Dear Families,

All those who were at our year 3 – 6 athletics carnival on Wednesday will know that it is very easy for me to congratulate everyone on the success of... well... everything. I would like to thank Mrs Mel Layton for throwing herself into organisation at the last minute and doing a sensational job of being calm and enthusiastic. Much of the initial preparation had been done by Mrs Beck Young and her ground work and attention to detail was much appreciated. The children looked terrific with many in house colours and I was incredibly impressed with the positive ‘can do’ attitude that I saw all day and in all children. There were some amazing results and many children proudly told me that they had achieved a new Personal Best. We had many dedicated parent helpers who braved the cold wind to stand out in the field raking, measuring, recording, encouraging and congratulating. Days like these are very labour intensive and cannot happen without lots of volunteers. Thank you! Similarly, we had a band of helpers who enabled a ‘pop up canteen’ to be in operation. The hot drinks and energy snacks were greatly appreciated. (On a side note, I would like to mention that I had a go at my old personal best aths event - shot put - and was pretty pleased with the result. I was humbled in the extreme to be told that our winner of the 9 year old girls’ event had beaten me by a significant margin!)

Mrs Layton will now compile results and create our school squad for the next level of competition. You can check out a few photos and our House winners on page 2. Watch out on Compass for details as they come to hand. Thank you again students, teachers, parent helpers and especially Mrs Layton.

It has been a busy week for travels and events. Our grade 1/2 students visited Como House and explored life in the ‘olden days’. There were some wonderful stories shared and the children in one class have been living the olden day school life by leaping to their feet and greeting me in unison whenever I enter their classroom, which is very unnerving. The Foundation students had a visit from Fairytale Fiasco and from all accounts, this was a great deal of fun and created strong links to the English and Inquiry curriculums.

Last Friday was Principals’ Day and Ms Moore and I were treated to a morning tea of appreciation which was very touching. We were also acknowledged by the P&F. We both love our jobs and do all that we do with the children firmly at the front of our intentions. (Yes, even when unblocking the occasional toilet – all in a day’s work!)

At our last assembly I had the delightful pleasure of recognising the efforts of those who participated in the ICAS Science competition. The ICAS tests are really challenging and not for the light-hearted! These are voluntary tests completed by children all over Australia and New Zealand. To do well is a real feather in your cap. We were very proud of all those who had a go and I would like to acknowledge Georgia Van der Poel, Xavier Matheson, Siahlet Valoa and Jordan O’Hea who received a Credit and Xuenqi Chong and Ebony Barnet who were awarded a Distinction.

Don’t forget that next Wednesday it is the turn of the Foundation to Level Two classes to be involved in a big scale sports event. We will be led through an Olympics theme by a visiting company. Each grade will represent a country and children are invited to dress in the national colours of that country to assist in creating a team spirit. Whilst we have advertised for parent helpers for this event, I am told that the company that run the event are self-sufficient and will manage with just teacher assistance. You are still very welcome to come along and watch the fun.
Our birthday celebration preparations are really moving.

**Sunday, 9th October, 10am —2pm**

*Loose change collection competition* — We made an amazing splash with the launch of this initiative and Mrs Tattersall and I had to lug over 30kg of coins to the bank last week. Counting continued this week with a further 11kg coming in. The lead class at this stage is 1/2H with 6D coming a close second. 5F are doing well in third place and 3R, 3A, 4V and the office are neck and neck for fourth place. There is still time to round up those loose coins and bring them to school. Some of the classes that started slowly in week one have made a big gain in week two. Will 1/2H be able to stay in the lead or will some ‘slow and steady’ competitors overtake them by the end of the term?

*Chocolate Block collection* — Thank you to all the families who provided a block of chocolate for the coin toss stall at the birthday celebrations. We have a terrific supply but more donations will be gratefully received.

*Sponsorship* — We are still looking for families or businesses who would like to sponsor aspects of the celebration day so that we can use less of our profits for our initial costs.

Robyn English
Principal
Dear Families,

Welcome to August… isn’t time flying? I admit to loving the longer hours of daylight 😊.

