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WHAT’S ON AT RSC
MARCH
31st: Year 7 Sport

APRIL
1st: School Athletics
3rd: Yr 11 Studio Art Exc - Gunnamatta Beach
4th: Yr 11 Geography Exc - LAST DAY TERM 1 - SCHOOL FINISHES 2:30PM

22nd: TERM 2 BEGINS
22nd - 24th: Yr 10 Outdoor Ed Camp
25th: ANZAC DAY - SCHOOL CLOSED
28th: Yr 10 Immunisation
30th - 2nd: Yr 12 Outdoor Ed Camp

MAY
1st: Yr 10 English visit to Our Lady of Fatima
2nd: Yr 9 Amazing Race

CREDIT CARD PHONE PAYMENT AND BPAY ARE AVAILABLE THROUGH THE ROSEBUD SECONDARY COLLEGE OFFICE

At Rosebud Secondary College, Teachers are on bus duty from 8:05 to 8:30am and 3:15 to 4:00pm. The yard is supervised from 8:20am in the morning until 3:30pm in the afternoon.

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More of Leste: Thomas Lopes talks with Rosebud Secondary College students during a visit last week about the opportunities for a unique schoolies experience in his country. Picture: Yanni

Timor quest for Rosebud schoolies

ROSEBUD Secondary College VCE students are being encouraged to enjoy their end-of exam schoolies celebrations with a visit to Timor-Leste (East Timor).

The school last week hosted Thomas Lopes of the small Timorese town of Lospalos, five hours’ drive east of the capital Dili, and Kim Dunphy of a charity organisation Many Hands International.

The visitors spoke to year 12 students about the chance to travel to Timor-Leste for 10 days after they have finished VCE exams.

The students selected will prepare a program of creative arts including drama, music, dance, visual and/or media arts, which they will share with young people in Lospalos.

Although Lospalos has a strong and unique cultural identity, there is also high unemployment, low income and poor access to education, which has resulted in youth disengagement.

The project seeks to assist positive development in Timor-Leste by encouraging active global citizenship of young Australians through a partnership between Many Hands International and Rosebud Secondary College.

Two Rosebud students, Joshua Finley and Laura Smith, visited Timor-Leste as part of a pilot project at the end of last year. The visit had many positive outcomes for the young people of both countries.

A unique element of the project is its aim to offer alternatives to typical schoolies experiences for VCE graduates by providing value-based activities and increasing opportunities for pro-social alternatives.

With growing concern for the culture of binge drinking connected with schoolies, the project hopes to expand in years to come and offer larger groups of students productive and safe alternatives for celebrating the end of VCE.

Deakin University is supporting the project and will use evidence from the exchange to support research projects aimed at making a difference in reducing problem drinking among youth across Australia.
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.

2ND HAND BOOKS....

A REMINDER TO ALL PARENTS WHO PLACED BOOKS IN THE 2ND HAND BOOKSTORE TO SELL.

PLEASE CONTACT THE BOOKSHOP ON 5986-8595 OR DROP IN TUESDAYS 8:30AM—11:30AM OR THURSDAYS 12:00PM—4:00PM, TO COLLECT CHEQUES OF ANY SOLD ITEMS.

STUDENTS 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.

SCHOOL UNIFORM.

We would like to remind everyone of the Rosebud Secondary College UNIFORM POLICY.

It has been brought to the attention of our staff that some of our students are unsure of what they are and are not allowed to wear, particularly regarding jewellery.

For information on the Uniform policy please check the student diary as this is where you will find the full policy printed.
Hello to the Rosebud Secondary College community. This week we have just completed our parent/teacher report process. This was the first time we have used the new online booking process and overall the feedback has been very positive regarding the new system. If you have any concerns regarding bookings could you please communicate these to staff at the school or in writing to the office, as we want to evaluate the effectiveness of this process. The night was a great chance for myself to meet with many parents and discuss how their child/ren were going and other aspects of schooling at Rosebud Secondary College.

College Council elections have been completed and the new College Council members met for the first time this week and elected new office bearers for the next twelve months. I would like to thank the members who nominated successfully for the following positions.

College Council President: Bill Faulkner
College Council Vice President: Emma Hollister-Clarke
Parent representatives are Sylvia Williams, Rosemarie Draper and Tracy McNeair (Co-opted parent).

I would like to thank Sylvia Williams (P) and Rosemarie Draper (VP) for their work in these roles previously.

