Dear Families,

Last week was Literacy and Numeracy Week and I have heard that many children went home and shared the excitement of the book ‘torch relay’ that took place. The glorious picture book ‘My two blankets’ was taken from room to room and shared with fifteen rapturous audiences. The touching story was brought to life with two beautiful patchwork quilts supplied by Mrs Hailey and Mrs Cripps. Each class wrote a reflective message which was attached to the book as it travelled its journey from class to class. Along with this was our Six Word Story challenge in which students were invited to try and encapsulate a story in only six words. I was asked to do the honours of judging this competition and with many, many wonderful stories spread across my dining room table, I am afraid that I have had to bring in the assistance of an author I know. The winners will be announced at assembly this week. Thank you to all the teachers on the English Team who put together the activities for Literacy Week.

Numeracy has had its time in the sun too. Four lucky classes were treated to a demonstration maths lesson with Mr Rob Vingerhoets, a maths consultant. Rob taught one grade at each level and the teachers from that level observed the lesson and engaged in professional discussion about what we saw. It was wonderful to be part of the conversations about learning and what constitutes excellence in mathematics teaching. This is professional learning at a high (and very engaging) level.

This week, in planning week, some of the children have had more great learning opportunities. Year 5/6 students took part in a Chinese theatre workshop on Tuesday and year 3/4 had a wonderful time with cartoonist Richard Galbraith as he took them through some cartooning tips. Year 1/2 students have the excitement of the fun night at school on Friday with the year twos getting to lay out their swags and experience a night sleeping in the Boorai. This is an excellent preparation for our school camping program.

Next week is the last week of term and we will be celebrating in style with our Stomp Dance Show. We are very grateful to Lilydale Heights College for allowing us to use their outdoor undercover area and we have even been offered catering by the school café. Parents will be invited to purchase coffee or cake and as they watch the show. Just a reminder that audience members will need to bring their own chairs and children going home from the venue with family members MUST have returned the slip indicating that this will occur. The children have had a wonderful time learning basic dance steps with Sarah from Stomp Dance Co and I can assure you all that you are in for a treat – a loud one!

Mrs Layton has written a sports report further along in the newsletter but I would like to add my word of congratulations to our girls’ netball team who have come out victorious in the Netball Victoria Tournament. I have had many compliments about the girls’ astonishing skills and their exemplary sportsmanship. I am very proud of them. Ava Van Leemput, unfortunately, was not available to play due to her role in the Victorian State Netball team. The good news, however is that Victoria were the premiers for 2016. Congratulations Ava and all the girls in the school team.

Don’t forget that school finishes sightly early on the last day of each term. We will conclude with an assembly run by the Freeman Captains with dismissal at 2.30pm. OSH Care will be available for the extended time on Friday the 16th.

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

Term four begins on October 3rd. It is a rather long term, consisting of 11 full weeks and two days of week 12. Term four is a very busy one with reports, graduation, year 3/4 camp, Carols Night, transition activities and of course – our birthday party! Make sure you keep up to date with activities through Compass and the newsletters and friend us on Facebook to get a less formal view of the activities of RHPS.

Birthday Party Update:
Wrist bands are now on sale at an earlybird rate. Take advantage of this option to have limitless rides with the payment out of the way before-hand. We are desperately seeking volunteers for the day. We need help setting up, running the stalls and cleaning up. Any help you can give would be hugely appreciated. We are also still seeking sponsorship from community businesses. If you have contacts in any industry and think the company would have the facility to support us financially, please give me a call so that I can formally invite them to participate. So far we have had support from Bendigo Bank, Topstar Plaster, DRJ Pools, Wall Store Monash Branch and Woolhouse Consulting Pty Ltd. We are very happy to advertise this support so that the community can support those who support us.

This sponsorship means our costs are covered so that the takings on the day can be profit used to buy ourselves a birthday present – a brand new piece (set?) of playground equipment. The more profit we make, the more impressive our playground.

The party will kick off at 10am with an opening ceremony, cake cutting and singing of Happy Birthday by the school choir. There are stalls, rides, historic memorabilia and photo competition displays, barbeques, show bags, Devonshire teas, activities, face painting and more fun that you can imagine. Invite family, friends and neighbours to show them what a great school we have.

Lost property:
As the weather warms up, jumpers are shed… and the lost property becomes unmanageable. Please double check that the names on your children’s uniforms are clearly readable. Here are some photos of items currently in lost property. Some of them are very recognisable; they must belong to someone. Any non-uniform items still here by the end of next week will be donated to a charity shop.

