From the Principal’s Desk

STOP PRESS
MEDIA RELEASE: Infrastructure funds for Rolling Hills
The Member for Evelyn, Mrs Christine Fyffe, has committed $1.219 million dollars to Rolling Hills for existing maintenance requirements and for upgrading the existing facilities to provide a better learning environment for our students, should the Liberal Party be returned to office at the next election.

We have been in constant contact with DEECD over a number of years for funds to repair paths, repaint, upgrade the infrastructure for our computers etc. This commitment could not be more welcome.

Market Day— Sunday, 26th October—this weekend!
Is it October already? It was just 12 months ago that our trusty band of helpers in P&F were preparing for their first market stall, which was an amazing success. On the back of that success, this remarkable team have had a vision of what this day could look like and have been beavering away all year to make a day that will be memorable socially and a financial success.

All it needs is you. A few more volunteers are urgently needed, so that the small project team who have put in the background work can spend time with their children on the day and not have to manage stalls for the whole time. If you have other commitments during the day, perhaps you can assist with setup in the gym on Friday afternoon from 3.30pm or from 8am on Sunday. With so many families with two parents working, and single parent families working, it is often left to a small group to organise these fantastic activities for our school community. Please help in any way you can. An hour or two from every family will make a remarkable difference.

Come along and support the school this Sunday, 26th October anytime between 10:00am and 2:00pm.
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Staff Profile

**Name:** Nicki Wood  
**Role:** Assistant Principal

I have lived all over Australia as my dad was in the Army. This meant that I have had fabulous opportunities to see many glorious and fascinating places in our great country. I now live in Mooroolbark with my husband, Matt, and our 15 year old daughter, Milli. We love to travel and have been to Indonesia, Malaysia and Singapore as a family. My husband travels to Thailand each year as part of a social justice trip with the students at his school. My daughter Milli travelled to the USA for a student exchange and I went over to pick her up! I have also had the good fortune to travel twice to our sister school in Kunshan, China. We are dedicated Hawthorn members and go most weeks over the season. I love music and some of my favourites are Paul Kelly, Powderfinger, Foo Fighters, Adele, Florence and the Machine, The Temper Trap, Crowded House, Mumford and Sons, U2, Edward Sharpe and the Magnetic Zeros. . . . and the list goes on! I love working at Rolling Hills Primary. The people are fantastic, the food is great (thanks Wendy) and there is always something exciting to get involved in!
The important thing is not to stop questioning... Never lose a holy curiosity — Albert Einstein

Curiosity is an important trait of a genius. I don’t think you can find an intellectual giant who is not a curious person. Thomas Edison, Leonardo da Vinci and Albert Einstein.

But why is curiosity so important? Here are four reasons:

1. **It makes your mind active instead of passive.** Curious people always ask questions and search for answers in their minds. Their minds are always active. Since the mind is like a muscle which becomes stronger through continual exercise, the mental exercise caused by curiosity makes your mind stronger and stronger.

2. **It makes your mind observant of new ideas.** When you are curious about something, your mind expects and anticipates new ideas related to it. When the ideas come they will soon be recognised. Without curiosity, the ideas may pass right in front of you and yet you miss them because your mind is not prepared to recognise them. Just think, how many great ideas may have lost due to lack of curiosity?

3. **It opens up new worlds and possibilities.** By being curious you will be able to see new worlds and possibilities which are normally not visible. They are hidden behind the surface of normal life, and it takes a curious mind to look beneath the surface and discover these new worlds and possibilities.

4. **It brings excitement into your life.** The life of curious people is far from boring. It’s neither dull nor routine. There are always new things that attract their attention, there are always new ‘toys’ to play with. Instead of being bored, curious people have an adventurous life.

Now, knowing the importance of curiosity, here are some tips to develop it:

1. **Keep an open mind**
   This is essential if you are to have a curious mind. Be open to learn, unlearn, and relearn. Some things you know and believe might be wrong, and you should be prepared to accept this possibility and change your mind.

2. **Don’t take things for granted**
   If you just accept the world as it is without trying to dig deeper, you will certainly lose the ‘holy curiosity’. Never take things as granted. Try to dig deeper beneath the surface of what is around you.

3. **Ask questions relentlessly**
   A sure way to dig deeper beneath the surface is asking questions: What is that? Why is it made that way? When was it made? Who invented it? Where does it come from? How does it work? What, why, when, who, where, and how are the best friends of curious people.

4. **Don’t label something as boring**
   Whenever you label something as boring, you close one more door of possibilities. Curious people are unlikely to describe something as boring. Instead, they always see it as a door to an exciting new world. Even if they don’t yet have time to explore it, they will leave the door open to be visited another time.

