



# Rosehill Secondary College

## Parent Newsletter

EDITION 7 - Friday 8th May, 2009

TERM 2 WEEK 3

Welcome to our second Parent Newsletter for Term 2. We would like to share with you the success of the Open Afternoon/Evening last night. The evening was well attended and there is a lot of interest in Rosehill Secondary College for 2010. We expect the school to once again grow in size.

Numerous primary schools are visiting the college and the school tours have been well attended by prospective parents.

### *Naplan*

Last week I visited a Year 7 maths class as they were preparing for NAPLAN. It was exciting and challenging to see groups of students tackling the complexities of the problems. It was also an eye-opener for me to see how different students tackled each of the questions and how many methods can lead to the same answer. Testing takes place on 12th, 13th and 14th of May.

### *Facilities*

Work on the expansion and upgrade of our multipurpose sports area is about to begin. The VCE Centre is well under way and ahead of schedule. I have included a picture to give you an idea of what the finished building will look like. The veranda overlooks the bottom oval and the Rosehill Road Valley. Internally the building will have a VCE coordinators' office, a kitchen and toilets.

### *50 Year Celebrations*

The planning for the Anniversary is well underway. Events will begin on Friday 21st August, with a Ceremony to open the new VCE Centre and a cocktail party to follow. On Saturday 22nd August, A Block will be open with historical displays and some fund raising activities such as a BBQ taking place. A Dinner Dance is also in the planning stages for Saturday 22nd August.



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# JUNIOR SCHOOL

A reminder that exams will be held during week 8 this term. Students will have two exams on each day between Tuesday 9th June and Thursday 11th June. Monday 8th June is the Queens Birthday Holiday and Friday 12th June is a Curriculum Day.

All Junior School students will receive a study booklet shortly which will provide information about study techniques and provide a guide on how to study effectively and plan for study time. Students will work through this booklet at school but I encourage all parents/guardians to assist their children at home. Ask about the booklet. Revision for the exam should begin now!

Term Two interim reports will be issued very shortly so please be on the lookout for these. If you have any concerns please contact the Junior School Team on the details provided.

As the weather has become increasingly cooler we have now moved into the winter uniform. Thank you to all the parents who have made the change.

A large range of extra curricular activities are happening during this term. I urge all parents to encourage their child to participate in such activities because the benefits of social, leadership and interpersonal skills are fundamental in developing the student as a whole.

Some of the activities include:

- Cabaret - performance early Term Three.
- REACH workshop for Year 7 students, 'coping with change' Friday 5th June.
- Brainstorm productions for Year 8 students, 'sticks and stones' Monday 25th May.
- Ongoing Interschool Sports
- Chess Club
- School Newsletter

## **Public Transport Race**

Congratulations to the Year 8 boys team who entered the Public Transport Race Western Heat on 29th April. Many Year 8 students applied to be in the competition but unfortunately we couldn't fit everyone in. The applications were of the highest standard. The team consisted of Daniel Gor, Adam Flynn, Kurt Russo and Alex Walker.

Team Rosehill competed against over 20 schools both private and public in the Western Region. Each team had to locate specific markers throughout the region and collect points once they successfully navigated through these suburbs using public transport. After a very tiring day hopping on trains, trams and buses we were crowned Western Heat Champions and guaranteed a spot in the final to be held on Wednesday 27th May at Federation Square.

Well done boys and best of luck in the final which will be conducted across Melbourne.

## **Lateness**

Unfortunately we still have a small number of students who arrive late to school on a regular basis. As the cooler months approach it can be more difficult to leave home on time. I strongly urge parents to wake their children a few minutes earlier each day so that they arrive on time. If on the odd occasion you are running late please provide a note for that morning in your child's diary otherwise detentions will be issued. Five minutes late each morning equates to 1000 minutes over the course of a year. This is more than 13 lessons missed or the equivalent of over 4 weeks of one subject.

# JUNIOR SCHOOL cont...

## **Congratulations to 7A**

7A have trialled a maths program called "Mathletics" over the past fortnight. They have been great so far with virtually the entire class earning certificates based on individual performance on the program as they compete against other students online in Australia and across the world. The program normally retails for \$99 dollars if purchased individually, the school is currently considering purchasing the program for each year 7 student for the remainder of the year at a reduced cost. The program can be used 24 hours a day and has an inbuilt tuition program to assist students who require extra assistance.

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

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# MIDDLE SCHOOL REPORT

## **YEAR 10 WORK EXPERIENCE**

Well done to the students who have completed the required work experience forms and handed them to us. All paper work **MUST** be submitted by Friday 16<sup>th</sup> May – that's next week. Students who do have paper work in **AND** have not seen Ms Adams, Mr Taylor or Mrs Young by this date will remain at school for the 2 weeks completing an alternative program. They will then have to complete work experience in their own time.