During the past few weeks I have visited a number of local primary schools including Sorrento PS, Tootgarook PS, Rosebud PS and Dromana PS. It has been a great opportunity to meet with the current Grade 6 students and many leaders within the school. On Thursday 27th March, we hosted a discovery day visit for the Grade 6 students from Red Hill Consolidated School. This was a fun day for the students who got to see secondary school life and interact with our students and use our facilities.

Well done to all the students who represented the school at the Southern Metropolitan Swimming Carnival at MSAC this week. There were some great individual results on the day and the students should be proud of the effort they put in.

Next week the College will hold its whole school athletics day at the Tootgarook Sports Reserve. I encourage all students to actively participate on the day, this includes supporting your house and peers as they participate in the various events. On a personal note, I will be taking out the Year 7 cricket team for interschool sport on Monday 31st March and look forward to working with the students on this day.

Finally I would like to thank the school community for making me feel welcome at the school. It is never easy making the transition from another school where you know many of the people and processes that operate. I have been made to feel most welcome. Finally, I wish all families a happy and safe holiday break and look forward to students returning on Tuesday 22nd April.

Organisational matters
End of term arrangements

Tuesday 1st April: Whole school athletics day
Friday 4th April: Last day of Term 1
**Tuesday 22nd April**: Start of Term 2
Monday 5th May: Open Night
Friday 9th May: New Year 7-2015 Scholarship applications due

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 enrolls at the College (Non-Negotiables contract).

Please note that facial piercings are not accepted and must be removed when the student is at school.
YEAR 8 HOMEWORK CLUB

WHEN: Every Wednesday afternoon 3:30–4.30pm
WHERE: M04 (Next to the Yr 8 Co-ordinators office)
WHO: Any Yr 8 students who need an extra bit of help!!!

UNIFORM SHOP TRADING HOURS 2014
Tuesdays: 8:30am-11:30am
Thursdays: 12:00pm-4:00pm

GRAFFITI VANDALISM – IS NOT ART!!

Everyone is noticing it, everyone is talking about it, but what can everyone do about it?

Graffiti Vandalism is a crime and police will investigate BUT even more importantly, it has become a real community issue and we all need to be part of the solution. Local residents, retailers and visitors have all expressed concerns about the reputation that graffiti is giving to our community.

The majority of crimes solved by police are as a result of information received from the community.
If you see something, say something!

Be aware of what is happening in your local area. Take note of suspicious or illegal activity by recording times, dates, registration numbers of vehicles, identity or description of persons acting suspiciously.

Information and/or photographs can be passed on to local police via email on:- rosebud_uni_graffiti@police.vic.gov.au or alternatively incidents can be reported anonymously to Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000.

A Great New Way to Keep in Touch.

Rosebud Secondary College has subscribed to a school – parent mobile phone service which will hold valuable information accessed via iPhones and Smartphones.

Following in the newsletter is a step by step guide to downloading this free app, which will not only enable you to view events, newsletters and many other valuable items but most importantly it will send “push notifications” to your phone to alert you to any urgent messages or information updates.

This app will make you instantly aware for example if we have had to change a sports day through poor weather, or if a bus is delayed back from an excursion etc.

We would hope that as many parents and students who have either an iPhone or Smartphone, do download this free app as we aim to further improve our communications between school and home.

How To Install Skoolbag On Your Smartphone

iPhone Users
Simply search for your school name in the App Store on your phone, PC or Mac and install.

Android Users
Simply search for your school name in the Google Play Store on your phone, PC or Mac and install.
TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT

Dear Rosebud Secondary College Community, please be advised that at the start of Term 2 there will be changes to the traffic flow into and out of the Eastbourne Road staff and visitors car park. These changes have come about in an effort to avoid accidents as cars try to enter and exit the car park.

The changes will be as follows: Parents dropping off at Eastbourne road will now be direct through the car park to an exit only access, which will also be left turn only. This will be clearly signed. Cars entering from Eastbourne Road will enter into the main car park at the entrance opposite the lawn mowing business.

While there will be a small number of visitors car parks still available in the main car park, this will be designated staff only between 8:00am until 4:00pm. Visitors can use the overflow car park at the southern end of Eastbourne Road. Also the car park adjacent to the Basketball Stadium on Boneo Road will be designated staff only from 8:00am until 4:00pm.

