



### Our Vision:

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



### TRIBES Agreements:

Mutual Respect, Personal Best, Safety, Appreciation, Right to Participate/Pass, Attentive Listening

**VALUES:** Responsibility, Honesty, Pride, Support

## From the Principal's Desk

### Infrastructure funds for Rolling Hills

School teachers are employed by the government and as such are required to maintain an apolitical public persona. As Principal, it is my duty to simply share the good news and the bad when it comes along.

A few parents have mentioned the Liberal Party commitment 'of \$1.219 million dollars to Rolling Hills for existing maintenance requirements and for upgrading the existing facilities to provide a better learning environment for our students' as being just that - a commitment, with a caveat that Liberals need to be returned to office. Of course the School Council and staff are well aware of this. Over the last few weeks, I have tried to ascertain whether or not we could anticipate the same funds should Labor be elected in November? At this stage, James Merlino has indicated that in a successful Labor Government, funds would be prioritised to a) new schools in growing areas, where there are pressing enrolment needs, b) funding for TAFEs and c) maintenance funding for schools that are 'literally falling down'. This is in line with their public policy.

### Market Day

Thanks to our fabulous Market Day team, led by Mel Woolhouse, Kerry Feuser, Cheryl Bryant and Jamie McGregor for their co-ordination and management of the market day. This was a wonderful success. Thanks to the parents who supported the day with donations and or by volunteering their time. Our school is richer for having parents with the vision and generosity to plan and deliver a diverse range of activities for the social and financial benefit of ALL students.

### Parent Participation in School programs

There are a number of ways that parents can be involved in the life of our school, ranging from very informal to quite formal. We know that the more involved our parents are at school, the more engaged their children are and the more successful the school is overall.

Listed below are some of the ways you can support your child and school programs:

**Observer** - attend special days / celebrations, this may be to help supervise or simply to observe

**Monitor** - monitor progress of the child, e.g.: 3 Way conferences, review policies, read the newsletter

**Learner** - acquire skills by attending education programs and using curriculum information to support students, e.g.: Classroom Helpers or Information evenings – English, Maths, and ICT

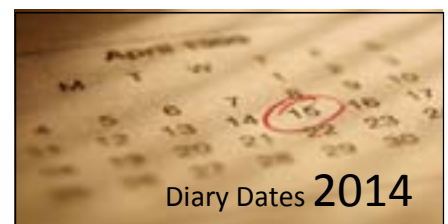
**Assistant** - helping in an ongoing program or with individual or for single excursions

**Instructor** - share skills, sports coach, crafts, etc.

**Decision maker** - active involvement in formal decision making structures and processes of the school, e.g.: School Council and sub-committee, Parents and Friends, etc.

The level and frequency of parent involvement of course depends on the time available and on the types and duration of programs, activities and the commitment of helpers, e.g.: on one-off, short term, special events, ongoing. Whether or not you can participate in these ways, we appreciate when our parents support all of the above through positive comments on FB, letters to teachers and conversations with family and friends.

Terry Spottiswood, Principal



## NOVEMBER

- 7 Uniform Shop, 8.45—9.15am  
Assembly, 2.30pm, Gym
- 11 P&F AGM, 7.30pm, Staffroom
- 12 Hands on Science, Foundation  
Kmart Choir Performance, 10am
- 14 2015 Foundation Transition
- 18 School Council, 7.30pm
- 22 & 23 Family Portraits
- 24—26 Camp Adanac, 3/4D, 3/4P, 3H
- 26—28 Camp Adanac, 3/4V, 3/4N, 4H
- 28 2015 Foundation Transition  
Election Day BBQ

## DECEMBER

- 1 Carols Night
- 3 Foundation Christmas excursion
- 4 Parent Thank You Morning Tea
- 5 Lvl 1 Games & Lvl 2 Sleepover
- 10 Level 6 Graduation
- 19 Last day of school



# Woody's Roundup

2014 Persistence and Personalised Learning

Term 4 Inquiry Learning Concept: Curiosity



## Big Words that we use at Rolling Hills

Sometimes parents are surprised by the complex language we use with our students. Over the next few editions of the newsletter I thought I would bring your attention to a few of my favourite words we use to teach children about how they learn.

