Principal’s Message

Dear Families,

Is it just me or is time speeding up? First term seemed to whiz by in a blur. It is hard to believe that term two is here already but before I get onto all the things that are planned for term two, there are a few things I need to recap from before the holidays.

Despite the ominous weather, a hardy team powered by choc chip cookies, managed to weed, mulch and generally tidy up the garden bed below the Boorai building ramp. The difference is incredible and we owe a debt of gratitude to all those who helped. Sadly the promised barbecue was washed out but the students who helped were the envy of their friends in the last week of school when they were provided with a sausage in bread for lunch. See page 5 for a report from Mrs Hailey. Hopefully we will have even more helpers this term and we will be able to tame more jungles. (And have a proper barbecue!)

I was very nervous as I judged the Easter Hat Parade on the Tuesday before Easter. There was magnificent millinery and the creativity, ingenuity and outstanding engineering involved in some of the hats was astonishing. Judging was a very hard job and Emily from the kinder and I would have liked to give many more certificates of excellence. Thank you to all the parents who helped out with this activity. I can honestly say that I pulled a rabbit out of a hat...literally!

The last day of term was a curriculum day and the teachers were here at school ‘doing hard maths’. We had a very successful day with maths consultant Rob Vingerhoets who will continue to work with us as we develop a shared understanding of the core elements and principles of excellence in maths teaching and learning. I hope some families were able to make good use of the extra day of holidays in order to get a head start on the always-terrible Easter traffic.

We are now back for an eleven week term and there is much planned already. There are excursions and visiting presenters, camps and sports days, stalls and an open day, inter school sport and Hooptime events. It is NAPLAN testing week in early May and education week after that. Mrs Young has been hard at work booking buses and venues for our cross country events and inter-school sports meets. Please keep an eager eye out for communications about these events that will come through to you via the Compass system.

I am very sad to give official notice that our art teacher, Mr Sirianni is leaving us this week. Andrew has been with Rolling Hills for more than two years and has done a wonderful job of inspiring creative talent and showcasing fabulous artistic flair. We thank him very much for bringing his skills and ideas to our school and for helping to display some fantastic student work around the school. We have listed a few comments from our students about the impact Mr Sirianni has had on them during his time with us—see page 2. The art program will continue under the guidance of Mrs Kate Henson. Kate comes to us from Drouin and is excited about the prospect of working with our students to bring about some wonderful projects for our 30th birthday year.

Do you have a sibling starting school next year? Pick up a 2017 Enrolment Form at the office today or print one from the school’s website. Enrolments due 31st July!
Principal’s Message cont.

Over the last few months we have been continuing the planning for a school trip to visit our sister school in China. I know this is a big commitment, both financially and in terms of time for those parents who looked into attending. Unfortunately we have not had sufficient interest to make this viable in 2016. We will continue to develop close links to China using the Skype link and I know Xu Lao Shi has other creative plans afoot to ensure our ties with our Sister school continue. Thank you to all those who gave this project consideration. We will, I’m sure, be asked to host students in the future, so please think about your interest in potentially hosting home-stay visitors.

Don’t forget that hats are officially required until the end of April. The balmy weather is certainly still giving us lots of high UV exposure. All children must have a hat at school for outside play and sport activities.

Can you help? We are looking for a few families who would be happy to go on a rotational roster to wash the bed linen from the first aid room.

We are also looking for a family who may have a property or business with good public visibility who would be happy to host an information board advertising our school transition activities. It is important that we let the community know about information sessions that are coming up. Please contact me as soon as possible if you are happy to display our boards.

Robyn English, Principal

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Students were asked to write down some thoughts about Mr Sirianni. These were some highlights:

- I will miss Mr Sirianni because he encourages us to make mistakes and learn from them, rather than rub them out.
- His cartoons are really funny and so is his moustache.
- Mr Sirianni has challenged me and pushed me to the limits of my Personal Best
- All the work I have done with Mr Sirianni has improved each time.
- He is very helpful and turns good into perfect.
- We love using technology with Mr Sirianni
- He makes me feel happy when I am blue.
- Every day he comes with a smile on his face and greets people happily.
- Mr Sirianni lets us do more than just paint. He always thinks of different and unique art work and challenges me to do interesting and fun masterpieces.
- I love all of my drawings that he taught.

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### Have you applied for the CSEF?

Have you applied for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF)?

Parents are reminded that if you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for the CSEF. A special consideration category also exists for asylum seeker and refugee families. The allowance is paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund helps ensure that no student misses out on the opportunity to join their classmates for important, educational and fun activities. It is part of making Victoria the Education State and the Government’s commitment to breaking the link between a student’s background and their achievements.

The annual CSEF amount per student is:

- $125 for primary school students
- $225 for secondary school students

**How to Apply**

Contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download one from the CSEF website. Applications close on Friday 3rd June, 2016.
Dear Families,

Welcome to Term Two. I hope everyone enjoyed their Term One break and had a lovely Easter. I would like to show appreciation to the staff who spent time in their classrooms over the break or at home planning diligently for your child.

