In January this year a group of 11 students and 3 teachers travelled to China to learn about the culture and experience a new country. An exciting adventure for all students, especially those who were on their first trip overseas!

During the 10 day tour, we visited Beijing, Xi’an and Shanghai. We learnt about China’s culture, extensive history, daily life, even how to use chopsticks! We worked our way through airports, busy streets, shopping centres, tourist attractions and even train stations. This was often challenging, considering the population of Shanghai is around the same as the whole of Australia!

We visited Tiananmen Square, The Forbidden City, The Great Wall, the Terracotta Warriors, historical palaces, a zoo, temples, hot springs, markets, gardens and a lot of Starbucks. The daytrips were very informative and our wonderful guides were happy to be teaching us about their history and culture and sharing a few laughs, mostly at Mr. Donnelly’s expense. Fortunately for us, we mainly travelled by our own tour bus or by foot. However, we also travelled overnight by train, rode bikes around the city wall of Xi’an, and toured by Rickshaw through a Hutong village.

This trip was filled with learning experiences, information, new food, a different culture and many, many laughs. Thank you to Mr Donnelly, Mrs Downing and Michael for making this trip possible.
STUDENT MANAGEMENT PORTAL
A reminder that the college has implemented a new software system, this is to continue to improve the lines of communication between the College, parents and students. All families have access to this system. Information regarding the login details for parents was sent out at the end of last year.

The parent portal allows you to see live student attendance, College events and student reports and communicate with teachers. Further features will come online as the year progresses.

The website to access this software is http://portal.rsc.vic.edu.au
If you are unaware of your username and password details please contact the College 5986 8595.

EVERY DAY COUNTS - SCHOOL ATTENDANCE
We all want our students to get a great education, and the building blocks for a great education begin with students coming to school each and every day.

Missing school can have a major impact on a child’s future – a student missing one day a fortnight will miss four full weeks by the end of the year. By Year 10 they’ll have missed more than a year of school.

There is no safe number of days for missing school – each day a student misses puts them behind, and can affect their educational outcomes.

Coming to school every day is vital, but if for any reason your child must miss school, there are things we can do together to ensure they don’t fall behind:

* Speak with your Pastoral Care teacher / Year Level Co ordinator and find out what work your child needs to do to keep up.

* Develop an absence learning plan with your teacher and ensure your child completes the plan.

Remember, every day counts. If your child must miss school, speak with your classroom teacher early as early as possible.

From 1st March 2014, new laws will mean that parents can be fined for not sending students to school without an acceptable reason.

If you’re having attendance issues with your child, please let your classroom teacher know so we can work together to get your child to school every day.

SECOND HAND SCHOOL UNIFORMS FOR WELFARE DEPARTMENT
The Welfare Department would appreciate donations of pre-loved school polo shirts and other school uniform items in good condition.

These items are invaluable when all sorts of little emergencies arise. Please leave your clothing donations at the front office.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT.
Hello to the Rosebud Secondary College community. We are now approaching the middle of term one and parent teacher interviews will be upon us soon. These interviews will be held on Tuesday 25th March and will be a great opportunity to meet staff and discuss how we can work together to best support your child in their schooling. At this time it would be good to check your child’s progress and contact the school if you have any concerns. It is also a good time to reinforce routines such as study time, activities in/out of home and bed times. A good balance of these will assist in your child succeeding in school. Some useful information can be found at: http://www.betterhealth.vic.gov.au/bhcv2/bhcarticles.nsf/pages/Teenagers_and_sleep?open

This week we held a wonderful assembly where we presented our new student leaders to the whole school. This was a great chance to speak to the students about the importance of leadership roles in the school and what everyone can do to be a good leader. It is important that students realise there are many leadership opportunities such as being involved in a school group, playing sports, productions to name a few. During this assembly, I talked about the qualities that make a good leader and the importance of learning from mistakes and moving forward. I would like to congratulate the student leaders who were presented to the school community and look forward to working with them in various capacities throughout the year. Our new school captains spoke very well to the students demonstrating their initiative and thoughts about their roles in 2014.