**Metacognition** is defined as "cognition about cognition", or "knowing about knowing". It comes from the root word "meta", meaning beyond. It can take many forms; it includes knowledge about when and how to use particular strategies for learning or for problem solving

## Fun Facts about Electricity

Some of our students are currently being curious about energy. Here are some fun facts to share with your friends and family.

### Fun Facts about Electricity:

- ✦ Electricity travels at the speed of light - more than 186,000 miles per second!
- ✦ A spark of static electricity can measure up to three thousand (3,000) volts.
- ✦ A bolt of lightning can measure up to three million (3,000,000) volts, and it lasts less than one second!
- ✦ Electricity always tries to find the easiest path to the ground.
- ✦ Electricity can be made from wind, water, the sun and even animal poop.
- ✦ A 600 megawatt natural gas plant can power 220,000 homes.
- ✦ The first power plant - owned by Thomas Edison - opened in New York City in 1882.
- ✦ Thomas Edison invented more than 2,000 new products, including almost everything needed for us to use electricity in our homes: switches, fuses, sockets and meters.
- ✦ Benjamin Franklin didn't discover electricity, but he did prove that lightning is a form of electrical energy.

## Parentline: A DEECD Service

Parenting is not always easy. From time to time, all families can benefit from extra support.

Parentline is a Department service which began in 1998. It provides information, support, and referral services to parents from 8am to midnight seven days a week.

Whether you're struggling with everyday tasks, or simply wish to discuss parenting ideas, Parentline is a valuable source of counselling and assistance.

The qualified and experienced social workers and psychologists who staff the service answer approximately 13,000 calls per year from parents from all backgrounds looking for support and advice.

They will work with you to better understand your relationships and personal situations to help you to develop strategies which are tailored to your individual needs.

Parenting is challenging, but Parentline can help you to develop positive coping strategies, allowing you more freedom to enjoy your time with your children.

You can ring Parentline on **13 22 89**.

Nicki Wood  
Assistant Principal

Congratulations on your marriage

**Nicole & John.**

Monday was a perfect day for a wedding!



Beautiful bridesmaids  
Brittany & Kirilly



## G.A.T.E.WAYS—Rolling Hills Rock Stars Win!

On 30th October 2014, four of our Rolling Hills Girls, Ashleigh, Emma, Jemma and Kaitlin competed against schools from all over our region.

The competition was fierce and the challenges were based on Maths, Science and English. All the teams worked hard throughout the whole day, working in teams to solve puzzles and find answers.

As the day ended and all the schools came together it was announced that the highest scoring team of the day was also the highest scoring team **ever** for the Gateways Challenge and the winners were The Rolling Hills Rock Stars!

Well done girls to have achieved such an amazing result. We are all very proud of you.



## Second Hand Uniform

Our Uniform Shop will not be accepting any new consignments. Our current second hand stock will be available until the end of the year.

## School Banking

Well done to the following students who have achieved a School Banking Bronze Certificate for their great efforts in making 10 deposits.

Chloe Cross, Blake Podesta and Elle Zaviska.

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

Maddison Foley, Layla Harcourt, Tristan Hughan, Corey Lehman, Paige Looney, Abbey Rennick, Megan Rennick, Caitlin Sheedy, Riannah Sheedy and James Weinert.

## Staff Profile

**Name:** Mel Layton

**Role:** Grade 3/4 Teacher

I live with my husband, Mark, and two dogs, Gerry and Sarge.



This year has seen the arrival of another nephew, Luke, and two nieces, Elka and Isabelle, which takes our brood to 7 nieces and 4 nephews. I love being an aunty!

Mark and I are going to America at the end of this year which I am very excited about! We will be in New York for Christmas and are hoping to get a white Christmas!

Outside of school I enjoy spending time with family and friends, playing netball, running, watching movies and going out for breakfast. I try to get to Hobart regularly to spend time with family and catch up with friends.

I have enjoyed my three and a half years at RHPS and look forward to another great year next year!