Thank you for you cooperation in this change of circumstances.

Yours Sincerely
Felix Patton
Assistant Principal

YEAR 7 GIRL’S ED-OUT PROGRAM
All students who have been nominated for the ED-OUT program, need to hand in their permission forms to Miss Krieger in room 1.04.

REMINDER TO ALL PARENTS:
THE INFORMATION NIGHT FOR ED-OUT IS NEXT THURSDAY NIGHT
3/4/2014 FROM 6-6.45pm
in room G.03.
We hope to see all families there.

R.S.C NETBALL TRAINING

Year 7-12 netball morning training sessions begin next week 2/4/2014 from 7-8.15am.
Could all girls please be at the stadium at 7am on Wednesday morning in training gear. Training will finish at 8.15am and students will then begin their normal school day.

TRAINING DATES FOR THE CALENDAR:

REMINDER: YOU MUST HAND IN YOUR PERMISSION FORM BEFORE TRAINING OR YOU WILL NOT BE ABLE TO PARTICIPATE.
PLEASE SEE MISS KRIEGER IN 1.04 IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS.
MATHS TUTORING
Free Maths Tutoring Sessions every Thursday after school  
from 3:30pm - 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

HEAD LICE
The information contained here will help you treat and control head lice.
Head lice are small, wingless, blood sucking insects. Their colour varies from whitish-brown to reddish-brown.
Head lice only survive on humans. If isolated from the head they die very quickly (usually within 24 hours).
People get head lice from direct hair to hair contact with another person who has head lice.
Head lice do not have wings or jumping legs so they cannot fly or jump from head to head. They can only crawl.
If lice or eggs are found, the hair should be treated.
If the person has been treated recently and you only find empty hatched eggs, you may not have to treat, as the empty eggs could be from a previous episode.

Treating head lice
Treating head lice involves removing lice and eggs from the hair. There are two ways you can do this:
1. Buying and using a head lice lotion or shampoo, following the instructions on the product
2. Using the conditioner and comb method (described under ‘finding head lice’) every second day until there have been no live lice found for ten days.

Head lice eggs
Head lice eggs are small (the size of a pinhead) and oval. A live egg will ‘pop’ when squashed between fingernails.
Dead eggs have crumpled sides and hatched eggs look like tiny boiled eggs with their tops cut off.

Regulations
According to the Public Health and Wellbeing Regulations 2009, children with head lice can be readmitted to school or children’s service centres after treatment has commenced.
The department recommends a child with head lice can be treated one evening and return to school or children’s service centres the next day, even if there are still some eggs present. There is no need to miss school or childcare because of headlice.

Preventing head lice
Check your child’s head regularly with comb and conditioner. There is no research to prove that chemical or herbal therapies can prevent head lice.

Further information
The following website offers further information: www.health.vic.gov.au/headlice

CAN YOU HOST OUR JAPANESE ASSISTANT???
Rosebud Secondary College is very fortunate to have a Japanese Language Assistant placed at our school every year from April.
The Assistant helps the students to develop their love of language and culture, and improve their conversations skills. However, in order to be able to maintain this program, we need a host family for the new assistant.
If you think you can help out, please contact Mrs Downing at school 5986 8595.
At 7:00am last Wednesday 19th March, 22 intrepid students, their teacher Mr Morrison and this lab tech ‘Super-Mon’ departed for an Adventure Challenge. The weather promised to be perfect, kids rocked up in a timely fashion and we just fit on the ferry! Off to a great start. We learned heaps about surfing at Surfworld Torquay, and even saw boards being made. After a lunch stop at Anglesea we headed off to do a team-building exercise at the Anglesea River. One team had a raft capable of carrying three extra staff on it, the other decided to roll all their barrels back to base. The head honcho Chris from ‘Go Ride a Wave’ commented that the first group would’ve rated in the top 2% of groups he’d had through there. After the challenge we set up camp at Eumeralla, and then shopped for food to cook.

A night wander was delightful under a full orange moon. The next morning was a gentle start, with five fearless runners heading off for an early one. The weather just got better and better, with two-hour Sea Kayaking then Surfing Lessons ran by ‘Go Ride A Wave’ being in perfect conditions. Instructors for these activities, including Austin from Boston, commented that ours was the easiest group they’d taught this year. Go RSC!!!