This week College Council met and a number of items were covered including budgeting for the 2014 school year. A balanced cash budget was presented to College Council which covers the running costs and programs associated with the school. Currently we have a staffing deficit due to enrolment fluctuations and will need to make staffing adjustments into the 2015 school year to reduce this. This commonly happens in many schools and can be caused by demographic changes in the enrolment area or new schools opening nearby. It is important to note that any College charges are directed to the cash budget and cannot be used for staffing.

Information has been sent out this week regarding College Council elections. I encourage you to return your voting forms ASAP. New members of the College Council will be announced when the process is completed, along with office bearers who will be appointed at the next meeting.

Interschool sport is well underway with various year levels participating throughout March. Senior sport was held recently with many students participating positively. I encourage all students to actively participate in the sport program throughout this year, as it is a good chance to work with students across the year level in a positive way. Congratulations to Hamish Martin (10A) who has been selected in the School Sport Victoria Triathlon Team - well done.

Organisational matters

The follow up Year 7 parent information lunch will be held on Wednesday 5th March at 12.30pm in the Hall. This is a great opportunity for you to meet the team working with Year 7 students.

Whole curriculum day will be held on Tuesday 11th March - this day will be student free.

Please make sure your child is in correct school uniform. If you are unsure about uniform or accepted shoe styles please check the school diary for more detailed information or contact the school. Please note that variations to this will not be accepted as outlined when a student enrols at the College (Non- Negotiables contract). Please note that facial piercings are not accepted and must be removed when the student is at school.
STUDENT INSURANCE

This is a reminder to parents and guardians, that Rosebud Secondary College NO LONGER has a whole of school student accident insurance policy.

Therefore, parents and guardians are responsible for paying the cost of any medical treatment for injured students, including any transport costs. Some commercial insurance companies provide student accident insurance policies and cover a range of medical expenses not covered by Medicare or private health insurance.

MATHMATICS TEXT BOOKS & HOTMATHS

The new “Essential Mathematics Textbooks”, as listed on the booklist, come with an additional on-line package called “HOTmaths”, which students can log on to at any time to complete additional work, problem solving and homework.

Inside each book there is a small cardboard package that contains the Hotmaths log on information and code. Please make a note of this code, which is not the same as the book code, and/or sticky tape the cardboard to the text book.

Student will use this “Hotmaths” code to complete learning activities both at school and at home. Unfortunately this code is only active for one year, so if a second-hand book has been purchased you will need to contact Landmark School Supplies to get the additional “Hotmaths” package, at a cost of $18.00.

Inside each book there is a small cardboard package that contains the Hotmaths log-on information and code. This code is often lost, so please make a note of this code, which is not the same as the book code, and/or sticky tape the cardboard to the text book.

Parents can use this code to assist students and keep up with student progress.

The Extended HOTmaths Code Purchase at Landmark school Supplies.

This “how to” is for parents who only purchased a book, usually a second-hand book.

Click on the ORDER NOW section.
Using the dropdown menu select Rosebud Secondary College
Click on the “Get Resource List Button”
Enter the school code XDPX in capital letters, and click on the “Get Resource List”
Choose the Year level of your student.
Click on the “Order Using Standard Delivery Home Service” Button
Enter your credit card details and scroll to the bottom of the page.
Click on the Digital Cambridge HOTmaths Renewal (Access Code) Box.
Click on “Calculate Order Total” to complete the purchase.
The Hotmaths Code is then emailed to you to take to school.

Mr Philip Garton
Head of the Mathematics Department
Dear Parents and Guardians, recently there has been an increase in uniform breaches at the College. The areas of concern are the number of students wearing black socks, coloured hair, facial piercings and wrong footwear.

I would like to remind you that the Rosebud Secondary College Uniform, as endorsed by College Council does not permit any of the above. I would direct you to the College uniform guidelines as outlined in the student Diaries, SMT and information BOOKLETS.

