



# RosehillSecondaryCollege

## Parent Newsletter

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TERM 3 WEEK 3

We say farewell to the students from Kogakkan High School who are visiting us in the Exchange Program from Japan. We value the friendship and the learning that occurs between both schools. Our students will be travelling to Japan next year.

Next week we welcome staff and students from Instituto Blaise Pascal in Italy. Once again this is a valued partnership. Special mention should be made of our community of parents who have generously hosted students from both Japan and Italy.

Thank you to our staff, Sandra Smart and Taka Hayakawa and Maria Viglione who have responsibility for the organisation of both programs.

As the last newsletter indicated, the College name is now officially Rosehill Secondary College. There is an insert in the local newspaper informing the community of this change. There will also be an article in the press shortly. This article will not only feature the name change but will also announce the intention to build a new VCE Study Centre next year. School Council is at the stage of developing final plans.

Anne Fox  
Principal

### PRE "LOVED" UNIFORM AVAILABLE

Due to the uniform update this year, the Office Staff would like to offer students from Year 8 to VCE the opportunity to avail themselves of any items of uniform they may require  
**AT A COST OF ONLY \$5.00 PER ITEM.**

Please note that this uniform can only be worn until the end of Term 2—2009.

This stock will be available at Recess **ONLY**  
Please come to the General Office for assistance.



### EMA—2ND PORTION

Parents/Guardians who hold a valid health care card as of 14th July, 2008, are eligible for the 2nd instalment of EMA. Forms are available from the General Office for NEW applicants. Forms must be returned by Friday 1st August - late applications **WILL NOT** be accepted by the Department of Education.

Please Note: If you applied for the 1st half in January you **DO NOT** need to reapply.

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## Complaint

The College has received a complaint from a resident in Sapphire Street, that students have been throwing rubbish in her driveway (corn cobs in particular). Please respect our neighbours and their property.

### NEW WEIGHTS ROOM

The Physical Education faculty would like to announce the opening of the new weights room. It will be available for student use during Mondays and Fridays lunchtime for a fee of \$1. Term memberships are also available for a fee of \$12. Money raised will go towards maintaining and purchasing new gym equipment. See Ms Moscogiuri for further information.



## Student ID Cards

By now, every student should have their ID/Library card. This card should be retained until new cards are issued in 2009. Any student who doesn't have a card should see Ms Beswick in the library to have a card issued.



**Congratulations to all students involved in the school production 'Grease'.**

**The combined efforts of music, acting, dancing, singing and backstage was fantastic.**

**Well done!!**

**A DVD of the photo gallery from the performance will be on sale from the General Office as of next week.**

**Cost \$5.**



## Intermediate Girls Netball Report

The Intermediate Girls Netball team played some outstanding netball at the Craigieburn Leisure Centre on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> July, in a round robin competition against local schools. The girls finished third overall on the day. They should be extremely proud of their efforts, having lost only one game by 3 goals. It was a tightly contested match against Strathmore SC which could have gone either way. The girls easily defeated all other opposition teams including Buckley Park SC, Pascoe Vale Girls and EKC.

Unfortunately the draw was not in their favour and they did not have the opportunity to play Strathmore in the final. Congratulations to all the girls who participated: Elly McDonald, Jess Wood, Lauren Young, Natalie Lane, Shanice Van Driesen, Chantelle Gallagher, Jess Wood, Alana Fahey and Jamie Williams. The girls played fairly and competed with incredible determination. Special thanks to Tanya Paunovic for scoring on the day.

Ms Nellie Harbourd

# Slowing Down The Learning and Taking Big Steps

One important aspect of the College's S.T.E.P. Program (formerly E-Learning) is to provide opportunities for the students to participate in a range of learning experiences. On Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> June, 12 students from 7E participated in a very exciting 'filming day' which showcased the teaching and learning involved in planning and making a 'slowmation'.

Slow Motion Animation (abbreviated to "Slowmation") is a new teaching approach that simplifies the complex process of making animations to enable learners to create animations about concepts. It is similar to clay animation and involves the students researching communicating prior knowledge (what they already know about a topic or concept), discussing and sharing ideas, agreeing and disagreeing, scripting, storyboarding, designing models, capturing digital still images of small manual movements of the models and using computer software to play the images in a sequence. Because slowmations are played 10 times slower and are easier to make than traditional animations, students can represent *their own understandings* of concepts and processes in very detailed ways.

Their focus was on cells and in exploring what they already knew about cells. Some of the questions investigated were:

*How do cells change?*

*What's the purpose of cells?*

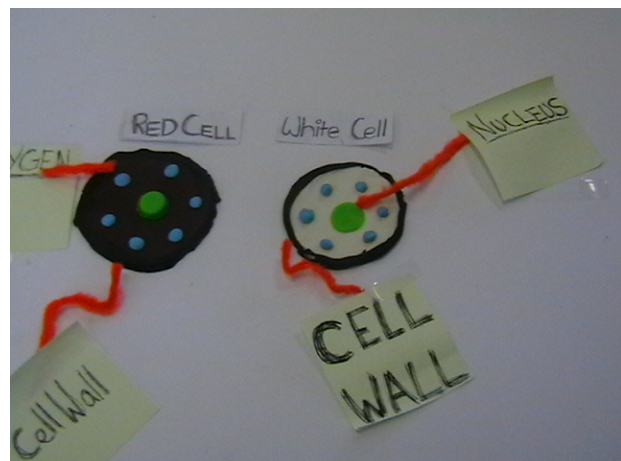
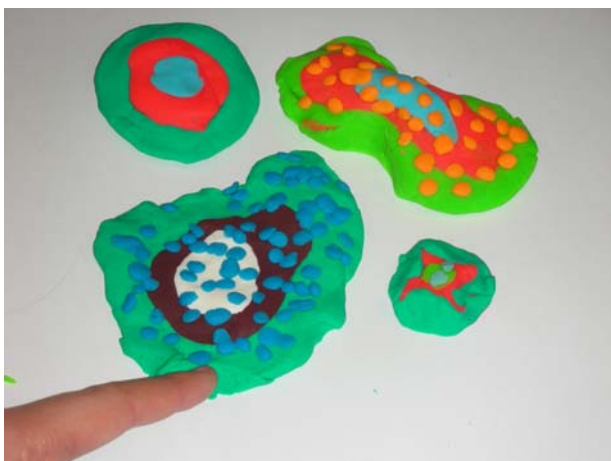
*What happens inside a living cell?*

