Principal’s Message

Dear Families,

Can you believe that it is already March?! It is a short term and we are already well on our way through it. Our school has been a busy place and the activities board is already full to bursting. Last week we held parent teacher interviews and it was wonderful to see so many parents taking the opportunity to give us a little background and ‘insider knowledge’ about your children. Parents are welcome to make a time to meet with a teacher at other times too so please make an appointment if you have any concerns.

This week several of our foundation class parents took the opportunity to hear about the program organisation as presented by Miss Elyce MacMillan and Mrs Daena Hailey. It is valuable to know the basics of what is going on and to be able to pick up on things in the community that can support literacy and numeracy skills. I am notorious for being able to turn anything into an educational opportunity. (My own family say this is not necessarily a great thing.)

Despite my introduction of our crossing supervisor, Neville, in the last newsletter, and messages on our big Landscape Drive board, we are still struggling with poor driver behaviour at both school entrances. I am aware that there are many new families who may not be familiar with the processes. We have drop-off zones in the morning where parents and carers are welcome to drive (slowly) into the drive and let children out the curb side of the car. This can be done both in Landscape Drive and Cheriton Drive. HOWEVER... no cars are allowed to enter these areas in the afternoons. Past experience has shown us that drivers waiting, trying to get around others and lots of children moving through the area to exit the school is just a recipe for disaster. Our children’s safety MUST be the first priority so I must apologise if this is inconvenient but we must enforce this plan. Think about where you park and how this will affect a flow of small children. Lots of families are in a hurry to get to other commitments but we need people to be patient, courteous and careful.

Next week we begin our whole school swimming program. Mrs Beck Young is very excited about this as she is a keen swimmer and has lots of experience in managing high quality programs. Aussie kids spend a lot of time in water and our swimming and water safety program is an important part of the physical education program. I know there was some confusion with moving to the all-on-line process this year but I thank you all for your patience. We have seen quite a few older children withdrawn from the program and knowing the

School swimming starts next week.

Don’t forget to bring your swimming gear on Monday!

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reasons for this will help us design effective programs that are as cost-effective as possible. Unfortunately, bus travel is getting more and more expensive. We do endeavour to keep the costs as low as possible.

Our school council AGM will be held at 7.00pm on Tuesday March 15th. Immediately after this, our new council will convene for the monthly 7.30pm meeting. Nominations for council have now closed but if you are interested in being involved, please drop in to the office and have a chat.

Last year we had a visit from a number of students and staff from our Sister School in China. Following this very successful visit, we called for expressions of interest for our students to participate in a reciprocal visit. We are now beginning planning for this in earnest. If you would like to express an interest in finding out more about the possibility of travel to China with a school group of parents, students and teachers, please call or the email the office.

One of the fabulous things about Rolling Hills Primary School is the environment. We have lots of play space, interesting nooks and crannies that encourage imaginative play, beautiful trees that afford lovely shade and open areas that are suited to ball games. Unfortunately upkeep of such surroundings is a big job! To keep our school well-maintained we rely heavily of active parent participation. We hold a working bee each term and incorporate a sausage sizzle to make it a bit of a community event. Our first working bee will be a twilight event after school on Friday March 18th. Please return your forms if you are able to join us. Let’s take advantage of the last of daylight saving and enjoy some social gardening time.

Robyn English
Principal

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**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.

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

- **Easter Morning Tea**
  - All students

- **Divisional Swimming**
  - Selected students

- **Immunisation certificates request**
  - Selected students

- **Round Robin Day**
  - Level 6 students

- **Lilydale High Sports Day**
  - Level 6 students

- **Headlice**
  - 5A

- **Working Bee notice**
  - All students

- **Round Robin Boys’ Softball Team helper request**
  - Level 6 Boys’ Team

- **Easter Hat Parade**
  - Foundation—Level 2 students
What’s happening in 1/2H?

1-2H have been doing ‘hands on’ counting and place value activities. They have been learning to count large collections by ‘bundling to ten’ to help their understanding of place value. They have also be learning to recognise counting patterns using number charts. Well done!
CHINESE LUNCH DAY
Thank you to the following parents who helped at Chinese Lunch Day last week: Tracey Robins, Karyn Hollenback, Mel Durrant and Adrienne Ruddock. The day ran very smoothly and the kids enjoyed their lunches.

EASTER MORNING TEA
Thanks to the families who have already returned their orders for canteen’s next special event – Easter Morning Tea, which will be held on Tuesday 22nd March. Order forms must be returned before Tuesday 15th March.

SPECIAL
Our special for the next two weeks will be home baked Snickerdoodle Cookies. These are a RHPS favourite; cinnamon & butter cookies, which taste a little like Cinnamon Donuts. Snickerdoodles will be available to order with your lunch or at the canteen window for 50c each, from Friday 5th March until the end of term.

