

# Rolling Hills Primary School

## Newsletter

27th July 2017

Our vision is to inspire all learners to be curious and creative. We will develop resilient and ethical citizens with the skills to thrive in a diverse and global community.

### Principal's Message

Dear Families,

I am writing this week's newsletter from the exotic location of **Coonawarra Farm Resort** in East Gippsland. We have been blessed with mostly sunny weather and 97 enthusiastic participants who have been having a ball setting up their cabins and participating in crazy activities. Although it is winter, we have been able to rug up and enjoy ropes courses, giant swinging, flying fox rides, initiatives courses and even canoeing. The students have stepped outside their comfort zones and achieved some amazing feats of courage. Lots of activities involve team work and there has been some terrific support and encouragement shown by all. The camp staff have complimented our children for their manners, their positive attitudes and the care that they show to each other. I am very proud of them.

Of course it can be challenging being away from home and there are always a few sad faces at times on camp but taking responsibility for one's belongings and managing unfamiliar food and living conditions is vital for development and it is great that we have such a safe and purpose-built context to build these skills.

I would like to make a note of thanks to all the teachers and teacher assistants who have attended camp for the full week this week. These people leave their families to be on duty 24 hours a day and every one of them is doing it with a smile and a belief that this opportunity is worth the effort and personal inconvenience. Thank you to teachers Mr Smith, Miss Fawcett, Mrs Addicott, Mrs Hailey and Miss Bowden, Education Support Staff Mrs Knight, Mrs Thomas, Mrs Cornwall and Mrs Doyle, undergraduate teacher Miss Nuestro and parent helpers Mr Williams and Mrs Newlands.

Recently our year four, five and six students completed the annual **Attitude to School Survey**. This is part of the data set that we use to measure impact of our school programs and we will work together to analyse this data as it becomes available to the school.

The next part of this data collection is the **Parent Opinion Survey** which will, this year, be conducted online. Shortly, a randomly selected percentage of families will receive a message with log in detail and a request to follow a link to complete this survey. Please take a few moments to complete this if you receive the message as we need a significant response rate to ensure that the data is valid and useful for analysis. See page 3 for more details.

*Robyn English*  
Principal



### Diary Dates JULY

24—28 Level 5/6 Camp Coonawarra  
28 Assembly, 2.45pm, Gym, Hosts 2CC  
31/7 3-way Interviews, Fn — Level 4

### AUGUST

1-4 3-way Interviews, Fn — Level 4  
1 ICAS—English  
7-10 Chinese Sister School  
11 Assembly, 2.45pm, Gym  
Hooptime, Levels 3 & 4  
14—18 3-way Interviews, Levels 5 & 6  
15 ICAS—Maths  
16—18 Level 3/4 Camp CYC  
16 School Council  
22 Free Dress Day & Morning Tea  
25 **Curriculum Day—no school**  
27 Bunnings BBQ fundraiser—Lilydale  
31 Father's Day Stall

### SEPTEMBER

7-8 School Production  
15 Working Bee



Responsibility

Honesty

Pride

Support

# Mooresville

Dear Families,

Welcome to Term 3 and the start of Semester 2. It is great to see longer days and the sun coming out a wee bit more. We do need the rain though – my garden would love to see some water.

**Psychologist opportunity:** We welcome Chantelle Shanmugaratnam to our school for one day a week until December. Chantelle is a provisional psychologist, completing her study with ACU. This means she has completed 5 years of training and is now doing internship opportunities under the supervision of a fully qualified local psychologist [Lisa Archer]. We are lucky to have Chantelle with us. If you feel your child would benefit from an educational assessment, individual counselling or participation in a social skills program, please let Mary know via Compass or the office or pop in. At this stage, we have some spaces left in all three programs [assessments, counselling, and social skills program].

**Tribes:** This term we will be linking our RHPS values with our Tribes Agreements. R=responsibility, H=honesty, P=pride, S=support. Whilst all of these are vital to a caring community, we are focusing on honesty at the moment. Being honest is so important, especially when adults are not around. Sometimes we might do something silly, or something we will regret later. Being honest by facing up to what happened, owning it makes it so much easier to move on for all concerned. We really appreciate honesty at RHPS.

**Lunchtime activities:** this term, along with the usual lunchtime activities of Nature Protectors, Junior School Council, Open Library, the following clubs are running:

Radio Club, Lego Club and Code Club. A huge thank you to the families who donated Lego to support our students – Newlands family, Prasel family, Cantlay family, and bits and pieces [which we also love] from many families. We still have room for more.

