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

Principal’s Message

Dear Families,

Thank you to the many parents who have caught up with me for a chat at some stage in the last couple of weeks. It is wonderful to get to know a few more people. It might take a while for me to remember names but thanks for reminding me ... and reminding me again!

Congratulations to our new school leaders who were presented with badges at the assembly. They are all wearing these with pride and through my conversations, I can see that they understand the responsibilities that come with the role. I am looking forward to working with this stellar group of young people. This week’s assembly will be a ceremony for the Junior School Councillors to receive their badges. This is another important group through which all our children have a voice in the activities of the school.

My wanderings around the school at drop off and pick up times have shown me that, like any school I have ever known, traffic conditions can be hazardous. It is essential that ALL drivers respect ALL road rules and ALL parking and stopping signs to ensure our children are always safe at these busy times. We have a lovely crossing supervisor, Neville, who is keen for parents and children using Landscape Drive to use the crossing. This means drivers know a pedestrian will not step onto the road in another place and the council will continue to fund this essential service as it is used and valued. Here is a picture of Neville. Make sure you pop past and say ‘Hi’.

We need you! All parents have a contribution to make. Lots of parents come and help with classroom reading and excursions but we also need people with specific expertise of contacts to help with a range of activities. From time to time I will use the newsletter to do a call out for people with a particular skill that we need. We are currently in need of a graphic designer or someone with great graphic design skills and ideas. Is this you? Or do you work for a company who may be able to offer a community service to us? If so, please let the ladies in the office know. Other groups also have such opportunities so please check out your own employer in case we can access some funds for the many wonderful 30th birthday projects that we would love to get up and running.

By now most parents will have used the Compass portal to book an interview time with the class teacher for next week. This is a wonderful opportunity to meet your child’s teacher and let them know a bit from your perspective. The portal will close at 3.30pm on Friday 19th (tomorrow) so that teachers can finalise their interview schedules. Teachers are happy to have a chat at other times during the year if something comes up but as we have a busy teaching and meeting schedule, please make a time that will suit both you and the teacher.

Curriculum Day—last day of Term 1
Thursday, 24th March

There will be no school or OSHCare on this day. Staff will be involved in Maths Professional Learning.
We have found that many parents are not yet fully comfortable with the Compass communication system. Any notices and key messages that are posted on Compass will automatically send an email alert to you. It is important that a) we have your correct email address in our system, and b) you check emails regularly for alerts. This system eliminates the need for most paper notes, saves us in paper usage and in administrative time (and therefore costs.) The information will come to you but you have to access it. Thank you to all the people who have approached the office for assistance if not familiar with the Compass system. We will continue to provide as much help as possible.

At this time of year all schools are preparing for school council elections so that a new council can be formed at the AGM in March. School council is the official governance body that oversees school management in a number of areas. Parents must be represented using a formula set by the Department of Education (DET). Meetings are held one Tuesday evening a month with subcommittees meeting at other times according to the availability of the members. Each year half the representatives come up for re-nomination. If you would like to find out more about what is involved with being on council or would like to nominate for council, please see me or just collect a nomination form from the main office. If we have more nominations than positions, an election will be called. Nomination forms are due to the office by 4pm on Thursday February 25th.

A major focus for 2016 will be effective teaching and learning of mathematics. We have been lucky enough to secure the services of well-known maths consultant, Mr Rob Vingerhoets. Our work with him will begin with a curriculum development day for teachers which will be a pupil free day on Thursday March 24th. This is the day before Good Friday and we hope some families will be able to take advantage of the early start to the term break.

School is a busy and very active place and unfortunately sometimes accidents do happen. Please note that we do not have accident insurance for children who may be injured at school. Some insurance companies offer this as a private policy for families. Similarly, if a child is seriously injured we will call an ambulance. If you are not an ambulance subscriber, this can be an expensive exercise. You might like to check to see what cover your family has through health insurance. Similarly, we are unable to take responsibility for personal items brought to school. iPads used for school must be safely stowed in school bags before and after school.

We have quite a collection of lost property already. There are even some pairs of track pants. (I am worried that there might be someone getting around with no pants on!) Please double check that all your child’s uniforms are clearly named. Lost property is held in a store cupboard near the front office. Are you missing a green camp chair from the 2015 Carols night? We have one in lost property that can be collected at any time.

Robyn English
Principal
Look at how clever our Foundation students are. They are creating some amazing writing pieces already. Well done Foundation H & Foundation M. We can’t wait to see more of your creativity as the year progresses.

“ I am 5. I am fun. I am kind. I am funny.”
Xander, FH

“My birthday is in October.”
Adelaide, FH

“I like school.
I like school.
I like school.”
Ally, FM

“I like running.”
Cody, FM
Thanks to all of the families who have supported this year’s Chinese Lunch Day, which is being held next Tuesday, 23rd February. It will be a busy day with the canteen providing over 200 lunches.

