



Rosehill Secondary College

Parent Newsletter

EDITION 8 - Friday 22nd May, 2009

TERM 2

Welcome to the newsletter for the end of Week 5, Term 2. This term is half way over and by now you should have received your child's interim report in the mail. Based on these reports some parents will be contacted for interviews to discuss progress. Year 12 exams begin in two weeks and other year levels start the week after. Students will be entering a revision phase of their education soon and there should be lots of homework and study being done at home.

Facilities

Multipurpose courts: Work will begin soon on the completion of the expansion of the basketball courts. This project will make up for some of the land loss due to movement of the portable classrooms onto the top oval.

VCE Centre: The main slab has been poured for the VCE centre and we now will see rapid movement on its progress. So far it has been an engineering feat to see how they have secured the foundations of the building in soil that was once landfill.

Language Centre: The school has applied for funding from the Federal Government to build a new Language Centre for the teaching of Italian and Japanese. The application was completed and lodged last week. It appears we are the only school applying for one in our Network so this may increase our chances of success. However, the competition is tough and it is a Region wide process.

Federal Government Building the Education Revolution Funds: Announcements will come out soon about funds for the refurbishment of our Art rooms. If we are successful, and we should be, work will begin in Term 4.

Japanese Trip

Our Japanese trip to our sister school leaves on Monday 25th May. There are 15 students travelling with Ms Smart and Mr Hayakawa. We wish them a safe and happy trip. They have been doing lots of fund raising and the excitement is building.

Asthma & EpiPen Training

Completion of this asthma training coupled with the recent EpiPen professional development means that staff are now skilled in the safe treatment of asthma and the correct use of the EpiPen in cases of anaphylactic shock."

NAPLAN

The NAPLAN testing for literacy and numeracy was completed last week and all students in Years 7 and 9 sat five tests over three days. Last year our students performed very well on these tests and we are expecting the same, if not better this year. The majority of students took the testing seriously and this is pleasing. The data we collect from these results helps us plan our educational program. To give you an idea of what the students go through, we have included the last three questions of one of the Year 7 Numeracy tests from 2009 at the end of this newsletter. Try out the questions just for fun. Good luck!

Peter Rouse

REPORT WRITING DAY

Student Free Day
Friday 12th June 2009

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MIDDLE SCHOOL REPORT

YEAR 10 OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH & SAFETY TRAINING

The Year 10 students have nearly completed their OH&S Training in preparation for their work experience next month. All students must complete the General Workbook and the test (students must score 12 out of 16 = pass) Then all students must complete the Industry Specific workbook and the test (students must score 12 out of 16 = pass). The industry specific module is determined by the type of industry students are completing their work experience in. A reminder that White Card Training is taking place on Wednesday 27th May for those students participating in work experience in the building and construction field. All money and forms **MUST** be returned by Monday 25th June.

EXAMS

Exam week is fast approaching as is the time when students will be expected to be finishing off the semesters work. The exam dates are:

Year 9 Exam Timetable Overview

	Period 2	Period 3 and 4	Period 5
Tuesday 9th June	Block B Elective Class normally runs P2 Tuesday	Normal Classes	English
Wednesday 10th June	Block C Elective Class normally runs P4 Wednesday	Normal Classes	Science
Thursday 11th June	Block A Elective Class normally runs P2 Thursday	Normal Classes	Maths

Year 10 Exam Timetable Overview

	Period 2	Period 3 and 4	Period 5
Tuesday 9th June	English	Normal Classes	Block E Elective Class normally runs P5 Tuesday
Wednesday 10th June	Block C Elective - Class normally runs P4 Wednesday	Normal Classes	Block F Elective Class normally runs P5 Tuesday
Thursday 11th June	Maths	Normal Classes	Block D Elective Class normally runs P5 Thursday

Students will need to start their exam preparations NOW
Exam preparation should not be left until the night before the exam!!!!!!