After dinner we all headed off to the theatre area to perform pieces that related to this environment. A few word games followed with much laughter. We slept well before a 6:00am alarm call to pack-up the campsite. That was fun in the dark! Most of us got breakfast in before a 9:00am arrival for snorkelling instruction session at Queenscliff. Then it was off to Pope’s Eye, which the entire group circumnavigated in cooler conditions. After a further short dip with the seals it was hot milo and smooshed biscuits – much appreciated! We queued up for the little old ferry return home, and not a drop of rain ‘til then.

Definitely the happiest group I’ve been away with. Good luck students with completing your Logbooks and making sense of our amazing adventure experiences!

Monica Summer
**WAKAKIRRI**

Wakakirri is now Australia’s largest annual arts (DANCE) event for schools involving over 20,000 students across every State and Territory. Live performances reach over 1 million people each year. This year 70 RSC students will compete in the Wakakirri – Secondary School Challenge.

Our team is made up of students from Years 7 to 12, selected for their dance and performance ability. Students involved will undertake weekly rehearsals to prepare for a large performance at the end of July. Two student leaders, Alexandra Dellaportas and Sophie Armstrong have been busy creating the plot of our 7 minute (max) dance piece. Using the theme of “Witchcraft” they have developed a strong storyline. Sophie and Alex will attend a workshop later this week with head story telling judge and well know TV personality Mark Wilson. Hopefully they will be inspired and learn a lot from this workshop.

The team of choreographers including: Brittany Holt, Kate Mule, Emma Harvey, Shilo Ryan-Smith and Tayla Holmes Smith, will soon begin creating phrases and teaching them to the team in the beginning of Term 2 when rehearsals begin. All students involved in this huge dance challenge are to be congratulated for making it into the team and we cannot wait to work with you on creating our dance piece.

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**MPJFL Youth Girls Football Team 2014**

**PLAYERS WANTED 13-18yo**

*MPJFL Youth Girls 2014 Football Team - Girls wanted. For the second year we are entering a MPJFL Youth Girls Football team in the 2014 South East Juniors Youth Girls competition.*

The team is made up of girls from Rye, Westemport, Somerville and Mornington areas at this stage. Training has already commenced on a Monday and Thursday night at Dallas Books Oval, Mornington-Tyabb Road Mornington.

Any girls interested in being apart of this year’s team would be most welcome. Youth Girls football is for girls aged 13 to 18 who wish to play competitive football against other girls of a similar age.

The South East Region Youth Girls competition is played on Saturday mornings at Casey Fields Sporting Complex at Cranbourne.

If you are interested in finding out more please contact team coach Gary Sanford on 0409194314.
It’s hard to believe that we’re already encouraging students and staff to come in and do their holiday borrowing. Every year it seems like the first term flies by quicker that it did the year before. The good news is that the holidays are almost here and that means more time in the day for reading!

Why is reading so important? Aside from expanding students’ vocabulary, challenging their imaginations and blowing their minds, reading is an individual activity that can be enjoyed anywhere. I encourage parents to have a look at the difference reading 20 minutes a day can make on the graphic printed in this edition of the newsletter. It proves that it really is worth supporting your child to establish a regular reading routine, especially as part of leisure time on the holidays.

In other news, this week we have been lucky enough to have Zach Taylor of Year 10 complete his work experience with us. I’ll let him have the last word this time...

Happy reading, Ms Jeacle
Past students pursuing their chosen pathways

Mikaela Hanson graduated from Rosebud Secondary College in 2012. Recently she returned to visit Ms Jocelyn Robinson who supported her through her studies.

After leaving school unsure of her pathway, it is extremely pleasing to learn that Mikaela has completed Certificate III in Patisserie and has just commenced her Certificate IV Pastry Chef. She is currently working part-time at Trims Restaurant in McCrae.

Students gain a placement in “Insight into Paramedicine” program at Monash University, Peninsula Campus

Year 12 students Indianna Croad and Chelsea Guymer Banks have been selected to participate in an 8 week program for students considering a future career in paramedicine.

The program consists of theory and practical sessions and as part of the program students will be mentored by second year paramedicine students. Both girls reported how much they enjoyed the first session where they explored the inside of an ambulance and how patients are transported.

Both Indianna and Chelsea are studying Health and Human Development as part of their VCE program. This is a great opportunity for both students which will help them to gain an insight into a future career they are considering.

My Brief Career as a Librarian

It has been a privilege to work in the Library for my Work Experience module. Thanks to the Careers Team and the Library staff for making this opportunity possible.

