



# Rosehill Secondary College

## Parent Newsletter

EDITION 4 - Friday 4th September, 2009

TERM 3

Welcome to the fourth parent bulletin for Term 3.

The weekend before last we had the official opening of our new, Year 12 Student Centre. There was an extensive list of guests including our Political representatives, Rob Hulls and Bill Shorten. Both have been instrumental over the last four years in getting financial support for the College. Our dance and music students provided all the entertainment and performed at a professional level. I would like to congratulate all the parents of those involved and thank you for your support. You should be proud of your children.

On the Saturday we had the 50 year anniversary of the College. It was a very successful day with a large number of ex students arriving to look over the school and marvel at the changes that have taken place over the years. There is a group of ex students who call themselves the 59ers. They are obviously the students from the first year the school was opened and they were an amicable, but loud bunch of blokes who attended from 10.30 to 3.30pm. It appears they meet every five years. They became a highlight during the day as they moved from room to room with lots of old stories to tell about the good old days of 'The Strap'.

### Principal For A Day

The Department runs a program called 'Principal for a Day' every year. The objective is to get business leaders into schools and build relationships between the parties. You may have heard media reports on Tuesday of last week.

I invited Mr Sam Pennisi the local real estate agent to the program. Sam has been a great supporter of the College over the years and at one stage was President of the School Council. He donates a considerable financial scholarship every year for our Awards evening in December and many students have benefited from his generosity.

He was extremely impressed by everything that was happening at the school. After arriving at 8.30 he attended our staff briefing which was an ideal forum for him to get a good handle on the size of the staff at Rosehill. We then adjourned back to my office to talk about how the College is funded. As a business man it is often a point of discussion. I then took him on a tour of the school which included:

- Observing a Year 9 class working on an Issues Project (Violence in Melbourne).
- Seeing a class of students using laptops and an interactive white board to do presentations
- Sitting in on a Careers counselling session with a Year 12 student.
- Watching a rehearsal of "Help" by the Beatles in preparation for the 'Beatlemania' show.
- A visit to a Literacy class and a new Classroom Literacy Library.
- Visiting the Slowmation room and talking to a group of media students.
- Watching a Year 10 dance class designing a new dance.
- Dropping into a Food Technology class. (The aromas made us very hungry!)
- A Science class doing Peer Teaching



The last part of his visit was spent with six of our senior student leaders to share views on what it means to be a leader. It was an enlightening discussion lasting around 30 minutes. A lot was gained by both parties from the visit.

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# JUNIOR SCHOOL

## YEAR 7 & 8

Dear Parents just a reminder that parent teacher interviews are on Thursday 10th September. Your child needs to book interview times if they haven't done so by now.

Subject selection at Year 7 and Year 8 has been progressing well, all forms were due in on Monday signed by parents/guardians. If you haven't seen or signed a subject selection form you need to discuss this with your child and contact the school immediately.

Year 7 girls tennis had a big win. Congratulations and well done.!

Caterina Barbounis, Katerina Tsaroumis, Stephanie Angello, Aimee Muller, Sarah Reinmuth.

First match Rosehill defeated Buckley Park 2 - 19 to 1 - 11

Second Match Rosehill defeated East Keilor 2 - 14 to 1 - 6

Third Match Rosehill defeated Pascoe Vale 2 - 17 to 1 - 8

Well done girls we look forward to the next round.

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.

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

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Year 7 Leader Barry Van Weeghel email: [van.weeghel.barry.b@edumail.vic.gov.au](mailto:van.weeghel.barry.b@edumail.vic.gov.au)

Year 8 Leader Amanda Mullins email: [mullins.amanda.j@edumail.vic.gov.au](mailto:mullins.amanda.j@edumail.vic.gov.au)

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### Year 7 and 8 Girls Basketball

On Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> August, the Years 7 and 8 basketball girls travelled to Coburg Stadium to compete against Pascoe Vale Girls, Strathmore, Buckley Park and Essendon Keilor College.

The day started badly for the Year 7s, losing their coach before they'd even left the school, and only having seven players in total show up on the day. They recovered very well, and won the first two games easily. Unfortunately, with only 7 players, their legs grew tired and subs weren't possible and they lost their last two games. The girls should be congratulated with the way they dug deep against some tall opposition and held their heads high. Special mention to Amy Starzer who played all four games in a row without being substituted!