Possible Suggestions:

- Organise notes and paper
- Read chapters covered in textbooks
- Revise notes
- Prepare summary notes
- Complete all exercises covered in class
- Conduct practise questions
- Ask the teacher if you are unsure about something

IF ANY STUDENTS EXPECT TO BE ABSENT DURING EXAM WEEK IT IS VITAL THAT STUDENTS OR PARENTS CONTACT US ASAP

WORKING WELL IN MIDDLE SCHOOL

Uniform – well done to those students who consistently wear the correct school uniform. Parents of students in the Middle School should be proud of how great they look. Thanks also to those parents who are providing notes for the rare occasions the correct uniform cannot be worn.

Diary – all students should be showing their parents their diary at least once a week. The diary is the property of parents, students and the school. It is great to see so many students using their diary to assist their learning.

Behaviour – congratulations to the large number of Middle School students who consistently are doing the right thing at school. Your efforts do not go unnoticed (it may seem that we sometimes) and teachers are appreciative. Parents should be pleased with the good manners and respect shown by their children. If only they could be this way all the time!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Absence notes – another big thanks to those parents who are keeping us informed of their child's absences. We appreciate phone calls or emails on the day OR a note the day the student returns to school.

MIDDLE SCHOOL REPORT cont....

INTERIM REPORTS

Many students have shown great improvements in their Interim Reports. This needs to continue leading up to the finalising of work requirements and exams as semester 1 results will be used to help us determine student's ability to be promoted into VCE or VCAL in 2010. If you have not received an interim report by Tuesday 26th May please contact us at school.

PROMOTION TO VCAL 2010

When reading your child's interim report keep in mind that students will not be automatically promoted into Year 11 VCAL Program.

Entry into VCAL requires students to demonstrate a work ethic. In particular completion of set work, persistence and effort and participation and contribution in class and behaviour are vital.

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Moonee Valley
Leader

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FOR a team of Niddrie students, qualifying for the final of the Great Transport Race was as simple as climbing aboard a bus.

Rosehill Secondary School's team won the Western heat of Met-link's Amazing Race-inspired competition.

The statewide competition aims to teach young people how to use public transport while building their team and navigation skills in a race around the city.

Team captain and year 8 student Daniel said he and his team had enjoyed doing the qualifier and were honing their timetable reading skills in preparation for the grand final starting from Federation Square on May 27.



Niddrie students (from left) Kurt, Daniel and Adam prepare for the road race.

"We learnt so much and had a really good time. We can't wait for the final, we're going to win," Daniel said.

Junior school co-ordinator Arthur Somalis said the competition was great for teaching children important life lessons.

"They have a lot of fun doing it but you can definitely witness it being character-building," Mr Somalis said.

"It's so interesting to see the roles the kids assume and how they tackle the problems."N46MV303

Victorian Taekwondo Championships

Brittany Sutton, 12 years old of 7B, won a Gold medal for Taekwondo last weekend at the Victorian Taekwondo Championships - 12-13 Black Belt.

Brittany competed in two fights. The first fight score was 6-0 and the second fight was 7-0. Brittany has been sparring for 4 years.

Brittany has also won the National Championship for her age group in 2006, 2007, 2008 and will be participating in the National Championships in Brisbane in term three school



Parents Victoria Online Conference 18-24 May 2009

PARENTS of primary and secondary students, in all locations, are warmly invited to take part in the third online conference to be held by Parents Victoria. The conference will be held non-stop on the internet from 6am Monday 18th May to midnight Sunday 24th May. No special software is needed, other than an internet-connected computer and a browser. The online discussions will be very easy to join in, and guidelines about how to participate will be provided. Join in for all days, just some days, or even a few hours, depending on your lifestyle and other commitments.

Prizes for participation

An interactive whiteboard will be won by the Parents Victoria **member school** that has the greatest number of individual participants over the entire conference. To be eligible, participants must be correctly registered and leave at least one comment on the discussion boards.

In addition, one of three netbooks will be won by:

1. The **member school** with the most correctly registered individual participants who comment on the week long question
2. The school with the most correctly registered individual participants who comment on the question re parental engagement
3. The **member school** with the most correctly registered individual participants who leave comments on the daily questions on either Saturday 23rd May or Sunday 24th May.