At first I thought working in the Library would be a breeze, all I would do was sit at the front counter, lend out books to people and read my own book while waiting for people to borrow. I was very wrong! There are lot of jobs to do around the library such as shelving, cleaning, sorting out newspapers for the current affairs index and helping out in the Year 7 Read Every Day Program. Plenty to keep me busy.

Overall working in the library has been enjoyable and a great learning experience. The staff have been friendly, helpful and great to work with and have made work experience enjoyable.

Zach Taylor, Year 10
District Swimming

A great set of results both as a team and also individually was achieved earlier this month at the District Swimming Sports at the Frankston Pines Pool. The Junior Girls and the Intermediate Girls both were pennant winners. The Senior Girls, Junior, Intermediate and Senior Boys all finished second to Mornington Secondary.

Individually some of our swimmers were outstanding. Max Tanaka Year 10, won SEVEN events, including 3 records. Max's wins ranged across three strokes and two age groups. Hollie Dunstan Year 8, won SIX events, also including three strokes and two age groups. One record. Lily Tanaka, also Year 8, won SIX events across four age groups and also include a record. Ayden Coates Year 10, won FIVE events including two records. Brianna Bond Year 10, won FOUR events as did Robbie Mansfield Year 10. Ellie Davis Year 10 won THREE events.

ATHLETICS

The annual Inter House Athletics Sports will be held at the Southern Peninsula Athletics track on Truemans Road this Tuesday April 1st. School buses will operate as normal but will drop off and pick up students from the track. Students who are normally driven to school should be dropped off at the track also. The two school mini buses will provide a shuttle service for students unable to get their own way to the venue. The mini buses will leave school no later than 8:50, so please be punctual.

Parents are very welcome to come along and spectate on the day. First events will commence at 9:00 am

National Athletics Titles

Two Year Nine students competed a fortnight ago at the Australian Youth Titles at Homebush in Sydney. Ben Closter finished Third in the under 16 200m, Fifth in the 100m and seventh in the 400m. Skyla Laugh finished eighth in the under 15 400m. It is a great effort from these 2 students to reach the National Titles. Very well done.

Nathan Brill, Year 11 last year won the National Walk title and has qualified for the World Junior Titles in Canada later this year.

VICTORIAN TRIATHLETE

Hamish Martin of Year 10 has been selected in the Victorian Triathlon team. Hamish will compete over the Easter Holidays in the Australian Titles at Bendigo. We wish Hamish all the best in that pursuit.
**SPORT NEWS**

**Rosebud Swimmers Blitz At MSAC**

Rosebud SC’s swim team descended on MSAC on Thursday 27th March for the Southern Metropolitan Region Final and left with a haul of over thirty five medals. The Gold Medalists for Rosebud SC on the day were Max Tanaka (2 Gold/2 Silver/2 Bronze), Ayden Coates (3 Golds/1 Silvers), Hollie Dunstan (1 Gold/2 Silver/2 Bronze), Robbie Mansfield (1 Gold/2 Silver), Hamish Martin (1 Gold/1 Silver) and Brianna Bond (1 Gold/2 Bronze).

All the above students have not only qualified for the State Final but will certainly be in the mix to once again finish on the podium in their preferred events. These swimmers were also magnificently supported by an extremely talented support crew. Olivia Armstrong, Hannah Berndt, Lizzie Brooks, Suede Croad, Ellie Davis, Lily Davis, Stephanie Griffin, Blake Kuipers, Paris Mcgrath, Kate Rainsbury, Billee Ruckwood and Lily Tanaka. Many of these swimmers finished on the podium in either one or two relays. Congratulations to the whole squad who were duly rewarded for all the hard work they had undertaken in the lead up to the event. The State Final will once again be held at MSAC early in the second term.

**Yr 8 Baseball**

Unfortunately only two teams played in this competition last week. There was a very close game between Dromana and Rosebud. Ash Palmer started the game with a magnificent home run to centre field, while Jarrod “Saucy” Marturano (first base), Stephen Slocombe (catcher) and Mitch Humphries (pitcher) backed him up with excellent performances. Unfortunately Rosebud lost this game 6-5. The match was umpired by a very fair and patient Evin “Bobby” Parslow.

Once again, thankyou to Boneo Braves Baseball Club for allowing us to use their facilities.