Robyn English
Principal

Rolling Hills PS 30th Birthday Party
Sunday 9th October, 10am-3pm

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

- Premiers Reading Challenge Reminder
  All students
- 30th Birthday Information Pack
  Youngest students
- Level 1 & 2 Fun Night / Sleepover Packing List
  Level 2 students
- Signature Bear/Ball Order Form
  Level 6 students

Don’t forget you can download the ‘Compass School Manager’ app on your iphone, iPad or tablet. This makes viewing newsfeed items and entering attendance data (early/late arrivals) particularly helpful when out & about!
Dear Families,

Welcome to this edition of Mooresville.

It’s planning week this week in which teachers spend time together planning for the Term 4 curriculum. How exciting. How wonderful also to see the sunshine – I think the sun always makes life seem a bit cheerier. On my way to RHPS this week, there have been balloons in the air, MANY newborn lambs, calves, and the paddocks are lush. That drive to work always makes me smile. What makes you smile?

Policies:
The Education Sub-Committee has been busy and there are three policies under review at the moment. They are Headlice Policy; Gifted and Talented Policy; and Special Medical Needs Policy. A message went home via Compass on Tuesday and if you would like to provide feedback, please ask for a hard copy or look for the attachment on Compass. Your input is always valued.

Digital Technologies: It’s eSmart week this week and RHPS is getting right in to it. Our school has an eSmart scope and sequence that educates our students about safety and wise usage of school and personal devices. This week each class is creating a page for a whole school book on staying safe with our devices – both as a poster and as a user! I have two bits of ‘homework’ for you to do as an adult. This is NOT for children, so please ensure this is just for you. Log on to your FaceBook page – and log on to this website: http://www.takethislollipop.com/ Let me know what you discover about the security of YOUR social media activities. Remember, this is ADULTS only. The other homework task [for the whole family] is to google your name. Look up google images as well – what do you find?

We have been accredited as an eSmart school and will be getting a sign to celebrate our efforts and learning and teaching to create a safe learning community. Well done RHPS!

Student Wellbeing: Thank you to the families who have been in for the Student Support Group meetings – one more Monday to go. I am looking forward to Super Siblings and also catching up with our Kids Hope Mentors. Fiona, our Chaplain, has been journeying with several students. Most of all, we have really appreciated your child – our school is a very inclusive place to be. We have many different characters here at RHPS and the respect shown to differences and the understanding of the similarities is just a credit to all of us – families, staff, students – the whole community.

Child Safe Statement of Commitment
Rolling Hills Primary School is committed to safety and wellbeing of all children and young people. This will be the primary focus of our care and decision-making.

Rolling Hills PS has zero tolerance for child abuse.

Rolling Hills PS is committed to providing a child safe environment where children and young people are safe and feel safe, and their voices are heard about decisions that affect their lives. Particular attention will be paid to the cultural safety of Aboriginal children and children from culturally and/or linguistically diverse backgrounds, as well as the safety of children with a disability.

Every person involved in Rolling Hills PS has a responsibility to understand the important and specific role he/she plays individually and collectively to ensure that the wellbeing and safety of all children and young people is at the forefront of all they do and every decision they make.

Cheers,
Mary

Rolling Hills Primary School

Celebration Party - 9th October
10am - 3pm
State Netball Champions!!!

Congratulations to the following girls on their OUTSTANDING performance at the Netball Victoria Schools Championships:

Taiysha 6D  Mali 6D  Kelsey 6T
Charli 6T  Mackenna 6K  Brooke 6T
Jas 6K  Emily 6D  Ava 6D

The girls played 7 games of 2 x 6 minute duration and finished top of the ladder in their pool. They played against a strong SPJ side in the Semi Final, winning to make the Grand Final against St Bernadette’s. It was a very intense match in which all girls played so well, winning the match 8 – 5 and being crowned 2016 Primary Schools Girls Champions. What an outstanding achievement!!

You should be very proud of yourselves and your efforts!

Thank you to Nikki Wallis for coaching the team and to the many parents and families that were able to come and support the girls throughout the tournament.

Netball Champion—Ava

Congratulations to Ava Van Leemput on her selection in the School Sport Victoria Netball representative team. As part of this team, Ava participated in the School Sport Australia National Championships last week. After playing each State twice (14 games in total), Victoria finished on top of the ladder on 41 points, 6 points clear of NSW in second.