**Parentzone:** Parentzone is a newsletter that has MANY workshops, support groups, ideas and activities for parents, students, additional needs, family support etc. Here is the link for the current newsletter for our area: <https://www.anglicarevic.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2017/04/Eastern-Parentzone-%E2%80%93-Term-3-2017.pdf>

**ICT:** We have started taking out our Interactive Whiteboards that no longer work and replacing these with HiSense smart TVs. If there are any families who have more expertise in this area, I would love to hear from you. I'd love to bounce ideas and thoughts with someone who knows a lot more than I do.

**Camp:** It has been a very quiet week here at school. Reports each day indicate that camp has been wonderful, full of action, new adventures and personal best achievements. Photos and updates can be found on our school FaceBook page.

**Playground:** Have you been in to see our new playground and paths plan? Thank you to Peta for putting up our display. Stage One starts soon so watch this space. **It's very exciting!**

See you at the school gate.

Mary Moore  
Assistant Principal



## Premier's Reading Challenge

This year Rolling Hills has a goal of **150** students to complete the challenge, we have **105** finished at the moment.

With a group of **40** almost completed.

Two classes have finished! FAH, 1SE and FEM is so, so close!

Classes 2CC and 2LP are very close also.

We need Grade 3 and Grade 4 to get reading!

We still have SIX weeks to go... we can do it.

If you need any help please see Ms Plunkett.



## Canteen News

### FOOD FOR THOUGHT MORNING TEA:

To coincide with this term's theme of Social Justice, Canteen will be holding a special morning tea on Tuesday 22nd August. \$1 from each order will be donated to Holy Fools, a not for profit charity, operating in Lilydale which helps those in the Yarra Valley living rough, as well as anyone who is temporarily struggling to make ends meet. Notices will be sent home next week.



### SPECIAL:

This fortnight's special is home baked **Milo Cookies** which will be available to be purchased at the Canteen window or ordered with lunch orders for .50c each, from Friday 28<sup>th</sup> July – Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> August.

Thank you  
Wendy Schilling & the Canteen Sub-committee.

<b>Mon 31st July</b>	<b>Wed 2nd August</b>	<b>Fri 4th August 10am-12pm</b>	<b>Fri 4th August 12.30pm - 2.30pm</b>
Cindi Wilson Melissa Gervasoni	Janet Ruddock Lori Dudley	Lynnette Young Debbie Hughes-Gage Jamie McGregor	Lynnette Young Debbie Hughes-Gage Jo Williams
<b>Mon 7th August</b>	<b>Wed 9th August</b>	<b>Fri 11th August 10am - 12pm</b>	<b>Fri 11th August 12.30pm - 2.30pm</b>
Annette Deltondo Janet Ruddock	Troy Kinslow Rachael Asbury	Karyn Hollenback Samantha Wilson Rebecca Van Suylen	Karyn Hollenback Iris Yeong

## Parent Opinion Survey 2017

### WE WANT OUR PARENTS TO TELL US WHAT THEY THINK!

Our school is conducting a survey to find out what parents think of our school. The Parent Opinion Survey is an annual survey offered by the Department of Education and Training that is conducted amongst a sample of randomly selected parents at each school.



It is designed to assist our school in gaining an understanding of parents' perception of school climate, student engagement and relationships with our parent community. Our school will use the survey results to help inform and direct future school planning and improvement strategies.

The survey will be conducted **online by ORIMA Research Pty Ltd** and only takes **15 minutes** to complete. The survey can be accessed via desktop computer, laptop, tablet or mobile at any convenient time within the fieldwork period from **Monday 7th August to Sunday 27th August**.



During next week, thirty per cent of randomly selected families will be emailed through Compass and invited to participate in this year's survey. All responses to the survey are anonymous.

The survey results will be reported back to our school at the end of September.

## AFL 9s Regional Gala Day

On Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> June, 24 selected Grade 5 and 6 students represented Rolling Hills at the AFL 9s Regional Gala Day. Students were divided into boys and girls competitions. It was a great day, filled with lots of fun and excitement.



Our students adapted really well to the modified rules and showcased some great skills. The girls team made it to the semi finals and finished fourth overall. After a thrilling semi final and great last half comeback, the boys team made it to the grand final and finished second.

