

Respect Honesty Pride Success

Observations

As we come to the end of week 6, I wish to share with you some of my observations I have made,

- Our Foundation (Prep) students have settled well and are now at school fulltime. They are enjoying being involved in all that is offered and particularly love listening to and “reading” books
- Our Grade 6 students have been taking their responsibilities very seriously and ensure that their time with their Foundation “Buddies” is fun and engaging for all
- Students are working collaboratively in small groups in classrooms across the school and challenging each other’s thinking
- Our new students are settling in and have formed friendship groups
- Teachers are providing stimulating experiences to challenge the students
- Parents gather to chat with friends and talk about their day
- Students are learning about the effects of Autumn by having first hand experience. See pictures below

We only have 3 weeks left until the end of term, how time flies!



School Council

I wish to congratulate those parents who were nominated for School Council and were successful in being elected. I will detail the School Council membership after our Annual General Meeting which will be held on March 20th, 2017 at 7.00pm. Being involved in our school as a member of School Council, is a very rewarding experience and I encourage those who wish to join us to govern our school, to attend our next meeting.

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Curriculum Days- Pupil Free Days

Curriculum Days provide staff with an opportunity to learn together and expand their knowledge which will in turn benefit students. We have been fortunate enough to secure the service of an expert in the field of positive psychology, who will be presenting to staff on April 18th 2017. This is the beginning of a formal plan to implement a “ Positive School Wide Behaviour Support” (SWPBS) framework. On April 19th, we will be working as a staff, to further develop our knowledge and plan for this implementation . Please put these dates in your diaries, as students will **NOT** be required at school on these days.

Staff Profiles

We intend to profile every staff member to our community through placing information about them in the newsletters across this year. This will assist in making a stronger connection between the staff, students and parents and I will be the first staff member to do so.

I was a substantive Principal for 5 years at another setting and was an Assistant Principal at an inner city school for 4 years before that. I love being involved in education, working with staff, students and parents. I have worked in schools in other states of Australia and overseas.

I have 3 adult children, 2 boys and a girl and one very beautiful grandson who is 10 mths old. I love to read and travel and will be heading to Japan in a few weeks and Europe later in the year.

I wish to thank those parents who have come to introduce themselves to me and I encourage others to do so when they can. I enjoy hearing about our families and meeting members of the RHPS community.

Yours in learning,

Julie Lowerson

Principal

Preps say thank you

The Prep cohort would like to extend a HUGE thank you to Yagmur's mum from 1 Jennifer, who spent her time organising donations from our local supermarkets to support our Shrove Tuesday celebrations. The prep students had a wonderful morning preparing, cooking and enjoying pancakes with their peers. Thank you Nurdane and our local supermarkets for your ongoing support.



Second Hand Uniform Shop

We are wanting to set up a second hand uniform shop here at Roxburgh Homestead Primary School and are looking for parent volunteers to help.

If you would like to find out more and help out, please contact Stacey in the office.



OUT OF SCHOOL HOURS CARE – NEWSLETTER MARCH 2017

Welcome to autumn, we finally have some decent weather!

We would like to take this opportunity to remind parents of some important information to help make their stay with us a little easier.

Signing In and Out.

It is a policy at this Program that all children are signed in and out of each session; if for some reason you are unable to come in and do this (children asleep in care; bad back etc.), we can make an exception for you, but it is not to become a regular occurrence.

Casual Bookings.

It is our policy to charge families a casual fee if we are not advised in advance of future attendances. If we are not advised the night before of your child attending in the morning, you will be charged \$1.00 per child extra; if we are not advised before 9.00am that your child will be attending for the afternoon, the fee is \$2.00 per child. Book early to avoid these extra fees.

Absences.

It is also our policy to charge families for absences if we have not been notified in advance. If you are aware that your child will not be in attendance for the morning session, please advise us the night before or at least before the beginning of the session; we can then cancel the session, otherwise there will be a charge.

If your child will not be attending any booked afternoon session, we must be informed before 9.00am, otherwise there will also be a charge for the session.

Contacting the Program.

The school office is not responsible for notifying us of any absences or bookings required. Families must contact us directly on 0417594511; please message us with any bookings or absent notifications.

The phone is not manned between the hours of 9.00am – 2.00pm so please do not ring endlessly and leave messages. Your text messages will be responded to after 2.00pm.

Children Writing on the Roll.

Please do not allow your children to enter anything on our roll; this is an official document that sometimes has to be presented to Government Departments.

Vacation Care.

Danielle is now taking bookings for the Vacation Care Program for April; she has included a trip to Inflatable World and the Movies; please come and get an enrolment form from the Multi-Purpose room or the office and book as early as possible to avoid missing out.

Wish List.

We are looking at making some simple macramé hangers for our outdoors area. If you have access to some very easy and simple instructions that children may be able to make, we would love a copy. If you know how to make them, that would also be a great benefit!!

dates to Remember

MARCH 2017

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday/Sunday
13th No School Today Labour Day Public Holiday 	14th	15th	16th	17th	18h / 19th
20h	21st	22nd	23rd Preps Walking Excursion 	24th Preps Healthy Breakfast 8.50am 	25th/26th

BILINGUALISM

What is bilingualism?

Bilingualism refers to people who speak at least two languages (ASHA, 2004).

There are two types of bilingualism:

- 1) Simultaneous Bilingualism: This involves being exposed to two languages in equal amounts at the same time from birth.
- 2) Sequential Bilingualism: This refers to a person who learnt a second language after they had successfully learnt their first language. The second language is often learnt after 3 years of age.
http://raisingchildren.net.au/articles/bilingual_children.html

1) FAQS:

Will children become confused if they speak two or more languages?