On a personal note, it’s great to be back at “the best school of them all!” I have caught up with all classes and to see the willingness to learn and care for each other in their learning communities is very rewarding and continually reminds me why I love my job. For me, Term One was spent mostly on carer’s leave as my parents needed support whilst dad was having a hip replacement. He reckons he’s ready to go on the Hawks list pretty soon – let’s hope they don’t need him!!

Term Two is a big term, full of great learning opportunities. This term, NAPLAN is scheduled for our Level 3 and Level 5 students in May. May is also Education Week. We realise that EVERY week is Education Week at Rolling Hills. Earthkeepers camp, Hands on Science activities, cross country, Interschool sports, excursions, TRIBES, assemblies, and great canteen morning teas all feature on our Term Two agenda. Watch the newsletter [via Compass] and our Facebook page for further details on these exciting opportunities.

For those who are wondering, “Who is Ms Moore?” I am your Assistant Principal. My main role at RHPS is student well-being. This has many hats and I will be sharing some information with you via the newsletter each fortnight. Working together on wellbeing is a really important feature of Rolling Hills.

What is TRIBES? Our school continues to develop skills and attitudes along our TRIBES path of Inclusion, Influence and Community. Our alternating Friday TRIBES afternoons focus on a Tribes Agreement, incorporating character strengths, to extend meaning and actions through collaborative group work. Our Tribes Agreements are not only about how we want others to behave towards us, it’s learning how to behave towards others as well.

RHS P Values: Responsibility, Honesty, Pride and Support: These values are what we expect from ALL in our learning community. They link with Tribes – making responsible choices, being honest, having pride in our own and others’ work and showing and accepting appreciations, supporting others particularly when working together on tasks. This is the foundation for OSHCare, School Council, Parents and Friends, from Foundation to Level 6 and all our staff professional learning teams.

GATEWAYS: Maths is a focus for GATEWAYS in Term Two.

Learning Support: It is great to see the improvements shown by our students participating in the additional learning support programs or being supported with resources for families to use at home, such as Toe by Toe. Remember that working together – home and school – provides the best opportunities for your child’s progress. Any student who is attending a learning support program or who is needing additional, individualised support from the classroom teacher has an ILP. An ILP stands for Individual Learning Plan and is especially written for your child. It includes goals that are set specifically for your child, where your child is at now and where we hope your child will be by the end of the semester or year.

Parent Workshops and other wellbeing information: Please keep checking my window for information on workshops and other material associated with wellbeing. I have seen families take photos with their phone to remember the info. If you want a hard copy, let me know. You can also go to the Anglicare website to check for their latest programs: Go to www.anglicarevic.org.au Click About Us - Click Newsletters - Click PARENTZONE - Click EASTERN NEWSLETTER. On page 1 you will see an index of contents so that you can easily find the section you are interested in.

See you at the school gate,

Cheers,

Mary

P.S. I just realised it’s my birthday today. How exciting to spend it with my favourite children!
‘Boss of the Boorai’ Day

The Term One, Level 5/6 inquiry unit was called ‘Your Voice, Your Choice’ and we learnt about government and democracy. We all formed political parties and we had to come up with promises of what we would do.

Our leader and deputy leader presented a speech to the level and teachers about what we would do if we were elected. Everyone voted for who they wanted to run the day on a ballot paper, using the preferential voting system. A few days later, after the teachers tallied the votes, we found out that on Monday the 9th of March, the Diamond Dinos were responsible for the ‘Boss of the Boorai’ fun day for the Level 5/6s. We had two days to prepare and we were responsible for the running of the entire day. We decided that we were going to hold a free dress day.

Here is how our day played out.

In the first two hours, we had movies, free time and device time. The movies we watched were ‘Cloudy With a Chance of Meatballs 2’ and ‘Turbo.’

During recess we set up an Easter Egg Hunt for everyone to enjoy. When they all came inside, everyone went crazy trying to find hundreds of eggs and get them into the bucket.

Next, we went out to play sport for half an hour. First the boys played ‘Doctor Dodge’ and the girls played ‘Hide and Seek’ and then they swapped over.

After that, we did a ‘slop dip.’ We made up buckets full of spaghetti, flour, juice, jam, banana and lots of other interesting things. The buckets ranged from a little gross to very disgusting and students had to dig around in them to find a plastic dinosaur and win a prize.

After lunch, we did ‘Splat the Teacher’ which was a trivia game where teachers asked the questions and if you were the first to answer correctly, you got to choose between throwing a water balloon or cream at them. It was the funniest and most fun part of the day.

Overall, everyone had a fun day and it was very successful.

Tyla, Darcey, Riannah & Mackenzie—Group Leaders

Premiers’ Reading Challenge

Premiers’ Reading Challenge has started - YIPPEE!

Information will come home soon - please keep a record of the books you are reading.

Last year we had over 100 students participating, this year we want more.

So... we are registering EVERYONE!

Happy Reading!

Helen Plunkett
Literacy Support

School/Home Communications

Have you responded to the following notices/Compass activities this fortnight?

