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Above: Last Friday we farewelled another group of Year 12 students, read more about their last day on page 8. Below: Up bright and early for our Business Breakfast last week were Chris Hogan, Jeff Perry, Karren Cruz, Ken Doyle, Marg Howard & Kevin Livingstone, an enjoyable way to thank our community supporters. More inside.
Farewell to Year 12 students

Year 12 students finished formal classes last Friday and are now well and truly into the exam period. On behalf of the staff I would like to wish them well in this very important time. I thank them for their positive contributions to the school. I know that they will receive wonderful support from teachers during the exam period. Our students and staff enjoyed giving our Year 12 students a farewell assembly last Friday. It is a marvellous achievement to have completed Year 12. They will certainly look back on their time at Rushworth P-12 College with fond memories and cherish the friendships they have made. We congratulate and thank them for their contribution in adding to the rich tradition of Rushworth P-12 College. We wish them well and look forward to hearing about their future successes and achievements.

Making the most of learning time

In an effort to ensure that we fully maximise the 200 days of learning that we have available to us each year the College is introducing two new programs for the remainder of 2013. These are our Early Commencement Program and our Start Up Program. Early Commencement is an opportunity for our current Year 11 students to commence work on their 2014 Year 12 studies after the completion of their Year 11 coursework. The program will commence on Wednesday 13th November and run through until Friday 29th November and does include the traditional Year 11 Surf Camp. During the Early Commencement program our students will be working on their 2014 subjects, understanding the requirements of each subject, commencing to understand and learn the content and becoming familiar with the assessments required to successfully complete their VCE or VCAL Certificate in 2014. Where possible students will be working with their 2014 teachers, enabling clear continuity of teaching and the introduction of clear work requirements and homework tasks that need to be completed over the summer break. The Early Commencement Program is a compulsory part of our Year 11 program and students attendance will count towards the minimum 85% attendance requirement to satisfactorily pass 2014 subjects.

The Start Up Program is similar in concept to the Early Commencement program but will operate for our current Year 7-10 students and commence on Monday 2nd December. From this time forward our Year 7-10 students will commence work on their units and courses of study for Years 8-11 in 2014. Again, where possible students will be taught by their 2014 teacher, with the exceptions to this being where a new staff member is being recruited for the 2014 year or a member of staff is yet to return from leave. The Start Up program is an essential component of students 2014 program and again will count towards the minimum attendance requirements for 2014. Students in Years 7-10 are required to be in attendance at school until Friday 20th December.

Planning for 2014

Our plans for 2014 are well underway and we are currently putting the finishing touches on our staffing for next year. Over the coming weeks I hope to be able to release this information to our College community in preparation for 2014 and beyond. 2014 will see the introduction of two new aspects to the College, these being a school-wide Positive Behaviour
Intervention Support (PBIS) process and the reintroduction of a Language Other than English for our students in Years P-8. The PBIS program will support our College community to introduce and develop a tiered approach to supporting students to learn and demonstrate positive behaviours and to support our College community to teach and recognise these behaviours. We will be looking for one or two parent volunteers to join our PBIS Team in 2014, so if you are interested please let me know over the coming weeks. The reintroduction of LOTE in 2014 will see Indonesian back as part of our Guaranteed and Viable Curriculum for students in Years P-8, with Primary students having 50 minutes of Indonesian each week and Year 7/8 students having 100 minutes of instruction each week.

As always, your feedback and ideas for improvement are always welcome, so please feel free to drop in and see me or to forward your ideas in writing to me at the College.

Kind regards,
Brad Moyle, Principal

Worthy of Praise

- **Melinda Andrews** and **Diane Rexhep** for their promptness in altering a staff member of a snake sighting, assisting with informing the office and snake watch, until we were able to get the local snake catcher to retrieve the snake – well done girls!!!!
- **Bailey Mimmo, Geordie Aburrow, Myah Zonta, Shirley Ratawake, & Kannika Suksanit** for helping in the Kitchen Garden during lunchtimes this week.
- **Shantelle Ware & Kelly Turgoose** for their recent initiative regarding VCE/VCAL jumpers.

**COLBINABBIN NETBALL CLUB PRESENTS**

The Colbinabbin Bridal Gown Collection

2PM SUNDAY 10TH NOVEMBER    COLBINABBIN MEMORIAL HALL
ENTRY $25 ADULTS $20 CONCESSION (STUDENTS AND SENIORS)
ENTRY INCLUDES HIGH TEA
ALCOHOL AT BAR PRICES

BOOKINGS AND ENQUIRIES TO ROBYN RYAN
0407 054 795
“In Pursuit of Healthiness” - a successful week of Health & PE.

