

## Respect Honesty Pride Success

### Exciting news!

We were recently informed by the Dept of Ed that we would be having three of our old portables removed and replaced with new portables in order to have us become an asbestos free school. We are thrilled by this news and at this stage we will not need to decanter the students enabling room changes to be completed when the new portables have been installed. It is exciting times for us.

### Thank you

Thank you to Kristy Burrows, Heyam Masri along with several mums, for their efforts in providing our students with an opportunity to purchase gifts for their mothers, nans etc. The organisation was precise and the mothers gave so freely of their time to support our students. Another fine example of our parent body working to support our students.

### Grade 6 Conference

What a wonderful success this year's Grade 6 conference was and I wish to thank the teachers, Pat and Sonia for all their efforts and organisation in ensuring this RHPS tradition goes from strength to strength. I have never been a part of such an initiative like this before and I was so impressed by what I saw and heard, all underpinned by strong moral purpose of the staff. The students were provided with activities to promote their leadership capacity and community mindedness and several guest speakers shared their experiences and advice which added great value. Credit to all, staff and students!



### Champions of Roxburgh Homestead

On Wednesday, May 24<sup>th</sup> at 2.15, I will be holding our first "Champions of RHPS" meeting for those of you in our community who wish to meet with myself and other leaders, to discuss "Teaching and Learning" and have an opportunity to ask questions what we do at school regarding teaching and learning and how the Home-School Partnership can be strengthened. I aim to meet once or twice a term, pending on interest and can rotate the meeting days to suit those who wish to attend. If you are interested and would like to join us for our first gathering, please let staff in the office know. I look forward to having this become "what we do" at RHPS to promote connectedness to school.

Yours in learning,  
Julie Lowerson

## Staff Profile

# Alex Mowat

## Director of Teaching and Learning

Roxburgh Homestead Community,



My name is Alex Mowat and I have been teaching since 2005. I was a classroom teacher for 10 years and taught in England for some of that time. Now, I work as the Grade 3 / 4 Sub School Leader and my main body of work is around leading teaching and learning at the school. I am currently doing further studies to develop my leadership capacity.

Outside of school, I am very much an active person and love to watch and play sport. I see myself as being approachable, social and enjoy having conversations with people. I enjoy going out for dinner and experimenting with different cuisines.

# Education Week

## Monday 22nd May till Friday 26th May

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# JUNIOR SCHOOL COUNCIL

## Congratulations to the 2017 Junior School Councillors

6 Matt – AJ Kassab & Dakota Comiac  
6 Michael – Dugyu Ozgan & Ali Mohamad  
6 Nat – Noah Baynes & Yasmine Rajab

5 Matt Markmann - Ali Imran Pek  
5 Sabrina – Nazli Irgat  
5 Michelle & Age- Alyssa Taiba  
5 Demi- Taylan Demir  
5 Matt Doric-Eren Ozdemir

4 Lena & Marisa- Mazin Thomson  
4 Peter- Arda Pir  
4 Dale- Yousef Thomson



# Purpose of Junior School Council

Junior School Council is one of the school's leadership programs. As part of the student leadership program, two children from each grade 6 and one in grades four and five will be elected by their peers to be Junior School Councillors. They will represent their peers in matters concerning the school, conduct fundraisers, have input into certain school procedures and operations and act as representatives in the wider community.

The Junior School Council is a student group that aims to understand the issues impacting on the students around the school, to problem solve solutions and act on them to improve the school.

The Junior School Council is made up of a representative from each class Years 4-6.

The leaders are Year 6 students appointed as part of the school leadership program. They work with a staff member to coordinate and conduct meetings and lead the Junior School Council in any issues and fundraising they are working on.

The Junior School Council classroom reps discuss what they see as important issues in the school that affect them prior to the meetings and bring these issues to the next meeting.

A staff member coordinates these meetings and assists the students to take action and contribute new ideas and keep the school safe and fun for all students.

## JSC also provides the opportunity

- To increase student voice in decision making at Roxburgh Homestead Primary School.
- To inform students about the processes and protocols to effectively achieve change.
- To make students aware of and involved in School Council.???
- To develop school values in our school community.
- To be aware of wider community decision making.
- To enhance staff, the School Council and parent awareness of the students' needs and priorities.

## Protocols

JSC to be educated in meeting procedures. JSC to develop action plans and put into practice the correct processes and protocols for 'making things happen'.

A JSC representative to attend School Council meetings at intervals throughout the year.

JSC to be on the agenda at School Council meetings and either a verbal or written report given.

JSC taught how to be good representatives

JSC taught about making decisions.

JSC to organise feasible fundraising activities.

