



DATES TO REMEMBER

WEEK 1

January 29th

Curriculum Day

January 30th

Curriculum Day

January 31st

Grades 1 - 6
Start Back today

Prep Testing

February 1st

Prep Testing

February 2nd

Prep Testing

February 6th

Preps Today

END OF YEAR

We have had a very exciting and rich school year with many improvements being made to continue propelling RHPS forward as an educational setting.

To name just a few achievements of 2017, we have:

- Employed new staff with various expertise to complement our current staff. We have employed a) a fulltime ICT technician, experienced classroom teachers, full time Lead teacher for Math (commencing in 2018) and at this point, 3 graduates. We have a dedicated Science teacher and are "rebranding" our HPE area in 2018
- Promoted from within, acknowledging the expertise we have here onsite
- Committed considerable funds to our 21st Century Learning project to enable staffing to be allocated as well as redesigning learning spaces to complement this project
- Redesigning our library to bring this in-line with 21st Century ways of researching and learning

- Committed considerable funds to ensuring the classrooms have a 1:2 ratio for laptops, tablets etc for 2018
- Promoted showcasing events for parents to attend. This allows the students the opportunity to share their learning with their parents and others, to further promote school connectedness
- Worked alongside Dr Julie Hamston (Senior Research Fellow, University of Melbourne) to provide rigorous Professional Learning for our staff
- Secured new portables to ensure we are asbestos free
- Employed a .6 Psychologist to provide support to students and families

We are very proud of what we have achieved this year and the positive impact this has on improving student outcomes. We are well underway with preparation for 2018 and are proud of the opportunities we will be providing for our students and families.

2018 SCHEDULE CHANGES

Please take the time to read

the note included with your child's report which outlines the time changes to our school day as of 2018. Please note the change in eating times and dismissal.

STAFFING for 2018

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We are fortunate to have recruited strategically both with experienced staff and graduates. We have had resignations from a number of staff who have been on leave this year and previous years. We wish to thank them for their contribution to RHPS.

We wish to thank Wayne Wood for his years at RHPS and wish him well for the years ahead as he takes up an ongoing position at another school. We also wish to thank Eve Cacoyiannis for her time at RHPS and wish her well in her new role also at another school.

I wish to thank the teaching and ESS staff for their work, efforts, professionalism and dedication to their roles and RHPS! They provide an environment where students thrive, are challenged and are supported. They are always willing to provide much more of their time and themselves than is required and are proud to be

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a part of the RHPS community.

I wish to thank the office staff for their support, professionalism and dedication and their calm manner when going about their daily work, facing the work which come, their way.

I wish to acknowledge and sincerely thank the Leadership Team who have provided unquestionable support, answers to my many and often repeated questions and always worked in a trusting and confidential way

with me. It has been an extremely productive year and having the leaders I have, Pat, Alex, Stacey, Matt, has enabled me to become a part of the RHPS community with relative ease. I feel privileged to have such a supportive, morally driven team!

Thank you to the students for making our time at RHPS so worthwhile and enjoyable. I wish all the best to our Gr 6 students who leave here having been responsible models for younger students and matured into well

rounded children. Thank you to the parents and carers who have supported us to ensure we work together in providing a relevant education for all our students.

I wish you all a Merry Christmas / Happy Holidays and wish you a restful and peaceful time with your families.

Yours in Learning,

Julie Lowerson

Parent Information

Dear Parents/Carers,

Roxburgh Homestead Primary School will be operating with a different daily schedule and timetable in 2018. We will monitor this change across the year to determine the benefits of making this a permanent arrangement.

In 2018, will be changing from a 5 session to a 6 session day, which will alter the times that students go out for breaks and also impact school finish time. We will finish school in 2018, at 3.20. Our break times are scheduled to align with new DET requirements.

The school day will run as follows-

- 9:00am to 9:50am- Session 1
- 9:50am to 10:40am- Session 2
- 10:40am to 11:30am- Session 3

- 11:30 to 11:40am- Lunch eating time
- 11:40am to 12:20pm- Lunch break

- 12:20pm to 1:10pm- Session 4
- 1:10pm to 2:00pm- Session 5

- 2:00pm to 2:30pm- afternoon break
- 2:30pm to 3:20pm- Session 6



During class time students will continue to be encouraged to have 'Grazing Food' with them that they can snack on at any time throughout the day. Grazing food includes anything that doesn't come from a packet and is healthy in order to give students a brain boost. All children are encouraged to have a filled water bottle with them at all times during class.

We appreciate your taking note of these changes and working with us next year to ensure our new schedule is in place.