You will have heard about NAPLAN in the news recently and may be wondering about RHPS’s results. Data is due to be released next week. I will update you with the national summary for now. Watch this space for the next newsletter when we will have more information to share:

- Reading results for Years 3 and 5 saw significant gain compared to 2008.
- Spelling results for Year 3 saw significant gain compared to 2008.
- Grammar/punctuation results for Year 3 saw significant gain compared to 2008.
- Numeracy results for Year 5 saw significant gain compared to 2008.

Writing results for Years 7 and 9 saw a significant decrease since 2011 (the year from which results can be compared with for this domain). The NAPLAN national results also show that from 2015 to 2016 there has been no significant change in literacy and numeracy results, with results plateauing. ACT, NSW and Victoria continue to have the highest mean achievement across the NAPLAN domains. You can read the NAPLAN 2016 summary information for further details.

Digital Technologies: Our Level 5-6 students have been using ‘Plickers’ as a quick tool for assessing work, attitudes, and responding to questions set by the teacher. This is enhancing personalised learning in these classes. Across the school, classes are also using ‘Book Creator’ to develop literacy skills. In Maths, digital technologies are being used for real life situations such as timetables, currency conversion, time zones etc.

The Victorian Curriculum [VC or Vic. Curric.] is made up of learning areas and general capabilities. One of the learning areas is Digital Technologies, which you read about in each of our newsletters. The General Capabilities in Vic. Curric. are integral to each learning area and these are: i) critical and creative thinking; ii) ethical understanding; iii) information and communication capability; iv) intercultural understanding; v) literacy; vi) numeracy; and vii) personal and social capabilities. “The Olympics” is a great fit for our curriculum and it’s exciting to hear the students from F-6 completing tasks and discussing the athletes, the countries, the challenges and how Tribes Agreements are shown in both individual and group events. Many of the Tribes groups watched this inspirational video for the Paralympics last week:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IocLkk3aYlk&feature=youtu.be

Student Wellbeing: Kids Hope is ready to start. We are lucky to be able to resume our “Kids Hope” program where several students will have the opportunity to participate in this mentor program with our volunteer Kids Hope mentors. Our Mentors have completed their training and are looking forward to starting with us here at RHPS.

Cheers,

Mary

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Parents & Friends

We have some great activities coming up—make sure you mark these dates in your diary.

**Thursday, 1st September— Father's Day Stall**

Don’t forget your dad or another important (male) person in your life this coming Father’s Day on Sunday, 4th September. There are some amazing presents available at low prices! Information will be coming home soon.

**Sunday, 9th October - 30th Anniversary Market Day**

As a result of your generosity today, the coin toss game will be well supplied with chocolate—make sure you come on down and try your luck! We are still looking for Year Level helpers. If you can help out at this celebration, we'd love to hear from you.

**Saturday, 12th November— Shopping Tour 🛍️**

Tickets go on sale soon. Friends and family members are all welcome. All funds raised from this event goes towards the new playground. THANK YOU to all those people who helped out at our recent Disco. We raised $1279.65— what a great effort!
Our 1/2s are busy in the Artroom

GRADE 1/2 ART

PICASSO PORTRAITS

In Grade 1/2 Art students have enjoyed studying the work of Pablo Picasso. They have particularly focused on his Cubist portraits which became inspiration for their own artworks.
Student of the Month awards

Congratulations to the following students, who receive ‘Student of the Month’ awards in August. Fantastic!

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Canteen News

SPECIAL:
The special for the next fortnight will be home baked **Mini Tea Cakes**. Mini Tea Cakes have a sprinkling of cinnamon and sugar and will be available in lunch orders or can be purchased over the counter for $1, between Friday 12th - Wednesday 24th August.

OLYMPIC MORNING TEA:
It was an extremely busy day in the canteen last Tuesday. The Olympics had arrived! Special thanks to the following people who worked VERY hard to feed our sports stars: Sher Ray, Janet Ruddock, Adrienne Ruddock, Hailey Grigson, Jenny McInnes, Tracey Robins & Christine Sullivan. Canteen provided around 850 special treats to hungry students!

Thank you,

Wendy Schilling and the Canteen Sub-committee
Performing Arts in Foundation

Part of our ‘Stomp’ program this term is to be focused on body awareness. To help us, we have been using mindfulness techniques in some of our classes.