Congratulations on a phenomenal achievement, Ava, not only making the State Team, but to win the National Championships is a tremendous honour and one of which you should be very proud. Well done!

Chaplain’s Chat

Spring has sprung, seasons change and the seasons of our lives, our children’s lives constantly change also.

Recently, I was asked about the relevance of having talks about sensitive issues, appropriate issues with children transitioning to teen years, changes they are going through. Something to consider is that children are already learning from TV, internet, movies and their school friends. If we don’t talk to them early and often, answering their questions, sometimes they will get their facts (?) elsewhere. We don’t want to miss the opportunity to offer our children information that is accurate, and in sync with our own personal values, providing a listening ear and support.

Research suggests to start early. Medical research and public health data tell us that when children want information they turn to their parents, when they are teenagers they may talk to their friends.

With this in mind I encourage you to take the opportunity to have one on one time with your children, to provide a space for them to talk to you, sharing their thoughts, feelings and questions. Resource yourself—we have great resource books at RHPS. Parentline’s telephone number is 13 22 89.

Wishing you special times over the holiday period.

Fiona
Congratulations to the 60 Grade 3 – 6 students who represented Rolling Hills at the Montrose District Athletics Carnival, held at Morrison Reserve Athletics Track on Friday 26th August. Students competed against competitors from the following Primary Schools: Mt Evelyn, Montrose, Pembroke, Ruskin Park, St Pat’s, St Mary’s and MECS.

We had a great day with all students giving 100% in their events, producing many outstanding results! I would like to thank all students for their enthusiasm, effort and wonderful behaviour on the day. Thank you also to Mr Wilson, Mr Smith, Ms Poole, Helen Plunkett, Mel Woolhouse and Adrienne Ruddock for their help on the day and to all the parents and friends who came along to support Rolling Hills.

Final results for the day were as follows:

Age group placing for RHPS:
9/10 year old boys – 5th
9/10 year old girls – 2nd
11 year old boys – 4th
11 year old girls – 5th
12/13 year old boys – 1st
12/13 year old girls – 4th

Overall results:
1st – Ruskin park – 846 points
2nd – Montrose – 808 points
3rd – Rolling Hills – 744 points
4th – St Mary’s – 716 points
5th – Mt Evelyn – 696 points
6th – MECS – 438 points
7th – St Pat’s – 420 points
8th – Pembroke – 324 points

A further special mention must go to the following students who finished first or second in their event and will be representing the Montrose District at the Yarra Division Athletics Championships on Thursday 6th October:

Ciara 4V – 9/10 Girls 800m
Freya 4P – 9/10 Girls 80m hurdles
Siahlet 4V – 9/10 Girls shot put
Isabella 5A – 11 Girls long jump
Hayley 5F – 11 Girls triple jump
Mackenna 6K – 11 Girls shot put
Jackson 6K – 12/13 Boys 1500m
Lachlan 6T – 12/13 Boys long jump, 80m hurdles and 4 x 100m relay
Caleb 6K – 12/13 Boys triple jump
Harry 6D – 12/13 Boys 4 x 100m relay
Jett 6K – 12/13 Boys 4 x 100m relay
Jack 6T – 12/13 Boys 4 x 100m relay
Mia 6T – 12/13 Girls high jump

Congratulations once again and best of luck!

Mel Layton
Canteen News

**TERM 4 ROSTER:**
The Roster for Term 4 will be sent home with youngest students this week.

**SUMMER MENU:**
The Summer Menu will be sent home next week and will be current from Term 4. Please take a moment to familiarise yourself with the new seasonal items. Outstanding IOU’s will also be sent home. Please send money to the canteen before the end of Term. Thanks

**GREENING UP THE CANTEEN:**
Did you know that plastic straws are in the top 10 marine debris items and are made from polypropylene, which is a petrol byproduct? Polypropylene items are designed to last forever….. For this reason, canteen will no longer supply straws with Oak Milk, unless requested on the lunch order. Thanks to the students in Foundation H, who have been trialing “strawless milk” over the past couple of weeks.

**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.

Have a great break!
Wendy Schilling & 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:


Congratulations to the following students who have received a School Banking Silver certificate for their fantastic efforts in making 20 deposits:


School Banking in 2017

For the school banking program to continue in 2017, we are looking for volunteers to join our team. No experience is necessary as you will be trained. Involves - counting money, documenting and processing school banking deposits via computer, ordering and sending out rewards and writing up certificates.