Rushworth P-12 College in partnership with GV Health held a very successful series of activities and events for Health and PE week last week.

The planning team of Amanda Cray, Leanne James, Kerrie Raglus and Michele Hanson had come up with the concept of a play on our College motto - “In pursuit of excellence” to promote the importance of health and wellbeing being important for a well-rounded life. Each day had a particular focus.

Highlights of the week are as follows:

- Monday the focus was on having a Healthy Mind and the college was fortunate to secure the expertise of Joanne Johnston and Sue Barlow to run some lunchtime sessions on Tai Chi and Yoga. It was encouraging to see both students and staff of all ages take part in these sessions. Special thanks to Joanne and Sue in giving up their time to support this initiative.
- Tuesday the focus was on healthy body and the need to stay active. As a group we decided to re-introduce to the students and staff some of the ‘old-fashioned’ games such as skipping, quoits, hopscotch, elastics, marbles and 3 legged races. All of these activities were VERY popular amongst staff and students again and it was interesting to see the reaction of the young students about the fun games that used to be played in playgrounds before mobile phones came along!
- Wednesday was all about Healthy eating and the popular sub-a-licious lunch (similar to Subway) made a comeback. Our Year 9 YEP students organised this healthy style lunch for a vast majority of students and staff to enjoy.
- Thursday we saw the focus shift to social connectedness and we welcome Peter Garner from Excell Dance studio to the College to teach our Year 10 students how to dance some rock n roll and then show the WHOLE SCHOOL some classic group dances in the stadium at lunchtime.
- Friday was the highlight of the week with the focus being a Healthy life – the importance of community & family connectedness. Planned was the resurgence of the old popular basketball-a-thon (of a reduced size...
to the ones the school used to hold many years ago). Basketball games began in the stadium at 1pm and
after school we were joined by parents and community members to see the games continue until 6.30pm,
where we then all joined together in a FREE family BBQ to celebrate the week that had been.

All in all it was a very positive week at the College with one of the biggest highlights being the interaction be-
tween staff and students during the various activities. The organising group looks forward to getting together and
planning future events.

Amanda Cray, Leanne James, Kerrie Raglus & Michele Hanson
Primary – Year 8 Happenings...

As usual, there has been lots of exciting things happening in the primary area of our school. The Year 5/6’s held a very successful car wash last Wednesday to raise money for their graduation in December. They worked really well together and did a fantastic job of washing all the cars that turned up! Well done to the Year 5/6’s for their effort and teamwork on this day. The Year 3/4’s are looking forward to their upcoming camp and have also been enjoying learning about different countries in Asia. In the P/1/2 class, students have been busily going about their normal routine and have been learning lots about their topic for inquiry which has been mini beasts.

Prep—Year 8 Awards

Prep – 2: Tom Jones and Jayden Bloomfield

Year 3/4: Luke Weatherhead - For being a positive role model in our classroom. Keep up the great work!
Andrew Robinson - For showing great enthusiasm towards our work in the Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden.

Year 5/6: Imojen Giffening: for some fantastic narrative writing about The Midnight Cat
Hayden Cullie: for some fantastic narrative writing about The Midnight Cat
Jack Risstrom: having a fantastic attitude in class and finishing all set work
Pheobe Stewart: having a fantastic attitude in class and finishing all set work
Isabelle Crute: having a fantastic attitude in class and finishing all set work

Year 7: Abi Clarke and Russell Anderson for their assistance with the Transition Program
Caleb Ramadan for his excellent efforts with creative writing.

Year 8: Bradley Kromek and Ike Jones for their application to completing a class task and teamwork. Well done boys!

Ms. Fraser’s Reading Awards: Jackson Stewart for great reading.

Prep, 1, 2:

Literacy Focus - We are continuing to work on our spelling and vocabulary and students are working hard to pass their M100W words. Within writing we are beginning to brainstorm, plan and write narrative stories. We have created class goals and hope to achieve these over the next two weeks.

Numeracy Focus - Within numeracy we are very excited to be working on multiplication and will move from our 0, 1 and 2 times tables onto our 3, 4, 5’s. We are beginning to look at graphing and the many modes and purposes of graphs in our lives.

