



Respect Honesty Pride Success

What a brilliant two nights we had for our families to 'meet and greet' with staff last Wednesday and Thursday. The feedback has been overwhelmingly positive from our families and staff and I expect it will become an important feature of the school calendar. We are gathering feedback, so if you any suggestions in regard to improving these nights, please let us know. One thing we will endeavour to do, is to make these nights even earlier in the next school year.

Safety

It was heartening to have a few families attend the forums on how to keep our children safe online during the Meet and Greet nights. Seb Naselli, our ICT Leader was supported by our Student Wellbeing Coordinator, Stacey Lawler and our Positive Climate for Learning Leader, Pat Lynch, in a presentation aimed at parents about strategies, tips and what you need to look out for to keep your child safe online at home. We have safety precautions at school which we can control. As a school we have limitations as to what we can do when things go horribly wrong on social media at home. This is our number one safety concern at the moment and a lot of school time is taken up with inappropriate use of social media occurring over the weekend and school holidays. Our students can be at real risk with online predators. This is not a throwaway statement but a real cause for concern. If you have any worries that your child may be affected in anyway by inappropriate online behaviour at home please contact the school for advice or call the police .

Road safety

I absolutely love greeting our students and families in the morning and wishing them well as they leave at the end of the school day however, I am horrified and really concerned at the number of parents who do not cross the road at the school crossing with their children. The school is trying to keep children safe by teaching students to cross at the crossing but a number of parents are telling their children it is okay to cross anywhere. Our children become confused and are unsure about what they need to do. Their principal and teachers are telling them one thing and parents are telling them something else. You would have all witnessed how busy McPherson Boulevard is at these peak times and we have had trouble with hoons speeding through the area. A tragedy takes only a second to occur with a lifetime of repercussions. Please work with us to keep your children safe. Walk those extra few metres to the crossing with your child and keep our children safe!

Unwelcome youths

I would like to bring to your attention that we have had a number of youths hanging around our school grounds after school hours. They have vandalised school property and have threatened some staff. We would appreciate your assistance in this matter. If you see a group of up to ten youths between the ages of 16-19 years of age behaving in any way inappropriately on school grounds after hours, please call triple zero. The police, emergency management and security are informed and strategies have been put in place but we would be grateful for any assistance if you see anything untoward in the evening or weekends.

Our mantra is: *we are all in this together!* **Barb**

MEET AND GREET

Wow what a wonderful couple of evenings we had at RHPS last week. It was great to see so many families come along and discuss our student's hopes and dreams and join in with the activities around our school. The sausage sizzle was a huge success, the specialist teachers had lots of visitors in the courtyard and it was also great to see a number of families join us for our Cyber Safety presentation.

Throughout the afternoon we were asking any parents or carers if they would like to become a parent helper in class, help out in the library or around the school. If you didn't get a chance to put your name down on the sign-up sheet and you would like to be involved please come and visit the office to pass your details on. We'd love to hear from you.

We are looking forward to and planning our next community event for Term 2.

Pat Lynch

Hello everybody,

It is with great pleasure that we would like to announce our New RHPS School Council Members for 2016. Our 11 school councillors will be:

Heyam Masri (parent member), Serap Filiz (parent member), Ali Sahin (parent member), Kristy Burrows (DET parent member), Narelle McCaffrey (parent member), Ender Bingol (parent member), Remco Burgers (parent member), Barb Adam (Principal), Sandra James (DET employee), Sebastian Naselli (DET employee), Patrick Lynch (DET employee).

On behalf of our whole school community we would like to extend our gratitude to our outgoing school councillors. Many have been committed to our school improvement journey over quite a number of years and we will miss them all. We would like to extend a big thank you and farewell to Warren Grambau who has served as our School Council President for the last 15 years. Also we would like to thank Glenys Lynch, Gulay Sirim, Mark Goodrich and Derya Helou Kucukali for your passion for our school and education.

We will be holding our first school council meeting for the year on Monday night the 21st March at 7.00pm in the Conference Room of the main office. We will hold a brief final meeting for old school council and then proceed into our new school council business. Office bearers for new school council will be elected on the night.