**Term 2 Sport…..Football, Netball, Badminton and Soccer**

6 May…. Senior boys football/Senior Girls netball
12 May…. Senior Girls Football/All boys netball
22 May…Senior Sport
29 May….Yr 8 Sport
5 June….Cross Country
11 June…..Yr 7 Sport
17 June…Intermediate Sport
26 June…Junior Girls Football

**Term 1 Winners**

All winning teams from Term 1 will progress directly to Southern Metro Regional Finals:

Senior Baseball……1st May
Senior Boys Tennis….22nd May
Senior Girls Volleyball..28th April
Intermediate Baseball..30th April
Intermediate Boys Tennis..2nd May
Yr 8 Boys Tennis…9th May
Yr 8 Volleyball…20th May

**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.
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.

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Would $500 assist you with education costs?

You could receive up to $500 to help pay for educational costs including:

- school uniforms
- text books
- excursions
- laptops
- sports equipment, uniforms and lessons
- music tuition and instrument hire
- TAFE, traineeship and apprenticeship costs!

The Brotherhood of St Laurence delivers Saver Plus in your local area and is looking for new participants.

To be eligible you must:

- have a Centrelink Health Care or Pensioner Concession Card
- are at least 18 years old
- have some regular income from work (you or your partner), and
- have a child at school, or study yourself.

To find out more contact Mehtap Williams, Saver Plus Worker at the Brotherhood of St Laurence
8781 5937 / 0407 827 930 or mehtap.williams@bsl.org.au

Saver Plus is a national society and financial education program, developed by Brotherhood of St Laurence and delivered in partnership with The Brotherhood of St Laurence, the Brotherhood of St Laurence-owned community agency, the program is funded by SAM and the Australian Government Department of Social Services, Families, Communities and Disability Services with ANZ providing candid and ongoing participation.
The annual **Mornington Peninsula Art Show** is set to go once again over Easter. This high quality art show is for artists by invitation only, and features local artists in particular. The Southern Peninsula Arts Centre – our school theatre - is the venue, which provides the perfect display space. This year the guest artists are members of the **Peninsula Studio Trail**, who will display their work in the theatre foyer. This year’s guest judge is Jane Alexander, the Gallery Director for the Mornington Peninsula Regional Gallery. A special category has been added for this year’s show, to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Beatles tour to Australia. Artists have been encouraged to enter into this category, with work to be created onto canvas the size of an LP record cover, with the title to be a Beatles song.

The art show will open to the public at **7pm, Wednesday 16 April**, with pre **purchased tickets** available at $15 each, or $20 at the door. The show will be open each day at the following times, the **entry fee being $5**:  
**Thursday 17 April:** 10am – 5pm  
**Friday 18 April:** 11am – 5pm  
**Saturday 19 and Sunday 20 April:** 10am – 5pm  
**Monday 21 April:** 10am – 2pm

The Mornington Peninsula Art Show was established in 2009, as a partnership between the College Chaplaincy Committee and the PST Artists. Whilst showcasing the talent on the peninsula, it serves as the major fundraiser for the Chaplaincy program, which has over many years now supported students, staff and families in times of need via pastoral care assistance. The highlight of the work of the Chaplaincy Committee, in addition to their fundraising support, is the provision of the twice weekly Breakfast Clubs, which regularly serve hot breakfasts to in excess of 250 students on each of those mornings – and numbers rise over the winter terms.

Artwork is available for sale, and we encourage our wider community to call in to view, and of course to spread the word to do likewise.

Further details can be viewed at: [www.mpartshow.com](http://www.mpartshow.com)
Jolly Entertainment presents **CALENDAR GIRLS**. The true story of eleven Women’s Institute members who posed nude for a calendar to raise money for the Leukaemia Research Fund.

May 10th at 7:30pm. Tickets: $28 / $25. Booking: [www.southernpeninsulaartscentre.com](http://www.southernpeninsulaartscentre.com) or 5986 8204.

**THE AMAZING WOMEN’S COLLECTIVE**

The Amazing Women’s Collective is a community project involving students from RSC and women in the community. We are looking for students who like to sing, dance, act to be involved in this 15 week project which will culminate in a public performance at S.PAC.

It’s not too late to join! For more details contact: Sarah Taylor: theamazingwomenscollective@gmail.com or see Ms Mackenzie in the Performing Arts office.

