

Roxburgh Homestead Primary School



DATES TO REMEMBER

WEEK 2

October 18th

Prep Swimming

October 18th

Regional Athletics
Championships

October 19th

Grade 6
Graduation Photo

October 19th

Student Makers
Conference

WEEK 3

October 23rd

Prep information
evening

October 25th

Prep Swimming

October 26th

Prep 2018 Teddy
Bears Picnic

Parent Bulletin

Respect Honesty Pride Success

TERM 4 ISSUE 1

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Welcome Back

I wish to welcome everyone back after the third term break! Welcome to our new families who have joined the RHPS community this term. We know you will be made feel welcome by everyone and we encourage you to involve yourself in our school community as many ways as you can. We know the stronger the "home-school" partnership the greater success there is for the students.

Congratulations!

Congratulations to Sandra James, former AP at RHPS, who has been appointed to the role of principal at Norris Bank PS as of the start of this term. Sandra was in the acting role during term 3. We wish her well and know she will miss RHPS but also enjoy her new role.

Congratulations to Alex Mowat who was successful in obtaining the Assistant Principal, effective as of this term.

Teaching and Learning

I am sure those of you who joined us for the Gr 4 Science Fair and the Gr 5 Space Expo held at the end of last term, would like to join me in congratulating the students and teachers for the successful showcasing of student learning at these events! I was very

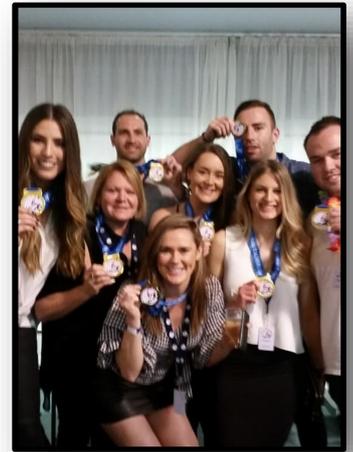
impressed by the amount of effort both the students and teachers put into the preparation, researching and sharing of the learning in which they were involved during third term. All students I spoke with were able to confidently speak to their research project findings. Gr 2 students were actively involved in determining motion in objects and designing their own. They were very eager to share their knowledge with everyone. Such wonderful opportunities to showcase the rigor of the teaching and learning at RHPS! Please see further into the newsletter, poems written by students.

At the end of the term, we hosted a Math Professional learning session for approximately 50 teachers from within our school and across our neighbouring schools. This was an excellent session developed by a small group of teachers who volunteer their time to organise learning for their colleagues. Nat Gunn, gr 6, was one of the organisers and I would like to thank her and her colleagues for their efforts in ensuring teachers' learning is always at the forefront!

Teachers' Games

In the holidays, approximately 16 of our staff

attended the Teachers' games held in Ballarat. I feel this highlights the collegiality, friendship and culture of RHPS, which is a very positive note. The staff competed in many events and were successful in bringing home the gold medal for Trivia. Well done to those who attended!



Sun Smart

All students are required to wear a sun smart hat this term, term 4 and term 1 next year. A sun smart hat is one that must protect your face, ears and neck from the sun's harmful rays. Either a legionnaires or wide brim hat will suit.

Please ensure that your child has one of these which must be worn every recess and lunch time.

Yours in learning

**Julie Lowerson
Principal.**

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

ولتقديم اي نوع من المساعدة يرجى الاتصال بالادارة العامة للمدرسة

Staff Profile

I have been teaching since 2003. I completed my studies at the University of Melbourne Majoring in Music and Classical theory. I have my honours in Music Performance. I love teaching Science and providing my students with exciting and engaging lessons. I teach grade 5 here at Roxburgh Homestead PS. I enjoy delivering interesting and challenging lessons where all students are engaged and having fun.

I provide our school with Mindfulness lessons and educate students in learning how to relax their mind and body.

My personal interests are Music, Art and Astrotheology. I am also in a heavy metal band and have toured the world. I have visited many countries and learned about many cultures.



Adrian Alimic.

Student Wellbeing

First Aid

Just a reminder If students are required to take medication whilst at school it must be brought to the office by the parent and not the student, as a permission to medicate form needs to be completed and signed by the parent.

