

Respect Honesty Pride Success

Welcome back to term 4!!! I'd like to extend a warm welcome to our new families who have recently joined our Roxburgh Homestead community. We look forward to a long and happy relationship over the years.

Term four is a chance for students to work hard to reach or surpass their goals set at the start of the year. It is a time to reflect upon the great achievements gained throughout the year as well as setting new targets for next year.

As a way to celebrate all the wonderful accomplishments the school has made this year, we ask all families to set aside **December 8th**. This twilight event will show case all the great things our students have done throughout the year. Please see this newsletter for further information. We would LOVE all families to attend, so mark this date on the calendar!! This term is not only Glenys's and my last term at RHPS, our much loved Kellie Blandthorn will be leaving us also, to join Harvest Home PS, in Epping North next year. Kellie has been a much admired teacher, leader and colleague over the past thirteen years and will be sorely missed by all. Kellie is an exceptional teacher and leader and has added so much value to the learning of students and staff. I know many families will want to take this opportunity to farewell Kellie this term.

However sad goodbyes may be it is always exciting to welcome new staff on board. We are fortunate to be able to retain all of our contract staff either in an ongoing position or fixed term. We also welcome Sonya Seal who will join our teaching staff next year. Sonya comes to us from Manor Vale PS in Point Cook. We will still be interviewing in the near future for more staff, so if you are **leaving** our school at the end of the year please contact the office immediately as that will have impact upon our workforce.

We are hoping to be able to let our school community know who the new principal will be before the end of this year so there can be a handover and an introduction to our community before I leave. The position will be advertised next week and a panel has been formed that consists of the School President, School Councillor representative, staff representative, a principal from outside our network and our Senior Educational Leader. The process will take at least 4-6 weeks.

We are also working on our grade lists for 2017. At this point in time there will be straight grades for 2017 but if we have a spike or drop in numbers, it may mean we will need to have composite classes.

If you have any requests of an educational nature in regard to your child's placement next year, it must be in writing to me or the Assistant Principals, before November 7th. After that cut off point we will not be making and further changes to class lists as it is a lengthy and involved process. Thank you for your understanding in this matter.

Barb Adam

'If you have trouble understanding this notice, please contact the school office'

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lütfen genel ofise gelin.**














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dates to Remember

Dates for Year 6—Tues 13th Dec—Graduation
Wed 14th Dec— Funfields
Mon 19th Dec— Day on the Green

*School finishes on 20 December at **1.30pm**

OCTOBER/NOVEMBER

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat / Sun
24	25	26 Prep Swimming 	27  Yr 6 Graduation Photo 2017 Preps Teddy Bear Picnic 	28  Yr 3 Walking Tour Excursion	29/30
31 NO SCHOOL Curriculum Day	NOV 1 NO SCHOOL — Cup Day 	2 Prep Swimming 	3 2.15—3.00 2017 Prep Transition A-K	4 Yr 1 Grandparent's Afternoon Tea 2.15 	5/6
7	8	9 Prep Swimming 	10 Yr 1 Excur to Dromkeen 2.15—3.00 2017 Prep Transition L-Z 	11	12/13
14	15	16 Prep Swimming 	17 2.15—3.00 2017 Prep Transition A-K	18	16/20
21 Yr 2 Camp Experience Day 	22	23 Last Day for Pep Swimming 	24 2.15—3.00 2017 Prep Transition L-Z	25	26/27
28	29	30 Yr 1 Family Maths Night 5-6.30 	Dec 1	2	3/4

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Prep 2017

*Do you have a
sibling starting
school next year?*

Have they been enrolled?

*Please collect an enrolment form
from the office ASAP.*

Well isn't the year flying by? We are already into week 3 of the term but we still have so many exciting things to share and celebrate before the year is over.

Breakfast Club

Our school's Breakfast Club has been running successfully over the last 2 weeks and it's been great to see so many of our students showing our School Values and using their manners when eating with others. Thank you to the students and teachers who have been volunteering their time to help setup and pack up in the mornings and particularly to the Junior Cooking Stars from 5/6 Peter who have been preparing some extra baked goodies for students to enjoy in the mornings. We have had a great turn out so far and look forward to seeing more students join us for a healthy breakfast on Tuesday and Thursday mornings. If you are attending, please be sure to get to the gym foyer as close to 8:30 as possible so we can all eat and be back in class by 8:50.

Success Celebration

After unpacking our School Values of Respect, Honesty and Pride earlier in the year it is time to celebrate the Success we have had in 2017 with the Roxburgh Homestead Primary School community. To do this we will be holding a Success Celebration afternoon on the 8th of December. The afternoon will include performances, artwork, stalls, food and drink and will be a wonderful way to highlight all of our accomplishments and bring the community together for a fun and exciting afternoon. Please put the date in your diaries and keep a lookout for more information that will be sent home soon.

