Dear Families,

I hope you are sitting comfortably as there is a lot to report on in this newsletter. Crikey schools are busy places! Several events have taken place over the last week in which we have waved good bye to the children as they have boarded buses to head off for educational activities away from school. Our foundation students were very excited to be heading off on their very first school excursion. They had a wonderful day at the zoo with glorious weather and everything went to plan. They returned with tales of many tails... and other interesting animal bits and pieces.

Year six students have had important transition activities involving visits to local secondary schools and the leaders acquitted themselves magnificently as they participated in the local Legacy primary schools commemoration of ANZAC Day. Thank you to Mr Smith for managing this event and assisting the students who laid a wreath and gave a presentation about some of the Victoria Cross recipients.

Year three and four students had a fabulous day of science as part of their term two inquiry topic. They experimented and tested, hypothesised and concluded. Our topics across the school this term are about change and these children had a fantastic day creating, observing and measuring change in a number of scientific contexts.

Keep your eye on the local paper in weeks to come as we have had a photographer here recording some of our activities. Last week we were lucky enough to have James Merlino, the Deputy Premier and Minister for Education, visit our school to talk about governmental processes with our senior students. The children asked fascinating questions and found out about the hopes (and disappointments) of being education minister. They wowed him with their understanding of parliamentary processes and I was very proud of them.

As I write this newsletter, 21 of our senior students are up in the Dandenong Ranges having a fantastic time with Mrs Hailey and Miss Fox on the Earthkeepers’ Camp. This camp, run by the local Shire has an environmental focus and is an ‘extra’ for those with a passion for sustainability. We thought the camp may be interrupted by a scheduled burn and after much consideration we decided to cut the camp short rather than have the potential for our students to be isolated by the burn. Luckily, this morning we found out that the burn was cancelled so all is well and we are back to plan A. Decisions like these are never easy and never taken without careful consideration and exploration of as much information as possible. Ultimately, we will never put or leave any of our students in a situation which has an unacceptable level of risk. The parents I spoke to by phone on Wednesday and today were very understanding and I thank them for this.

There are a couple of important events coming up next week that need a mention. On Tuesday we have our Mothers’ Day stall, our Biggest Morning Tea and our JSC dress up day fundraiser for the Cancer Foundation. I expect to see several Tigers fans, tennis players, Taylor Swifts and turtles (probably of the ninja variety.) I imagine there will also be a Teacher or two, a television personality and possibly even a T-Rex. It should be a lot of fun for a very worthy cause. I doubt that there would be a family in the school that has not been personally affected by cancer. Please help out by bringing along a gold coin donation to make this a great day with a good result for the JSC.
Principal’s Message cont.

The plans for our 30th Birthday celebration party are well under way. Make sure you save the date of Sunday October 9th so that you can be part of the fun. We have a great day in planning with some amazing rides, stalls, kids activities and an historic display of photos and memorabilia of the school. There will be limited places for stalls on the day and we would like to give preference to businesses directly connected to our own families so if you would like to book a stall please email us or drop a note in to the office. We are planning a photographic competition for students too - lots more information and detail to follow. The aim is for our events to raise $30K to be spent on playground equipment. The 2016 community would like to give ourselves a birthday present that will be enjoyed by all and will last for a long time. Mitchell Wighton represented the JSC at the birthday committee meeting by sharing student ideas and requests about what they would like to see in the school grounds. We are currently trying to create an effective way for all school community members to share their thoughts. Do we renovate and upgrade some of the equipment we already have or do we create an exciting new play area with a new style of equipment? Do we work on a number of small projects or have one significant piece? What do you think? Over the next few newsletters we will publish some of the equipment possibilities and invite feedback.

Many of our teachers are about to complete their level 2 first aid qualification and all are completing the extensive anaphylaxis training regime. We take this area of our work very seriously and have policies and action plans in place to minimize risks of allergic reactions by the children. One important aspect of this is the essential rule that children must not share food. Whilst it is a generous thing to do, it is potentially very unsafe. Please do not give your child extra food to share with friends. Similarly parents need to know what food their children are eating at school so it is not acceptable for children to buy items at the canteen to give to friends. Birthday treats are another area of concern for us. Many children like to bring a little treat to school for their class on their birthdays. Please consider providing a small non-food item if you want to share with the class. There are lots of ‘party fancy’ options available but please note that bringing treats (of any variety) to school for birthdays is certainly not an expectation (despite the child-pressure you might feel!!)

