Dear Families,

Last week was **Education Week** - a highly appropriate celebration for our workplace. As Victoria is being heralded as the Education State this is further reason to celebrate schools and learning. Our week was full of activities... as usual.

Thank you all those who came along on our **Open Day**. We had a wonderful turn out of over 120 families. Many children were proud to show parents, grandparents and even great grandparents around their classrooms and the school. Matt’s music students had the opportunity to play for many visitors and lots of us were treated to a choir rehearsal or two in the breaks. The children were calm and kept working well as a constant stream of visitors passed through. Great job everyone!

Last week also held the **Junior Sports Carnival**. We invited the 4 year olds from Rolling Hills Kinder to join in. We all had a wonderful day in house colours balancing eggs, running with three legs, bouncing space hoppers, dressing up in beach relay gear, throwing goals and generally being sporty. I was amazed by the enthusiasm, energy and resilience of all participants. A huge thank you to Mrs Young for all the organisation that went into such a fun day. Congratulations **Freeman** who came out as the winning house.

We saw many familiar faces at the **Rolling Hills Kinder market day** held on Saturday the 14th of May. Mrs Hailey and Miss MacMillan joined me as we ran the RHPS ‘stall’ at which young visitors could design and create their own birthday hat. We were lucky to be invited to be part of this great community event and I would like to thank all the organisers for a terrific day.

Next term **Miss Daniels will be jetting off** to the United States to undertake some further study. In her absence the Performing Arts program will be run by Mrs Janine Ceola. Some of the children will already have met her as she has done some relief teacher work for us in the last couple of months. As we have a bit of a change, we have negotiated a specialist dance program to be run by Janine and the Stomp Dance Company. We are planning a whole school dance event to showcase the students’ newfound skills. Miss Daniels will be back in time to prepare us for the Christmas end of year concert.

Neville, our Landscape Drive Crossing Supervisor tells me that the **traffic and parking** has improved significantly over the last couple of weeks. Could this be due to the presence of Yarra Ranges bylaws officers issuing infringement notices? I would really hope that our school families do the right thing, traffic-wise, purely because it is the way we keep kids safe, not just because they want to avoid a fine. I am told that we will have more random visits in weeks to come so please take care.

Some of you may know that we had some **unwelcome visitors** at school a couple of weeks ago. A group of young people painted graffiti tags on windows, doors, down pipes and water tanks. My sincere thanks to Greg McCallum who quickly had all surfaces washed down and also to Furlong Painting who provided us with a painter in double-quick time to repaint the affected doors. Our CCTV footage is operational and as a result there are a few people that the police would like to talk to. Please go onto the Police Victoria Eye-Watch site where these images will be posted shortly.
Principal’s Message cont.

This week teachers have begun the extensive work of report writing. We constantly monitor learning and all teachers have excellent on-going knowledge of student progress but twice a year we pull together lots of different elements to make judgements against standards set by the Victorian Curriculum Authority. These days the process of preparing reports is HUGE. I would like to thank all the teachers at Rolling Hills Primary in advance, for this mammoth task. Reports will be available for download through Compass. We no longer issue printed reports.

**Compass is our primary communication tool** and people are gradually getting used to it as a way to send notes, access information and make payments. Please watch out for app and email notification about notes on Compass. We have had to send out a lot of individual reminders about giving the parent permission ‘tick’ and making payments. Organising bookings and buses relies heavily on this information being back at school in a timely manner. If you have any concerns about Compass, events or payments, please contact the office staff.

Our first **camp** for 2016 is approaching. Year 5 and 6 students are off to an amazing two (very full) days at Sovereign Hill in Ballarat. The experience is an essential element of the learning for third term and gives a fabulous personal context to historical events that are essential elements of our past. Camp is also an important way for students to gain independence skills and it is on camp that the teachers notice children who have wonderful potential for leadership opportunities. I’m sure many of you have strong memories of camp. (I am still in shock from realising, in grade four, that teachers actually wear pyjamas!)

Robyn English
Principal

‘Okka Pies’ orders

Just a reminder that all Pie Drive orders are due back on Wednesday 1st June.

It is a great chance to fill your freezer with some family favourites or to be daring and try something new.