As from Monday, a zero tolerance policy will be taken with students who choose to attend the College in the wrong uniform. Sanctions will apply to those students who continue to ignore the College rules with relation to uniform.

All students will be reminded of the College rules around uniform at their respective assemblies.

The College takes the wearing of the Rosebud Secondary College uniform as a serious matter as we take pride in our uniform and how our students represent the College in wearing it.

The uniform acts as an identification within the College and wider community. This helps with enhancing the safety of our students.

As always we look forward to working with our College community in regards to this matter and will always assist families that need assistance with uniform.

Thank you for you cooperation on this matter.
Felix Patton.
Assistant Principal

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**YEAR 7 PARENT LUNCHEON**

**ALL PARENT GUARDIANS & GRANDPARENTS ARE WELCOME**

As part of our ongoing partnership in your child’s education we would like to offer you the opportunity to informally meet with the Year 7 staff over a cup of coffee.

A pleasant light luncheon (finger food) will allow you to meet your child’s teachers, friends and other parents in a casual setting.

Our College Principal – Mr Andrew Nicholls will give a brief address.

The Year 7 Coordinators Mr Parker Neale & Mrs Bridget Verwey will be on hand too.

Our Staff look forward to meeting with you on the day and enjoying the light luncheon provided by the Parent’s Association (with special thanks to Robyn Van Lieshout).

Please assist us with the catering requirements by completing and returning the reply slip that your child has been given, or you can email Danny Walker directly at walker.daniel.e@edumail.vic.gov.au

**When:** Wednesday 5th March 2014, 12:35pm - 1:30pm

**Where:** College Hall - end of driveway that runs beside stadium

(please do not drive into College grounds)
YEAR 10 WORK EXPERIENCE
24TH – 28TH MARCH

There are still a significant number of Year 10 students who have not organised a Work Experience placement and the week of Work Experience is fast approaching.

A reminder that normal Year 10 classes will not run during this week and that ALL Year 10 students are expected to participate. There is not an alternative program. It would be greatly appreciated if parents could help to encourage their students to organise themselves, as there are DEECD documents to be signed prior to commencing Work Experience. Students were informed about Work Experience in October 2013 and have been reminded constantly since returning after the Christmas Holiday break.

There are also a large number of Year 10 students who have organised Work Experience but are yet to return the necessary signed paperwork, so if this could be attended to as quickly as possible it will help The Careers Office to finalise arrangements.

IMPRESSANT NOTICE ABOUT WHITE CARD TRAINING FOR YEAR 10 WORK EXPERIENCE STUDENTS

The date for White Card Training scheduled for this Friday 28th February has been changed to Thursday 13th March as a number of the students interested in completing the training are attending an Outdoor Ed camp this week. This is a good opportunity for Year 10 students who have not yet organised their Work Experience to take up the opportunity to complete the White Card as it is offered to students at a significantly reduced price of $90.00 and it enables students to complete casual and part time work on building sites if they wish in the future. The White Card is valid indefinitely.

Forms can be collected from The Careers Office and the $90.00 paid to the College Cashier.

STUDENTS WHO DO NOT COMPLETE THE WHITE CARD WILL NOT BE ABLE TO UNDERTAKE WORK EXPERIENCE ON BUILDING SITES AS PER DEECD GUIDELINES

Any queries contact The Careers Office at Rosebud Secondary College on 59 868595

Janette Pearman  Melinda King  Jackie Voigt

MATHS TUTORING
Free Maths Tutoring Sessions every Thursday after school from 3:30 - 4:30 pm
Years 7-9   Room 111
Years 10-12 Room 113

Anyone who wants a quiet place to work or get help from the Maths staff can come along!

Any questions, please contact Debbie Scholefield, Numeracy Coordinator on 5986 8595

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www.rsc.vic.edu.au

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Swimming

As reported in the previous newsletter, Lonsdale were once again the victorious house at the annual Inter house competition, contested earlier this month.

The program was very full, due to the high number of swimmers participating. Some outstanding results were achieved and the calibre of swimmers going to the District Swimming Sports should see some excellent results there.

