Dear Families,

Last week saw our junior students take their turn at a sports day and like the year 3 - 6 athletics, it was a highly successful event. The children were invited to wear the colours of the country represented by their grade and then they were split into rotational activities based on the events of the modern Olympics. There was running, jumping, dodging and even fencing! This was a fun way to celebrate the Olympic Games and a great way for the children to have supported introduction to simple skills linked to some of the sports that make up athletics. The rain held off and lots of parents came along to join in the fun and cheer on their teams. Well done everyone.

Last week was a special week in which we recognised the education support staff who work in our school known as ES staff. Many of the children made cards carrying messages of appreciation and delivered them to these wonderful people. Our ES staff make up a considerable proportion of our staff and we really couldn't manage without them. Our heartfelt thanks go to our integration aides, our library tech and literacy education support, our OSH coordinators and their helpers and of course our front office ladies. If you see any of them around, please take a moment to let them know how much we value their contribution to this wonderful school.

We are very proud to have a Rolling Hills PS representative in the Victorian State Primary School Netball team for the national titles to be played next week. We wish Ava Van Leemput all the very best for this exciting event and look forward to hearing all the details of her matches. There are still some raffle tickets available in the front office if you would like to assist Ava and her family with the fund raising that is required for participation in this event.

Our foundation classes for 2017 are now in final preparation and orientation sessions will begin on Wednesday 12th October. If you know of anyone who is intending to enrol in RHPS but has not yet done so, it is essential that you ask them to contact the school urgently. We are very full!

Last week each parent of a year 3 or 5 student should have received an envelope containing their national testing (NAPLAN) results. Please remember that these tests are a snapshot of the child's performance in a test situation on a single day. If you are at all concerned about the results or need to have some explanation, do not hesitate to contact your class teacher. We use the whole school aggregated data to inform us on curriculum focus areas and to guide us in analyzing our patterns of student learning outcomes. Over the next months, teachers will look closely at this data and make educational program decisions based on patterns and trends that appear.

I hope you have received your personal invitation to watch our Stomp Extravaganza on Wednesday September 14th. Over this term all the children have had a wonderful time learning dance steps to a number of dances. I hope you have been getting the occasional home concert as well. To make this performance a bit special we have negotiated with Lilydale Heights Secondary College to use their covered outdoor area for this event. I look forward to seeing you there!

Principal’s Message

Rolling Hills Primary School

25 August 2016

Our Vision: Inspiring all learners to be resilient, ethical citizens who will thrive in a global, innovative and sustainable community.

Diary Dates

AUGUST

24-25, 29 Student Support Group Meetings
26 Assembly, 2.55pm, Hosts 1/2A

SEPTEMBER

1 Father’s Day stall
2 District Athletics, selected Level 3-6
5, 12 Student Support Group Meetings
8 Cartoon Workshop, Levels 3/4
9 Assembly, 2.55pm, Hosts 1/2C
Level 1/2 Fun Night & Sleepover
13 Footy Lunch Day
14 Stomp dance performance
Canteen closed
School Council, 7.30pm, Staffroom
15 Canteen open
16 Last day of Term 3, Assembly 2pm
Hosts Freeman, 2.30pm dismissal

CANTEEN CHANGE OF DAYS:

Due to the STOMP performance on Wednesday 14th September, Canteen will not be open on this day. Instead, Canteen will be open on Thursday 15th September.
Principal’s Message cont.

think we will provide some (rather loud) distraction for the college students. I hope you, or some family members can come along and join the fun. There is no seating so it might be a good idea to bring a camping chair for your comfort. The note sent home last week needs to be returned promptly as we expect many children will wish to go home from the show with family members and we need to order the correct number of busses. Each group has been asked to wear clothes that match the theme for that group. We do not expect families to go to any expense for this. There is no cost to families for participation or watching the program as all costs are covered in the school curriculum budgets. (Warning! All those who attend - even to watch - should wear their dancing shoes!)

Birthday celebration news:

Loose coin collection – Our competition for the heaviest jar of loose change finishes this week. The final weigh in will be done on Friday and the class with the greatest weight of coins over all will win a ‘free fun day’ (by Principal decree) in the last week of the term. Last chance to collect those pesky five cent coins from under the couch cushions.