Students will begin Occupational Health and Safety Training in ID lessons next week. There are 2 components to OH&S Training - General and Industry Specific. All students will complete the General Module and then students will be allocated their Industry Specific Module based on the industry they are completing their work experience in. Both **MUST** be completed before the student can legally attend work experience.

**Work experience dates are: Monday 15<sup>th</sup> June to Friday 26<sup>th</sup> June, 2009**

## **YEAR 10 INTERDISCIPLINARY UNIT - DRIVER EDUCATION**

Year 10 students will participate in a driver education program during Interdisciplinary Classes in Term 3 and 4. This is an optional extra run by Camelot Driving School which will include both a theory and practical component. The practical component takes place at Moonee Valley. Students who are interested in Driver Ed should have returned the "Driver Education" form to the Middle School office. Last notes will be accepted up until Tuesday.

# MIDDLE SCHOOL REPORT cont...

## YEAR 9 INTERDISCIPLINARY UNIT – CARNIVAL

- Year 9 students participated in 2 presentations over the last 2 weeks in Interdisciplinary Classes. Members of the Essendon SES spoke to students about the work they do and gave several demonstrations of the equipment including their truck.
- Members of the East Keilor RSL spoke to students and gave a video presentation on the first world war, ANZAC's and how the RSL developed.
- The Year 9 carnival will take place on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> June. Students have started to prepare their ideas for stalls for the carnival to raise money for these organisations.

## INTERIM REPORTS

Interim reports will be handed out on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May to students at the end of the school day. This will be a good indication of your child's progress as they head into their revision and exam period.

## EXAMS

Exams for Year 9 and 10 students run from Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> June to Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> June. They will receive their exam timetable in a few weeks. The overview is below.

Students should start preparing for exams NOW by:

- Organising notes and paper
- Read chapters covered in textbooks
- Revise notes
- Prepare summary notes
- Complete all exercises covered in class

### Year 9 Exam Timetable Overview

	Period 2	Period 3 & 4	Period 5
Tuesday 9th June	Block B Elective Class normally runs Period 2 Tuesday	Normal Classes	English
Wednesday 10th June	Block C Elective Class normally runs Period 4 Wednesday	Normal Classes	Science
Thursday 11th June	Block A Elective Class normally runs Period 2 Thursday	Normal Classes	Maths

### Year 10 Exam Timetable Overview

	Period 2	Period 3 & 4	Period 5
Tuesday 9th June	English	Normal Classes	Block E Elective Class normally runs Period 5 Tuesday
Wednesday 10th June	Block C Elective Class normally runs Period 4 Wednesday	Normal Classes	Block F Elective Class normally runs Period 5 Tuesday
Thursday 11th June	Maths	Normal Classes	Block D Elective Class normally runs Period 5 Thursday

# VCE NEWS

Year 12 students have been given the 2009 VCE Exam Navigator Book. The book contains all the information required for exams (timetable, rules—What can be used in the Exam Room, What happens if you are sick). If there is any student attempting any Unit 3 & 4 that has not received a copy please see Mr Murone or Mr Thompson for a copy.

<b>June Exam Period</b>	Tuesday 9th June	-	Biology—9.00am to 10.45am Physics—11.45am—1.30pm Accounting—2.45pm—4.30pm
	Wednesday 10th June	-	Psychology—9.00am—10.45am Chemistry—11.45am—1.30pm
	Thursday 11th June	-	GAT—10.00am—1.15pm

Please note that Year 12 students will not be required to attend classes during this week. Teachers will be available to work through last minute strategies. Make sure you check the teachers timetable.

Notices for the Year 12 Camp at Melbourne University have been handed out to the students. It will be conducted Wednesday 15th and Thursday 16th of July. All monies need to be paid at the office and forms returned to Mr Murone or Mr Thompson.

Senior Football Team will be playing on Wednesday 13th May. Hope they have a successful tournament.

I am very pleased with the amount of students and parents that attended the first information night involving Elevate Education. It has certainly got students talking about strategies and they still do remember the words. The next night is scheduled for Wednesday 13th May.

## YEAR 12 OCTOBER TESTS

A reminder that Year 12 students will sit their October Tests during the first 3 days of the September holidays (Monday 21st September – Wednesday 23rd September). These tests are compulsory and are a vital part of students' exam preparation.

The rationale for moving the tests to the holidays is to maximise the revision time available to teachers and students during the first 3 weeks of Term 4 prior to Swat Vac.