The Age champions from the day were:

- **12 and 13 year olds**: Lily Davis and Hunter Williams – Moses
- **14 year olds**: Hollie Dunston and Billy Robinson
- **15 year olds**: Kelsey Foehn and Rob Harrigan
- **16 year olds**: Brianna Bond and Max Tanaka
- **17 year olds**: Kelley Gains and Josh Clough
- **18 years or more this year**: Samantha Hafey – Bagg

The District Swimming Sports will be held at the Pines Pool in Frankston on Thursday March 13th. Before school training is being held at Colchester Pool with Tuesday 4th and Thursday 6th being the next two training sessions.

We wish the team all the best in their efforts on Thursday week.

Pat Egan

**Year 7 Students of the week**

Congratulations to the following students for being selected as our students of the week.

**Great effort and keep up the good work.**

**In front:** Brooke Hutchins, Lachlan McGrath and Will Powell

**From left back:** Kara Elks, Luca Bielski, Mel Thomas, Hannah Oliver, Annabelle Wemys, Lily Davis, Jack Thomson, Jayse Mackenzie, Sam Males, Finn Swayne, Ruby Johnson and Jesse Toohey

**INTERSCHOOL SPORT PARTICIPATION FEE - $25.00**

The College is very supportive of our students’ participation in Interschool Sport, believing that this broadens their social and learning experiences. The Interschool Sport Program is expensive to run due to the ever increasing costs of buses, equipment and casual relief teachers. As this program is one of our optional extras, the costs of participating in it are required to be met by parents/guardians.

The contribution required to pay is $25.00 for the year. This goes towards helping to cover some of the costs of running the program.

If you would like to discuss any details about this program please feel free to call Vicki at the College on 5986 8595.
STOPPING BULLYING - RESOURCES FOR PARENTS

All members of a school community share the concerns which surround the issue of bullying. The stresses created when a student or students aim to exert their power over another, be it psychological or physical bullying, can lead to very negative consequences. Our policies and practices take a zero tolerance to bullying, and the realities of the “Hands Off” school allow all students to view bullying behaviours as wrong.

Whilst we employ a number of strategies to educate our students around this topic, we also appreciate that the parents of the students are vital partners in addressing the issue with us.

The Education Department have developed a very worthwhile online resource for parents in particular, which will allow you to explore the many facets of bullying and its management. The link to the module is: http://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/programs/bullystoppers/Pages/parentmodules.aspx. Whilst the content will make reference to children below secondary school age, the messages included are applicable to older children and will be observable in students at Years 7 and 8 in particular.

We would encourage you to view this resource, which will present you firstly with an overview of the issues, before allowing you to explore several case studies. These will each have a different theme, and you can select potential courses of action which will in turn open up thought provoking scenarios.

As always, we encourage parents and their children, to inform our teachers of any instances of bullying they experience, or observe. We want all of our students to feel happy and safe at their school.

STUDENT WHO ARE UNWELL

A REMINDER TO ALL PARENTS (AND STUDENTS TO NOTE). IF YOUR CHILD IS UNWELL THEY ARE TO GO TO SICK BAY FIRST

STUDENTS ARE NOT TO PHONE THEIR PARENTS. STUDENTS WHO DO WILL BE IN BREACH OF SCHOOL RULES AND THIS WILL LEAD TO CONFISCATION OF MOBILE PHONES

CAZ O’BRIEN, SICK BAY COORDINATOR, WILL CALL PARENTS IF THEIR STUDENT IS UNWELL AND NEEDS TO GO HOME

ROSEBUD SECONDARY COLLEGE HAS A CLEAR MOBILE PHONE POLICY:

Unless directed by a teacher for a specific education purpose, all mobile devices including MP3 players & mobile phones should be switched off at school.

Where a teachers direction is not followed, electronic devices will be taken for the day and returned at the end of the day. In the case of repeated transgressions the device will be returned to a parent.

