



DATES TO REMEMBER

16th JULY

PUPIL FREE DAY

NO SCHOOL

TERM 3 STARTS

17th July

Term2

Week 10

25th June

Grade 4's

BTN Movie

Afternoon

12:30—2pm

Parents

Welcome

26th June

Grandparents

Morning Tea

Week 11

27th & 28th

June

Year 6

Conference

Last Day Term 2

Fri 29th June

School Finishes

2:30pm

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

REGIONAL PRINCIPALS' CONFERENCE

Pat Lynch and I attended a two day Regional Principals' Conference earlier this week. We took part in several workshops, heard from education experts, collaborated with colleagues and challenged and grew our thinking. The Secretary for Education, Gill Callister, addressed us stating the progress that has been made so far as we are three years into their 10 year plan to make Victoria the Education State. This two day conference provided Pat and I opportunities to continue with planning for our Review which is taking place next term, to consider new learning and thought provoking information and to meet with colleagues to hear their narratives of school improvement.

I wish to thank Matt Markmann, Lead Teacher, for taking on the role of Acting Principal whilst I was at the conference.

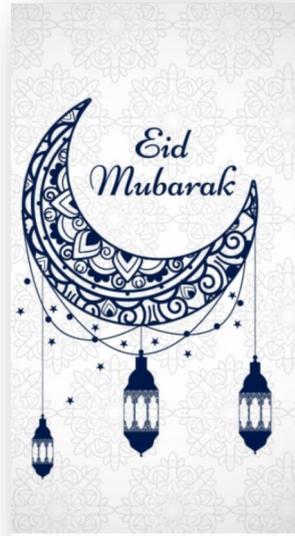
HAPPY EID

Happy Eid , Eid Mubarak, to those families who have been participating in Ramadan over the past month. Eid al-Fitr is an important religious holiday celebrated by Muslims worldwide that marks the end of Ramadan, the Islamic holy month of fasting. I am sure members of our community who have been participating will certainly enjoy the family celebrations and gatherings that will now take place.

We wish you and all your family a happy and joyful holiday. EID MUBAREK

Mübarek Bayramı'nızı tüm sevdiklerinizle beraber mutluluk ve neşe içerisinde geçirmenizi diliyoruz.

نتمنى لكم و لجميع أفراد عائلتكم عيداً مليئاً بالفرحة والسعادة. عيد مبارك



MIKE LARKIN CHANNEL 10

On Monday 18th June, Mike Larkin from Channel 10 will be visiting to deliver a live weather forecast from our school. 12 grade 5 and 12 grade 1 students will be involved in this event. Put this date in your calendar and be sure to watch the news on Channel 10.

AFTER SCHOOL PICK UP

We are again having a large number of students not being collected on time at the end of the school day, which is 3.20. We understand that there can be exceptional circumstances at times which does not enable you to be here at 3.20pm. If you are held up and are running late on an occasion, please call the school and let the office staff know. Students who are not collected by 3.35pm will be placed in the After Care program which will incur a cost to you. For students' safety, they cannot be left unattended. Staff are required at meetings after school and are not available to supervise students. Please ensure you are here on time to collect your child/ren.

LAST DAY of TERM

Friday 29th June is the last day of this term and dismissal will be at 2:30pm

FIRST DAY of TERM 3

The first day of Term 3, July 16th will be a Curriculum Day and students will not be required at school. Staff will be involved in a Professional Learning day focusing on School Wide Positive Behaviour Support, SWPBS. This will be the framework we will be adopting here to build resilience, self-regulation and equip our students with strategies to deal with every day situations in a positive and proactive way. Please keep a look out for further information in the upcoming newsletters.

إذا كنت بحاجة إلى مساعدة لفهم هذه الملاحظة يرجى الاتصال بالإدارة العامة للمدرسة

Bu notu anlamada herhangi bir yardıma ihtiyacınız olursa, lütfen genel ofisini arayın.

EMOTIONAL HEALTH

Following on from previous newsletters, below are ways you can support the development of good emotional health in your child/ren.

