that was organised over the holiday period had to be cancelled due to bad weather; Danielle refunded parents for this but has rescheduled him for the January Program.

The January Program will operate for one week only between Monday 18th January and Friday 22nd January.

Curriculum Day.
Monday 2nd November is a curriculum day (the day before cup day); we will not be running a program on this day; please make alternate arrangements for your children.

Hats/Sunscreen.
As per school policy, terms one and four are sun-smart terms. Children must wear proper sun-smart hats to be able to play in the sun. Caps and beanies are not acceptable; children wearing these will be asked to play in the shaded areas.

We are setting up a sunscreen station on the table where the hand washing facilities are situated; we will have sun-screen and a mirror available for children to apply themselves.

A spare hat clearly named can be left in the cupboard if parents prefer.

Peer Leaders for term 4.

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Combined Break Thru and North West Area Mental Health

**Broadmeadows Carer Support Group**

Hopefully we can begin a fantastic new Carer Support Group for Carers of someone with a Mental Illness (including Autism Spectrum Disorders) in the North-West Area of Melbourne.

Break Thru’s **Carer Team** on 9365 9500 or **Lesley Archer** NWAMH Carer Consultant on 9355 9739

**BROADMEADOWS CARER SUPPORT GROUP**

For more information please contact Gayle at the school or the people above.
2nd HAND UNIFORM SALE

There will be a 2nd hand uniform sale on Monday, 19th October from 8.45—9.10 in the morning and then again from 3.00 to 3.30 after school.

Another sale will be held on Tuesday 20th October in the afternoon from 3.00—3.30. it will be in the Gym foyer and clothes will cost $1 per item. All money raised from the sale goes to supporting programs in the school.

MONDAY AFTERNOON WORKING BEES

The weather has turned nice again and it’s time to get back into the garden. We have had a donation of native plants to put into the front garden. The middle gardens are beginning to fill up. There are lots of jobs to be done around the school and volunteers are always welcome. Every 2nd Monday (starting Mon 19th Oct) through out the term we will be working on beautifying the school grounds. Every is welcome.

A big thankyou to everyone who has helped us so far, especially Rachel & Adden.

Thankyou
Vicki and Jacque

Festival of Tennis

Saturday 17th – Saturday 24th
Hume Tennis & Community Centre

Free activities all week for the whole family!!

Visit our Website:
www.humetennis.com.au