Dear Families,

Welcome to the 2017 school year. It has been a wonderfully smooth start and everyone looks fresh and enthusiastic about the possibilities of a new year in a new class group. I would especially like to welcome our 60 new foundation students and the 16 new students in other levels of the school. We have three new teaching staff too. Miss Teagan Cairns in year two, Mrs Jackie Dekoning in performing arts and, back after having some family leave is Mrs Ash Wilson who will work in Phys Ed as well as support roles in other levels. We also have Mrs Nicole Donnelly helping out as an teacher aide to cover for Mrs Angela Roberts who is currently on leave.

At the end of last year I had some devastating news. Apparently no one reads the newsletter! In an attempt to remedy this situation, I am reformating the newsletter so that information is provided in bite-sized pieces with basic information only. As a writer, this will be VERY hard for me and I may need to look into creating a principal blog to enable my love of long descriptive sentences to see the light of day. So here goes for the first Newsletter in pieces. (Maybe I should investigate ‘click bait’ headings?)

**School Review:** in 2016 we completed our four year review. The reviewer’s report will be available on the website soon. We will now develop the strategic plan for the next four years that is based on our revised vision.

**Communication:** Please get into the habit of accessing Compass for communication to and from the school. The school website is another place where key information is available to the public domain.

**Insurance:** The school does not have insurance that will cover students for accidents or loss/damage of property. Please contact your private insurance company to arrange personal cover.

**Student hot lunches:** Our canteen provides hot lunch options on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Teachers are NOT able to heat up students’ food brought from home or add boiling water to noodle cups. This is strictly adhered to for safety reasons. Please do not send these items to school.

**Crossing supervisors:** Please use our crossings when approaching the school. Do not cross Landscape drive near the milk bar. It is VERY dangerous. Neville is currently on leave after suffering a small stroke just before Christmas. We have sent him our best wishes and welcome Dennis who will take his place. Please say hello to Dennis.

**Student leaders:** We are pleased to announce our school leaders for 2017. This year we will have school Captains and Vice Captains, Leaders in a number of areas, ‘The Crew’ who will manage facilities and manual tasks and Office Assistants who will, as the name suggests, assist the office staff. A list of these students is listed further in the newsletter.

**School Council elections:** We will shortly be calling for nominations to fill vacancies on school council for the next two years. Please consider if this is something of interest to you. Contact me if you would like further information about what is involved.

**Parent help:** We need you! Every family has skills that can be of wonderful support to the school. I would love to hear from anyone with earthworks, carpentry, landscaping or gardening skills and equipment.

**Parent interviews:** Compass bookings are now open for families to make a time to meet with the class teacher for ‘getting to know you’ meetings.
From the Principal cont.

2017 Student Leaders

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The Crew:

Jaxon Andres, Ethan Bell, Joshua Carlile, Jarvis Edwards, Maddison Foley, Blake Grant, Katelyn Harris, Nicholas Lim, Emily Matthews, Thomas Matthews, Emily Miller, Luke Sutherland

Office Assistants:

Alice Bell, Georgia Kinslow, Ethan Reese, Charlie Shortt

Robyn English, Principal

Foundation 2018 School Tours

Every Wednesday at 9.15am

Please call the office to book in!

NRL & ‘Storm’ came to Rolling Hills

On Thursday 2\textsuperscript{nd} February, our Level 3 – 6 students participated in an NRL interactive Assembly. The focus of the assembly was NRL Respect, an interactive learning experience that empowers young people on the values that make a successful team, group or community. The assembly focused on two main values that promote a respectful and successful team – belonging and celebrating differences.

We were very lucky to have Melbourne Storm, Queensland and Australian Captain Cameron Smith attend, along with Melbourne Storm’s Nelson Asofa-Solomona and Game Development Officer Len Mason. The students and staff were very excited and impressed with the engaging presentation and were fortunate to get some autographs and photos.

Representatives from the Eastern Raptors Rugby League Club also attended and encouraged students to lead active lifestyles by providing information on how to register for a Junior Rugby League team in 2017.

Thank you to Len, Cameron and Nelson for their personable, engaging and enthusiastic presentation and to the staff and students for their participation. Our visitors were very impressed with the respectful behaviour shown by the Rolling Hills students.

Mel Layton
Physical Education & Sport
Dear Families,

Welcome to 2017. What a lovely start we have had to this year. I feel so proud as I’ve walked around the classrooms this week and have seen such enthusiastic, calm students and staff. I would like to acknowledge the staff who began work well before this week getting their classes and planning prepared. I have heard some great stories of holiday escapades. Adam and I really enjoyed escaping in our Kombi van to the wilderness of Tasmania for a couple of weeks. No internet, phone or Wi-Fi signal. Just peace.