Medication must be kept in its original packaging.

Sandra Miles

First Aid Officer.

Speech Pathology

What is phonological Awareness?

Phonological awareness involves the ability to identify and manipulate sounds in spoken words. It is a foundation skill for reading and writing.

Examples include:

Rhyming, breaking words into syllables, breaking words in sounds (segmenting) and joining sounds to make a word (blending).

Phonological Awareness

Activities for Home:

Identify Sounds

- Show your child that words are made up of sounds. For example, when reading a book you can repeat the first sound in the name. E.g. B-Bobby.

Ask your child to repeat it after you.

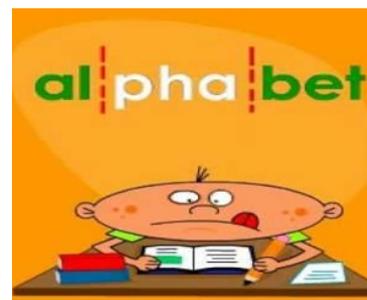
- Ask your child if 2 words start with the same sound. E.g. *does 'dog' and 'table' start with the same sound?* This activity requires your child to identify the first sound in words and see if they are the same.
- Play 'I Spy' with your child, ensuring that the first sound of the word is used, not the letter name, i.e. /sh/, not S-H

Rhyme

- Nursery rhymes are another excellent way to teach your child about sounds and rhyme. You can also make up rhymes with names. For example, if your child's name is Sam you might call him *Sam-bam*. Have fun and get your child to try and make up their own rhyming words.

Syllables

- Explain to your child that all words have syllables or beats. Provide an example and clap as you say each syllable, i.e. *'Purple has two syllables: pur (clap) – ple (clap)'*. Get your child to clap with you. *"Red has one syllable. Let's clap together: Red (clap)"*. Have your child practice clapping syllables on their own. *"Now you try. How many syllables are in the word, 'Yellow?"* Ask your child to identify syllables using common items in the house.



Websites for Phonological Awareness:

Skillswise Syllables Factory Computer game

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/skillswise/game/en01soun-game-syllables-factory>

Frog's Rhyming Machine

http://pbskids.org/wordworld/characters/game_frm.html

Fundraising

Bandannas

A great big thankyou to all those who supported this fabulous cause Canteen, a programme dedicated to assisting teenagers with cancer.

We sold all of our 300 bandannas and raised \$1500 for Canteen, well done!!

For those who missed out on purchasing a bandanna please see grade 6 Nat as she has ordered more.

National Bandana Day will be held on Friday 27th October 2017. If you wish to purchase a bandanna, they are \$5 each and will be available at one o'clock

every day from next week . There is no limit on how many bandannas you can buy.

All money raised will go to Canteen, a programme dedicated to assisting teenagers with cancer.



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21st Century Learning

Student Makers Conference 2017

Do you like learning new things and having fun? Of course you do, our students do too!

Ten lucky grade 5 students have been chosen to attend the 2017 Student Makers Conference at Dallas Brooks Community Primary School. Students will be using some of the latest technology to learn about science, digital technology, engineering and maths in a fun and hands-on way.

Our 21st century learners will use drones to learn about estimation, ratios, distances, measurement, x/y/z axis, coding languages and more..... That's just one of the workshops they'll experience.

These students will have an important role in helping RHPS realise what is possible in our 21st century school. More updates to come soon!



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Building Works

Welcome back to Term 4

As you will probably have noticed, construction work has begun around the school and one of our older portables has already been removed. The contractors have been very proactive and setup up a fencing throughout the breeze-way, hardcourts and over the oval that will allow them to complete their work and most importantly

keep our community safe. The entry points to the school are still accessible however moving from one point to another in the school may take a little longer.

Our new portables should begin arriving within the next couple of weeks and once on site the contractors will begin connecting services and ensure the areas around new classrooms are prepared. We

are unsure of an exact date when the work will be concluded, but we are expecting it to be at some point in December, allowing our rooms to be ready for the 2018 school year.

If you have any questions, please contact me at the office.