- Teach and help your child to understand, express and manage their feelings. It will help them create healthy coping mechanisms;
- Talk about your child's feelings and try to understand and respect them. This will create a strong bond between you and your child, which will help them feel safe and protected;
- You can help your child to cope with difficult situations by being supportive;
- Teach and help your child to understand stress, loss and grief are normal emotions we all go through in life;
- Try to create and maintain routines, as this will create a consistent environment that can help your child feel safe;
- Create and maintain a supportive relationship with close family members, it will create a secure environment for your child;
- Encourage and initiate activities that stimulate your child's social and emotional skills, such as expressing and managing their emotions. Be on the lookout for fun and interesting ways to stimulate their emotional development;
- Look for opportunities to build partnerships and relationships with other parents and carers to support your child;
- Observe your child's behaviours and whenever you notice concerning tendencies, don't hesitate to ask for specialised help.
- We will all face disappointments in our life and being equipped to effectively deal with these is essential for a good state of emotional health. It is ok to be upset, sad, angry etc but it is how we deal with these emotions which is important. Parents who never allow their children to experience disappointments or not being the best or any other challenging situation, are actually denying their child the opportunity to practice strategies and learn from these experiences.

The above information is from a Government funded organisation responsible for developing a greater understanding within communities for the need to build children's emotional health.

Yours In Learning

Julie Lowerson

Principal



Staff Profile

Hello Roxburgh Homestead Primary School Community, My name is Jo Ingram and I am extremely fortunate to have been a long standing member of the wonderful staff at Roxburgh Homestead Primary School, since 2002.

During this time, I have taught across all year levels and particularly enjoyed my role as a mentor and team leader, supporting the professional development of new teachers, sharing my love of teaching and making a difference in our young student's lives. You may wonder what keeps us going at the one school but I can tell you I feel challenged and invigorated every single day. I love the drive to school, the friendships created and the funny little incidents that happen every day but mostly the smiles on our student's faces when you know you have had a mini success with their learning.

My current role as Literacy Learning Specialist and grade sharing of my Year 3 class, has given me new opportunities to develop and expand my repertoire of teaching and mentoring skills, particularly as my passion is Literacy!

Personal interests include travelling with lifelong buddies, being involved with my sporting passion of softball as a player, coach, scorer and administrator on way too many committees and of course my favourite AFL Team 'Western Bulldogs.' That 2016 Premiership journey was simply amazing and one I'll never forget!! Go Bulldogs!

Last, but not least of course, MY FAMILY! Happily married for 35 years, 3 handsome sons and the littlest light of our lives, the safe arrival of our new first grandson, 5 months ago! Wow! And I thought teaching and being a mum was great.



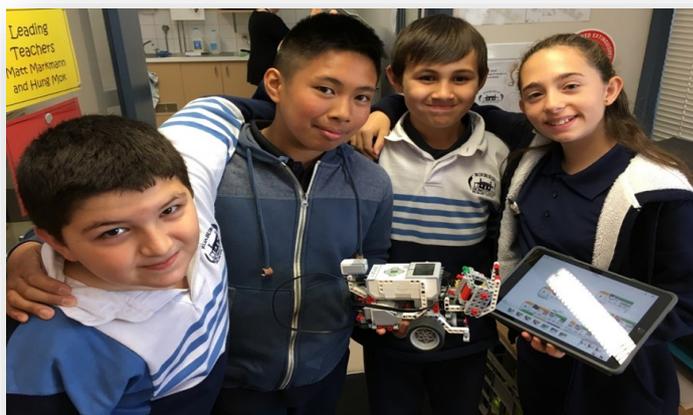
**Jo
Ingram**

Student Showcase **21st Century Learning**

Mindstorms

Recently our year 6 students have been learning to harness the habits of mind learning dispositions and choosing thinking skills to use when stuck. Through their 21st century learning project to design and build a robot that can help somebody with a medical condition, students have been creating, imagining, and innovating. These students have adopted the mantra 'try a different way', showing us that there is more than one way to approach a problem. Through a growth mindset, our students are embracing challenges, becoming more persistent and learning from feedback.