Hope to see you all there,
Pat Lynch



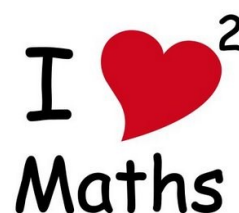
The Premiers' Reading Challenge for 2016 has closed. Congratulations to all the 25 students who participated in the challenge this year. The students involved read 1,141 books – what an outstanding effort! The students involved will be congratulated at an upcoming assembly and will be presented with a participation certificate. Hopefully many more students will be up for the challenge in 2017.

Alex Mowat – Director of Teaching and Learning

Powerful Learning at Roxburgh Homestead

Currently teachers at Roxburgh Homestead are working on **Challenging Learning Tasks** in the classroom. When planning and teaching, the teachers are considering what students really need to learn next in Reading, Writing and Maths. The teachers are then supporting students through engaging and challenging tasks to help guide students and enable them to achieve **success**.

Educational Leaders – Alex Mowat and Glenys Lynch



WORKING MEMORY

What is working memory?

Working memory refers to how we hold, process and manipulate new information that enters our brain. This allows us to interpret and respond to new information. We use working memory to complete many tasks such as following instructions, solving problems and learning new information.

Here are some tips to improve your child's working memory at home.

Enhance your child's WORKING MEMORY at home

Teach visualisation skills:

Visualisation skills involve using imagery to represent a piece of information.

When giving your child an instruction prompt them to picture it in their mind.

Eg: Parent: "Put your lunch box and school books in your bag."

Child: "What?"

Parent: "Make a picture in your head of what should be in your school bag. Tell me what it looks like."

Child: "In the front pocket there is my lunch box and in the back pocket there are my school books."

Parent: "Great description!"

By describing this picture, it allows your child to better process and remember instructions.



2) Play card games:

Spend some quality time with your child and play card games such as Snap, Go Fish, Memory and Uno.

This aids working memory as your child has to remember the rules, what cards they have and all the cards that have been played.

These fun games help improve working memory as your child has to process and manipulate lots of different information quickly.

3) Number instructions:

When giving instructions, explicitly tell your child how many pieces of information they need to remember.

This prepares your child for the instruction and assists them in remembering multiple points.

E.g. Parent: "Ok, you need to do two things."

One: Turn off the TV.

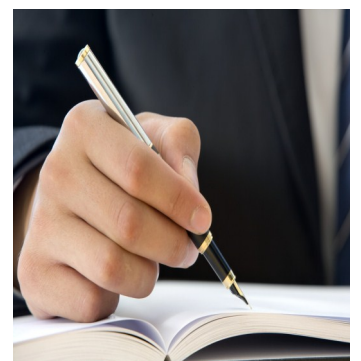
Two: Pack away your toys."

Ask your child to repeat back the instructions to ensure they have processed this information correctly.

Apps for Working Memory:

MATRYOSHKA! — A fun puzzle game that uses working-memory skills. Solve a range of puzzles by remembering how to stack smaller dolls into larger ones.

iSays Free— A challenging yet fun game that requires memorizing colour and sound sequences.



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ARE YOU LEAVING?

Are you leaving Roxburgh Homestead Primary School at the end of this year?

If so, please let us know asap to assist with our planning for 2017.

Name_____Class_____School in 2017_____

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2017 School Terms

Term 1 2017 Years 1 - 6 start Tuesday 31st January

Preps start Thursday 2 February

Finishes Friday 31st March at 2.30

Term 2 Tuesday 18th April—Friday 30th June at 2.30

Term 3 Monday 17th July—Friday 22nd September at 2.30

Term 4 Monday 9th October—Friday 22nd December at 1.30



No Pens Day

Wednesday 9th November, 2016

ADJECTIVES

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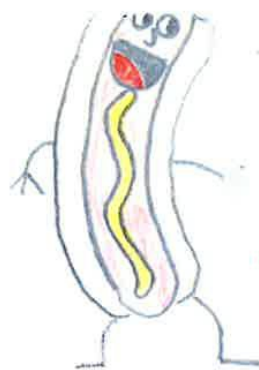
Shiny

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Students wear a hat or crown they have created at school. They must use adjectives to describe the hat/mask. eg. colour, shape, texture, materials.



COME AND
CELEBRATE
WITH US!



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Roxburgh Homestead
Primary School
SUCCESS
CELEBRATION



Thursday, 8th December

3:30- 6pm

On the
HARDCOURTS