5. **See learning as something fun**
   If you see learning as a burden, there’s no way you will want to dig deeper into anything. That will just make the burden heavier. But if you think of learning as something fun, you will naturally want to dig deeper. So look at life through the glasses of fun and excitement and enjoy the learning process.

6. **Read diverse kinds of reading**
   Don’t spend too much time on just one world; take a look at other worlds. It will introduce you to the possibilities and excitement of the other worlds which may spark your interest to explore them further. One easy way to do this is through reading diverse kinds of reading. Try to pick a book or magazine on a new subject and let it feed your mind with the excitement of a new world.

Enjoy being curious this week!

Nicki Wood, Assistant Principal

Congratulations to Miss Den Elzen on her marriage during the holidays. What a stunning couple!

Ashleigh & Adam Wilson
Market Day is this Sunday!!!!

Did you know that all volunteers for the market go into a draw to win various vouchers for use at the market? Winners will be announced Friday. It's not too late to volunteer, leave your details at the office.

$12 for an unlimited ride wristband which gives unlimited turns on the giant inflatable slide, the inflatable jousting ring and the jumping castle. You can also pay individually for these activities, $2 per 5 minute turn. Wristbands are available for purchase on market day at the snackbar and also the P&F stall in the kids fun zone. Which teacher is going to be challenging students in the jousting ring on the market morning? Come along to find out who it is!

Don't forget to take a look at our Rolling Hills Primary School Market day page to see more details of the activities and stalls.
Professional Learning Teams at Rolling Hills Primary School

At Rolling Hills Primary School our staff work in Professional Learning Teams (PLTs) to work on the priorities set out in our strategic plan. Staff meet regularly in three teams; WHO, WHAT & HOW. Our HOW team has two areas of responsibility: ICT & Sustainability.

**HOW**

**Cyber Safety**

This week we continue our focus on Cyber Safety and things we can do ensure the kids are safe online. This fortnight we are focusing on Social Networking:

Social networking describes a variety of services like Facebook, YouTube, Instagram, World of Warcraft, Moshi Monsters, Twitter, Skype, Snapchat, Minecraft and many others. All of these services enable direct interaction between individuals. Users can post information about themselves, display photos, tell people what they’ve been up to, chat and play games. Social networking forms a part of the social identity of many teenagers.

**Grooming**

Online grooming is the illegal act of adults making contact with a child online for the purpose of establishing a sexual relationship. Often this will be via a social networking site, but it may also be through other online services.

**What Can I Do?**

- Stay involved in your child’s use of new technology. Set up your own account and learn about privacy settings so you can understand how you can best protect your child. It can be fun for you too!
- Check the age restrictions for the social networking service or game. Some social networking sites (such as Club penguin) are created especially for children under the age of 13, but most mainstream sites like Facebook, Instagram and others require the user to be 13 or older.
- Advise children to set their accounts to private so that only people they want to see it can view their information.
- Encourage children to think before they put anything online. Information posted online can be difficult or impossible to remove. An inappropriate image posted today can have a long term impact on their digital reputation.
- Show them how to set up location services on their phone so they are not inadvertently broadcasting their location.
- Remind children to be careful when making new friends online; people may not be who they say they are. Never arrange to meet an online friend unless a trusted adult is with them.
- Report any abuse or inappropriate content to the social networking site and show children how to do this too.
- Learn how to keep a copy of online conversations and how to block people prior to an issue occurring.

For more information on managing your children’s access to particular social networking sites, visit cybersmart.gov.au/parents.aspx

**WHO**

The children have been working hard to learn about the character strengths that help them in school and life. It is important to learn about them at school, but it is really important that this learning is continued at home. Some ways that you can help develop character strengths in your children at home are:

- Thank a child for their honesty in admitting to a mistake.
- Congratulate a young person on their persistence in getting a task finished.
- Say how much you enjoy their humour when a child makes you laugh.
- Point out their fairness when they treat their friends equally.
- Tell them how kind they are being when they do a favour without being asked.
- Tell them they have good self-control when they are able to wait for a treat.
- Show them you are proud of them when they forgive their sister, brother or classmate for having upset them.
- Celebrate good teamwork in sport teams or between siblings.
- Tell a child they are showing bravery when you see them coping with a difficult situation.

Allowing children to experience failure on their own is another way for children to develop their character strengths. If we never let them feel what it is like to fail, they miss out on discovering how strong they can be.

We all want to protect our children from difficult feelings, but we are not helping them grow and develop into a strong adult.

"I’ve missed more than 9000 shots in my career. I’ve lost almost 300 games. 26 times, I’ve been trusted to take the game winning shot and missed. I’ve failed over and over and over again in my life. And that is why I succeed."

- Michael Jordan
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Please be reminded that the

**Level 3/4 Camp Adanac**

second instalment of $70 was due on 6th October.

As this is now overdue, could any families who have not made this payment, please do so now, or contact the office if you have any queries.

