



Rosehill Secondary College

Parent Newsletter

EDITION 3 - Friday 21st August, 2009

TERM 3

Welcome to the third Parent Newsletter for Term 3.

We are over half way into the term and school life for students and staff is very busy.

This weekend marks the celebrations of the 50th year of the College. The event begins tonight (Friday) with the opening of the new Year 12 Student Centre. We have Rob Hulls, the Deputy Premier and Member for Niddrie, officially opening the Centre and it will be a gala affair with many dignitaries and past staff in attendance. We also have a time capsule to open which has been buried in the concrete outside the library since 1985. We can't wait to see what is in it!

The next day will be our 50 year celebrations. We have hundreds of photos highlighting the history of the school and its students stored on a DVD which will be available for order. Other items to mark the occasion will also be for sale.

Don't forget the other two major functions this term. The music department is doing a show called Beatlemania on the 2nd and 4th of September and the Debutante Ball is on 11th September. There are 40 girls in the Deb ball so it will be a grand affair and I am really looking forward to it.

Planning for the trip to Italy is well underway with around 15-20 students showing interest. The trip starts in the last week of Term 3 next year and goes into the first week of the September school holidays. There will be some fund raising taking place and I am sure the school community will support it.

Absences: Earlier this year the school received funding to hire Teacher Assistants. The College is closely monitoring absences and will be communicating with parents. As such we have appointed Jo Jacka as an attendance officer. She has her own direct line (9331-9639) on which you can leave messages and she will have a role in contacting parents if your son or daughter's attendance is an issue. Of course there will be some teething problems while we sort through the process, so by the end of this term we will have everything in place. Jo does not usually start work until around 9am so if you ring the number before then your message will be recorded. One or two parents have asked if a phone call is enough and should they provide a note as well. Jo will be recording phone messages in a diary. This should be enough. Parents will receive a more detailed letter about the new processes soon.

50TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

On Saturday 22nd August, we are celebrating 50 years of Rosehill Secondary College/Niddrie Secondary College/Niddrie Technical School. The school will be open from 10.00am to 4.00 pm for former staff and students to meet up with old friends and colleagues. We look forward to seeing you. For more details please contact Sue Egan 9337 2488 or egan.sue.s@edumail.vic.gov.au

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JUNIOR SCHOOL

YEAR 7 & 8

If parents wish to meet with the Junior School Coordinators please call the school or email to book an appointment. It is unlikely that you will meet with us without an appointment as we teach each day. School number is 9337 2488.

Year 8 camp to Anglesea is on next term. If students are interested you must pay a deposit of \$120.00 to the general office by early September. See Ms Mullins or Mr Soumalias if you have any queries.

Interim reports will be posted early September please look out for these, your child will also need to book parent teacher interview times. We look forward to meeting you again this term to discuss your child's progress.

The junior school team would like to acknowledge the wonderful work by all students and staff this term. Students continue to demonstrate not only great academic ability but they have shown wonderful leadership skills and social skills as mature members of the school community.

Many staff have returned from excursions and sports days stating how well behaved our students are and relayed positive comments from the general public. Well done, Mr Van Weeghel and Ms Mullins have not stopped giving out award certificates and movie tickets this term!

A big thank you to the Year 7 and 8 maths students who volunteered to assist Mr Mestrov and Mr Soumalias, with a new teaching procedure being trialled at the College: Brandon Marlow, Mario Cuccaro, Josh Read, Callum Johnston, Kaitlyn Walker, Melissa Campbell, Emily Wingrave, Jack Burgess and Simone Prendergast.

Together with Mr Patch, we have been working with a numeracy expert from the US and we filmed the students being interviewed on specific questions. This was shown to the principal's in the Mooney Valley region last week. We hope to incorporate this process in our teaching this year and next.

Diaries:

Parents please check your child's diary each week preferably daily for homework and feedback from teachers.