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**BUNK PUPPETS PRESENT**

**SHAMP JUICE**

*A shadow puppet menagerie with a jaw-dropping 3D finale!*

*‘One of the greatest innovations in shadow puppetry’ The Scotsman*

*Rosesbund Secondary College*

**July 12th 2014**

6:00pm

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**IMPRO CLUB**

*Improvisation is great fun and it’s good for you!*

Improv fosters spontaneity, collaboration and playfulness. Perfect for anyone with an interest in writing, theatre, and comedy. Or simply anyone who wants to spark their imagination and inspire others.

**MONTHLY IMPRO ARVO 2014**

26th April, 24th May, 21st June.

1.00-4.00pm

Cost: $40, $35 conc. (per session)

Impro Club is at SPAC,

Eastbourne Rd, Rosebud

Bookings and enquiries

(03) 5986 8204 or go to [www.southernpeninsulaartscentre.com](http://www.southernpeninsulaartscentre.com)

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**From the Creator of ‘Sticks Stones Broken Bones’**
COMMUNITY NEWS

Parenting Teens

A facilitated discussion group for parents of teenagers to share a cuppa, as well as tips, tools and strategies for parenting...

You choose the topics!

Information about when, where and how to seek help if you need it

Topics might include:
- Peer pressure
- Body image
- Friendships
- Anxiety and depression
- Discipline strategies, rules and consequences
- Anything at all related to parenting teens

When:
Term 2 Dates: 2014
Mondays fortnightly
5th May, 19th May, 2nd June, 16th June
Wednesday February 19th
Wednesday March 19th
Wednesday April 23rd
Wednesday May 21st
Wednesday June 25th
Wednesday July 23rd
Wednesday August 20th
Wednesday September 17th
Wednesday October 22nd
Wednesday November 29th
Wednesday December 10th

To book, for further information, or if you would like to chat about your parenting challenges but can’t attend the group please contact Sue Weatherill on 0447 500 380 or email susan.weatherill@anglicarevic.org.au

An initiative of the Parent Engagement and Transition Support Project

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In Partnership with

Rosebud Kinship Carers Support

For Kinship carers on the Mornington Peninsula.
“Come and share the highs and lows of being a Kinship Carer”.
“To care for the carer is to care for the child”.

Support group Dates for 2014:
- Wednesday February 19th
- Wednesday March 19th
- Wednesday April 23rd
- Wednesday May 21st
- Wednesday June 25th
- Wednesday July 23rd
- Wednesday August 20th
- Wednesday September 17th
- Wednesday October 22nd
- Wednesday November 29th
- Wednesday December 10th

For more information contact either:

Sue Weatherill
Parent Engagement, Transition and Support
Anglicare Victoria,
Ph: 0447 500 380

Sue Gale
Information & Advice
Ozchild
Ph: 9212 5600

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Peninsula Home Hospice (PHH) congratulates **REBECCA STEPHENS** for being awarded our scholarship for 2014.

The PHH Scholarship is proudly awarded to students who willingly give their time, energy and passion to help others and who embrace the ethos of community service.

**PHH** provides expert healthcare and practical support to people within our community who are living with a terminal illness and choosing to receive palliative care in the home. Call 9783 6177 or visit www.peninsulahospice.com.au

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**Join the Fun!**

**Cost:**
- Adults - $20.00
- Student / Healthcare - $12.00
- Child under 16 - $10.00
- Family (2 adults, up to 4 chn) - $50.00
- Family (1 adult, up to 4 chn) - $30.00

Dress in pink, walk / run with your mum, friends, family or school class / team.

Let’s work together to assist the National Breast Cancer Foundation. Every cent raised is donated!

Want to be a sponsor or donate? Contact Anne-Maree at peninsulamdc@optusnet.com.au
COMMUNITY NEWS

Easter Eggstravaganza
Saturday 19th April 2014
Come and meet the Easter Bunny
Empire Street Mall Playground, 10am – 1pm

SPECIAL Easter Market
Main Street, Mornington 9am – 2pm

Free face painting, mini Easter eggs, and enter the colouring competition for your chance to WIN Main Street Shopping Vouchers for you and your school!

where the shop meets the sea... mainstreetmornington.com.au
Facebook/MainStreetMornington "...look for our logo!" Enquiries 03 5975 4522

The Frankston Arts Centre - From 4th to 13th of April 2014
Director/Choreographer - Angela Phillips Assistant Director - Gina Goss
Musical Director - Malcom Huddle

April 2014:
Fri 4th - 7:30pm
Sat 5th - 7:30pm
Sun 6th - 2pm
Fri 11th - 7:30pm
Sat 12th - 7:30pm
Sun 13th - 2pm

Ticket purchase: www.artscentre.frankston.vic.gov.au or Phone: (03) 9784 1060

STARRING
YR 7 RSC STUDENT JESSICA FAULKNER
Indigenous Music & Cultural Festival

When: Saturday 29th March
Where: The Briars - Mt Martha
Time: 2:00pm - 10:00pm

The Festival will include musicians, dancers, storytelling and arts & crafts.