False. Children are able to learn two or more languages at once and can understand the difference between languages.

Will speaking two or more languages impact a child's ability to learn English?

False. A solid knowledge of your home language can help your child learn a second language, like English.

Does bilingualism cause reading and writing problems?

False. Bilingual children who learn two different languages can read and write English at high levels.

Does bilingualism delay speaking?

False. Bilingual children develop language at the same rate as children who speak one language. Children learn to speak at different rates, but this isn't because of bilingualism.



2) Benefits of bilingualism

Speaking two or more languages has been associated with enhanced:

- Concentration skills
- Problem solving
- Multitasking
- Job opportunities

Being bilingual also provides your child with:

- Increased sense of identity and belonging.
- Confidence when speaking to family members in another language
- The opportunity to enjoy music, movies and literature in another language.

3) Tips for bilingual language development:

- Read and tell stories in your home language. This exposes your child to new words, grammar and sentence structure.
- Play games such as, "I spy" or "20 questions" in your home language.
- Listen to nursery rhymes or music in your home language. Encourage your child to sing along.
- Talk to your child in the language you are most confident in. Give them many opportunities to listen and talk in this language.
- Participate in cultural activities. This is a great opportunity to teach your child about their culture and identity.
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By **Adrianna**
Speech Pathologist

10TH March 2017

Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund

CSEF

If you hold a Health Care Card, please collect a CSEF Application form from the office to complete and return with a copy of your card.



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

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Niddrie Campus
 Years 7 to 9
27 March 2017
 Campus Rebuild Update
 3:40pm & 6:30pm
 Info Session

Join us for our
OPEN DAY &
INFORMATION
SESSIONS

East Keilor Campus
 Years 7 to 9
27 April 2017
 9:30am, 11:30am & 1:45pm
 Tours
 9:30am & 6:30pm
 Info Session

Niddrie Campus
 Peters Street
 Airport West 3042
 Ph: 9375 8400
 Years 7 to 9

Essendon Campus
 Buckley Street
 Essendon 3040
 Ph: 9319 1300
 Years 10 to 12

East Keilor Campus
 Quinn Grove
 East Keilor 3033
 Ph: 8331 0100
 Years 7 to 9

Mount Ridley College Information Night

Mount Ridley College will be hosting its Year 7 Information Night on April 27th, doors open 6.00pm for a 6.30 start in Landale building. The more information families can have, the easier the transition process. If your families have any questions about Mount Ridley please feel free to contact me I would be happy to answer any questions.

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Friday 24th March, 2017



Blue Light Disco



What is a Blue Light Disco

It's a fun kids disco run by the Craigieburn Police in conjunction with the CFA, SES and Craigieburn First Responders first aid group. Everyone involved in the event is required to go through Working with Children and a Victoria Police Records checks to ensure a safe environment for all.

Children in grades 3, 4, 5 and 6 are invited to attend the Blue Light Disco held at the

Craigieburn Primary School Hall

6.30 until 8.30 pm

The entry fee covers heaps of raffle prizes and give aways.

All children attending are required to be dropped off and collected by an adult. No exceptions. For the safety and welfare of everyone this is a lock out event with no access permitted by the public or parents until pick up time when parents will be allowed onto the dance floor to collect their kids. Early collection of children must be arranged with police supervisors prior to the event.

The cost of this event is \$7

Money raised will be donated back to worthy community initiatives and programs for youth. **Food and drinks will be on sale at the school canteen.** There will be a cloak room operating if a child wishes to leave their jacket or other items while dancing. No bags are allowed in the gym.

Tips for a FUN Blue Light



Come early. There is expected to be a large line.

Bring the correct change.

There will be an express lane for the correct change to get you in the door quicker. \$7.....\$7.....\$7.....\$7

No hats or caps – they only end up being used in games of keepings off.

When party rock anthem starts there will be prizes for shuffling.....

Have FUN.

Parents

Car Pool, Car Pool, Car Pool.....

Please call the parents of your kid's friends, if you can arrange to drop off and collect other kids as well as your own it will reduce traffic congestion in the car park.

Please contact Sergeant Aaron Chuck
at the Police Station
if you have any queries on 9303 4433.



Have you secured a space for your Business yet!?

Our school event planner for 2018 is under way and we would love to offer our school family businesses the opportunity to secure a position.

Please contact Classroom Calendars on the details below to receive a 5% discount off any size!



 **classroom calendars**
www.classroomcalendars.com.au 1300 987 650

Helping Schools, Families & Communities Connect



THE HUME INTERFAITH NETWORK
would like to invite the community to attend
a Multi-Faith Service

This event will give you an insight into the different faiths that represent Hume City and celebrate our strength in diversity

Date: Wednesday 29th March
Where: The Auditorium
Ilim College
30 Inverloch Crescent,
Dallas
Time: 5.30pm - 7.30pm
RSVP: Wednesday 22nd March to
marchto@hume.vic.gov.au



You are invited to attend our quarterly youth gathering!

Meet other youth in your community

WEDNESDAY 29th MARCH 2017

Fun activities to participate in

The Hume Interfaith Network Youth Group

Share your thoughts and ideas with like minded youth

Date: Wednesday 29th March 2017

Time: 4pm - 6pm

Venue: Ilim College, 30 Inverloch Crescent, Dallas

Come along and enjoy a free BBQ

Please like and follow our Facebook and Instagram pages

RSVP required for catering by 22nd March to Sal at: HINYouth@gmail.com



Hume Interfaith Network Youth Group



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