Congratulations to the following students:

### Girls Team

Lenni 5EF  
Siahlet 5EF  
Malia 6DS  
Lilli 6DS  
Georgia 6DS  
Tanasha 6DS  
Caitlin 6DS  
Chloe C 6KW  
Chloe F 6KW  
Hayley 6KW  
Abbey 6KW  
Madi 6KW

### Boys Team

Lachlan 5EF  
Levi 5EF  
Oscar 5EF  
Jak 5JA  
Travis 6DS  
Jake 6DS  
Nate 6DS  
Kai 6KW  
Jye 6KW  
Jack F 6KW  
Blake 6KW  
Mat 6KW



Well done on a fantastic effort, both on the field and in supporting and encouraging each other all day. You should all be very proud of yourselves! Thank you to Mr Smith for coaching the boys team, to Joel Ryan for accompanying us on the day and to all the parents and families who came along to watch and support.

Mrs Layton  
**Sport Coordinator**

## P&F Upcoming Events

### Sunday 27th August - Bunnings Lilydale BBQ Fund Raising

We are lucky enough to have secured a BBQ at the new Lilydale Bunnings store. We will need volunteers on this day. Even 1 hour of your time will be appreciated. It could be a chance for you to meet some other families, share a good laugh and a snag! A form will be coming home shortly to indicate your availability.



### Thursday 31st August - Fathers' Day Stall

This is a great opportunity for our students to purchase their own gifts for Dad (or other important men in their life). There will be many great items available. Please send a message to the office if you would like to assist at the stall, anytime between 9am—1.30pm.

## 5/6 Hoop Time

On Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July, 80 Grade 5/6 students participated in Hoop Time at Kilsyth Basketball Stadium. Students were divided into one All Star team, three Future Stars teams and six Rookie teams. It was a great day, filled with fun and excitement and was enjoyed by students, parents and staff alike.

We had some very close matches with two teams making Grand Finals. Our All Stars Team had a very successful day and narrowly lost the Grand Final to Ruskin Park. One of our Future Star teams, the Rolling Hills Raptors, won their semifinal in overtime and then went on to win the Grand Final against St Pat's 17 – 10. Congratulations to the following students who will be representing Rolling Hills at the Regional Finals next term:

### Rolling Hills Raptors

Malia 6DS, Cameron 6DS, Mat 6KW, Tanesha 6DS  
Jak 5JA, Bodhie 5EF, Matthew 6DS, Coach: Jack Williams

Thank you to Mr Smith, Mrs Wilson, Miss Fawcett, Mr Jackal, Mrs Thomas, Mrs Coxhill, Mrs Walton and Joel Ryan for their assistance in managing the teams. Also, a big thank you to Stacey Anderson, Jack Williams, Jo Williams, Lissa Prasel, Troy Kinslow, Pam Weavers, Keely Butler, Mel Woolhouse, Mel Durrant, Jaci Lees, Alisha Orlando and Julie Shortt for their coaching, scoring and assistance with teams on the day and to all of the parents and friends who came to support Rolling Hills.

Finally, congratulations to all students who were involved in Hoop time this year. You did a fantastic job, representing the School with pride and displaying great TRIBES Agreements, especially Personal Best. You should all be very proud of your behaviour, efforts and sportsmanship. Well done!

Mel Layton  
Sport Coordinator



## State Cross Country

Congratulations to Ciara (5EF) who competed in the Victorian State Cross Country Championships on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> July. Ciara ran an outstanding race in the freezing cold and rain and finished **13<sup>th</sup>** out of 95 runners in the 9/10 girls age group. To reach the State level in any sport is an amazing feat and Ciara was the first ever girl to represent Rolling Hills at this level in Cross Country.

Ciara's road to the State Championships:

- 1<sup>st</sup> – Rolling Hills Primary School Carnival
- 1<sup>st</sup> – Montrose District Cross Country
- 1<sup>st</sup> – Yarra Division Cross Country
- 7<sup>th</sup> – Eastern Metropolitan Region Cross Country Championships
- 13<sup>th</sup> – School Sport Victoria 2017 State Cross Country Championships**

What a phenomenal list of achievements, Ciara!  
We are so proud of you!

