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Respect Honesty Pride Success

Staffing news

I am pleased to announce the following staff will be joining the Roxburgh Homestead School Community in 2017. We welcome: Sabrina Hards, David White and Lisa Hodges. Sabrina has already joined our staff this term in the grade 5 team. David has done extensive CRT work with us. Lisa comes to us from Watsonia Primary School. We are also pleased to announce that Demi Lambert will remain with us next year.

The panel to select our new principal underwent training this week in regards to the rigorous process that is required. When the lengthy process is completed, the panel will make their recommendation to School Council. Hopefully, this will occur in the next few weeks, so we can announce the outcome to the school community prior to the end of the school year.

Are you leaving?

If you are leaving the school at the end of the school year and haven't as yet informed the office, we ask that you do so immediately. Student enrolments affect the number of staff we employ or retain. Student enrolments have a direct impact on our budget, so our numbers need to be accurate.

Crossing

Parents continue to cross with their children beyond our school crossing. As you know it is incredibly busy at drop off and pick up times at the start and end of any school day. We have contacted the Traffic Unit of the police and they will be patrolling in unmarked cars. As stated many times, we need to work together to keep our school safe.

Smoking

Smoking is prohibited on school grounds and within a 4 metre proximity to the school perimeter. We ask as a school community that anyone who smokes to please refrain from smoking in clear view of our students. Once again, we need to work together to protect our students.

Family holidays

We have had a number of families who have taken extended family holidays overseas this year. This is an opportunity to learn while living in another country by having a deeper understanding of other cultures. It is an opportunity to become more proficient in another language and develop a more global outlook on life. We ask that you use this time to immerse your child in the culture of the country you are visiting and ensure that it is a wonderful learning opportunity. Please check with your child's teacher prior to leaving as to how you may best support your child and maximise learning during your time away. For students who have been away for 6 weeks or more, a process will be put in place at school on their return to ensure your child has continued to learn and develop whilst away. We have noticed some students are finding it difficult to transition back into school life and adhere to school processes after they have been away for a considerable amount of time.

Safety

A reminder to all parents that the Out of School Hours Program use the hard courts and play area from 3.30 onwards. Could you please make sure, for safety reasons, that the area is clear.

Barb Adam

Principal

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

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

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dates to Remember

NOVEMBER/DECEMBER

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat / Sun
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 Yr 4 City Walk 	30 Parent Helper's Morning Tea 11.00  Prep World Celebration Day Yr 1 Family Maths Night 5-6.30 	Dec 1	2	3/4
5	6 Yr 7 Transition Day	7	8 Success Celebration afternoon 3.30 	9	10/11
12	13 Book pick-up 9-10am 2.30-3.30pm Yr 6 Graduation 	14 Yr 6 Funfields  Step Up Day	15	16 Class parties  Reports go home	17/18
19	20 Last Day of School Finish @ 1.30	21	22	23	24/25 

Term 1 2017 Years 1 - 6 start Tuesday 31st January
 Preps start Thursday 2 February

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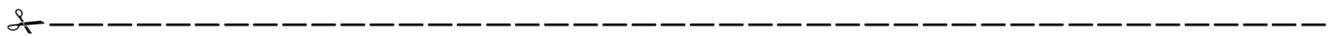


Prep 2017

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

Have they been enrolled?

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



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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Success Celebration

With only four full weeks of term 4 remaining, the end of the year is fast approaching. It's been wonderful to finally have the sun shining this week and hopefully that will be the case on the 8th of December when we hold our school's Success Celebration. The planning for this exciting event has kept teachers and students busy and we can't wait to share our Success from 2016.

Safety at school

At Roxburgh Homestead PS we are committed to the safety and empowerment of all students and we display this in many different ways. Some examples of this are ensuring all students are wearing hats to protect them from the sun during summer terms, making sure students know their rights and how to keep themselves safe as well teaching students how to move around the school in a safe way.

A way that our wider community could help is to ensure that all students are safe during drop off and pick up times. Could we remind all parents and carers that the roads around our school can be busy and to please take care when driving near our school. Some things you can do to help include-

- No U-turns out the front of school
- Always using the crossing
- No parking in designated disabled parking, areas unless permitted
- Discussing and modelling good road safety practices with your children
- Refrain from tooting car horns
- Be patient

With your help we can be sure our students will get to and from school safely each day.