And finally, another date to pop in your diaries. During Education Week we will have a school open day. On Thursday May 19th we invite you to come to the school at a time that suits you, sign in at the office and then have a little self-guided tour around this beautiful learning environment. We are working on having some of our lessons, such as choir practices and instrumental lessons, in an open place so that visitors can enjoy them. Classroom programs will go on as normal. The children will expect a stream of parents coming through and looking at their programs. It is a chance for your child to showcase their learning and for you to experience a bit of school as it is in 2016. There will be some tours for prospective families during the day so please pass this message on to any of your neighbours who may want to book in to be shown around the school.

Can you help?
We are looking for families who are happy to go on a roster to wash the first aid room bed linen once a term. If you can do this please let Peta or Susy in the office know.

Robyn English, Principal

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

- Premiers Reading Challenge
  - All students
- ANZAC Day Service
  - Selected students
- ICAS
  - Level 2-6 students
- Sovereign Hill Camp
  - Level 5 & 6 students
- Interschool Sport
  - Level 6 students
- Headlice Notice
  - Level 6 students
- Cross Country
  - Level 3-6 students

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!
Dear Families,

**Tribes:**
As you can see from the diagram, Tribes is a process where we move from Inclusion to Influence to Community. At various times, we move across all three areas as Tribes is very fluid. Our very special Friday afternoon Tribes sessions focus on the Inclusion part of the process, ensuring we all know what the Agreements stand for, how we show them – with our language, our facial expressions, our actions and our body language. Influencing others is our next step – how we show what we expect from others – using our language, our facial expressions, our actions and our body language. This is particularly important in the yard, when students are able to influence others with positive problem solving, making responsible choices with regard to friendships, property and inclusion. Taking these thoughts, behaviours and actions into everything we do and how we learn and teach others, builds a Tribes community. We love being a Tribes school at RHPS.

**Super Siblings:**
We are about to start our Super Siblings classes for 2016. This is where selected students join Ms. Moore for lunch and some art/craft activities one lunchtime every so often. [At least 2x a term]. These students have a sibling or relative who has special needs. Sometimes, it can be challenging being a sibling of someone with special needs. I remember sometimes being embarrassed or sometimes getting into strife for doing something silly to ‘protect’ my sibling. There is also a fierce loyalty and love you have for each other. The RHPS Super Siblings group is a private, supportive time where we can share our experiences and know we are not alone. Please let me know if you would like your child to be a part of this group.

**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 on "About Us"  Click on Newsletters  Click on PARENTZONE  Click on EASTERN NEWSLETTER. On page 1 you will see an index of contents so that you can easily find the section you are interested in.

**Anxiety Kits:**
A reminder to families that we have ‘anxiety kits’ for borrowing. These have some lovely books, a CD, and some information about anxiety. Please see me if you’d like to borrow these for a while.

**Buddy Bear Program:**
RHPS is a buddy bear school. This means our Foundation and Level 5 students participate in activities that support friendship and caring for one another. The buddy bear program originated from the Alannah and Madeline Foundation. It’s 20 years today since the Port Arthur attack. We have a “buddy seat” in our school grounds.

**Car Parking:**
Car parking issues unfortunately, have continued to be a problem for us. The safety of our kids is always our priority and we all know that children and traffic don’t mix. A reminder that both Landscape Drive and Cheriton Drive have NO ENTRY into the ring roads after school. Please ensure that you do not enter the school parking areas from 3pm onwards. Arrange a safe meeting spot with your children. Your support in this area is much appreciated.

See you at the school gate,

Cheers,
Mary
As we head into our very busy time of Physical Education and Sport at Rolling Hills I just wanted to update the community about what we have coming up.

Next Thursday 5th May we have our Level 3 to 6 Cross Country at Lillydale Lake. I am really excited to run the students at the lake so they get a real feel for what it will be like to race at the District Cross Country on the 20th May if they are lucky enough to come in the top 10 of their age group.

As this will be a House Sports Carnival, we have asked all the students to dress up in their house colours. This does not mean go out and buy anything new but to look at what you have at home and accessorise in your House colour. The most important part is that all students competing are wearing their runners to get the best out of their race. School shoes will not provide enough support to run the best they can on the day.

I am still in real need of parents to help course marshal on the day. This is your opportunity to be part of the race by supporting and assisting the students as they run past your check point. If you could spare a couple of hours next Thursday, please get in contact with me via email, phone or the office as soon as possible. Thank you to those who have offered to help. I will send you all an email on Friday to explain how the day will run.

On Wednesday 18th May I will be running our Prep to 2 Sports carnival on our school oval. The aim of this day is to provide a fun filled day of activities for the junior students of Rolling Hills PS that incorporate the capabilities that make up SEL (social and emotional learning) including social awareness and relationship skills through social management.