## PARENTS & FRIENDS ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

to be held in the RHPS staffroom on

**TUESDAY 11<sup>TH</sup>  
NOVEMBER  
7.30PM**

Over the last 3 years, our P&F have done an amazing job of raising money for school projects and still managed to combine their work with a strong social focus for the wider school community. A number of our current executive, for various reasons, will be stepping down from the leadership group and some from P&F completely.

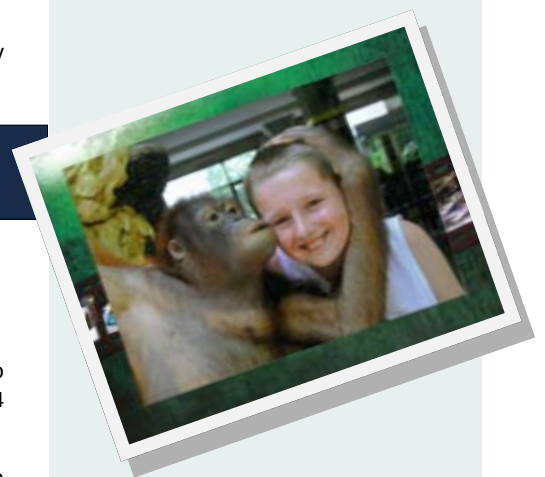
This is a time to invite new community members to come forward with their ideas and join this vibrant team who provide so much for our children.

Over the years P&F have raised funds for our Interactive White boards, playgrounds, evaporative cooling and much more. BUT, P&F isn't just about fundraising; it is an opportunity to meet other Mums, support projects such as the student discos and be involved in programs that your children enjoy.

We hope to see lots of new faces there.

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## HOLIDAY SNAPS...



**We love hearing from our students when they go on holidays. Here is a holiday picture from Mitchell Wighton (3/4D) during his recent trip to Bali!**

## Canteen News

### VOLUNTEERS FOR 2015:

Next week a notice will be sent home asking for volunteers to work in the canteen next year. Current volunteers must either fill out this form, or call me to register your interest. If I don't receive the notice back, I will assume you are no longer available. Thanks.

If you have not worked in the school canteen, or have had a break, please consider volunteering for a few hours per term. Volunteers are able to work from as little as 2 hours. We are very flexible, so if you think you may be able to help, but need to work around things (kinder etc), please call me on 0438 553 177, or drop in.

### RE-USABLE MUNCH ORDER BAGS:

Please remember to clean your child's re-usable Munch Order Bag each time it has been used so that the canteen helpers don't get any nasty surprises!! Thanks.



### SPECIAL:

This fortnight's special is home baked **Lemon Cake**. This light & moist cake is topped with lemon icing and will sell for \$1 per slice. Lemon Cake will be available for purchase over the counter or with your lunch order and will be available from Friday 7<sup>th</sup> to Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> November.

Thank you, Wendy Schilling & Canteen Sub-committee

## Canteen Roster

Mon 10 Nov	Wed 12 Nov	Fri 14 Nov 10am - 12pm	Fri 14 Nov 12.30pm - 2.30pm
Robyn Sheedy David Asbury	Sandra Graham Glenys Marnock	Annette Deltondo Melissa Woolhouse Jamie McGregor	Annette Deltondo Lauren Nineham Nicole Williams
Mon 17 Nov	Wed 19 Nov	Fri 21 Nov 10am - 12pm	Fri 21 Nov 12.30pm - 2.30pm
Jacqui Avery Lori Dudley	Sara Iedema Kerry Feuser	Geraldine Pasinati Lynette Podesta Leotia Serci	Geraldine Pasinati Louise Irvine Leotia Serci

# ELECTION DAY BBQ & CAKE STALL

*Saturday, 29th November*

Parents & Friends are currently in caretaker mode and need volunteers from our school community to support this day, if we are going to support this fundraiser. In the past, this has been a great fundraiser for Rolling Hills and it's great to gain funds from the wider community. We would like to hear from you to determine if we have enough families who would be available to run a barbeque and/or cake stall on this day. The commitment of time to man the barbeque has to come from our families. Please complete the form below and return to the office by Thursday, 13th November if you could either assist with purchasing BBQ items, cooking/selling on the day or making a cake for our stall. We will then decide if we have enough support to go ahead.