Thank you everyone

Sandra James (Acting Assistant Principal)

FREE ENGLISH CLASSES AT SCHOOL

Come and join us every Friday from 9 to 12pm. Have fun learning English in a supportive and professional environment.

Bedava Engilizce sinifi

*Cuma gunleri 9 -12pm arasi
Eglenerek samimi bir
ortamda Ingilizce okuma, yazma, konusma
ogrenmek isteyenler katilabilirler*




STUDENT WELLBEING—HELP NEEDED

Stacey, our Student Wellbeing Co-ordinator, would love some help sorting out our donated uniforms. Let us know if you can help.



FEBRUARY

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat / Sun
29	MARCH 1	2	3	4 Interschool sport V St Carlos (Home) Newsletter on line	5/6
7	8	9	10	11 Interschool sport @ Greenvale PS	12/13
14 Labour Day PUBLIC HOLIDAY NO SCHOOL	15	16 Preps visit to the supermarket	17 Preps healthy breakfast	18 Interschool sport @ Meadow Heights PS Newsletter on line	19/20
21 Cross country for Years 4, 5 & 6	22 Prep's Easter hat parade in the Multi-purpose room	23	24 END TERM 1 SCHOOL FINISHES AT 2.30.	25	26/27 

**TERM 2 DATES:
11 APRIL TO 24 JUNE**

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Bringing the
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our classrooms
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refurbished
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campuses

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OPEN DAYS

East Keilor Campus
Years 7 to 9
21st April 2016

Niddrie Campus
Years 7 to 9
28th April 2016

Essendon Campus
Years 10 to 12
Discovery Evening
20th July 2016

**Junior Campuses
(Years 7 to 9):**

Open Day:

Walkthroughs at 9.30am,
11.30am and 1.45pm

Evening:

Walkthrough at 6.00pm
Presentation at 7.00pm

East Keilor Campus
82 Quinn Grove, East Keilor
8331 0109

Niddrie Campus
19 Peters St, Airport West
9375 8400

Essendon Campus
286 Buckley St, Essendon
9319 1300



Essendon Keilor College

OUT OF SCHOOL HOURS CARE NEWSLETTER – MARCH 2016.

Our new preps have settled in nicely and are enjoying mixing and playing with the older children in the service. We will continue to pick them up from the classroom for the rest of this term; in term 2, we arrange for our Peer Leaders to collect them.

Star of the Month.

Eden Hopkins from grade Six Natalie/Seb is our student of the month. Eden has shown great maturity and responsibility so far this year; she is the first person to offer assistance, even before we ask.

It is a pleasure to see her smiling face first thing in the morning!!



Altering your Direct Debit arrangements.

If you need to alter or change your direct debit information, please fill in the green form again and submit. We need to have a paper trail on file.

Library Sessions.

If the letter 'L' is written next to your child's name on the roll, this denotes that they are in the library; please let a member of staff know you are here to pick them up and we will collect them for you.

Policies and Handbooks.

We have revised the policies and procedures and parent handbook for 2016. Copies of these are available for parents to read; please come and ask a member of staff for a copy.

Our Wish List.

We would love any old boots or shoes (preferably adult sizes and not smelly ones) to make hanging planters for under the pergola near the canteen. If you have any suitable potting mix or plants at home not being used, we would also appreciate those.

Vacation Care.

The Programs are now in circulation; bookings will be taken as of Monday 7th March. Please book early because Danielle has capped the excursions to 30 only. Fees will be made through direct debit, please make sure that you have sufficient funds available when your payment is due to avoid the dishonour fee of \$11.90.

Vacation CARE

ROXBURGH HOMESTEAD PRIMARY SCHOOL

MARCH/APRIL 2016

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ARTS & CRAFTS
EXCURSION & INCURSIONS
SPORTS GAMES
ENJOY MUSIC & DANCE
FACE PAINTING
AND MUCH MORE

BOOKINGS WILL BE TAKEN
FROM MONDAY 7TH MARCH
UNTIL FRIDAY 11TH MARCH.

PROGRAMS ARE AVAILABLE
FROM THE MULTIPURPOSE
ROOM OR THE OFFICE

LIMITED PLACES AVAILABLE.