A HUGE thanks to Sophie, Matt and Jaci Lees for the fish tank – it’s great to have Frank, Fred, Sheila and Walter back and THREE new fish to name… what do you think the new fish should be called? A treat box item for the name Ms Moore likes the best!

**Digital Technologies:**

Please make sure that the forms for BYOD and acceptable usage of technology are signed and sent back. All classes are working on their cyber safety introduction to the year, completing protocols for the use of technology. Laptops have been allocated to each double room and iPads are already in use. I have been asked [well, actually nagged] by heaps of students as to when coding club will start and who will be able to participate. This will be held in Terms 2 and 3 this year. Interest will determine which year level we’ll start with. We would love to have a parent help us coordinate this group.

**Student Wellbeing:**

One of our school’s key goals is to build resilience. This starts with adults and the way we respond to situations and deal with upssets and disappointments.

Our Student Wellbeing model at RPHS has four stages

- **Prevention** – This includes our Tribes language and actions; in classes; circle time, our first 8 days program, restorative language, awards program, Chaplain knit and natter group, open library, CARE lists, Compass communications, School Nurse visits, Student Support Groups [SSGs], Program for Student Disabilities [PSD], Visuals, and differentiated curriculum team planning.

- **Early Intervention** – This includes Tribes reflections, Social Stories, Diagnostic tests [curriculum and therapist], restorative chats, community circles, Chaplaincy support and programs, Individual Learning Plans [ILPs], Learning Support programs.

- **Intervention** – psychology and speech assessments, Tribes in action and reflection, Restorative Justice, ILP reviews, External agencies, Chaplaincy support, parent partnerships, referral processes.

- **Restore and Re-build** – Restorative Justice, counselling, relationship building, Chaplaincy, PSD, family follow up.

The Smiling Mind program is an app that encourages resilience, calm and relaxed approach. Here is the back to school Smiling Mind info: *As we know, the new school year can be a stressful time with a lot going on. That’s why we’ve teamed up with ABC Radio to create some brand new back to school meditations. These short 2-minute meditations are tailored for students, teachers and parents. You can find them in our app under the ‘Mindfully Back to School Program’ or you can visit the ABC website. New back to school meditations:*

**Primary School: Sea Creatures and Noticing Emotions & Primary School: Mindful Movement**

This week we will revisit Tribes: What is Tribes?

**TRIBES** is all about adults and children acting co-operatively within their school setting.

Each classroom and specialist area within the school incorporates TRIBES to foster cooperative learning in the day to day teaching of the curriculum.

Tribes looks like:

- Community Circles where children discuss issues and learn to value individual skills and differences.
- Partner or small group activities to incorporate the different ways children learn.
- The modelling of caring, respectful ways of talking to one another.

**TRIBES specifically is a democratic group process, but it is also a process which promotes the bonding of individuals into a cohesive group. There is social support, respect for individual differences and a sense of belonging in TRIBES. The outcome of the TRIBES process is to develop a positive environment that promotes human growth and healing.**

The aim of TRIBES is to achieve more of a child-centred classroom, increasing student responsibility and accountability, and encouraging students to become active learners.

The following set of agreements are the core to TRIBES at Rolling Hills PS -

- Attentive listening
- Appreciation / no put downs
- Mutual respect
- The right to pass (and then contribute at a later time)
- Personal Best
- Safety

These agreements build a caring community. It is like being in a family, not a team but a tribe. Collaborative skills such as those to the right are explicitly taught and modelled.

Social Skills and specific small groups for young children. Check the information provided on this website: [http://irabina.com/events/categories/youngprograms/](http://irabina.com/events/categories/youngprograms/)

Cheers, Mary
Canteen News

WELCOME TO 2017:

This year Canteen is shaping up to be very busy again, with some exciting special events, as well as new menu items.

Thanks to the volunteers who have offered to help this year; I would love some new helpers for Term 2. If you are available, even just for a few hours, please call Wendy on 0438 553 177 or fill in a form at the office.

SPECIAL: The special for the next fortnight will be home baked Lemon Slice, which will be available in lunch orders or can be purchased over the counter for $1 per slice, between Fri 10th – Wed 22nd Feb.

DOES YOUR CHILD SUFFER FROM AN ALLERGY OR FOOD INTOLERANCE?

If so, I would love to speak with you! I would really love to be able to offer ALL of our students the experience of having a lunch order, or ordering one of our “special events” (which canteen holds twice per term). Please drop in or call me on 0438 553 177 to discuss how I can help.

SPECIAL EVENTS – WHAT DO YOU THINK???