Lateness and uniform:

Please provide a note on the day if these issues relate to your child otherwise detentions will be issued. Students who are late in the morning must report to the general office to sign in.

Absence:

If your child is away please provide a note on their return to school or call the College to inform us of the absence.

Feel free to contact the Junior School Team on the main number or via email.

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Year 7 VIS Visit by Sarah Wall

On Tuesday 4th August the Year 7 Physical Education students received a visit from **Sarah Wall** (representing the Victorian Institute of Sport) who is a centre/wing attack player of the Melbourne Vixens Netball team. This visit was organised by the student teachers from Victoria University (VUT) who are currently working at Rosehill Secondary College.

Sarah shared her experiences as a national athlete, and her rollercoaster journey to success. In addition to motivating the students on making positive lifestyle and nutritional decisions; she also encouraged and showed students how to achieve their own goals and reach their full potential in any aspect of their lives.

The motivational talk was enhanced with a workshop of activities involving issues such as healthy eating, fitness training and harm minimisation in respect to alcohol and risk taking behaviours.

We would like to thank Sarah and the VIS for their time in speaking to the Year 7's and we hope that all the students benefited from the session, which will help them to succeed in their future endeavours.

By Mr Michael Sioukas



MIDDLE SCHOOL REPORT

YEAR 10 SUBJECT SELECTION

It was great to see so many parents at the Parent Information Evening last week. A great example of the three way partnership that exists between parents, students and the school to ensure students are making good decisions about their future careers.

Timeline:

Friday 21st August All applications due in (VCE and VCAL)

Wednesday 26th August Year 10 Subject Selection Interviews

No Year 10 classes

Interviews have been distributed

Students will be informed if their application is unsuccessful by the first week of September. At that time students and parents will be able to re-examine their options for 2010.

YEAR 9 SUBJECT SELECTION

Year 9 students started the process of selecting their Year 10 subjects for 2010. They received the subject selection handbook and began working on tasks to assist them on starting to develop their career pathways. This will continue in ID lessons next week and students should be bringing the information home and discussing it with their parents.

Timeline:

Monday 31st August Year 9 subject selection interviews

Friday 4th September Subject selection sheets due

CITYSCAPE

Thanks to those parents and students who have completed all the requirements for Cityscape.

9C, 9F, 9G and 9H had a successful Orientation Excursion into Cityscape last week. They completed several tasks in the city and had the chance to develop ideas for their research topic in the city.

Cityscape Dates:

Monday 5th October to Friday 9th October – 9G and 9H

Monday 12th October to Friday 16th October – 9C and 9F

Monday 19th October to Friday 23rd October – 9E and 9B

Monday 26th October to Friday 30th October – 9A and 9D

Cityscape Presentation Evening Dates:

Tuesday 10th November – 9C, 9F, 9G and 9H – 7.00pm

Tuesday 24th November – 9A, 9B, 9D and 9E – 7.00pm

These presentations are a vital aspect of the program

Cityscape is a compulsory part of the Year 9 program at Rosehill Secondary College. If any parents or students are concerned about the Cityscape program it is vital that they contact me immediately so we can discuss any concerns.

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INTERIM REPORTS

Interim reports will be mailed home next week. It will include the sign up sheet for parent teacher interviews which will take place on Thursday 10th September.

VOLUNTARY HOMESTAY HOST FAMILY REQUIRED

Tomako Sato is a Japanese exchange student from Tokyo. She is currently in Year 11 and studying at our College.

Tomako now finds herself requiring a new homestay host family from the week beginning 31st August to 29th November, This would be on a voluntary basis.

This would be an outstanding opportunity for both a language and cultural exchange for one of our families.

If you are interested please contact me at the College on 9337 2488.