### *Student Writing at Rosehill*

*Lachlan Johansson, of 8G, wrote the following highly effective description during an Enhanced Literacy (ELI) Creative Writing class. (Ms Tarn, ELI and English teacher)*

Ding dong. I got up from the couch and opened the door. No. No not again. The six year old apocalypse was back for a play. He seemed harmless enough around adults but when with other kids was a different story. His mousy hair, stuck up with a truck load of hair gel and bathwater, made it look like a cyclone. And a rat tail, disgusting. From the mess of his hair you could just see his ears, pointy and sharp like elf ears except pale. There was dirt and grass all over his forehead; I swear I could see ants lost in there. His big yellow cat eyes glowed like the moon. Snot was dribbling from his arrow-like nose as well as dribble from his big disgusting mouth. Dad called it a bio-hazard. Below his meaty chin and his flabby neck he wore a Bart Simpson t-shirt with the slogan "Don't have a cow man" barely showing between the tears, rips and filth. He honestly looked like he'd just chased one and tripped into the horse trough. And his muscular arms bounced against him like they were made of rubber. Luckily, he had his hands in his pockets but I can tell you that I've seen pigs cleaner than them. Then there were his nobbly knees and bony pale legs that made a shuddering sound as he walked. Today he had decided to put shoes on, if you can call them shoes. One was an ice skate and the other was a cross country ski. And they were



## MOVIE MANIA DANCE CABARET

T-shirt and singlet memorabilia!!!! We are currently taking orders to purchase t-shirts and singlets with this logo. If you are interested, please see Miss Mortellaro or the General Office for an order form.

Also, any after school dance student who has not paid the full amount of their fees needs to do so as soon as possible

### TravelSmart Travel Plan - Changing the way we travel

We are pleased to announce an exciting new initiative for our community. Recently our school began working on developing a TravelSmart Travel Plan. This project is a partnership between the Victorian Government and Moonee Valley City Council. The Travel Plan is designed to support change from high car usage to more sustainable travel for the journey to and from Rosehill Secondary College - such as walking, cycling using public transport, and carpooling.

Travel planning has been shown to have significant benefits for communities including:

- Reduced traffic congestion
- Better health and fitness
- Increased travel choices
- Improved safety
- Greater social connectedness with Rosehill Secondary College and the local community.



The school's TravelSmart Travel Plan will be under development over the next year and we would like to see the whole community involved.

As part of our participation in the TravelSmart program, TravelSmart will run a series of focus groups across our school measuring travel behaviour. The focus groups are important in helping us to better understand existing travel behaviour, ascertaining the barriers to and opportunities for sustainable travel and analysing that information for our travel plan. The first focus group will be held next Thursday 14th May at 2.10 pm.

Any interested parents would be welcome to join the focus group or subsequent working party. Please contact **Kerry McKay** at Rosehill Secondary College if you are interested.

Regular updates will be placed in this newsletter and there will be opportunities for discussion.

If you would like further information about TravelSmart, please contact Lisa Bagnati on 9243 8762 or [lbagnati@mvcc.vic.gov.au](mailto:lbagnati@mvcc.vic.gov.au).



### 2009/2010 Entertainment Books - Worth Their Weight In Gold

Purchase your brand new 2009/2010 Entertainment Book now to receive over \$15,000 in valuable offers, valid through 1st June, 2010. A great idea for a birthday or a Mother's Day gift; or just treat yourself to some of the fantastic offers available.

At the same time, you'll be supporting the Exchange programs at Rosehill Secondary College.

Special offers include discounts at hotels, restaurants, takeaway outlets, cafes, Victoria Zoos, Gold Coast theme parks, Luna Park, Melbourne Aquarium, Cinemas, Puffing Billy, Galactic Circus, Sovereign Hill, IMAX and many more.

A sample book can be viewed at the General Office or visit



<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat/Sun</i>	<i>Week</i>
4	5	6	7 OPEN DAY 3pm to 7.30pm Students Dismissed 1.15pm Vaccinations	8	9/10	Week 3 <i>Newsletter</i>
11	12 NAPLAN Testing Year 7 & 9 Language Conventions & Writing	13 NAPLAN Testing Year 7 & 9 Reading VCE Netball VCE Football	14 NAPLAN Testing Year 7 & 9 Mathematics	15	16/17	Week 4
18	19	20	21 Senior Boys Soccer	22 Interim Reports Distributed in Home Room in the After- noon	23/24	Week 5 <i>Newsletter</i>
25	26 Intermediate Girls Netball	27	28	29 VCE Boys & Girls Basketball	30/31	Week 6

**UNIFORM UPDATE!!!**

Lowes Airport West have contacted the college to advise the Jackets have arrived and are awaiting collection.

*“Teen Dental Plan”*

The Federal Government, through Medicare are delivering on the “Teen Dental Plan”. This plan encourages teenagers to care for their teeth by having annual check-ups and to maintain good oral health habits.

Medicare will automatically send eligible families and teenagers a voucher for a preventative dental check each calendar year.

For further information regarding the plan refer to [www.health.gov.au/dental](http://www.health.gov.au/dental).

A local dentist is offering to assist your dental needs under this Government Incentive:  
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