**Member schools are defined as schools whose 2009 membership payment has been received by 15th May 2009. Membership information can be obtained by phone (03) 93802158 or email office@parentsvictoria.asn.au*

Register online at no cost

The Parents Victoria Online Conference 2009 website will open from 6am on 18th May at: http://www.cybertext.net.au/pv1_09/ but please register yourself online first at <http://www.cybertext.net.au/pv09.htm>

The conference will feature seven 'live' daily online discussions, each of them hosted, for several hours each day, by a member of Parents Victoria or expert staff from the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development and the VSCA. Each 24-hour period will focus on a topic that is currently of concern to parents. An online 'resource bundle' of information and opinions will also be provided as an optional extra to give you a kick-start on each day's topic.

There will also be one continuous week-long online discussion on the topic: **'What support do parents need to be active participants in their children's learning and development?'**

Each day, the conference will discuss one of the following questions:

- **Parent/teacher meetings** - how could these meetings be improved?
- **School attendance** - when is it okay to stay away?
- **Transition** - what could be done to improve transition from one level of schooling to the next, i.e. kindergarten to primary, year 6 to secondary?
- **Cyberbullying** - how do we keep our children safe?
- **Sex education** - who's responsible?
- **Banning confectionery from school canteens** - tell us your thoughts (this will be hosted on Thursday 21st May by Prue Cerin from the Victorian School Canteen Association)
- **Parental engagement** - What can be done to get more parents involved in their children's schools?



We look forward to meeting with you online soon to discuss these important issues. The more of you join in, the more successful this event will be. www.parentsvictoria.asn.au

ROSEHILL SECONDARY COLLEGE GAINS 'ASTHMA FRIENDLY SCHOOL' STATUS

This week staff undertook professional development training provided by the Asthma Foundation to ensure that an appropriate response is provided in the event of a student or staff member experiencing an asthma attack.

The Asthma Foundation encourages all members of the college population to be familiar with asthma, its triggers, preventative measures and treatment protocols. It also asks schools to make the parent population aware of resources available to ensure sufficient knowledge of this debilitating condition.

As changing weather conditions and the onset of colds and flu can be powerful asthma triggers, it seems timely to remind parents and carers of appropriate asthma protocols for students:

Please ensure that if your child requires asthma medication such as an inhaler, he/she carries it regularly, is familiar with and competent in its use, that there is actually medication in the device, the medication has not expired and that it is cleaned regularly.

Ask your doctor for a written Asthma Action Plan and provide a copy of this to the General Office.

A range of helpful information on treating and managing asthma is available from the Asthma Foundation. Most of this information can be downloaded electronically from the website.



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May 2009

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat/Sun	Week
25 Brainstorm Prod. Yr 8—P3 Int. Football	26 Intermediate Girls Netball	27	28 7 Soccer	29	30/31	Week 6

June 2009

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat/Sun	Week
1 VCAL Work	2 Yr 7,8,9 Girls	3	4 Yr 7 Soccer	5 Coping with Change Yr 7 In-	6/7	Week 7
8 <i>Queens B'day</i> <i>PUBLIC HOLIDAY</i> VCAL Work	9 Exams VCE & Yr 7 -11	10 EXAMS VCE & Yr 7—11	11 EXAMS VCE/GAT Yr 7—11	12 <i>REPORT WRITING</i> <i>(NO STUDENTS)</i>	13/14	Week 8
15 Yr 10 Work Exp. commences	16	17 Yr 8 Football	18 Yr 7 & 8 Girls Netball	19	20/21	Week 9
22 Yr 10 Work Exp continues VET/VCAL Work Exp	23	24	25 Yr8 Soccer	26 <i>Last day of Term 2</i> <i>Students</i> <i>Dismissed at 2.30pm</i> Reports Distributed	27/28	Week 10
29	30	SCHOOL HOLIDAYS - Monday 29th June to Friday 10th July				

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CASUAL JOBS AVAILABLE

Chocolate Box at Melbourne Airport has a Junior position, 2-3 shifts a week. Ranging from Monday to Friday 5.00pm to 9.15pm or on weekends. You will need to discuss the shifts with the employer. Drop in a resume at the Chocolate Box, Qantas Domestic or for more information contact Enza on 93302757.

Lowes clothing store at Airport West has a couple of junior positions for students wanting to work in retail on a casual basis. See Mr Raiti in careers if you are interested in this position.



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Movie Mania Dance Cabaret is Coming soon. Dates to remember are Wednesday 22nd July,

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