Headline acts include:
Singer Songwriter: Archie Roach
Lyrical Storyteller: Nola Lauch
Mau Power from the Torres Strait
Yirrmal and the Yolngu Boys
Indigenous Hip Hop Project and more.

This is a great opportunity to come together as a community & celebrate Indigenous culture on the Mornington Peninsula.

Adult tickets $45.00
Children under 16 FREE

To find out more info go to www.watertowater.org.au

We hope to see as many Rosebud Secondary College families there as possible.

RYPEN is a specialised program designed to cultivate and develop the inherent strengths of young people, hence the motto, “The cultivation of youth”.

There is a need for young people to be given the opportunity to experience a weekend camp designed to promote self confidence, communication skills and develop an understanding and tolerance of others.

RYPEN is for students in Years 9 and 10 (14 - 16 years old) who are nominated by school co-ordinators and endorsed by the local Rotary Club.

In 2014 RYPEN will be held at Forest Edge CYC, Neerim South, 16th May to 18th May 2014. Nominations close April 2014.

WHO PAYS FOR RYPEN?
Typically the cost of sending students to RYPEN is met by the local club.

Transport to and from the venue can be arranged if necessary.

See your Local Rotary Club or Mr Pattison if you are interested.
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/ Pagesparentmodules.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.

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Media Release
27 March 2014

History detectives take on Point Nepean these holidays

Point Nepean National Park’s free holiday program offers kids the chance to enjoy time in the outdoors, and discover jaw-dropping historical tales right here on our doorstep.

Parks Victoria’s Junior Ranger program invites kids aged 6 – 12 years to enjoy a range of activities including a hunt with a difference—searching for headstones. “Who Am I?” challenges kids to match a series of stories to the people of the past who are now laid to rest in the Pioneer Cemetery at Point Nepean. From shipwreck victims, early settlers, lighthouse keepers’ families and WW1 soldiers, this activity will keep them guessing, and learning along the way.

The ‘Remember Me’ activities explore the connection soldiers had with Point Nepean. From visiting the gravesite of a young Gunner to opening up a biscuit tin of memories and medals of another soldier we can learn so much from the past. This is a perfect activity for kids to explore history and connect the stories of these very ordinary soldiers with Point Nepean’s extraordinary military past.

For regular visitors to Point Nepean’s Quarantine Station the ‘Pictures Past Puzzle’ program will help connect the dots for many. Junior Rangers will use images and maps to help pit the pieces of the puzzle into place of who lived, worked and sheltered in the Quarantine Station’s many buildings.

Visitors can also explore the park on their own though a self guided discovery trail at the Forts or the Quarantine Station. They can climb the newly opened Monash Light Tower and enjoy stunning coastline views or bikes are also available for hire to explore the park. Before arriving, an audio tour of the park can be downloaded or iPods are available for hire from the Information Centre.

The new, improved Pt Nepean Shuttle Bus runs daily during school holidays for a few.

Who Am I? 10:00am – 11:15pm on Tuesday 8 & Tuesday 15 April. Meet at Gunners Cottage & Point Nepean Cemetery.

Pictures Past Puzzle 1:00pm- 2:15pm on Tuesday 8, Thursday 10, Tuesday 15 and Thursday 17 April. Meet at Clean Store, Quarantine Station.

Remember Me 10:00am- 11:15pm on Thursday 10 and Friday 17 April. Meet at Gunners Cottage & Point Nepean Cemetery.

All Junior Ranger activities are free, but bookings are essential at www.juniorrangers.com.au. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Point Nepean National Park is open daily and located at the end of Point Nepean Road, Portsea.

Media enquiries : Images available or we can facilitate a photo opportunity for you.
Name: Andrea Rowe
Phone 0409 965 352

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