Usually requires a commitment of around 2 hours, and depending on number of volunteers could be weekly, fortnightly or monthly. School banking is done in the staffroom and younger children are welcome to come along with you, as long as they are supervised. If you are interested in learning more or having a look at what is involved, please come along to the staffroom on a Wednesday morning from 9am.

It is never too late to begin School Banking; all you need is a Youthsaver account.
After a long, wet winter there is plenty to do in the garden! Thanks to a great turn out, we achieved many goals on our list! We weeded along the Cheriton drive entrance, moved a mountain of mulch, got rid of some pesky broom plants, cleared the spoon drain and gave the Library a spring clean.

If your family attends a working bee, you will notice that the “buildings and grounds levy” payment on Compass will be marked as paid because your participation reduces the need to hire contractors. We understand that many families lead busy lives, so the $50 annual Levy (per family) is another option for those wanting to make a contribution.

Thank you to the following families who attended:

Asbury: Rachael, David, Connor, Tim & William
Avery: Jacqui, Jake, Lachie, Ethan
Barnet: Malcolm
Brock: Aaron, Rhys, Shaun
Cantlay: Emma & Paul
Chatelier: Bronwyn, Caleb, Lilly
Daniels: Caleb
Davies: Mali
Williams: Emma & Amy Draper-Williams
Dudley: Zack & Will
Fisken: Chloe
Hand: Melissa & Karen
Hardy: Quinn, Oliver, Zoe, Asher
Hubben: Ruby & Sonia
Johnson: Reuben, Eva & Kate
O’Keefe: Amber, Jemma, Melissa, Mick
Ray: Sher, Harmony, Lacey, Blake
Roberts: Cooper
Scott: Jack, Brodie, Ruth
Smith: Alicia
Thompson (Reid): Collin
Van Dyk: Rebecca & Sophie
Wighton: Mitchell
Williams: Meaghan & Madison

An extra special thank you to these families who have attended ALL THREE working bees this year! What SUPERSTAR helpers!

Grisson: Hailey, Xanda, Tayleen
Horley: Tracey, Emily, Jessica,
Sakareassen: Adelaide & Michael

National Tree Day Planting

Thanks to all students and teachers who got their hands dirty during our Tree Planting program. You may notice lots of new baby plants around the school inside their protective guards. Students are reminded to stay out of the garden beds to give the plants the best chance of growing up big and strong. Check out our Foundation and 1/2 students having fun!

I found a worm!
**Father’s Day Shopping Stall**

A very big thank you to all the volunteers who helped at last week’s successful Father’s Day shopping stall that was held in the library. Thank you to the following amazing and big hearted volunteers:

Eric Sinco, Kimberley Thomson, Samantha Hearn, Lori Dudley, Jamie McGregor, Charlice Gan, Alisha Orlando, Bronwyn Chatelier, Tracey Fisken, Alison Allan, Kerry Matthews & Lisa Cantlay.

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**Saturday 12th November—Shopping Tour**

First spots for this shopping tour will be available at the 30th Birthday Party.

Go to the P&F stall to book a spot for this shopping tour.

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**VALLEYDALE CAFE**

Valleydale Café is a student run café at Lilydale Heights College which was established in 2009.

The café will be open on Wednesday 14th September. Students will be available on this day to take and deliver orders direct to you.

We will have a range of coffee/tea, cold drinks and a selection of cakes available for members of the Rolling Hills Primary School community.

Prices are as follows:

- Coffee $3.00
- Tea and cold drinks $2.00
- Cakes $3.00
Spring
The beautiful sea of flowers,
Start sprouting around,
The wonderful ways of nature,
Continue to astound.

The blinding sunshine,
Climbs up the rolling hills,
The sun puts smiles on faces,
And happiness spills.

The rabbits pop out of their burrows,
The birds sing, sweet,
There are more birds in the morning sky,
Than convicts in The First Fleet.

The sky is different colours,
The wind will softly blow,
The earth has taken a big breath,
After three months of snow.

Soon this beautiful coolness,
Will be interrupted my heat,
The birth of sudden warming,
Shall shrivel up grass under your feet.

Summer has arrived again,
Giving us another chance to thrive,
The new year shall begin soon,
It’s a great time to be alive.

Mark A
Summer is a yellow blanket covering fields
Autumn is the weight of wind pulling down leaves
Winter is a white land of frozen lakes
Spring is a beautiful woman laying on the ground.

Alice B