



Respect Honesty Pride Success

*Thank You*

Dear RHPS Community,

This is the last time I will write to you as Principal. After 20 years at RHPS it will seem very strange not to be heading back here after the vacation period. The role of Principal is one that I have enjoyed immensely. It has been an honour and a privilege to work and learn alongside so many wonderful people and I count myself lucky to have had a career that has had the potential to make a positive difference in the lives of others. I started my teaching career in 1978 and have worked in many schools but I have to say RHPS will always stay close to my heart as a place that truly and genuinely cares for others. Without a doubt RHPS has always enjoyed a fine reputation within our network and region. Our values underpin everything we do and our mission statement which was devised under the inaugural Principal Darrell Lynch, is still appropriate 20 years on. Our school undeniably provides the most professional, dynamic, friendly, and caring learning environment. It is with pride and pleasure to be a part of RHPS over the years and I will miss everybody but most of all I will miss our students who are the reason for our very being. We want our children to succeed in life and be happy and proud of who they are and what they have achieved. We want our children to have choices as they move through life and that is what a solid education can do for them. If our children leave our school with a sense of curiosity and a thirst to want to know more about the world around them, then we have done our job. As Principal, we are mere custodians of the school. If we can leave a school a better place after our time as Principal, then we have done our job. I want to thank you all for making my time at RHPS a most memorable one but I know the school will continue to flourish under all who work and learn within its community. I wish you all the very best for the future and maybe our paths will cross in the future.

PS: I am writing this after having being presented with a wonderful parting gift from School Council on behalf of the school community. The Barb Adam Friendship seat is a wonderful tribute and I am deeply touched. I hope our children will never be in need of a friend but if they do, it is so lovely to know the seat is there to represent all we stand for at RHPS; friendship, peace, empathy and compassion. Schools are about people and the most important people in any school are the children. I am so proud of our students and I feel eternally grateful for my time at RHPS. Thank you all for making it so special.

### Staffing news

Congratulations to Seb Naselli who will undertake an Acting Assistant Principal role for term 1, 2017 at Tullamarine Primary School. We wish Seb all the best in the new role as it is a wonderful learning opportunity for him.

We would also like to welcome Ingrid Borg who will be joining the Admin Team in 2017.

### Graduating class of 2016

We wish our grade six students all the very best for not only 2017 but for the rest of their lives. If our students return to visit and we can see they are upholding our school as well as their personal values, then we are happy. It is a bittersweet time for them as they move into different settings but we always receive positive feedback from secondary schools stating our students are well behaved, show empathy and compassion, are well organised and ready for secondary school. That is wonderful praise indeed. Go well and may all your hopes and dreams come true.

### Holiday season

I would like to thank our hard working staff and wish one and all a well - deserved break. Spend this time with family and friends and relax before the New Year begins again. I will miss you all.

To our families celebrating Christmas, enjoy this festive season .To all of our families have a safe and happy holiday and a joyous New Year.

### Goodbye

Farewell to Glenys, Elissa, Joan, Kellie and Di, we wish you well in your new ventures. You will be sorely missed but your legacies will live on at RHPS.

To our families leaving RHPS, we wish you well in your new schools. You will be missed but we hope you can return to visit us some time to let us know how you are getting on.

### Au revoir

We wish Carly, Jenny, Jessica and Seb all the best for your leave from RHPS. Enjoy this time in your different ventures.



This is also my last newsletter for Roxburgh Homestead PS.

I would like to thanks all the wonderful staff, parents and students who have made my time at Homestead such a great time. I will miss you all.

I wish everyone a terrific holiday and all the best for a fantastic 2017.

Best wishes

Joan.



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