Headlice
Foundation

Mad about Science
Level 3 & 4

Hands on Science
Level 1 & 2 students

Mooroolbark College Transition
Level 6 students

ANZAC Appeal

Once again, we are supporting the ANZAC Appeal by selling merchandise at the front office. Prices range from $2 - $5 for badges, bag tags and wristbands. Students will be given the opportunity to purchase them, or make a donation, until Tuesday, 26th April.
Canteen News

Canteen together with JSC, will be holding Australia’s Biggest Morning Tea on **Tuesday, May 3rd**, supporting Cancer Council. Order forms are due back to school by Friday, April 22nd at 4pm.

In previous years, there has also been a morning tea for parents. This year, we have decided to forgo this part of the event, and instead ask families to donate a little extra, which will be included in RHPS’s donation.

Over the past four years that we have held Australia’s Biggest Morning Tea, we have raised: 2012 - $852.90, 2013 - $722.30, 2014 - $652, 2015 - $560.70. All of these amazing amounts add up to a whopping $2787.90. Let’s see if we can top 2012’s result this year.

**SLUSH PUPPIE:**

Starting Friday, 15th April, Canteen will be running a promotion with Slush Puppie. **One in every five Slush Puppies purchased will win a FREE Slushi!**

To see if you are a winner, roll back the lip of the Slush Puppie cup and look for the special message. There is also a second chance draw with every cup - log onto the Slush Puppie website, add your barcode number and enter the draw to win some great prizes such as iPads, iPhones, gift vouchers, and other great SLUSH PUPPIE merchandise. Good luck!!

**EASTER MORNING TEA:**

Thanks to the following helpers at last terms Easter Morning Tea: Adrienne Ruddock, Karyn Hollienback, Lisa Cantlay, Lori Dudley, Hailey Grigson, Bron Chatalier and Sher Ray. The kids loved their special treats and the Mums’ were lucky to be entertained by the entrants (and Ms. English!) at the Easter Hat Parade, while we prepared the classroom tubs.

**NEW TERM – NEW MENU:**

Last term, students received a copy of the Canteen’s Winter Menu, which will be current until Term 4. Please take the time to have a browse – there are some seasonal changes, exciting new products, **as well as a price increase on some items.**

Wendy Schilling & Canteen Sub-committee

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**Term 1 Working Bee Thanks!**

A huge thank you to the families who attended our first Working Bee for the year. The area around the Boorai was beginning to look like a jungle but with some weeding and mulch, it now looks fantastic! Students and their families managed to work in between the downpours to get a lot done in a short time! Unfortunately the BBQ was rained out, but students enjoyed a sausage lunch as a reward the following Tuesday. We are looking forward to another Working Bee later on this term with a date to be announced in our next newsletter.

**Thank you to these superstar families:**

Asbury: Connor, Tim, William, Rachael
Sinco: Eric
Portbury: Josh
Rennick: Abbey, Hannah, Helen
Walker: Bodhie, Keeghan
Davies/Poole: Mali, Llinos
Gibson: Olivia, Yang
Fisken: Chloe, Michael, Tracey
Hobson: Katherine and Samantha
Grigson: Tayleen, Xanda, Hailey, Michael, Kerlise
Sheedy: Riannah, Caitlin, Robyn
Horley: Emily, Jessica
Vennix: Bella, Cooper, Michelle
Parkes: Emelia, Liam, Sarah
Sakareassen: Adelaide, Michael
Pasinati: Rob

**Thank you also to our dedicated staff:**

Mrs Plunkett, Mrs Gibson, Ms Poole, Mr Sirianni, Miss Warner, Mrs Hailey and Ms English.
**School Banking**

**Account Opening Day – Wednesday 27th April 8:30-9:30am**

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**Level 6 – Year 7 Transition**

**Important Information & Dates**

At Rolling Hills PS, Level 5 & 6 students participate in a range of transition activities with local secondary schools to ensure a well-informed, successful Grade 6 to Year 7 transition. This year, Level 5 have visited Lilydale Heights for a Discovery Day, Level 6 have participated in the Lilydale High Sports Day and next week Level 6 will visit Mooroolbark College. The level has also been visited by Lilydale Heights College and next week Yarra Hills will also speak to all students.

This week Level 6 parents will receive a transition package outlining the Year 7 transition process, which contains:

- important personalised **Application for Year 7 Placement** form,
- answers to questions you may have about secondary school placement and
- a list of schools in our area.

Please ensure that the **Application for Year 7 Placement** form is returned to school no later than **Friday, May 13th**. We will then distribute placement applications to the secondary school of your first preference.

Parents will receive written confirmation of their child’s placement offer on **Wednesday, August 10th**.

Secondary schools will host an Orientation Day for Level 6 students on **Tuesday, December 6th**.

To assist families in deciding on the secondary school for your child we encourage you to tour schools, with your child, and attend school open nights. Information about times and dates of tours and information evenings can be located by visiting school websites.

If you have any questions about the transition process, please speak to your child’s teacher or contact Tim Wilson, Transition Coordinator.

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