STUDENT SUPPORT

Life for students is not always easy. Problems and worries can put a strain on school progress, family life and friendships. Personal concerns can get worse if help is not sought.

The College Wellbeing Team can provide advice and support to students and their families on a wide range of issues including:

- School attendance and engagement
- Mental health and wellbeing (social, emotional challenges, positive friendships)
- Accessing financial assistance for school uniform and books, etc.
- Where to get help outside the school – referral to community agencies / health providers and Education Department Guidance Officer / Psychologist / Social Worker

The specialist support available includes:

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All the above people can be contacted through the College office.
Tel: 5986 8595.

Appointments are usually necessary due to other teaching duties and part-time schedules.
Dancers, Actors, Gymnasts and Enthusiasts...

Rehearsals:
Thursdays 3.30 - 5.30

In the Auditorium
theamazingwomenscollective@gmail.com

Hey you. Yes, you! You’re AMAZING!!! And if you’re a female at this school, who likes to perform, or find out about how amazing other people are, we want you to be a part of a show based right here, at this school. The show is titled: The Amazing Women’s Collective. It will be a 15 week program that results in a physical theatre performance that celebrates ‘the amazing’ that can be found in any one. It’s a reality theatre show about our community, for our community.

We are putting a call out to high school age females from Rosebud Secondary college to be a part of the show. The show will involve spoken word, everyday movement and dance and working with some of the amazing women from this community.

Rehearsal will take place on Thursdays after school, and some Sundays closer to the performances, which is planned for the last week of Semester 1.

The project will be run by local choreographer Sarah Taylor, who trained in contemporary dance at the V.C.A and has worked for renowned Physical Theatre Company ‘YUING.’

Come along and try: Thursdays 3.30 to 5.30pm, starting on the 8th of March.

PARENT INFORMATION

The Amazing Women’s Collective
A Physical Theatre Performance based from the Southern Peninsula Arts Centre.

Rehearsal Dates: Thursdays from 3.30 to 5.30pm starting on the 8th of March through the rest of Term 1 and all of Term 2. Leading up to the Performance there will be some extra rehearsals on Sundays.

Performance Dates: 26th, 27th and 28th of June 2pm and 6pm. Tickets will become available closer to the date.

IT’S FREE! You will incur no cost for the rehearsals, however, you will need to purchase tickets. There won’t be any requirements for costumes, as performers will be wearing their ‘street clothes’ during the performance.

What the project is about: The Amazing Women’s Collective is a 20 week program the culminates in a physical theatre performance that celebrates ‘the amazing’ that can be found in any one, if we get curious enough. Your daughter would be working with a variety of women who are a couple of generations older. It’s a reality theatre show about our community, for our community. Physical Theatre is a hybrid of dance and acting that often incorporates other ways of being physical, including circus, gymnastics and creativity.

A bit about the choreographer: as a choreographer, Sarah is particularly interested in community arts and giving kids an opportunity to experience performance as it is demonstrated in the current professional field. She trained at the Victorian College of the Arts, volunteers for many arts organisations and has worked for renown youth physical theatre company ‘YUING.’

More information, email Sarah Taylor theamazingwomenscollective@gmail.com
WEP Student Exchange – A Once-In-A-Lifetime Opportunity!

World Education Program (WEP) Australia is now accepting applications from students who wish to participate in 2014/15 exchange programs for a summer, semester or year. Students can choose to study and live life with a carefully selected host family in more than 25 countries.

Exchange students return to Australia with maturity, confidence, and in many cases, proficiency in another language. If learning another language is not for your child, excellent programs to the USA, Canada and Ireland are also available.

I did it! 10 months in a foreign country, without knowing the language or culture. Thinking about all the amazing people I’ve met, the lessons I have learnt and things I have seen, I feel truly lucky to have been here living a different life. I have no regrets, as I have grown to be more mature, open to life and aware of the world around me. Despite it being hard, it has also been the best thing I have ever done for myself. I now feel ready to start life in Australia with a clearer idea of my strengths, weaknesses and my future goals. Exchange has really helped me define myself.