**Thank you to parents who are encouraging and assisting their children in completing weekly homework tasks. It is much appreciated and students are feeling very proud (and grown up) to be finishing this work and handing it in on time.**
Year 3/4:

**Literacy Focus:** Students will be looking at different ways to connect with different texts through personal connection, text connections and world connections. Students will have the opportunities to read a range of different texts and implement modelled CAFÉ strategies through their Independent Reading time. Through Whole Class Reading, students will be learning about Japan and creating Fact Files to demonstrate their knowledge on the countries we have studied in Asia.

In Writing, students will be creating texts that centre on rhyming and using music and sound effects to create effective dialogue. Our Spelling Focus will be around revising common spelling patterns and using different spelling rules to determine the correct spelling for challenging words.

**Numeracy Focus:** In Numeracy, students will be revising number problems and strategies through addition, subtraction, multiplication and division related problems. Students will also be revising knowledge on fractions and decimals and addition of both fractions and decimals. In Applied Maths, students will be interpreting data presented in different formats, such as timetables, graphs and grids.

Year 5/6:

**Literacy Focus:** In writing, students will be working on writing narratives and will be focusing on the development of plot, setting and characters. In reading, students will be working on their comprehension skills, both literal and inferential, and will also be learning about the structure of non-fiction texts.

**Numeracy Focus:** Students will be learning how to interpret data such as mean, median, mode and range and will also be conducting chance experiments and displaying the data in a variety of ways.

Year 7:

Over the last two weeks students in Year 7 have finished the class text ‘Living with Leanne’ and have been writing creative tasks using the novel for stimulus. Students have also been compiling six poems for their own poetry anthology written in different poetic styles. Students have just commenced formal expository essays based on the novel investigating the reasons for change identified in the central character Leanne.

Year 8:

**Literacy Focus:** Year 8 are bringing their individual inquiry into a topic of their own choice to a close. The students will be writing a report answering the questions they have set themselves and then preparing for an oral presentation on the same topic. We have been discussing current issues in the media on Mondays and poetry on Fridays. Last week we read and discussed ‘My Country’ by Dorothea Mackellar.

Year 3/4 students will be celebrating their learning through our Asia Unit of Work by having an “Asia Celebration Day” on Friday 8th November. Students will be participating in different activities relating to the countries we have studied over the duration of our unit. Students will perform music and dance, cook various dishes, create art and craft and learn about the different languages spoken in our studied countries. Invites were sent out earlier this week with students. We hope to see lots of parents at our “Asia Celebration Day!” Parents please feel free to join us from 2pm onwards.
Good Bye to the YEAR 12 Students:

On Friday the 25th of October Rushworth P-12 College said goodbye to the YR 12 class of 2013. For many students it will be the beginning of employment and independence for others, there is still three weeks of VCE Exams ahead to study hard for. I would like to say a big thank you to all the staff, parents and friends for their support on Friday’s Farewell Assembly and a big thank you to Carly Hamilton and Nikki Harvey who gave to very touching speeches on behalf of the VCE and VCAL groups.

YEAR 12 VCE Exams:

The first of the YR 12 Exams will begin on Wednesday 30th of October at the Rushworth Town Hall at 9am. Students are reminded to be at the exam centre at least 15 minutes before the exam begins, check what materials they can bring in their 2013 Exam Navigator or on line and wear warm clothing that can be removed if it gets hot. No mobile phones or food are permitted inside the exam venue. Water is permitted but must be in a clear drinking container. The last exam will be on the Thursday 14th of November at 3pm.

YEAR 11 VCE Exams:

Monday the 28th of November marked the beginning of the YR 11 Revision week. Students will be revising for their upcoming exams in all their classes and have been given a copy of their YR 11 Exam timetables. The exams will run from Wednesday 6th to Friday 8th of November and will be held at the college.

If you have any questions please contact Frankie O’Toole at the College.

Miss Frankie O’Toole
Sub-a-licious-day

On the 16th of October Taylor Warren and Kylie Rexhep with the help of the Y.E.P group held a sub-a-licious-day in the schools kitchen, it was a great success raising over $270 which was raised for practical things and the Year 9 building. We had so much help with this day to run smoothly and we would like to give a big thanks to everyone who helped out which includes...Ebony Sacco, Mikayla Marshall, Taylah Bons, Hayley McIntosh, Jayson Andrews, Blake Rosenberg, Gabby Finnigan, Dean Jamieson, Frankie O’Toole, Kerrie Raglus, Amanda Cray, Jamie Daff, Brad Moyle, Gemma Fisher and a big thanks to the Rushworth bakery and IGA for supplying the food for our day 😊

Kylie Rexhep & Taylor Warren
Year 9 YEP
SLIP SLOP SLAP TIME!