Dear Parents,

**Wednesday the 24th of May**

is our next oral language day, No Pens Day Wednesday. No Pens

Day is also a dress up day. The students need to come **dressed as a Proper Noun.**

A Proper Noun is a specific name of the person, place or thing. Here are some ideas that our class brainstormed together:

Examples:

- Australia
- Elsa
- Super Mario
- Ronaldo
- Peter Pan
- Barbie



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

وتقديم اي نوع من المساعدة يرجى الاتصال بالادارة العامة للمدرسة

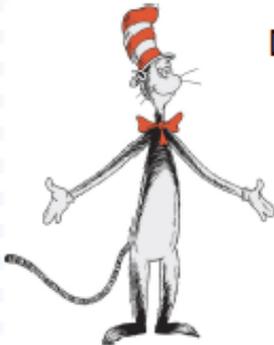


# No Pens Day

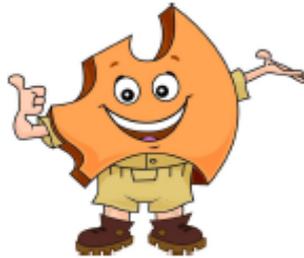
Wednesday May 24th, 2017

## Proper Nouns

Dress up as your favourite  
**Proper Noun!**



**Cat in the Hat**



**Australia**



**Spongebob  
Squarepants**

**Batman**



# MAY 2017

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
15 th	16th	17th	18th	19th	20th	21st
	Prep ZOO Excursion 	Grade 2 Swimming 				
22nd	23rd	24th	25th	26th	27th	28th
Education Week	Education Week	Education Week Grade 2 Swimming  No Pens Day 	Education Week	Education Week  School Assembly		

# COMPASS

## IS COMING... TERM 3

### Accessing Compass

Compass is a web-based system that is accessible on any modern web browser (Internet Explorer, Firefox, Chrome, Safari) or by using the Compass iOS or Android apps. Search for 'Compass School Manager' in the store.

Every family receives a separate login to Compass which will be provided to you by our school. To access the parent portal, go to our school website and click the Compass link on the homepage.

Alternatively, if you are having trouble finding the Compass link you can go to <http://schools.compass.edu.au> where you can search for and find our school's direct URL.



### الدخول الى كومباس Accessing Compass

كومباس هو برنامج مبني على اساس شبكة الانترنت، فمن الممكن الدخول عليه من اي شبكة انترنت حديثة مثل انترنت اكسبلورار والفاير فوكس والكروم والسفاري (Internet Explorer, Firefox, Chrome, Safari). او باستخدام الاب الخاص بكومباس على الاندرويد او ابل (Compass IOS or Android apps). ابحث عن 'Compass School Manager' في المتور Store.

ستستلم كل عائلة ادخال Login منفصل عن الاخر لكومباس والذي ستعطيه المدرسة لكم. للدخول الى بوابة الاهل Parent Portal اذهب الى الموقع الالكتروني للمدرسة واضغط على الرابط لكومباس في الصفحة الرئيسية.

اذا كان لديك مشكلة لايجاد الرابط اذهب الى الموقع الاتي: <http://schools.compass.edu.au>

حيث يمكنك البحث وايجاد الموقع الرئيسي للمدرسة.

# After School Pick Up

Due to safety issues, students who are not collected when school finishes at 3.15 are supervised in the gym until an adult collects them.

If students aren't collected by 3.30, they are then taken to the office. As all teachers, myself included, are attending meetings 2-3 nights per week commencing at 3.30, it is necessary for continued student safety, to place students who are not collected by 3.30, in the After School Care Program. Parents/Carers are then required to collect the students from the After School Care room where there will be a cost involved.

I know you will be as concerned as we are about student safety and understand the need for us to follow the above process. We do realise that there may be times when parents are unable to collect their children by 3.30 due to a number of reasons, held up at work etc. and if this may be the case for you, please ring the office and let the staff know you have been detained that day.

We will work together with parents to provide the safest option for our students.

Julie Lowerson

Principal





# Mother's Day Stall

This year's Mother's Day Stall was held on Tuesday the 2<sup>nd</sup> & Wednesday the 3<sup>rd</sup> of May. The stall was a huge success with lots of very happy students buying lovely gifts for their mums and special family members. It was beautiful to see the excitement and happiness on their faces as they carefully selected their chosen gifts. We would like to thank the following Mums and Grandmas who gave up their time to help run the stalls.

Nazli Aydin, Senay Tak, Denise Mercer, Kym Comiac, Rasha Jabbour, Jodie Fox, Fiona Trapani, Jacqui McLellan and Sarah Bird.

We hope you all love your special gifts and wish you all a very Happy Mother's Day

Warmest Wishes



Kristy Burrows and Heyam Masri

Your RHPS Fundraising Team