Photographic competition – We will be holding a photo competition for children as part of the memorabilia display at the Birthday Party. Children are invited to take a photo using a phone, camera or iPad and submit a print for judging. There are two themes, ‘Party!’ and ‘School days’. There are four age categories – Foundation to year 2, Year 3 & 4, Year 5 & 6 and Secondary students. Details of entry requirements will be part of the package of party information to be sent home early next week.

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

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Robyn English
Principal
Dear Families,

Welcome to this fortnight’s edition of Mooresville.

What did you enjoy most about the Olympics? I must say that I didn’t get a chance to watch much, however, I did enjoy the gymnastics. And I loved seeing Chloe Esposito win gold in the pentathlon. For our Tribes sessions on Fridays, our students have been looking at teamwork, cooperation and our Tribes Agreement of Personal Best.

We have our planning week coming up and our teaching staff will be planning a rigorous curriculum for Term 4.

**Digital Technologies:** The week beginning September 5th is eSmart week. Our focus across the school will be revisiting our classroom protocols for using technology devices and continuing our learning on being SAFE and RESPECTFUL users of devices both at school and at home and other environments. One thing that has really concerned me recently has been the repeated or shared information about what has been seen or heard outside of school on TV, YouTube, social media or other means. Some of this is totally inappropriate for primary students [I would say inappropriate for ANY conversations or viewing]. I’m not just talking about our RHPS kids [although I care about them most of all]. The incidences of young children accessing adult material is increasing greatly and something we ALL need to monitor and supervise. One of my friends left their usually responsible oldest in charge, and came home to the kids watching some nasty stuff on an iPad.

**Student Wellbeing:** Our Student Support Group meetings for all students on the Program for Student Disabilities will be held over the coming Mondays. Thanks to all involved for their time and commitment to these gatherings.

This week, we welcomed our Kids Hope Mentors and thank them for supporting our school and students.

Super Siblings will be held in the next week. We look forward to creating something special to celebrate our siblings and us!!!!!

As the term comes to an end, our kids can get tired and grumpy. Some ways to build resilience over the next few weeks to cope with end of term tiredness:
- Stay positive yourself.
- Turn a negative into a positive
- Lots of sleep and continued routines at home such as dinner time and bed times.
- Acceptance. [Not catastrophising simpler things].

There are some characteristics that we might expect to see in a child who is coping well or is resilient. For instance, they might:
- use positive self-talk for encouragement
- capably express their feelings and thoughts
- not hide away from strong feelings
- have helpful, age-appropriate strategies to manage their emotions if they are upset
- rearrange their plans to work around an unexpected situation
- use a trial-and-error approach in their daily life
- remain hopeful and keep on trying if something doesn’t work out
- know when to stop trying if they decide the effort is not worthwhile
- actively ask for help if they need it

We have one more week of August left. Our school friends in the northern hemisphere are starting their school year. This time 2 years ago, I recall being so excited about starting with my new Grade 3 class in Canada and starting our Aussie Mates project. In the words of our school song – “this time will fly away”... and so it does. Make the most of every day!

Cheers,
Mary
Levels 3-6 Athletics

Our Grade 3 – 6 students participated in the House Athletics Carnival on Wednesday 10th August at Croydon Athletics Track. The main focus was fun, having a go and putting into practice all of the learning from Physical Education in Term 2.

A HUGE thank you to the parents who helped out on the day. Your assistance and effort is truly appreciated! Thank you to the staff for their assistance and support with the preparation and running of the day. Also, a big thank you to Wendy and the canteen helpers for lunch and running the pop-up canteen at the track.

Thank you to families and friends who came down to watch, cheer and support.

RESULTS...
This year the winning house was THORPE!!! Well done to all of the students who tried their best and earned points for their House. Final results were as follows:

1st – Thorpe
2nd – Rafter
3rd – Freeman
4th – Bradman

61 students were selected from the day to represent the School at the District Athletics Carnival tomorrow. We wish them the best of luck!