Don’t forget to ask family members, friends and neighbours also, as $2 from every item purchased stays with the school and is going towards the new playground.

Pies will be ready for collection on Thursday 16th June, from 3pm to 3.45pm from the canteen window.

Parents & Friends

Rolling Hills Preschool are holding a fundraising movie screening of **Finding Dory**

**Sunday, 19th June, 3pm, Croydon**

If you would like to go along with your family & friends, please pick up a form in the school foyer. Bookings & payment to be made at the preschool.

Cost: $12 ticket
Special $9 popcorn/drink deal available. See form for details.

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

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A reminder that the 1st instalment or full payment for the Level 5/6 Sovereign Hill camp was due on Monday. Payments are still being accepted through Compass. Please contact the office if you have any queries.
Dear Families,

Winter starts next week in Australia. Adam and I often have a rigorous discussion about when our seasons actually start. The astronomical seasons go by the date of the solstice and equinox. The meteorological calendar says our seasons start on the first day of the particular month. That’s the one I go by, so June 1st is the first day of Winter for us. Adam says it is the 19th of June [as per the solstice]. Most of the Northern Hemisphere go by the astronomical seasons, whilst Australia and other Southern Hemisphere countries go by the meteorological calendar. In places like Ecuador, there are only two seasons: wet and dry. When travelling in that country I tried asking when their seasons started and got very blank looks – no seasons to speak of. This is a very interesting discussion to have and I hope there are some clever Level 6 students who might answer my questions of WHY it is so.

School Policies: Watch out in your Compass inbox for the next lot of policies. We hope to be sending out our cyber safety policy and our social media policy very soon. Your feedback is welcome.

Lunchtimes: Many of my lunchtimes are spent with kids. Some children need a little support to use our Tribes Agreements, some need some TLC, some like to visit and I monitor the wellbeing of some others. This week, it was my absolute pleasure to spend some of my lunchtime with the L3-4 students who had completed or almost completed their Premier’s Reading Challenge. What fun we had discussing our favourite books. I look forward to the L5-6 lunchtime sharing of books next week. Have you joined up for the 2016 Premier Reading Challenge? It’s fun and easy.

Digital Technologies: It has been very rewarding to see our teachers working solidly on incorporating digital technologies into their classroom planning. Level 6 have been using apps and the internet to look up events and timetables to create timelines for travelling to Melbourne for an activity. What a great way to use numeracy and technology skills. They have also been using excel to create addition ladders with the Smart Boards.

Professional Learning Teams [PLTs]: At RHPS, we have 3 PLTs – Student Wellbeing, Numeracy and Literacy. Staff meet regularly to check on whole school progress, review assessment schedules, team planners, resource sharing, moderation of student work and teacher planning as well as going deeper into the Annual Implementation Plan [approved by School Council and the Department each year]. My dad still thinks teachers work from 8:45am to 3:45pm and is quite flabbergasted when I tell him about the teacher meetings, planning, corrections, resourcing of lessons, etc that go on outside the regular eight hour day. Luckily, the love of the job and your wonderful kids are our rewards. Our PLTs are one of the meeting times in which teachers are involved. We will be updating you on our Literacy, Numeracy and Wellbeing progress over the year.

Individual Learning Plans [ILPs]: It’s been great to see so many students being supported with their Individual Learning Plans and their semester goals. If you have any questions, please check in with your child’s teacher.

Volunteers: We are very lucky to be supported by many volunteers at RHPS. We have many wonderful volunteers who help out around the school in so many ways. Most are parents from current families; however, we also have others, like Christine and Nellie, who volunteer because they love education. Thanks to everyone who contributes to learning at RHPS.

On the Window: There is a new Michael Gross presentation reasonably close by. Have a look at the details on my window.

As you know Parentzone produces the ‘Parent News’ each term. It is full of information about parenting courses and resources in the eastern region. It is available to schools, local government, the Department of Human Services, family services agencies & community houses via the Anglicare website www.anglicarevic.org.au. Click on NEWS then NEWSLETTERS then PARENTZONE then EASTERN NEWSLETTER.

See you at the school gate,
Cheers,
Mary

Better Buddies FREE Dress Up Day
Wednesday 15th June

Please come to school dressed in PURPLE and YELLOW to celebrate being a better buddy.