I look forward to seeing you all on December 8th

Pat Lynch Assistant Principal



Congratulations...

to Shayaan Mohamed Naser, Mahnoor Imran, Ayla Tarhan, Kerem Capar, Omer Uzunomer, Azra Nur Topal, Fahri Ibrahim Ugar, Alara Zeybekoglu, Ela Dilek, Sehreen Maqsood, Nisa Torun, Disandu Weerasinghe, Latife Ugur, Thisal Mobula, Faris Mustafa, Shaahid Mohamed Naser, Vicky Yang, Omar Khassira, Elif Havva Bayir, Mahnoor Imran, Salli Samra, lara Jabbour, Hussein Fawaz, Zeenathul Suhaib and Sare Nur Sahin who completed the Premiers' Reading Challenge 2016. The students involved read 1,141 books - what an outstanding effort! I hope many more students participate next year.

Gifted and Talented Outreach Program 2016

The following grade 6 students Melissa Chowdhury, Emre Saglam, Elif Erdugan, Esra Cinar and Islam Kbayter are to be congratulated for their achievements this year. These students completed the Gifted and Talented Outreach Program for 2016. The program was facilitated by prestigious schools including MacRoberson Girls', Nossal High School, Suzanne Cory and Melbourne High School. The students were exposed to year 8 curriculum topics in the areas of Mathematics and Science. The students participated in online learning units, live learning conferences, a camp and many other experiences to support their learning. Again well done to these students who have derived much benefit from being involved in the program and will be acknowledged at an upcoming assembly.

Alex Mowat

Director of Teaching and Learning

Speech Pathology News

Improving my child's attention levels

What is attention?

Attention is the ability to focus on a particular task

for a certain amount of time.

Why is attention important?

Maintaining an effective level of attention enables us to block out irrelevant information around us in order to focus on and engage in tasks more effectively.



When do I know if my child is experiencing difficulty with their attention levels?

Your child may:

- Have trouble attending to a task
- Miss details when following instructions
- Find it difficult to calm down or 'wake up' as they appear sleepy
- Find it difficult to listen to all the information provided to them
- Begin a task but get distracted and forget what they are expected to do to complete the task.

How can I help my child to improve their attention?

Establish eye contact before giving the instruction

Provide a single instruction at one time

Use simple language

Get your child to repeat the instruction

back to you to clarify they have understood the expectations

Reduce background noise and distractions

Develop their comprehension skills so they are better able to understand what is required



Activities for improving attention:

Sensory activities such as cycling, trampolining, chewy toys, weighted items (i.e. wheat bag on lap), wheelbarrow walking

Puzzles

Dot to dot

Card games such as Uno or Snap

Timers – they indicate to a child how long they have to complete a task

(Kid Sense Child Development, 2016)

Adrianna Galioto

Speech Pathologist

OUT OF SCHOOL HOURS CARE NEWSLETTER – NOVEMBER 2016.

2017 Enrolments.

As in previous years we will be distributing new enrolments for next year; these will be handed to the children during the last week of November and should be returned asap for processing. Please note that bookings for 2016 are cancelled out on December 31st, therefore families who do not return their enrolment for 2017 will not be enrolled for 2017.

Children arriving at the before or after care programs without a 2017 enrolment will be charged at the casual rate until the new enrolment with updated bookings is received. This procedure will be strictly enforced.

If your child does not hand you the new enrolment, they are readily available from the Program at any time.

Our Little Star for November – Olivia Susan.

Olivia is an extremely friendly, helpful and easy going young lady; she is a quiet achiever who will always help staff and her fellow students. She is a very, very sweet and likable girl.

Well done Olivia!



Last day of 2016.

School will be finishing on Tuesday 20th December. Our Program will be opening early to accommodate this. If you do not require care on this day please contact us to cancel or you will be charged accordingly.

End of Year Entertainment.

Once again we have booked Andy Cullen, better known as 'Andy's Antics' as a special guest entertainer for the children on the last day of school. Andy has been coming to our Program to entertain the children at Aftercare on the last day of school for approximately 10 years. He is very entertaining and the children really enjoy his banter and antics.

January Vacation Care.

Danielle will be running a program from Monday 23rd to Friday 27th of January; she may be able to run on the Monday before school starts back on January 31st. We will discuss with Senior School Staff and keep parents informed asap.

Dishonoured Direct Debits.