The students will work in their Tribes groups and rotate through stations participating in activities such as the Sack Race, Egg and Spoon Race, Tunnel Ball and Rob the Nest. This day will run from 9am until 1:30pm. We are making this a House Sports Day too, so students are encouraged to come in their House Colours and will gain house points for great participation, excellent sportsmanship, leadership, cheering and best dressed. Parents, please look out for the note on Compass asking for permission for your child to take part.

The 20th May is the District Cross Country and those students who have excelled in our school cross country will compete against the other schools in our District back at Lillydale Lake. A note will go home to those selected students after our school cross country.

In June, we have our Hoop Time Gala Days. The Level 3 and 4 students on Friday 10th June and Level 5 and 6 on Friday 17th June. Thank you to those parents who have already offered to help and or score/supervise etc. If there are any more parents out there who would like to help please email me ASAP. Thank you to those who already have and again I will send a group email to you all in the coming weeks to confirm the details.

I want to congratulate Josh and Spencer who competed at the District Tennis Trials at Montrose last week. The competition was very tough and the boys played to a great standard. Ava, Taiysha and Mackenna are also to be congratulated for competing in the first stage of the State Netball Team Trials. The girls played 5-6 games during the afternoon. There were 128 girls in the Eastern regional trials at 3 different venues. They were extremely competitive and both Taiysha & Ava made it through to the next stage which will be held later in May. Good luck girls, the Rolling Hills community is all behind you!

Finally, this Friday 29th April, marks the beginning of weekly Interschool Sport for the Level 6 students. I want to wish the Volleyballers, Footballer, Soccer players and Netballers all the best in their first game against Pembroke Primary. The game is at home and will be played on our school oval, in the gym and our netball courts. The games will be played from 1:30 to 2:30pm.

Until next time, thank you for all your support and keep up your healthy active lifestyle!

Mrs Beck Young
Physical Education and Sport
**Canteen News**

**AUSTRALIA’S BIGGEST MORNING TEA:**
Canteen, together with JSC will host Australia’s Biggest Morning Tea next Tuesday, 3rd May. Thanks to the many families who have sent back their order forms. Our donation to Cancer Council this year will be around $650. I will confirm the final donation in the next newsletter. Thank you all for your donations.

**MENU ITEMS – NO LONGER AVAILABLE:**
The following items will no longer be available at the canteen-
- JJ’s Snacks – replaced with Delites (Sour Cream & Chive, Salt & Vinegar or Sweet Chilli & Sour Cream)
- Yoghurt Grubs

**ANAPHYLAXIS & FOOD ALLERGIES IN THE CANTEEN:**
Rolling Hills PS staff have recently been studying the treatment of allergies and anaphylaxis in schools. Staff have had a discussion about the sharing of food, both in the classroom and from the canteen window.
As a school, we have made the decision that students may not purchase items from the canteen that are to be shared with their friends.

This also applies to parents and family members volunteering in the canteen. If you are working in the canteen, please don’t provide your children’s friends with any treats (even if they don’t have food allergies). Parents, please take the time to discuss this with your children. Thank you for your help and understanding.

**SPECIAL:**
This fortnight’s special is home baked Lemon Slice. Lemon Slice will be available to be purchased at the Canteen window or ordered with lunch orders for $1 per slice, from Friday, 29th April – Wednesday 11th May.

Thank you
Wendy Schilling & the Canteen Sub-committee.

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

Aaron Brock, Rhys Brock, Gabriella Donnelly, Owen Feuser, Emily McKay, Jasmine Portbury, Hannah Rennick and Alicia Smith.

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.

School Banking Coordinator

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The Mothers Day Stall is being held on Tuesday 3rd May. Don’t forget to send some money in with your students on Tuesday!

We are still looking for volunteers, if you are able to assist on the day with the stall, could you please contact the office.
Dress Up Day—something starting with ‘T’

Tuesday, 3rd May

In keeping with the theme of the ‘big tea’ (Biggest Morning Tea) being held next Tuesday, children are invited to come along dressed as something beginning with T.

Come along in your favourite ‘T’ outfit and support our Junior School Council by bringing along a gold coin donation, which will be donated to The Cancer Council, along with proceeds from our morning tea.

Celebrating 30 Years

Rolling Hills Pre-School
1986 - 2016

Market Day

SATURDAY, 14th MAY
54 LANDSCAPE DRIVE
MOOROOLBARK
10am - 2pm

Face Painting • Jumping Castle • Sausage Sizzle • Cupcakes
CFA Volunteers • Police • Second Hand Books
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