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Please return to school by Thursday, 13th November.

### ELECTION BBQ/CAKE STALL

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_



Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Class: \_\_\_\_\_

I would be interested in assisting with the Election Day activities. I could help with:

- Purchasing items (sausages, onions, burgers etc.)
- Cooking/serving on the BBQ
- Baking a cake/slice for the stall







## Market Day Wrap Up

A big thank you to everyone that came along, volunteered, donated or sponsored our Market day. The weather was perfect and from what we could see, a great day was had by all. We hope that everyone enjoyed themselves! We are pleased to announce that we raised approximately \$5,000 on the day. Thanks again to everyone, including our sponsors, who enabled us to have more children's activities this year:

Shire of Yarra Ranges

Topstar Plaster

Bendigo Bank, Mooroolbark

Mary Wang - Ray White Croydon

Poolwerx Lilydale

Knoble Knight Commercial

BGC Monash - Plasterboard Trade Centre

Christine Fyffe MLA

DRJ Pools

## Family Portrait Day – Saturday, 22nd & Sunday 23rd November

Don't forget bookings close next **Tuesday, 11th November**. Don't miss out—only \$15....  
What a great Christmas gift idea!

*you're*  
**INVITED!**

*Rolling Hills Primary School*  
**CHRISTMAS FAMILY PORTRAIT FUNDRAISER DAY**  
*with aver and line*

what?  
when?  
where?  
who?

sessions will be outdoors at the school  
then after you view and choose photos  
one hour of your day all up - great for Xmas!

**Saturday the 22nd Nov & Sun 23rd**  
**MUST RSVP / Book** visit [www.schoolinterviews.com.au](http://www.schoolinterviews.com.au)  
and enter the code **D482E** select your  
time ASAP then pay your \$15 to the school.  
bookings close 11th Nov

**donation \$15**

20 MINUTE SESSION  
8X12" PRINT  
PETITE BOTTLE FRAME  
BEST VALUE PACKAGES

**aver & line**  
Any questions please call  
please call Cheryl on 0414 689 882

Date	Program	Afternoon Tea
Mon 10 Nov	AAS—Athletics	Bread & spreads
Tues 11 Nov	Poppies (Remembrance Day)	Fruit & biscuits
Wed 12 Nov	AAS—Karate	Icecreams & apples
Thurs 13 Nov	Marbling	Milo & crackers
Fri 14 Nov	Moveable Dragons	Hot dogs
Mon 17 Nov	AAS—Athletics	Fresh fruit & milkshakes
Tues 18 Nov	Scratch art	Pancakes
Wed 19 Nov	AAS—Karate	2 min noodles
Thurs 20 Nov	Coloured rainbow jars	Salad wraps
Fri 21 Nov	Outdoor games (tennis baseball)	Toasted sandwiches

- 'Prime Sci' Workshop  
Level 5 & 6
- Grade 5 Leadership & BBQ  
Level 5
- Kmart Christmas Performance  
Selected students
- Hands on Science Workshop  
Foundation
- Family Portrait Day  
Youngest

**Parent ICT Forum – rescheduled**

This forum will now take place on Thursday, 20<sup>th</sup> November, 7 – 8pm in the Library. This evening is particularly targeted to the families of Level 4 & 5 students , however all families are welcome.

**Help Needed**



We have a large amount of ewaste in storage that we would like to donate for recycling. These items need to be weighed before sending, so we are looking for a volunteer who would like to assist us with this task. Please contact Daena or the office if you have a set of scales and some spare time!

Thank you.

**Staff Profile**

**Name:** Elyce MacMillan

**Role:** Foundation Teacher

I have lived in Mooroolbark all my life and had the pleasure of attending Rolling Hills as a student for my primary education. I liked it so much, I couldn't wait to come back.

I have recently moved out with my partner Daniel and we love our new home. I have been begging him to get me a dog and I'm rather hopeful, as it is at the top of my Christmas list.

We are looking forward to an upcoming holiday to Port Douglas. It will be our first time there and we have heard so many wonderful things about the region.

This is my third year teaching Foundation at RHPS and I absolutely love it. The children are amazing and the staff are wonderful.