SPECIAL:
Our special for the next two weeks will be home baked Lemon Cake, which will be available to order with your lunch or at the canteen window for $1 a slice, from Friday 19th February - Wednesday 2nd March.

A GREEN MENU:
Recently, I read a blog about the changes over the years in school canteen menus. When I was in primary school, I remember buying a Sunnyboy for 20c or a packet of Twisties for 5c! My primary school even sold Twisties in a bread roll (with butter of course!)

These days, the government encourages school canteens to offer healthy alternatives.

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Items are rated, using a traffic light system:
- GREEN - Best choices - eat Frequently (denoted on our menu with 😊)
- AMBER - Eat in moderation
- RED - Consumed rarely and in small amounts

Our menu is made up of amber and green items. Apart from the wide variety of healthy and fresh sandwiches, wraps and rolls that are available, there are also Baked Spuds, Nachos (made using homemade pita chips), Grilled Chicken Subs, Homemade Cheese Burgers, Corn Cobs, Salad Plates and Fresh Fruit Salad.

All of these items fall into the green category.

Please note the following:
- 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 are also available.
- Canteen is open 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.

Thank you,

Wendy Schilling & Canteen Sub-committee

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As we are communicating more readily through Compass this year, please try to make a habit of checking your Compass homepage regularly for ‘My News’ items. There may be events which require payment or simply advising you of an activity. The following activities have been posted on Compass this week.

All students

1. Whole School Swimming, Cost $52, due Monday, 22nd February
2. Getting to Know You Interviews, 22nd—26th February. Bookings open until Friday, 26th Feb, 3.30pm.

Selected students

1. District Swimming Carnival, Monday 22nd February. This was sent as a ‘Chronicle’ entry, with an attachment. (see below).

Student Chronicle

Chronicle entries are occasionally used when a message is sent to a small number of families only. If you receive an email saying that you have a ‘Chronicle’ to view, go into your child’s Compass dashboard and select their Profile.

Once selected, you will see a ‘Student Chronicle’ message on the right hand side of the screen. If there is an attachment, you will be able to access this by clicking on the link below the entry.

Booking Interviews

This can be done by selecting from your child’s homepage or by selecting ‘Click here for booking’ on the ‘My News’ item on the right hand side of the screen.

When first booking interview sessions, it can appear confusing! When booking interviews, the initial green screen of interview times shows availability of ALL teachers. You will need to check your individual teacher’s availability by selecting their name at the bottom of the page and viewing their session times.

Once decided, you can click on the drop-down arrow next to that time slot in the original green screen. The teacher’s name should appear and you can confirm your booking by clicking on the teacher’s name and Update.

We are all familiarising ourselves with the program. Please be patient as we learn it together.

Rolling Hills Preschool Celebrations

2016 is Rolling Hills Preschool’s 30th year of operation. To celebrate, we are combining Education Week, our Open Day and the 30th anniversary Celebrations by hosting an Open Market Day on **14th May between 10:00am - 2:00pm**.

We are seeking Stall Holders and anyone interested in being a part of this special day. If you or know anyone that would be interested in having a stall please email: fundraisingrhp@gmail.com or contact Julie on 0407 072 842.

Thanks, The 2016 Preschool Fundraising Team.
School Photos

Thursday, 25th February

Please ensure your child is in full school uniform on this day. School leaders will be required at school at 8.30am for special photos. Photo orders need to be done either online, or sent in to school prior to or on Thursday 25th February.

Our uniform shop is open each Friday morning from 8.30—9.30am if you need to purchase new uniform, in order for your child to look their best! If you can’t make it to the shop, feel free to complete an order form and leave it at the office—your order will be sent home with your child.

Earn & Learn

Look what we received through the Woolworths Earn & Learn Program!

Thank you to our families who participated and helped us acquire a new rug, cushions, textas, pencils and pastels.

Our library is now and even greater place to hang out - Fraser & Lachie think so!

Craft items Wanted

Our Chaplaincy program would really appreciate any donations of the following items for our Craft Group. We are recycling goods into craft.

- Milk bottle tops
- Glass bottle tops – the ones with ridges around them
- Glad wrap rolls
- Wool

Please bring any donations to the office. Many thanks.

Fiona (Chaplain)

Rolling Hills Co-operative Society

The Directors of the Rolling Hills Co-operative Society Limited wish to advise members of the intention to wind up the Co-operative according to Consumer Affairs Victoria & Department of Justice guidelines. Enquiries from members can be made to the Secretary or Treasurer on 9726 4454 no later than 28/02/16.