Mel Layton  
Sport Coordinator



Date	Program
Mon 31 July	Solar Systems
Tues 1 August	UFOs
Wed 2 August	Moon mural
Thurs 3 August	Martians
Fri 4 August	Rocket ships
Mon 7 August	Fidget spinners
Tues 8 August	Karaoke night
Wed 9 August	Teddy bear picnic
Thurs 10 August	Goopy Goop!
Fri 11 August	Group games/cooking night



Lost in Space



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

Notice	To be actioned by:
Pie Drive Fundraiser	Completed
Youngest	
Fairytale Fiasco	
Foundation	\$16, 4/8
Foundation 2018 Transition letters	
New 2018 Foundation families	
Level 5 Transition Lilydale High School	
Level 5 students	consent by 28/7
Code Club	
Selected students	
Level 3 Camp Information & Medical forms	
Level 3/4 students	



You're invited to our Scholastic  
**BOOK FAIR!**



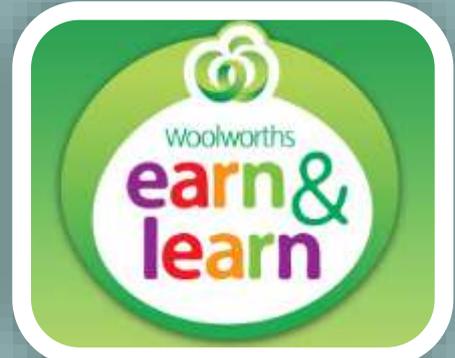
Visual Art - Foundation

purchase books and learning resources for our school!

**In the Library**

\*27th July, 3.30-4 \* 28th July, 8.30am-9am, 3.30-4pm  
\* 31st July, 8.30am-9am

Find these books and hundreds more at the Fair!



This program is running again in 2017. Last time we participated, we were able to furnish our library with a beautiful, new rug and add many new take-home books to our collection.

Just shop at Woolworths to earn one sticker for every \$10 spent from 26 July to 19 September 2017.

Don't forget to collect your stickers and send them along to school. There will be a collection box in the foyer or look out for our RHPS box at your local supermarket.

Thank you for your support!

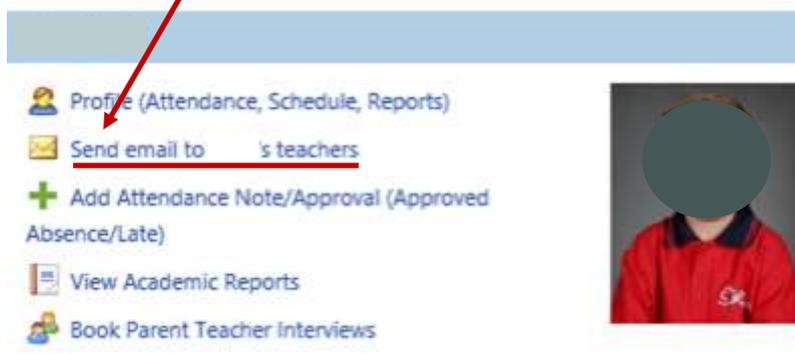
## Compass Communication to Teachers



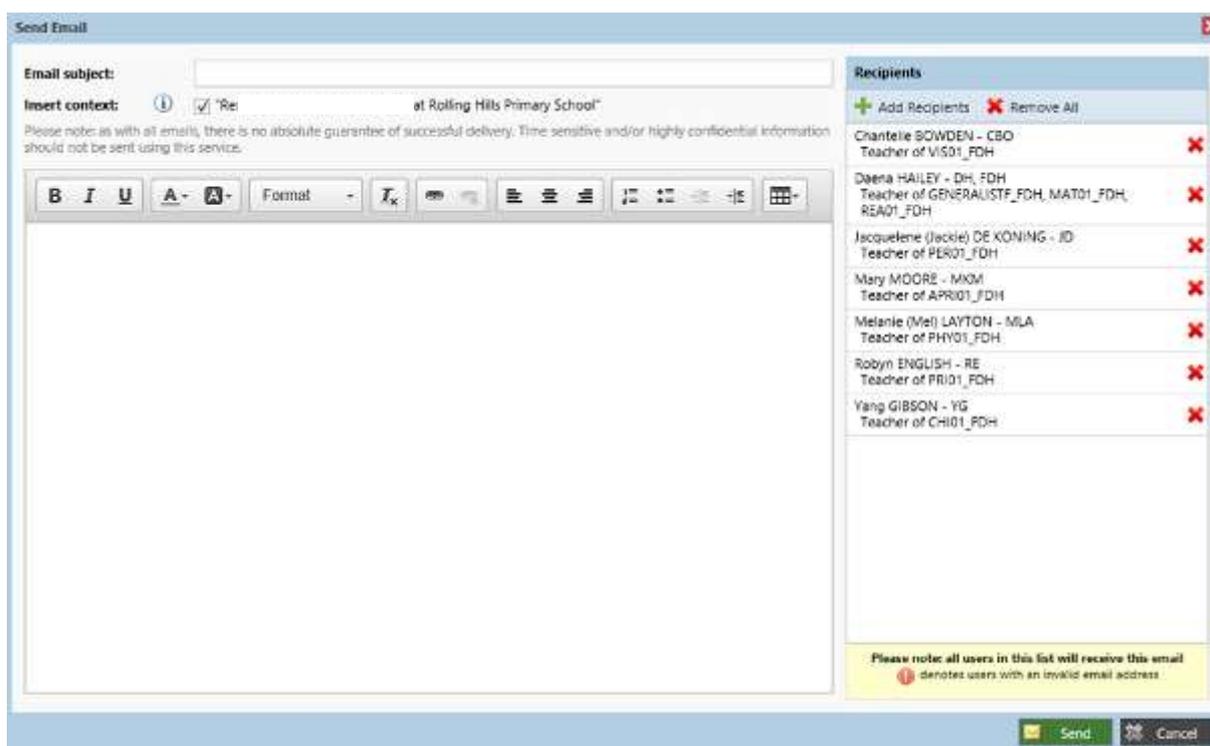
As Compass is our main form of communication at Rolling Hills, families are encouraged to use this method for sharing information with their child's teachers.