Sandra Smart
Assistant Principal

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iNet Student Online Conference 16th-23rd November 2009

This online conference for school-age students only will explore why it is important for students to connect with other students from around the world, and how schools can support them to do this. Students are invited to submit resources around the conference theme. These resources could include creative work such as films, stories, audio recordings of voice or original music played by the students, original photos taken by the students themselves, websites, artwork, presentations, poems or essays.

To make sure you are kept updated, please register online to participate in this student conference at:

http://www.cybertext.net.au/inet2009_student.php

Students may register online individually. Teachers can also register themselves (although not participate themselves) and then pass information on to all their students. If a large number of contributions are received, not all entries will be published, but we will try to ensure that every class/school is represented.

All contributions, with students' age, name, school and country on each file sent must be sent by email to Ms Debra Brydon at: brydon@cybertext.net.au by 16th October. If files sizes are too large to email, please contact Ms Brydon about posting a CD/DVD.

Students who aren't able to submit any creative work by the deadline are still welcome to join in the discussion on the 24/7 message boards. If you have any questions about the conferences, please contact iNet Online Conference Manager, Ms Debra Brydon, at: brydon@cybertext.net.au. Guidance for submitting resources will shortly be available on the iNet websites – www.ssat-inet.net.

*Details about the iNet student online conference, from Monday 8th March to Monday 15th March 2010, will be released shortly.

DANE SWAN POPS BY FOR A KICK

The Year 7 Student Leaders organised a Footy Clinic for junior students on Wednesday 19th September. Coaching the clinic was Collingwood Magpie legend Mick Maguane and current Collingwood hero Dane Swan. This was a massive coup for the organisers with Dane in training for the final rounds and finals. Both Mick and Dane answered questions and signed autographs during lunch time before

breaking off into handball and kicking drills. Dane was quizzed on his favorite wins, toughest opponent and best player he has seen.

The Sports Week program was organised by Brittany, Jessica, Jack, Jade and Shayan to run for the entire week in preparation for Athletics Day on Monday 24th August. Pictured are Jessica, Brittany and Jade with Dane Swan.



AUGUST / SEPTEMBER 2009

<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat/Sun</i>	<i>Week</i>
17 Yr 8,9 & 10 Receive Unit Handbook	18 Yr 7 & 8 Boys Tennis	19 Yr 8 Soccer Fi- nals Yr 11 VCE Info Night	20	21 VCE Centre OPENING 5.30pm to 8.30pm 50th BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS	22/23 50th BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS 10am to 4pm	Week 6
24 School Athletics Carnival School Council	25 Girls & Boys Basketball	26 Yr 7 & 8 Girls Basketball Yr 10 & 11 Subject Coun- seling Day	27	28	29/30	Week 7
31 Yr 7 & 8 Boys Basketball Yr 9 & 10 Course Selection Day	1	2 <i>Beatlemania performance</i> 7.30pm	3 Immunisation Injec- tions Year 11 & 12 Course Counseling	4 Yr 9 & 10 Subject Se- lections Due <i>Beatlemania perform- ance 7.30pm</i>	5/6	WEEK 8
7 VCAL Work experience Finance Committee	8	9	10 Classes Finish 12pm Parent Teacher Interviews 1pm to 8pm	11 DEB BALL	12/13	WEEK 9
14 VCAL Work Experience	15 Getting To Know You Evening and Course Selection for 2010 Yr 7 students students	16	17	18 LAST DAY OF TERM DISMISSED 2.30PM	19/20	Week 10

"Come Together" The Beatles Show

Tickets on sale at the General Office.

\$10 adults, \$5 students/children, \$25 Family (2 adults / 2 children).

**Shows are on Wednesday 2nd and Friday 4th September at 7:30pm in the new
Year 12 Student Centre.**

Tickets are selling fast.

STUDENT ABSENCES

Parents Please Note - To advise of student absences please contact the College directly on

9331-9639

If the number is unattended please leave a message with details on the answering service.

Your assistance would be greatly appreciated.

We have experienced some difficulties with some mobile phones. If this occurs please call 9337-2488.