The Year 8 girls were led well by their coach Jamie Williams in Year 11. Throughout the day they all showed exceptional skill and tenacity. Their first challenge was against Strathmore Secondary, which turned out to be their toughest competition. The girls won in the final minutes of the game, and this set them up for a fantastic day's competition. The girls won the remainder of their qualifying games and reached the district final against Pascoe Vale Girls. Unfortunately, this gave them an hour to cool down so it took them a little longer to regain their form of the earlier games. By half time the girls had started to show their skill, and were well ahead. In the last three minutes of the game, they well and truly pulled the game out of the reach of the opposition, and came away winners. Congratulations to all girls, and a big thank you to Jamie Williams for coaching, we look forward to hearing how the girls compete at regionals!



# MIDDLE SCHOOL REPORT

## YEAR 10 SUBJECT SELECTION

It was great to see Year 10 students and their parents at the VCE subject counselling day last Wednesday. Many students had completed a lot of work in preparing for the meetings and there were some outstanding portfolios. It has been a stressful time for some families as complicated decisions had to be made.

*All subject selection sheets MUST be finalised and handed in at the Middle School Office by Monday 7<sup>th</sup> September.*

## YEAR 9 SUBJECT SELECTION

The Year 9 students had their subject counselling day on Monday 31<sup>st</sup> August. Many students had completed a lot of research into possible career pathways and are making serious decisions about their futures. Great to see so many parents joining their child in the process.

*All subject selection sheets MUST be finalised and handed in at the Middle School office by Monday 7<sup>th</sup> September.*

## CITY CENTRE

Congratulations to all the Year 9 students who attended the City Centre Orientation Excursion over the last two weeks. I have commented a few times what a great group the Year 9's are and they have continued to prove it.

The aim of the excursion was for students to:

- Locate the City Centre.
- Be introduced to the squashy world of public transport (some for their first trip on the train).
- Locate various important parts of Melbourne Central.
- Identify areas that may interest them for their projects.
- Get an idea of the responsibility and trust that will be a vital part of the week in the city.

From our point of view all aims were achieved.

The work now begins for students to develop their hypothesis, write survey questions, organise interviews and plan for their week in the city.

### **City Centre Dates:**

Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> October to Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> October	9G and 9H
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> October to Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> October	9C and 9F
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> October to Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> October	9E and 9B
Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> October to Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> October	9A and 9D

Students will attend the city every day during that week.

### **Presentation Evening Dates:**

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> November – 9C, 9F, 9G and 9H  
Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> November – 9A, 9B, 9D and 9E  
These presentations are a vital aspect of the program.

If you have any questions prior don't hesitate to contact us at school on 9337 2488 or email [adams.samantha.sa@edumail.vic.gov.au](mailto:adams.samantha.sa@edumail.vic.gov.au)

## INTERIM REPORTS and PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS

The Middle School Team has looked through the Interim Reports for Year 9 and 10 students. It was great to see some students make some big improvements this term. It was also a wake up call (and a kick in the pants) for some students who have been in hibernation over the winter months and we are not seeing the work that they are capable of.

All students should be using the September holidays as a chance to:

- Catch up on unfinished work.
- Organise folders/binder books etc – throw out unnecessary sheets.
- Make sure English novels are finished.
- Go over areas that you didn't understand during the term.

We look forward to catching up with parents at Parent Teacher Interviews on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> September. Your child should be making appointments with teacher next week.

## YEAR 10 2009 WORK EXPERIENCE

Well done to those students and parents who have organised work experience placements for 2010. Several organisations do not decide until the end of the year on placements – which is very frustrating for many students who want to have things organised now. It is also important to know that many organisations, once they finalise places in 2009 or have their quota of students will not accept anymore. This is definitely a case of FIRST IN BEST DRESSED.

The school holidays are a great time for students to investigate placements.

Suggestions:

- Go to companies/organisations that are in the area of interest.
- Phone companies/organisations that are in the area of interest.
- Discuss work experience with family and friends for possibilities.

# SENIOR SCHOOL NEWS

VTAC has opened for course selection, students will have an introductory session with Mr Raiti and then an individual counselling session to ensure that students are selecting courses appropriately. Timely applications close 30<sup>th</sup> September. After this date applications can still be made but with a more costly fee.

Just a little warning some students are starting to plan schoolies, make sure that the course you select does not have any extra requirements such as an interview as these are usually conducted the last week in November or first week in December. Students should be finalising their course work and submitting final pieces of work to their teachers this month. They should also start to study for the October Practice tests and the up and coming November exams.

Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> September	English 8.45 – 12.00	Further Math 12.30 – 2.15	Chemistry 2.45- 4.30 Dance 2.45- 4.30 Graphics 2.45- 4.30 Psychology 2.45- 4.30
Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> September	Art 9.00– 10.45 Legal 9.00- 11.15	Italian 11.45 - 2.00 Math Methods 11.45 – 2.00 Music 11.45 – 1.30	Accounting 2.30- 4.15 Biology 2.30 - 4.15 Information Software Dev 2.30- 4.45 Media 2.30-4.45
Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> September	Business Management 9.00 – 11.15	Design Tech 11.45 – 1.30 Food Tech 11.45 – 1.30 Literature 11.45 – 2.00 Japanese 11.45 – 2.00 Specialist Math 11.45 – 2.00 Systems Tech 1 1.45 – 1.30	Health & Human Dev 2.30 – 4.45 History 2.30 – 4.45 Physics 2.30 – 4.15 Studio art 2.30 – 4.15

## Year 11

Students attended a Road Safety program, the theme was based on the influence of sleep deprivation, alcohol and drugs on road safety. It explained interesting statistics and consequences for breach of road rules. We had guest speakers from TAC, the Police Force and the Fire Brigade.

Year 11 have had their MIP's interviews where they discussed their Goals and Strategies and then asked to go and research pathways to the appropriate goals. Their next task is to select subjects for Year 12, these will be finalised on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> Sep-

### Essendon Station Police Operation

The Transit Police have asked us to alert students to the fact that Essendon Station has become a popular spot for gangs and petty criminals to loiter; there have been several robberies and assaults in and around the station. The police have commenced an operation to 'clean up' the station and have been challenging those who are loitering around the station rather than actually catching the train.

Those students who use the station need to:

- Catch the first available train home after arriving at the station.
- Behave in a safe and orderly fashion at the station and on the train.
- Carry tickets/Travelcard at all times.
- Avoid isolated areas of the station.
- Avoid carrying valuables to and from school.

The police have made it clear that students who do not comply with these requests can expect to be identified and spoken to by them. We have passed this information onto students and would be grateful for parental support in reinforcing its importance.

### TARTAN TOURS—SHOPPING TOURS

**COST \$54 Adult—\$27 Student**

**Contact Glenda Cusack—Ph. 9337 4433**

**Date—24th October 2009**

**Pick Up Times— 6.45am Service Rd, Aitken Drv. Sunbury**

**7.05am Leisure Centre, Elizabeth Drive. Sunbury**

**7.30am Rosehill Secondary College, Albert St, Niddrie**

**Outlets Nominated: Brands United, Natio, Olga Berg, 1999, Way Funky Company, Social Club Books, Converse, Table Eight, Lush Collection, Holeproof, Bambis Homewares, Toy Networx.**

**Lunch at the Castle Hotel**

## AUGUST / SEPTEMBER 2009

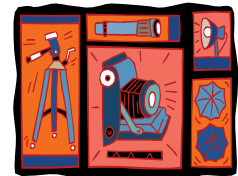
Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat/Sun	Week
31 Yr 7 & 8 Boys Basketball Yr 9 & 10 Course Selection Day	1	2 <i>Beatlemania performance 7.30pm</i>	3 Immunisation Injections  Year 11 & 12 Course Counseling	4 Yr 9 & 10 Subject Selections Due  <i>Beatlemania performance 7.30pm</i>	5/6	WEEK 8
7 VCAL Work experience  Finance Committee	8	9	10 Classes Finish 12pm Parent Teacher Interviews 1pm to 8pm	11 <i>DEB BALL</i>	12/13	WEEK 9
14 VCAL Work Experience  Table tennis	15 Getting To Know You Evening and Course Selection for 2010 Yr 7 students	16	17 Year 8G Volleyball	18 <i>LAST DAY OF TERM DISMISSED 2.30PM</i>	19/20	Week 10

*1st Day of Term 4 - 5th October 2009*

### YEAR 12 GROUP PHOTO

The group photo for the entire Year 12 cohort will be taken on the first day of Term 4, **Monday 5th October**.

All Year 12 students are to report to the ECA Centre **IMMEDIATELY** after Period 2. Students must be in full school uniform, wearing their navy jumpers.