### Instructions for emailing your child's teachers:

On your Compass dashboard, under your child's name, select: 'Send email to [child's] teachers.'



The following screen will appear:



1. Enter an 'Email Subject' in the top box.
2. Ensure a tick is in the 'Insert context' box.
3. Type your message in the blank message field.
4. On the right hand side under 'Recipients', the names of your child's class teacher, all Specialists, Robyn & Mary will be listed. **To ensure your message only goes to the person intended, please de-select (by clicking on the red cross beside their name) the staff members who DO NOT need to receive your message.**
5. Press 'Send'

## Chirnside Park Shopping Centre—School Rewards

Rolling Hills Primary School is excited to be participating in the Chirnside Park Shopping Centre **School Rewards** competition again in 2017. We are currently in 8th place! Lets see if we can get higher.

Join the local community spirit in competing for a share of \$11,000 in community grants and \$2,700 in individual prizes.

The competition runs from Monday 24<sup>th</sup> July until Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> September. Shoppers who make a spend during these dates can simply present their receipts to either the customer service desk or submit online to earn points for RHPS!

### The prizes for the winning schools include:

First prize: \$5,000 School Community Grant  
Second Prize: \$3,000 School Community Grant  
Third prize: \$2,000 School Community Grant  
Fourth prize: \$1,000 School Community Grant

### Individual prizes available for shoppers include:

\$100 Chirnside Park weekly gift card – selected at random.  
\$2,000\* Chirnside Park gift card for the individual shopper who donates the most points during the competition.



An infographic titled 'HOW DOES SCHOOL REWARDS WORK?' on a dark background. It lists two main steps: 1. Make a spend at any store in centre from 24 July - 10 September. 2. Submit your receipt/s - either online or in-centre. It then details two submission methods: 'ONLINE' (register at chirnsidepark.com.au) and 'IN CENTRE' (visit the customer service desk). A section titled 'DID YOU KNOW YOU CAN EARN BONUS POINTS?' lists special offers: Monday &amp; Tuesday (shop at Coles, Woolworths, Aldi, Kmart or Target from 3pm for DOUBLE POINTS), Thursday &amp; Friday (shop at any retailer from 6pm for TRIPLE POINTS), and Sunday (shop at any fresh food retailer for DOUBLE POINTS all day). A circular logo on the right says 'CONNECT TO OUR FREE WIRELESS WIFI'. At the bottom, it says 'Visit the live leader board in centre, keep up to date online at chirnsidepark.com.au and follow us on Facebook.' The infographic is decorated with a blue paperclip on the left and a yellow pushpin on the right.

## Chinese Sister School Visit

We are excited about welcoming our Chinese Sister School visitors to Rolling Hills next week. They will arrive on Friday, 4th August for one week and will stay with families from our school community for the duration of their visit. There will be 11 students and one accompanying teacher in the group.

The students will be taking part in a short-term study program which consists of English language learning and integration into normal classroom activities at our school, as well as day trips to explore and engage with the Australian way of life.

We look forward to the visit and the opportunity to strengthen the sister school relationship between Kunshan Experimental Primary School and Rolling Hills Primary School. Please join us in making our visitors feel warmly welcome.