Please be aware of when your direct debit payments are being deducted. This process has been in practice for over 12 months now, therefore families should be aware of when their payments are being deducted; the program is not responsible for any aspect of your banking details and cannot reverse dishonour fees.

If you have changed your banking details you must notify us so we can change your banking details accordingly on our software program.

Failure to do so will incur a dishonour fee being added by your financial institution.

Margaret English
Coordinator



*Confidence
to connect*

State Schools' Relief

Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund 2017 Year 7 Uniform Pack

Fact sheet for parents

Introduction to State Schools' Relief

State Schools' Relief works closely with all government schools across Victoria. Each year State Schools' Relief provides assistance to families who are experiencing financial disadvantage with school clothing, shoes and other essential items.

Introduction to the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund

The Victorian Government has a commitment to being the Education State, aiming to break the link between disadvantage and achievement. Through government funding the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF) was established to provide payments for eligible students to attend camps, sports days and excursions. To find out more about CSEF or to apply for assistance go to www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

State Schools' Relief has received extra government funding so that it can help more families needing financial assistance and ensure no one is left behind. This extra funding is being used by State Schools' Relief to assist students who receive CSEF assistance.

2017 Year 7 Uniform Pack for CSEF recipients

In 2017 every Year 7 government school student who is a recipient of CSEF automatically qualifies to receive a uniform pack that is provided through State Schools' Relief.

If your child receives CSEF assistance and is in Year 6 in 2016 you can ask for a uniform pack to be provided by State Schools' Relief through the secondary school your child is enrolled to attend in 2017.

Parents who have already purchased their child's uniform for 2017 and then become a CSEF recipient can still apply for a CSEF Year 7 Uniform Pack in 2017.

What is in the CSEF 2017 Year 7 uniform pack?

The uniform pack includes basic uniform items needed to start secondary school.

For Year 6 students commencing Year 7 in 2017 State Schools' Relief will provide one item from each row of the table provided.

BOYS

Black leather shoes – Lace up / Skate
Jumper / Jacket / Bomber / Rugby Top
Shorts / Trousers
Long Sleeve / Short Sleeve Shirt

GIRLS

Black leather shoes – Lace up / T-Bar / Skate
Jumper / Jacket / Bomber / Rugby Top
Summer Dress / Winter Skirt + Shirt / Trousers + Shirt /
Shorts + Shirt
If above is NOT a Summer Dress then select either:
Long Sleeve Shirt / Short Sleeve Shirt

All students will also receive one free pair of shoes supplied directly from SSR.

What does the CSEF Year 7 Uniform Pack cost me as a parent?

Where State Schools' Relief cannot supply uniform items directly to parents you will receive a voucher that subsidises the cost of uniform items. The voucher(s) can be redeemed at your child's school uniform shop or an independent uniform retailer which will be listed on the voucher. Parents receiving vouchers may need to make a contribution towards the cost of individual uniform items. The amount a parent has to pay will depend on the retail purchase price and the State Schools' Relief subsidy.

The vouchers provided by State Schools' Relief list every approved item for the student, and the maximum purchase value that State Schools' Relief will subsidise for each item. Parents who receive vouchers can work out how much extra they may need to pay towards uniform items using the school's uniform price list.

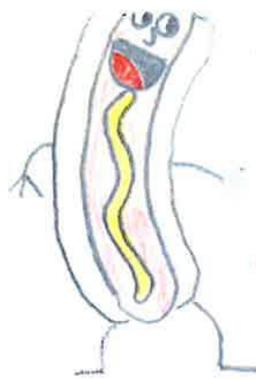


State Schools' Relief

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COME AND
CELEBRATE
WITH US!



Roxburgh Homestead
Primary School
SUCCESS
CELEBRATION



Thursday, 8th December

3:30- 6pm
On the
HARDCOURTS



Melbourne Symphony Orchestra

The Pizzicato Effect

End-of-Year Open Day and Concert

Wednesday 30 November 2016

4:30-5:30pm

Meadows Primary School

41 Gerbert Street, Broadmeadows



We warmly invite you to join us for **The Pizzicato Effect's Open Day and End-of-Year Concert**, an annual highlight of the program's calendar. Help us celebrate the students' incredible achievements across another year of our special program.

Car parking available on Gerbert St and surrounding area.

Families who are able are asked to kindly bring a plate of food to share. Please write on a piece of paper (leave it with the food) all ingredients so we can happily cater for dietary requirements.