Thanks
Pat Lynch
Assistant Principal .

Grade 5 Science Expo

Poems

MERCURY

- Free verse

Dusty plains, large and hot,
It's hard to reach from our home,
Hot, warm, galaxy,
Solar System, orbiting,
Grey as the moon, next to the sun,
Going there might not be fun,
Known to be 4 billion years old,
Bright like a star,
Rocky surface,
Named after a roman god,
Mystic planet in the Milky Way,
Known as mercury and far, far away

By Mercedes

MERCURY- BALLAD

Mercury may sound like fun,
However, it's next to the sun,
It may be hot, but not so cold,
And keep in mind it's very old,

Bright like a star,
Seen from afar,
Quite a large planet,
Put into orbit,
Dusty plains,
With a god based name,
The planet mercury,
Is the one I'm studying.

By Mercedes

Pluto

In the universe in the milky
way,
Pluto is outstandingly cold its
also very compact.
Pluto is smaller than earth,
that is why it is a dwarf.
You will find it in the Kuiper
belt beyond Neptune.

NEPTUNE

FREE VERSE

**Neptune has one enormous moon,
Known for its 12 small moons.
As it travels around the sun,
The blue planet,
Neptune spins on its axis.**

Moon Rap

I'm the moon I cool down the
earth, I was formed 4.6 billion
years ago, the first person
that landed on me was Neil
arm strong ye he landed on
me, it takes me 27 days for
me to orbit the earth.



Changes to 2018 Book Packs

- School books only available for purchase Online
- Book packs will be delivered to your home
- Order & Pay by 3rd December 2017 and there will be no delivery fee
- 2018 Prep orders MUST be paid by 18th December and will be delivered to school
- If you need assistance with ordering your child's book pack online we will assist you here at school on Wednesday 22nd November in the library and interpreters will be available
- Your child's book list will be sent home next week
- Please note if you order after 3rd December you will be charged a delivery fee





تغيير لحزمة الكتب للعام 2018

- يمكن شراء كتب المدرسة عن طريق الانترنت فقط **Online**.
- سوف يتم توصيل حزمة الكتب لبييتك.
- قم بتقديم الطلب وأدفع المبلغ المطلوب قبل 2017/12/3 وسوف لن يكون هناك اي رسوم إضافية لتوصيل الكتب للبيت.
- طلاب الصف التمهيدي للسنة 2018 يجب ان يدفعوا المبلغ قبل تاريخ 2017/12/18 حيث سيتم توصيل حزمة الكتب للمدرسة.
- اذا احتجت للمساعدة في تقديم طلب حزمة الكتب لابنك او ابنتك على الانترنت **Online** سوف نقوم بمساعدتك في المدرسة في يوم الاربعاء المصادف 2017/11/22 في مكتبة المدرسة وسوف نوفر مترجمين لمساعدتكم.
- سوف نرسل لك قائمة الكتب التي يحتاجها ابنك او ابنتك للبيت الاسبوع المقبل.
- الرجاء ملاحظة انه اذا قدمت الطلب بعد 2017/12/3 سوف يتم اضافة رسوم إضافية لتوصيل الكتب للبيت.





2018'e Degisiklikler

Kitap Paketleri

- Okul kitapları yalnızca internet üzerinden satın alınabilir.
- Kitap paketleri evinize teslim edilecektir.
- 3 Aralık 2017 tarihine kadar sipariş ve ücret ödemesi yapılırsa teslimat ücreti ödenmeyecektir.
- 2018 Prep sınıflarının siparişleri 18 Aralığa kadar **ODENMELİDİR.** Kitaplar okula teslim edilecektir.
- Çocuğunuzun kitap paketini internet üzerinden sipariş etmek için yardıma ihtiyacınız varsa, 22 Kasım Çarşamba günü okulun kutuphanesinde size yardımcı olabiliriz, tercümanlarda bulunacaktır.
- Çocuğunuzun kitap listesi gelecek hafta eve gönderilecektir.
- 3 Aralık tarihinden sonra sipariş ve ücret ödemesi yapılırsa, teslimat ücreti alınacaktır, lütfen unutmayın.