**Instalment three is due Friday 31st October.**

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**Staff Profile**

**Name:** Sue Brown  
**Role:** OSHcare Assistant

I am married with 2 children, 1 beautiful grandson Noah and another one on the way, due mid December.

I have been involved with Rolling Hills Primary School since 1989 as my children attended here. I commenced working at OSHcare in 2001. I was lucky enough to work at OSHcare alongside both my children for the first 8 years.

I have keen interests in AFL football (previously worked as a statistician at the Richmond Football Club) netball and basketball. I have also been fortunate to have travelled twice to Europe during the past 4 years. I had an amazing time and I will cherish those memories forever.
From our WHAT Team—Numeracy Information Night Feedback
Parent reflections about what they learnt on the night

I now understand that our kids learn a wide aspect of areas of maths, including a wide range of terminology and different ways of using different tasks to get the same answer.

I didn’t know what the lattice method was. I need to learn this :)

I now know the importance of language problems and kids requirement of deciphering calculations.

I learnt about the ‘cubes’.

Information regarding the application of the Lattice matrix.
Focus of the school in driving future numeracy learnings and skills. Do current multiple methods ultimately need to arrive at one final model?

I didn’t know about the lattice method or anything about ABC Splash. I need to learn the Lattice method!

I now know the terminology:
• Number bonds
• Short multiplication
• Long multiplication
• Product
I need to learn more of the terminology used in teaching.

I didn’t know about Khan Academy or ABC Splash.

It is great when parents know about our current classroom practices, but if you are busy and don’t have time to learn, let your child be your guide.

Canteen News

NEW SUMMER MENU:
Please take the time to have a look at the Summer Menu as we have had to adjust some of the prices due to wholesaler price increases.

Hot dogs now $2.80 ($3 with sauce)
Chicken fillet burger with Lettuce & Mayo now $3.80
Chicken Nuggets 70c each or 6 for $3.50

We are sending home many IOUs at the moments due to this. If you receive an IOU, it is expected that payment be forwarded to the Canteen on the next trading day.

SPECIAL:
Our special for the next two weeks will be home baked Snickerdoodle Cookies. These are an old family favourite; cinnamon & buttery cookies, which taste a little like Cinnamon Donuts. Snickerdoodles will be available to order with your lunch or at the canteen window for 50c each, from Friday 24th October until Wednesday 5th November.

Thank you, Wendy Schilling & Canteen Sub-committee

Canteen Roster

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Athletics Wrap Up!

Congratulations to the 30 students who represented Rolling Hills at the Yarra Division Athletics Carnival, held at Bill Sewart Athletics Track on Thursday 9th October. This is the most students we have ever had compete at this level.

We had a great day with all students giving 100% in their events, producing many outstanding results! I would like to thank all students for their enthusiasm, effort and wonderful behaviour on the day. A very big thank you to the parents who transported students to and from the track. Without your support, we wouldn’t be able to have such numbers compete at these events.

A further special mention must go to the following students who finished first or second in their event and competed at the Eastern Metropolitan Track and Field Championships on Thursday 16th October:

Kelsey 3/4H – 9/10 Girls 4 x 100m relay
Lachlan 3/4H – 9/10 Boys 4 x 100m relay
Blake 3/4H – 9/10 Boys discus
Harry 3/4H – 9/10 Boys long jump and 4 x 100m relay
Caleb 3/4N – 9/10 Boys 4 x 100m relay
Mia 3/4V – 9/10 Girls 4 x 100m relay
Arden 3/4V – 9/10 Boys 4 x 100m relay
Tyneesa 5/6D – 12/13 Girls 80m hurdles
Connor M 5/6F – 11 Boys 80m hurdles
Megan 5/6F – 11 Girls long jump
Mali 5/6T – 9/10 Girls 4 x 100m relay
Connor W 5/6T – 11 Boys 200m
Dakotah 5/6T – 9/10 Girls 4 x 100m relay

Whilst weather conditions were not ideal, you all did an amazing job and should be very proud of yourselves for getting to such a high level of competition. Congratulations once again and well done!

Mel Layton

Parents & Friends Annual General Meeting

To be held in the RHPS staffroom on

Tuesday 11th November
7.30pm

We offer families the opportunity to join our friendly group and participate in a variety of events and activities throughout the year. You only need a small amount of time to join our friendly P&F team and every hour is appreciated. It’s also a wonderful opportunity for you to get to know other parents and children love it when you are involved in their school life.

Pink Ribbon Day
Monday 27th October

Every dollar raised will fund life-saving cancer research, prevention programs to help women reduce their cancer risk, and support services for women facing cancer and their families.

Purchasing a pin, pen or bracelet from the school office, available now.

$5 Enamel Pin / $6 Pen
$7 Bracelet