*What kind of cells are there?*

*What are the similarities and differences between them?*

The students developed a prior knowledge mind map, chunked their ideas, made the models and created a 'slowmation', allowing them to highlight and emphasise ideas by using audio and text. Photographic and video footage of the students was taken by a film crew from the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development. The Victorian Government is promoting the State's schools within Australia and overseas and the purpose of the photographic and video footage is to showcase the teaching and learning. Congratulations to all of the students and teachers involved.

Mr Damien Toussaint & Mr Ben Freeman  
S.T.E.P Coordinators



# VCE REPORT

Welcome back to Term 3, a cold but busy term where the main focus is on supporting Year 10 and 11 students through the subject selection process and assisting Year 12 students to finalise their post-school pathways. In the coming weeks students will be inundated with information relating to these matters and we would be most grateful for parental support in assisting students to navigate this maze!

## **VTAC AND SUBJECT SELECTION PROCESSES**

VCE Subject Selection Handbooks will be distributed next week, along with guidelines to direct students in their subject investigations.

VTAC information for Year 12 students will also be distributed in the next fortnight. VTAC applications open 4th August and close during the September holidays. Students will be allocated appointment times to discuss their options. Many students will also apply directly to TAFEs for pre-apprenticeships and other Certificate I-III courses. More information on this to follow.

## **CAREERS BULLETIN**

This week a Careers Bulletin was distributed directly to students in Years 10-12. This contained information on **apprenticeships** available **now and for 2009**, along with details of Open Days and Information Sessions of interest to students considering careers in Music, the Defence Forces, ICT and Engineering.

## **VCE CAMP**

This week the Year 12 Study Camp to the University of Melbourne took place. We took 84 students to St. Mary's College and enjoyed a busy program of seminars on writing effective English responses, risk taking behaviour, tertiary study, preparing for exams and resume writing.

Students were exceptionally well-behaved and seemed to enjoy the experience.

## **VOLUNTEER ABROAD PROGRAM**

Literature has arrived from this organisation which may be of interest to students considering a GAP year or summer placement overseas. There are programs offered in a range of areas from conservation and environment, languages, culture and community, care and sports, to name a few. See Ms McKay for details.

## **VCE STUDENTS DRIVING TO AND FROM THE COLLEGE**

It is the time of year when numerous Year 12 students are obtaining licences and cars. This can sometimes be a little problematic so it seems timely to remind parents and students of the following guidelines:

- ◆ Students with cars are requested to park them on the street as opposed to the College car park. Students are not to drive through the school yard.
- ◆ Students should only return to the car when it is time for them to depart school at the end of scheduled classes. Students and their friends **MUST NOT** be congregating in or around cars during spare periods, recesses and lunchtimes. Arrivals and departures should be sensible, safe and quiet.
- ◆ Students are **not** permitted to carry other students in vehicles during the school day.

These guidelines are enforced to ensure that students are safe and that the neighbours' peace is not contravened. Please support us by discussing the importance of these rules with your son or daughter.

**Kerry McKay – VCE Coordinator**



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AUGUST

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Week 3					1 Italian Exchange Arrive Newsletter	2
3 Week 4	4 Italian Exchange Yr 12 June Exam Results available.	5 Italian Exchange City School Parent Evening.	6 Italian Exchange KLA Year 11 into 12 Info Evening	7 Italian Exchange Step Year 7 Info Night	8 Italian Exchange	9
10 Week 5	11 Italian Exchange Depart	12 Focus Year 9 Course Selection	13 VCE Yr 10 into 11 Information Evening	14	15 Newsletter	16
17 Week 6	18	19	20 KLA Year 10 into 11 Course Counselling Day. No Year 10 classes.	21	22	23
24 Week 7	25 Year 9 into 10 Course Selection Curriculum School Council	26	27	28	29 Year 10—11 and Yr 11—12 Course Selections due Newsletter	30
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### ENGINEERING & SCIENCE CAREERS EXPO

Talk to representatives from ALL Victorian Universities in one place. Discuss course options and course pre-requisites. Discover potential career paths in science and engineering.

**Victoria University, La Trobe University, Monash University, University of Melbourne, RMIT University, Swinburne, Deakin University, NMIT, Ecolinc, CSIRO, Boeing Hawker de Havilland, Melbourne Water, Tall Poppies, Engineers Australia, Varian Instruments and more.**

In the theatre young engineers and scientists will discuss their work and talk about their experiences of studying and working in a scientific field.

**When:** Thursday 21st August, 2008

**Time:** 1.00pm—7.00pm

**Where:** Victorian Space Science Education Centre  
Strathmore Secondary College  
400 Pascoe Vale Road, Strathmore

**Target audience:** Senior Secondary Students, Parents, Teachers  
Cost: FREE

For further information and to register your interest please see Ms McKay

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