Regards,

Julie Lowerson

Staff Profile

My name is Matt Doric and I'm a grade 5 teacher at RHPS. This is my second year of teaching and second year at Roxburgh Homestead Primary School. I thoroughly enjoy being a part of Roxburgh Homestead and the wider school community. I find it very rewarding teaching our young students to become independent learners, striving to be the best that they can be. Before starting my teaching career I spent time overseas playing cricket and travel-

ling which have been great experiences.

I am an approachable, caring and positive person who loves to have make sure that school is fun and engaging for all. Outside of school I like to keep fit and I also play a lot of cricket which takes up a lot of my spare time. Other than that I enjoy hanging out with mates, spending time with family and watching loads of sport. I'm a very passionate Manchester City & Collingwood supporter

as well, so you will most likely know about it if my teams are going well!



Matt Doric

Student Wellbeing

Enhance language development at the Supermarket



With school holidays approaching you will be spending a lot more time with your children. Just because they won't be at school, doesn't mean that they stop learning. Here are some fun and effective ways to enhance your child's language at the supermarket.

Make a treasure hunt:

Make a treasure hunt using your shopping list. Ask your child to find different items by giving them clues. Some examples include:

We are looking for something cold. Where do you think we might find it? The item is in the back left corner of the store. The item is where you can find things for the bathroom.

I-Spy:

Play i-spy with your child by asking them to find something that begins with a particular sound. For example: "I spy with my little eye, something that begins with /a/. Give them more clues about the word by describing it. For example: "It is a fruit, it comes in many different colours and varieties and it's crunchy".

Make a sound challenge:

Tell your child that they need to find as many items as possible that begin with a certain sound. For example: "Look for words that start with /b/". Every time your child finds an item that starts with that sound, encourage them to say it. Keep count of how many items your child finds. Set a challenge of finding more words that begin with a certain sound the next time you go shopping.

Prepare a meal together:

Before you go to the supermarket ask your child to help you make something. Ask your child to list the ingredients needed for the dish. Help them as needed. E.g.

sauce, spaghetti, basil, garlic bread. Together write down each step to make the meal. E.g. Step 1) Fill a pot with water. 2) Boil the water... When at the shops as your child to find the ingredients. When making the dish ask your child for instructions on how to make it. Share the meal together.

**By Adrianna
Speech Pathologist**

Year Six Graduation 2017

On Tuesday evening 12th December, Roxburgh Homestead Primary School said an official goodbye to our graduating Year Six cohort of 2017. Students, families, past and present staff members all had a memorable night celebrating the final step of their primary school journey.

Students were treated to a buffet style dinner provided by Vizzini Catering and all participants certainly exceeded expectations with the 'Dress to Impress' dress code.

Our hosts AJ Kassab & Mya Jabbour did an exceptionally *sterling* job in running the evening and they were joined on stage by a range of students who took the audience on a trip down memory lane as they reminisced on school years gone by. Our wonderful speech makers included Connor Bird, Keira Gay, Sare Nur Sahin, Hussein Fawaz, Tyler Harms, Methuli Kirulapana, Amber-Rose Irwin, Zeiad Elmahdi, Noah Bayne, Yasmine Rajab, Jet Wesley, Brooke Burrows, Emre Ozdemir, Dakota Comiac and our school captains Inessa Tan and Zachariah Baghdadi and no doubt made their families proud in the audience with their informative, articulate and often amusing speeches.



The cohort also demonstrated their dancing abilities with two different performances of 'Mama' by Jonas Blue and 'Can't Stop The Feeling' by Justin Timberlake. We were also lucky enough to have a solo performance of 'The Climb' performed by one of our school captains, Inessa Tan. A big congratulations to all performers for all their hard work rehearsing leading up to the event and the main performance on the night.



Congratulations to our award winners for their academic and social excellence during 2017. Academic award winners were Connor Bird, Methuli Kirulapana and Keira Gay. Values award winners were Brooke Burrows, Emre Ozdemir and Mya Jabbour. Specialist award winners were Kasaun Kirby and Katia Mallouhi for P.E, Inessa Tan for L.O.T.E, Hadi Ahmad for Art and A.J Kassab in Performing Arts.

Our Roxburgh College scholarship winners were Connor Bird and Zachariah Baghdadi and our \$1000 'Hume City 2018 Education Scholarship' award went to Amber-Rose Irwin.

On behalf of the entire Year Six teaching team of 2017, I would like to thank our Year Six cohort for an exceptional year and the school community wishes you well for all of your future endeavours. Your departure will leave a great hole in our school next year but your behaviour and values have paved the way for future cohorts to aspire towards. Thank you for all your hard work this year and be sure to come back and visit next year. A happy and safe holidays to you all.

Matt McCarthy
(Year Six 2017 Team Leader)

You did it!
Congratulations

Student Showcase

Every Wednesday for the past 8 weeks, the preps have attended swimming lessons. Last week the preps had their final lesson at YMCA Leisure Centre Epping. In their final lesson they participated in swimming relays and lots of other exciting aqua games. It has been so wonderful to watch their confidence and skills in the water grow particularly the students who have not had much experience with water before.