We can't wait to see how their designs transform and evolve in classes to come!



JUNIOR SCHOOL COUNCIL: RHPS' Leadership Program

Congratulations to the
2018
Junior School Councillors

4 Michael	Ayaan R	4 Suzie	Aydin O
4 Marisa/Lisa	Umar I	4 Lauren	Abbey B
5 Dale	Lisbeth S & Disandu W	5 Sabrina	Elif Y
5 Andrea	Tom R	6 Abbey/Lena	Karim M
6 Matt M	Zeynep T	6 Nat/Gayle	Mahnoor I & Josie B
6 Matt D	Najmah A		

JSC provides the opportunity:

- To increase student participation in the school.
- To involve students in decision-making.
- To teach students the processes and protocols to effectively achieve change.
- To make students aware of and involved in School Council.
- To develop a caring and responsible attitude to our school community.
- To be aware of wider community decision-making.
- To enhance staff, the School Council and parent

Protocols:

- JSC to be trained in meeting procedures.
- JSC to share office bearers' roles.
- JSC to develop action plans and put into practice the correct processes and protocols for 'making things happen'.
- JSC to be on the agenda at School Council meetings and either a verbal or a written report given.
- JSC trained in how to be good representatives.
- JSC trained in making decisions.
- JSC to organise feasible fundraising activities.

JUNIOR SCHOOL COUNCIL FUNDRAISER

Junior School Council have organised a fundraiser for Term 2.

On Tuesday 26th June, we will 'Dack Up and Donate' to support sick kids in hospital. Such a great cause! Wear your favourite "tracky dacks" or comfy pants and bring along a gold coin donation.



Child Safe Standards

The Child Safe Standards have been introduced in response to the recommendations of the Victorian Parliamentary Inquiry into the Handling of Child Abuse by Religious and Other Non-Government Organisations, which found that more must be done to prevent and respond to child abuse. The standards apply to all organisations that provide services for children, including early childhood services. The aim of the child safe standards is to drive continuous improvement so that protecting children from abuse is embedded in everyday thinking and practice of leaders, staff and volunteers.

Child Safe Standards at Roxburgh Homestead

Roxburgh Homestead Primary School is committed to child safety. As a community we want children to be safe, happy and empowered. We support and respect all children, as well as our staff and volunteers. We are committed to the safety, participation and empowerment of all children. There is zero tolerance of child abuse, and all allegations and safety concerns will be treated very seriously and consistently with our robust policies and procedures. We meet our legal and moral obligations to contact authorities when we are worried about a child's safety, which we follow rigorously.

Roxburgh Homestead Primary School is committed to preventing child abuse and identifying risks early, and removing and reducing these risks. We have robust human resources and recruitment practices for all staff and volunteers. Our school is committed to regularly training and educating our staff and volunteers on child abuse risks. As a community we support and respect all children, as well as our staff and volunteers. We are committed to the cultural safety of Aboriginal children, the cultural safety of children from a culturally and/or linguistically diverse backgrounds, and to providing a safe environment for children with a disability. Roxburgh Homestead Primary School has specific policies, procedures and training in places that support our leadership team, staff and volunteers to achieve these commitments.

At Roxburgh Homestead Primary School:

- Everyone connected to our school can help children be safe.
- We have zero tolerance for any abuse of children.
- We already have policies and processes in place to protect the care, safety and welfare of children. These are being strengthened to ensure a zero tolerance approach to child abuse. As policies are ratified at school council, they will be made available to you through the newsletter and on our web page.
- There will be clear boundaries about how adults in our school community may interact with the children here set out in our school's Child Safe Code of Conduct. This will be made available when school council ratifies it at school council

These policies will be available on the school website soon.

Thanks

Pat Lynch
Assistant Principal

Speech Pathology

Speech Pathology News

Language Growth

What is language?

Language includes words, definitions and rules that govern the way new words are created. It also refers to how we put words together to deliver a message and understand this message (ASHA, 2016). Language development is essential to be able to effectively express our wants and needs. It is also an important foundation skill for reading and writing.