Thank you,

“Easter Morning Tea—Tuesday 22nd March.
Order forms are due back at school by Tuesday 15th March”

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Writing in 1/2 M

Look at the amazing writing coming from 1/2 M this week. We have fabulous writers at Rolling Hills—keep up the great work!

Connor J, 1M

Last weekend I went to Tgi Fridays and I had chicken strips. I had a red juice for my drink. It was tasty.

Katie M, 2M

Mum cooked a cake because it was my birthday. Robot plays football and Mat plays soccer.

I have an apple in my lunchbox today.

Shifa, 1M

Astronauts are amazing awesome at acrobatics. April, August, May, March. Bad Shifa Shia.

Jordan J, 2M

I had an apple in my lunchbox today and I also have a sandwich.
Feedback on Interview process

Thank you for your patience in navigating the Interview booking process again this term. As a result of our feedback to Compass, we are pleased to advise that the booking page has been updated to make the process much simpler. This will not be much help to us this time, but I’m sure we’ll appreciate it in Term 3 when we hold our 3-way interviews. Your feedback is always appreciated, whether positive or negative (but we really appreciate the positive!)

Consenting to an Event

It has come to our attention this week that some families have successfully made payments for events, but are still receiving messages about their consent/payment not being complete. Where an event has been created which requires consent, you are required to consent by typing your name in the ‘Parent/Guardian Full Name’ box in the ‘Consent’ section, about half way down the page (above the payment section). If this is not done, the approval process is not complete and you will continue to receive reminders about the event. If you forget to consent at the time of payment, you can re-enter the event at a later stage and enter your consent separately. Don’t forget to click on the ‘Submit Details’ at the bottom of the page before exiting.

Keep checking for ‘Event Consent/Payment Required’ posts in your Newsfeed, so you don’t miss any important activities.

Absence Approvals

If your child is away from school, please log into Compass and enter your approval for their absence. If you forget to do this, you will be reminded by the following message in your Newsfeed:

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We have had a busy couple of weeks in PE and Sport. On Monday 22\textsuperscript{nd} Feb we had our 14 students compete at the District Swimming Carnival at Lilydale Pool. They were excellent competitors and proudly represented Rolling Hills. Last Monday the four boys from Level 5 and 6 competed in the Divisional Swimming Carnival at Aquanation in Ringwood. From Level, 6 Joshua Portbury and Spencer Packer competed in both the freestyle relay, open medley and individual strokes. Zac Heatherich and Ethan Reece from Level 5 also competed in individual strokes and the freestyle relay and open medley.

The boys did an amazing job, placing third in both relays! I am very pleased to announce that Joshua Portbury will now be competing at the Regional this coming Monday (7\textsuperscript{th} March) at Aquanation in the individual freestyle event. We wish him the best of luck.

Monday March 7\textsuperscript{th} also sees the start of our school intensive swimming program at Kilsyth Memorial Pool. I will be working closely with the pool during the week to ensure our students receive the best teaching and training available. I want to thank all the parents that have offered to come on the bus or help out at the pool. Your assistance is invaluable.

The Level 6 students will compete in their Round Robin tournament against the other 7 schools in our district on the 16\textsuperscript{th} March. I am still in need of a parent who has their working with Children Check and would be willing to coach the boys softball team on the day. Without you, our boys’ team are not going to be able to participate. Good luck to all teams and keep training hard.

Coming up early in Term 2 we have our Cross Country Carnival for Level 3 to 6 students. I will be sending out information on how the carnival will run and what time students will be running. I will also be asking for plenty of parent help to assist. We will need check point marshals and helpers on the day. Please keep an eye out on Compass for any upcoming information.

Finally thank you to all the families for ensuring the students in wearing appropriate clothing for phys ed. It has been extremely beneficial to the kids as they have been fitness testing this week and will continue over the coming few weeks.

Until next time, keep up your healthy active lifestyle!

Beck Young
Physical Education

Congratulations to our Junior School Council members for 2016. They have already held a meeting to discuss their plans for this year—we look forward to supporting the team with their endeavours.

From front row (L to R): Alexis, Brodie, Saskia, Harry W, Oliver, Harry A, Caitlin, Mitchell, Ryder, Charli, Bella, Josh, Darcy, Brayden, Adam, Brooke, Kayley, Alayna & Ben

Friday 18\textsuperscript{th} March
3:30 – 6pm

Meet at: Boorai building front entrance / Quadrangle

We need to refresh our garden areas around the Boorai building with some mulch and some new plants. Please return your form if you can join us! Thank you.

Easter Hat Parade

Tuesday, 22nd March

9—10am in the Gym

Foundation—Level 2 students are encouraged to make a special Easter hat at home and bring it in to parade in front of their friends and family.

An invitation went home on Compass today. The Rolling Hills Kinder kids have also be invited to share in this special event.

See you there!