I like wearing my bathers to school and putting on my goggles.—MILA



I loved holding the door open for everyone to go in the pool and talking to the bus driver.
- KAAAN



I can put my head under water now!
—SEHER



Swimming is fun!
- ANISTA



I was scared to get in the water and used to cry, now I love it!
- EFE

21st Century Learning

Dear Roxburgh Homestead Community,

As you may have noticed the building and grounds works has been in full swing. New portables have arrived and students have gradually shifted into their new rooms in preparation for 2018.

Our library space has also begun its transformation into our 21st Century Learning space which will see it transform into a flexible learning space for teachers and students to learn together in area focused on Science, Digital and Design Technologies.

The school has recently cleaned up and begun preparing the garden space at the back of the library.

This space over the coming years will convert into our STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) / Community Garden. Students and the community will have the opportunity to learn and work in this garden which will be another space the school can take pride in.

As well as the environment changing, so is some of the learning opportunities the students will be exposed to. A new 21st Century Learning Curriculum will see students developing 21st Century learning behaviours as well as furthering their exposure to technology, with ethical considerations.

We have new Science Curriculum which will be taught as a Specialist subject in 2018, providing another

opportunity for our students to thrive.

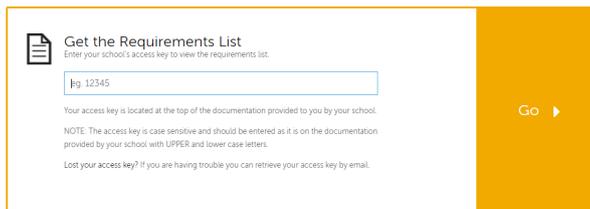
Exciting times ahead for Roxburgh Homestead Primary School.

Reminder

A friendly reminder to all parents and carers, please ensure that you have purchased your book packs before the students return to school on January 31st 2018. Book packs can be purchase online,

<https://www.officemaxschools.com.au/VIC/Roxburgh-Park/Roxburgh-Homestead-Primary-School>

The schools requirement access key is **7UT2S**



The screenshot shows a web form titled "Get the Requirements List". It includes a document icon, a text input field containing "lg 12345", and a "Go" button with a right-pointing arrow. Below the input field, there is a note: "Your access key is located at the top of the documentation provided to you by your school. NOTE: The access key is case sensitive and should be entered as it is on the documentation provided by your school with UPPER and lower case letters. Lost your access key? If you are having trouble you can retrieve your access key by email."

Grade One to Six students need to bring their book packs to school on the first day back,

Wednesday January 31st 2018

If you have not paid your \$36 shared classroom materials levy, please finalise first week back.

Wishing you and your loved ones happy holidays, a season full of joy and cheer.

School Administration Staff.



Principal
Julie Lowerson

<u>Assistant Principals</u>	<u>Leading Teacher 21st Century Learning</u>
Pat Lynch Alex Mowat	Matt Markmann
<u>Numeracy Leading Teacher</u>	<u>Literacy Leaders</u>
Hung Mok	Emma Kelly Jo Ingram Lisa Hodges
<u>Student Wellbeing Leader and Educator</u>	<u>Student Engagement Educator</u>
<u>Foundation</u>	<u>Grade 1</u>
00A Melissa Morelly - Team Leader 00B Lauren Bird 00C Simone Bruce 00D Violeta Young 00E Carmen Flores-Espinoza	01A Jennifer Doumas/Jo Ingram- Team Leader 01B Chrystalla Palekis 01C Leanne Marsh 01D Sarah Morris 01E Rebecca Jones
<u>Grade 2</u>	<u>Grade 3</u>
02A Jessie Mowat- Team Leader 02B Sonya Seal 02C Janet Perakis 02D Danah Burrows 02E Age Alimic	03A Emma Kelly – Team Leader / Jo Ingram 03B Vicki Hajisava 03C Tayla Cosaitis 03D David White
<u>Grade 4</u>	<u>Grade 5</u>
04A Marisa Licciardello – Team Leader / Lisa Hodges 04B Lauren Crombie 04C Michael D’silva 04D Suzie Hicks	05A Dale Heterick- Team Leader 05B Peter Walker 05C Sabrina Hards
<u>Grade 6</u>	<u>The Arts</u>
06A Matt McCarthy – Team Leader 06B Matt Doric 06C Natalie Gunn / Gayle Dawson 06D Jenny Van Vliet / Lena Petrovski	Karen Bodilly Michelle Janevski Rosetta Privitelli
<u>HPE</u>	<u>Science</u>
Michael Lane – Team Leader Nicole Baillargeon	Demi Lambert