Alison (Moreton Bay College) year program to Italy

Become a WEP Host Family!
Experience the joys of hosting an exchange student and gaining an international family member. We have students arriving in July from Belgium, Italy, The Netherlands, Norway, Finland, Switzerland, Canada, France, Chile, Brazil and Argentina.

Find out More!
Request an information pack online or attend one of WEP’s online or group information sessions. Visit www.wep.org.au to find out more. Early Bird Specials are now available for programs commencing in 2015!
Web: www.wep.org.au
Phone: 03 9598 4733 / 1300 884 733 (cost of a local call)
COMMUNITY NEWS

INTERESTED IN BECOMING A FIREFIGHTER?

COME AND JOIN RYE JUNIOR FIRE BRIGADE!

LEARN ABOUT THE FIRETRUCKS, HOSES AND FIRE FIGHTING EQUIPMENT, WHILE LEARNING THE SKILLS IT TAKES TO BE A REAL FIREFIGHTER!

LOTS OF ACTIVITIES AND TEAM BUILDING INVOLVED

AGES 12-15 YEARS, MALES AND FEMALES WELCOME

COME TO OUR OPEN NIGHT ON WED 5TH MARCH @ 7pm

RYE FIRE BRIGADE
13 COLLINGWOOD ST, RYE

BONEO BASEBALL CLUB
REGISTRATION NIGHT

WEDNESDAY 5TH MARCH, 2014
AT BRAVES CLUB ROOMS.
OLYMPIC OVAL, BEGROVE STREET ROSEBUD.
MELWAYS 170 B4.

A SMALL TRAINING SESSION WILL BE CONDUCTED ON THE NIGHT FOLLOWED BY A FREE BBQ!
COME ALONG AND TRY OUT THE SPORT OF BASEBALL!
JOIN US FOR WHAT WILL BE ANOTHER GREAT YEAR AT BONEO.
ALL AGES (8 YEARS AND ABOVE) & ABILITIES ARE WELCOME.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:

President: STEPHEN BATT/DOLLY 0413 311 899
Email: ryebraves@bigpond.com.au
Secretary: LIZ GINGRASS 0416 538 315
Baseball@boneo.com.au

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An Australian, State, Territory and Local Government Initiative

MORNINGTON PENINSULA SHIRE
NATIONAL YOUTH WEEK
SHORT FILM COMPETITION

SUPPORTED BY IMPAKT FREEZA

Your film must be about one of the following categories:
- bullying/ resilience
- seeking support/ help
- personal safety/ self harm

For terms of entry, or to submit an entry, see www.m pys.com.au
For more info, contact Jackie at Youth Services on 5950 1666 or
via email Jackie. richard@mornpen.vic.gov.au

Entry is free!
Comp closes 1 April 2014.
Open to 10-25 year olds who live, work, or study on the Mornington Peninsula.
COMMUNITY NEWS

To celebrate Cultural Diversity Week
Mornington Peninsula Shire and Parks Victoria
invites you to a screening of

**Alias Ruby Blade**
A story of love and revolution

The acclaimed documentary film follows Kirsty
Sword Gusmao who aspired to be a filmmaker and
instead became a revolutionary.

Whilst working for the Timorese resistance she
fell in love with the imprisoned guerrilla leader
Kay Rala “Xanana” Gusmão, and
risked everything.

Together they fostered the birth of a new nation.

Fast forward to today and Kirsty’s original footage
from 1990 onwards makes up parts of the raw and
evocative documentary, Alias Ruby Blade.

**Sunday 16 March 2014**

Time: 2:00pm – 4:00pm
Venue: Coolart Wetlands & Homestead
Lord Somers Rd, Somers Melway Ref: 19319

Bookings essential - To register please go to:
blade-ticket-105316670763

For further information and enquiries, or if you do not have access to the internet:
Phone: 9550 1685
Entry via gold coin donation

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**Rosebud Junior Football Club**

**WANTED**

**U13 PLAYERS**

Please contact Belinda Heap on 0400 592 462

If interested.