This special day will highlight the importance of building relationships in schools where students feel connected, valued and supported!

So dig through your wardrobes and dress up boxes and find your best purple and yellow outfit.
In Mandarin, students get to develop language skills as well as cultural knowledge through a variety of fun and engaging activities, such as role-plays, presentations, IWB activities, iPad activities, Air time with sister school, pen-pals project, cooking class, and chops sticks competitions.

What’s happening in LOTE?

Twilight Working Bee
Friday 3rd June: 3.30pm-6.00pm

We need helpers!!! If you are available to help after school on Friday next week at our Working Bee, we would love to see you!

Yummy treats for those who come!
Last week was an exciting week in Sport at Rolling Hills. We started on Wednesday with our Foundation to Two carnival on our school oval. The students are to be commended on their house spirit, costumes and the support they gave each other as they rotated around 10 different stations over the 4 hours. It was also great to have 27 children from the Four Year old Kinder program at Rolling Hills attend and become part of the carnival spirit. A big thank you to all those parents who rolled up their sleeves and helped out. Your assistance was and always will be invaluable. The students were very excited to earn house points at each station at the end of the carnival Freeman was announced as the winning house!

Then on Friday we had District Cross Country at Lillydale Lake. We took a strong team of 60 students who competed extremely well. The competition was tough and some great results were achieved. Thank you to Miss Fawcett, Mr Smith and Mrs Edwards who gave up their time to come and help out on the day. A huge congratulations goes to the following students who made it to the Divisional Level of Cross Country, which is to be held at the Yarra Glen Racecourse on Tuesday 7th June:

10 Girls  Ciara Willey
10 Boys  Mitchell Oulton
12/13 Girls  Taiysha Wallis, Ava Van Leemput, Mali Davies
12/13 Boys  Harry Rattray, Jackson Holly, Jack Roach

On Wednesday 25th May, the Level 3 & 4 students start their AFL 9’s clinic. This is a four week program that will involve a 1hr coaching clinic for each class over the next four weeks. The program finishes off with a Gala Day for which 12 - 15 students are selected to represent Rolling Hills. They will play in a round robin tournament on Thursday 23rd June. More information will be sent out to students as we get closer.

This Friday 27th May, the Year six students are playing Interschool Sport against Mt Evelyn Primary School. The volleyball and netball will be played at Mt Evelyn PS and the soccer and football will be played at Yarra Hills Secondary College, Mt Evelyn campus. Good luck to all those students.

Next week, we are lucky enough to have some coaches coming in from the Australian Football Federation (Soccer) to run some clinics for all the classes from Year One to Six. I hope that you really enjoy the sessions and get lots out of them.

Until next time, keep active and healthy!

Beck Young
Physical Education & Sports
Canteen News

VOLUNTEERS:
Earlier this month National Volunteer Week was celebrated around Australia. At RHPS we are extremely fortunate to have so many parents and extended family members who are part of our volunteer base.

Thank you to the following people who generously give their time in canteen:

SPECIAL:
Our special for the next two weeks will be home baked Snickerdoodle Cookies. These are a favourite of Rolling Hills; 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 27th May – Wednesday 8th June.

Thank you, Wendy Schilling & the Canteen Sub-committee.

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Uniform

Now available at the Uniform Shop:
- Girls Poly Cotton Bootleg Navy Pants. They come in size 5, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14, 16 and are $29 a pair.
  They are lined, so nice for the Winter instead of the girls having to wear tracksuit pants.
- Girls Navy Tights (to wear with their tunics). They come in sizes 5-6 and 7-8 and 9-10.
  Still awaiting delivery of long sleeve polo shirts.

UNIFORM SHOP IS OPEN EVERY FRIDAY MORNING FROM 8.30AM—9.30AM AT THE CANTEEN WINDOW

School Banking

Well done to the following students who have achieved a School Banking Bronze Certificate for their great efforts in making 10 deposits:

Chase Altham, Xanda Grigson, Xander Harrington, Max Kudela, Paige Looney, Brodie Scott and Riley Vedder.

It is never too late to begin School Banking; all you need is a Youthsaver account.

If you have any questions regarding any part of school banking, please contact the office to leave a message and we will get back to you.