Ways to build your child's language skills:

Read to your child:

Spend 15-minutes a night to read to your child. Book reading is an excellent way to improve your child's language skills as it teaches them new words and creates many talking opportunities. When reading to your child point out and discuss new words as you read. This will help build their vocabulary as they are learning new words with a context.

Ask your child to retell the story and/or describe accompanying pictures. This allows your child to practice using full sentences and also assists their comprehension by understanding the key moments that happened in the story.

Build higher-order language skills by asking your child to predict what may happen next and how characters may be feeling and why.

Talk about your child's day at school

When you pick up your child after school set a routine to ask them about their day. Use prompts to get a more detailed response. You may ask your child what did they enjoy? What did they do? What did they learn? What would you like to do tomorrow?

Encourage your child to talk during daily routines

Daily routines are a great opportunity to interact with your child and extend their language. You can do this by talking through what yourself or your child may be doing. For example, if your child is having a bath you may talk through each of the steps of bath time, their actions and how they are feeling. Whilst doing this, you can also extend your child's sentences by adding new descriptive or doing words.

Enjoy family dinner together

Spend quality time with your children by dedicating dinner time to family bonding. To achieve this you may turn off distractions such as the TV. Ask your child open questions to try and extend their responses. This means, trying to avoid asking questions that require a 'yes' or 'no' answer. Ask your child to help you cook dinner or set the table. By doing so, you can talk through each of the actions required to finish the task.

By Adrianna,
Speech Pathologist





2019 Prep Enrolments

Come and explore the learning environment that Roxburgh Homestead Primary School can offer your child in 2019. Here are the important dates for 2018 to help you with making the right choice for your child's future.

School tours run on the 1st and 3rd WEDNESDAYS of the month at 9:30am.
Contact the school office to register as tours run pending interest.

Teddy Bears Picnic

This is a picnic lunch where children who are enrolled in Prep for 2019 are invited to bring their teddies to participate in songs, hands on activities and eat lunch with future 2019 Preps.

Date: Thursday 1st November Time: 12:45pm to 1:45pm

Prep Transition Program and Information Sessions

These visits are opportunities for your child to participate in classroom activities with members of our current Prep teaching staff.

During these sessions, you will have an opportunity to meet and be provided with information on topics including how to prepare your child for school, uniforms and school programs. The sessions will provide you with answers to frequently asked questions, provide you with an opportunity to ask questions and will assist your child with the transition from Kindergarten to Prep.

Session 1 – Thursday 15th November

Session 2 - Thursday 22nd November

Session 3 - Thursday 29th November

Each session will run from

2:35pm to 3:15pm

Meet in Courtyard

Enrolments open Term 2

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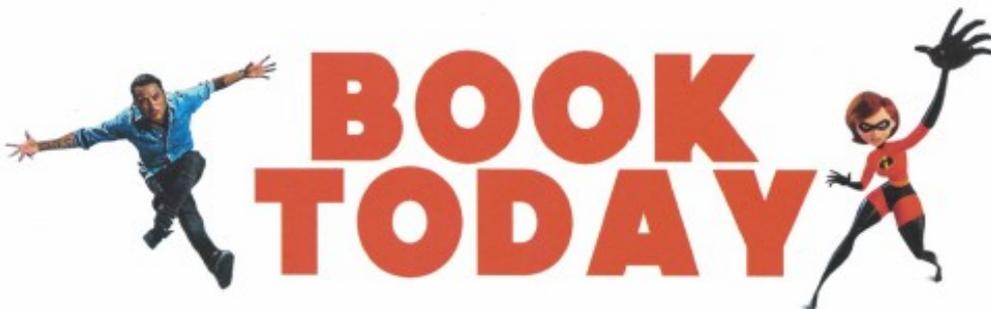
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JULY SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

ONLY **2** WEEKS TO GO

BOOKINGS WILL CLOSE
FRIDAY 29TH JUNE

NO BOOKINGS
AFTER THIS DATE



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