Foundation—Level 2 Olympic Sports Day

On Wednesday 17th August, it was our Junior students turn to participate in an Olympic themed sports morning. Each class represented a country and students were split into groups to participate in the following activities:

♦ Fencing / shot put
♦ Boxing / tug of war
♦ Basketball
♦ Athletics
♦ Dodgeball

Students spent 15 minutes at each activity and scored points for their country. A big thank you to Simon and his team from Proactivity for running such a great program. The students had lots of fun – and looked fantastic wearing the colours of their country. Thank you to the F-2 staff for organising and assisting the students.

The winning country was… USA (1/2H). Well done to all students who participated. What a great morning!
Canteen News

**ATHLETICS CARNIVAL:**
Thank you to the following parents who helped at last week’s Athletics Carnival: Adrienne and Janet Ruddock, Leotia Serci, Rachael Asbury, Jamie McGregor, Carly Hall, Sandra Graham and Linda McArdle. The day ran very smoothly and the kids enjoyed their lunches and special treats at the track.

**FOOTY LUNCH DAY:**
Order forms for our Footy Lunch Day (which will be held the last Tuesday of this term), celebrating the AFL Grand Final will be sent home this week. Orders and payment is due back to the office before Wednesday 7th September.

**TERM 4 ROSTER:**
Would all current canteen volunteers please notify me ASAP if you have specific dates you would like to be rostered on, or if your current availabilities have altered.

If you haven’t yet joined the Canteen Volunteers and would like to be included on the Term 4 Roster, please contact Wendy on 0438 553 177. Thanks!

**VOLUNTEER THANK YOU:**
This week I sent home a small thank you to the AMAZING group of parents, Grand Parents and Aunties who help in the canteen. Without this great group of volunteers, RHPS would not be able to run canteen in it’s current format. Thank you all for making my job so enjoyable. I hope you all got to sit somewhere in the quiet and enjoy your gift with a cuppa!

**STOMP:**
Due to the very exciting whole school Stomp Performance Canteen will be CLOSED on Wednesday, 14th September. HOWEVER...Canteen will be OPEN on Thursday 15th September instead :)

**SPECIAL:**
Our special for the next two weeks will be home baked Snickerdoodle Cookies. These are a RHPS favourite; cinnamon & butter 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 26th August – Wednesday 7th September.

Thankyou,
Wendy Schilling & Canteen Sub-committee

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**Foundation 2017 Transition**

Our Foundation students for 2017 will begin their transition program on

**Wednesday, 12th October**

Students will enjoy their ‘Starting School’ session between 9.15—10.15am and parents are invited to stay for a welcome morning in the staffroom. Families will have the opportunity to meet our Principal (Robyn), School Council President (Fleur), Chaplain (Fiona), Canteen Manager (Wendy) and our Parents & Friends President (Melissa).

If you have a child starting school next year, please remember to return the attendance slip to the office by 8th September.
Term 3 Update:

Rolling Hills continues to take pride in looking after the environment in a range of ways, including having rubbish free lunches, recycling facilities and organising our student action group called the “Nature Protectors.”

Our grade six students have recently been rejuvenating the veggie patches ready for spring planting. If you would like to volunteer to assist our budding green thumbs, please let us know!

Don’t forget to bring a rubbish free lunch every week for “Tally Tuesdays!”
I’ll be rewarding the best class with a special recycled trophy!
I’ll be watching you!

National Tree Day 2016

During August, students will help improve our school environment by planting 200 native grasses, shrubs or trees. Each grade has a designated area of the garden to look after. This will increase biodiversity and support bird and animal life in the grounds.

Spring Working Bee

Come along to help refresh the Cheriton Drive entrance. Share a snack and some laughs with us!

Monday 5th September
3.30pm-6pm

* Please RSVP by Wednesday 31st August for catering.
* Bring along wheelbarrows, shovels, rakes, weeding tools, loppers you have, as well as a smile!

Help us keep our school grounds beautiful!

Candlebark Community Nursery

5 Taylor Road,
Mooroolbark
(enter from Hull Road)
Our Level 3 & 4 students enjoyed a visit to the Immigration Museum and the Sandridge Bridge last week. Here are a few pictures and student reflections...

Hannah R

Indiana Z
From the Artroom

3A have been creating carnival masks, celebrating the colour and magnificence of the Rio Olympics...