### **DROP OFF AND COLLECTION OF STUDENTS**

The College has been asked to remind parents to adhere to local traffic regulations around the school. The streets most effected are Sapphire Street., Ida Street and Alfred Street.

The main concerns are parking in No Standing areas, double parking, speeding and parking in and on neighbouring drive-ways and nature strips. Irresponsible parking practices is not only placing students in danger but is also teaching them bad habits. If you are picking up of an afternoon, please encourage students to walk and meet you in adjoining streets. This not only encourages fitness but you may actually find that it is faster than being blocked in and unable to go anywhere in a congested street. Please show consideration to the college neighbours, other traffic and most importantly to students of the college.

Traffic Infringement officers from the local Council will be doing random checks around the school and will issue fines and infringement notices for breaches in local road laws.

## **FOOD TECHNOLOGY- NAIL POLISH IS BANNED!**

Just a reminder to students and parents, that due to Health and Safety regulations students are not permitted to wear nail polish or acrylics in Food Technology classes. Your cooperation in this matter would be most appreciated, otherwise students will not be able to participate in production classes.

Regards, RSC Food Technology Department.

## Immunisations

Year 7 students and a small number of older students who had been vaccinated in this year's vaccination round received their final Human Papilloma Virus and Hepatitis B immunisations this week.

Students who had missed the second in the series of vaccines did not receive the third one this week. I was approached by some older students who felt that they had missed vaccinations in the HPV or Hepatitis B series somewhere along the line.

Parents of students who are in either of the above positions need to contact the **Moonee Valley Council Public Health Unit on 9243 8810** to make arrangements to have the council administer the vaccine. A list of dates and venues for the vaccination of students is available from the **General Office**. There are venues in Strathmore, Flemington, Niddrie, Avondale Heights and Essendon. Details are also available on the council website:

**mvcc.vic.gov.au**

### Science Week

During the week 24<sup>th</sup> August to 28<sup>th</sup> August, over 250 students were involved in a number of activities celebrating Science. On Tuesday students were able to partake in a number of Dissections, (rats, hearts, flowers and fish), and make their own Slime. On Wednesday students partook in Dry Ice activities where the students made their own soft drink, made spoons sing, filled the room with fog, Rocket Launching where the bottle rockets landed a couple of teachers in cold water due to the leaking and spray from the rockets. Thursday saw students complete a number of Kitchen Science experiments including the exploding Mentos and coke bottle trick, Edible Science where the students were able to create and eat 'whiz-fiz' and honeycomb. Friday was the day when a number of students came up close and personal with a number of reptiles, turtles, frogs and even a baby crocodile. For three days the school yard was abuzz with students running around in the hunt for clues that would allow them to solve riddles and problems to finish first in the Amazing Race. The students were tired by the end of lunch, and a few contentious decisions were made by the time keeper, but a good time was had by all.

On Thursday morning, Year 7 students were treated to a performance called 'Rock Me Galileo'. The students were taken on a journey into the life and times of Galileo, and the scientific discoveries he made related to astronomy. The students were engaged by the music and comedy from the actors and the chance to partake as volunteers throughout the performance.

A big thank you needs to be given to the students who got involved, and the teachers for giving up their lunchtimes to conduct extra activities.

The triumphant winners of the Amazing Race



### VICTORIA UNIVERSITY SPORTS CAMP—SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

Dates: 28th September—2nd October 2009

Where: Footscray Campus of Victoria University

Camp: Multi-Sport Junior (age 6-8), Multi Sport (age 9-11) and Multi-Sport Senior (age 12-14)

Cost: \$105 If booked & paid prior to 14th September—Regular price \$115 per student

Contact: Caroline Leach, Sports Camp Co-ordinator. Ph 9919-4370 Email: caroline.leach@live.vu.edu.au

Following our successful 50th Anniversary celebrations, we have a number of anniversary pens still available for sale at the Front Office. They cost \$5.00. Also, if you are interested, you can order a DVD of the history of the school. If you are interested please return the order form below with payment to the Front Office and your order will be posted out to you.

### Order Form "50 Years at Niddrie/Rosehill the DVD"

Payment to be made with order.

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

POSTAL ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

SUBURB \_\_\_\_\_ POSTCODE \_\_\_\_\_

Number of DVDs required @\$10.00 (Including postage and handling)

Payment made \$ \_\_\_\_\_