I would love some new ideas from students as to Canteen’s Special Events this year. The committee is currently planning our year, but we would love some inspiration from you! If you have any ideas, please write them down and send them to Wendy via your class canteen tub and your idea may be one we decide to use!

Please note the following:

♦ MOVETIME POPCORN is no longer available. Canteen will now stock Cobs Natural Popcorn in two flavours: Salted & Sweet as well as Cheese. Cobs Natural Popcorn will retail for $1.20
♦ Parents and visitors are welcome to drop in on a Mon, Wed and Fri at any time for a freshly brewed take away Lavazza Rainforest Alliance coffee (Cappuccino, Latte or Long Black, Chai Latte, Hot Chocolate and Tea) and until 4pm on Fridays for coffee, Slushi, drinks, icy poles and snacks.
♦ Canteen is open at morning recess, as well as at lunchtime for over the counter sales.

The canteen will be open every Monday, Wednesday and Friday of term, unless advised.

Wendy, Canteen Coordinator

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Chaplain’s Chat

Welcome back! It has been a great start to 2017 and my first impression was to notice the peace and calm amongst the staff, students and in the classrooms.

I had the pleasure of attending our Foundation parents’ breakfast and hearing positive feedback about their children’s start to school. On that note, I look forward to getting to know you and visiting classes.

I love journeying with students in the school, giving them a space to share their feelings, providing support, encouragement and validation. RHPS is a great place where all students are offered holistic support from all the staff and I love being a part of that process.

I work on Wednesdays and Fridays and my office is in the Boorai building. If you would like to see me, please notify the office staff, who will begin the referral process. It is a DET requirement that I have a permission form for your child to access the chaplaincy program. The form is valid for the duration of your child’s time at Rolling Hills. If you have a child in Foundation, or are new to Rolling Hills, these forms were included in your ‘Consent forms’ pack last week. Please return to the school office.

I look forward to meeting you all. Fiona

Levies & Upcoming Payments

Thank you to our families who have already paid your levies for 2017. Just a reminder that the 2nd instalment was due on 3rd February. The 3rd instalment is due on 21st April.

Please note that excursions are not included in this levy and will be charged separately as they occur in 2017.

A few upcoming activity costs for your diary:

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If you have any queries about your levies, please contact the office prior to the due date.
Friday 17th of March, 3:30 - 6pm

With the love and attention of our students and families, of course!

Year 6 students revitalised the veggie patches in 2016 as part of their inquiry surrounding Sustainability. Thanks to their hard work, we are currently harvesting a bumper crop of cherry tomatoes, cucumbers and potatoes!

Our ‘Nature Protectors’ are two representatives from each class who come along to weekly lunchtime meetings. This year’s group will have the pleasure of enjoying this crop and preparing for the next season of planting. How exciting! If any families would like to get involved in our veggie patch gardening club, please contact the office or Mrs Hailey. We can always use some extra hands!

We’d like to thank the following families who volunteered their time over the school holidays to water and care for the veggie patches and the new Cheriton Drive garden bed. Everything survived the heat and is looking lush!

Thanks to:
the Barnet family, the Boni family, the Durrant family, the Hobson family, the Lees family, the Lim family, the Rennick family, the Scott family, and the Sinco family.

How does our garden grow?

This Working Bee will focus on the Boorai and Quadrangle garden beds. Please bring along:
- wheelbarrows  - spades/shovels  - pruners  - weeding tools  - whipper snippers (cordless)

Come along to enjoy a sweet treat!
Have you responded to the following notices/Compass activities this fortnight?

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**School Banking 2017**

Our student banking has started!

Please send your bank books in on Mondays.

**Uniform Shop**

Our Uniform Shop is open on

**Fridays, 8.30—9.30am**

From the Canteen window.
In-School Music Tuition

Keyboard - Drums - Guitar - Singing

Our instrumental music programs provide children with an engaging experience based on individualised tuition plans. Our program includes learning to read music and recognise musical patterns as well as the opportunity to play in bands or ensembles.

Children will learn music that is relevant to them, at a developmentally appropriate level in a supportive and fun environment that balances challenge and success.

Stepping Stones  
(Prep to grade 2) 
This program gives children in the early primary school years the opportunity to:
- Experiment with different instruments.
- Develop the fine and gross motor skills needed to play an instrument.
- Learn fundamental music theory and notation.
- Provides a smooth and supported transition to a dedicated instrumental program when ready.

For further enquiries or to Enrol 
Call 0418 596 008

Parents & Friends (P&F) AGM

Wednesday 8th March at 7pm
School Staffroom

New members are most welcome (that includes fathers)! Join a fantastic, fun and amazing team that is making a positive difference in the lives of our children.

Note: The normal P&F Committee meeting will start at 7:30pm after the AGM. 
Supper will be provided!