As we know, spring is here and the sun is shining so we need to make sure we do the five S’s below:

1. **Slip**
2. **Slop**
3. **Slap**
4. **Seek**
5. **Slide**

### Protect yourself in five ways from skin cancer

Studies predict that two out of every three Aussie kids at school today will be diagnosed with skin cancer later in life.

While we are all aware of the dangers of the harsh Australian sun, just under half of all students are still going to school wearing baseball caps that leave their ears, cheeks and back of neck exposed to dangerous UV rays.

Before you pack their school bags for the new term follow these simple sun safety tips to ensure your child will be protected from the sun’s rays.

**Top SunSmart tips for school:**

- Apply sunscreen to your kids in the morning and put a tube in their school bag for them to reapply throughout the day.
- Don’t forget to apply to the neck, temples, ears, lips, face and nose as these are the most common sites of skin damage and cancer.
- When choosing a school hat: Remember that broad brim, bucket style hats or legionnaire provide the best coverage from the sun.

These figures are alarming but they can be reduced if parents take precautions now while their children are young.

*Leanne James*

*School Nurse Educator*
Congratulations to GV Water Competition Winners!

On Sunday 20th October, winners of the Water Week Competitions were announced on stage at the 'Show Me Greater Shepparton Expo' at the Shepparton Showgrounds.

Rushworth P-12 students, Blake Rosenberg won the lower secondary school category in Photography with his 'Tap Snap' and Ebony Sacco won the secondary category in 'A Drop of Poetry' with her piece.

Both Ebony and Blake (pictured right) were presented with certificates and gift vouchers by 'Terri the Tap' and were excellent ambassadors for the College - well done!

Ebony has provided us with copies of her award winning poems.

**Bottled Drops**

*Out of the tanks,*  
*Through the pipes,*  
*Into many bottles,*  
*The bottle gets labelled,*  
*“All natural water”*  
*We get put in dark box,*  
*Scared for the ride,*  
*We get bumped,*  
*Thrown and pushed,*  
*Until,*  
*Finally we see the light,*  
*Lifted out of the box,*  
*Into the cold,*  
*Waiting for someone,*  
*Someone to save us,*  
*To return us to where we,*  
*Belong,*  
*Finally a young girl,*  
*Picks us up,*  
*Puts us in the trolley,*  
*Through the register,*  
*Into the bags,*  
*Ready for a bumpy ride,*  
*The girl picks us up,*  
*Opens the lid,*  
*Puts us to her lips,*  
*And drinks us up,*  
*I am lucky to survive,*  
*We get put in the cold,*  
*And left there for days,*  
*And days,*  
*Someone picks us up,*  
*Down the sink we go,*  
*I’m free,*  
*Free to go home,*  

**LITTLE DROPS ADVENTURE**

*Comes down the pipe,*  
*Not knowing what to expect,*  
*There we were separated,*  
*We weren’t whole anymore.*

*Down through the shower head,*  
*Hitting the wall,*  
*Missing the wall,*  
*Down the drain I go,*  
*Round and round,*  
*Through the pipes,*  
*Backwards and forwards,*  
*It is so dark.*  
*Then finally the big drop,*  
*Down and down I go,*  
*Then whoosh,*  
*I land in the big wide water.*  
*I see all my friends,*  
*Going their own ways,*  
*I am happy,*  
*A happy little droplet.*

*I have been on an adventure,*  
*But suddenly!*  
*I get sucked into a big tube,*  
*Sucked through the pipes,*  
*Down and down I go,*  
*Round and round,*  
*My adventure started,*  
*Again!*
Bendigo Bank Scholarships:
2014 Scholarships are opening soon - 2nd December 2013 until 24th January 2014. The scholarships are available to rural and regional students attending university for the first time in 2014. For further details please pop into Careers Central for a flyer or visit the website; www.bendigoadelaide.com.au/scholarships

Looking for employment for 2014? Don’t forget to check out the latest vacancies pages on the Careers Noticeboard in W Wing.

Kerrie Raglus
Student Pathways

Business Breakfast

Rushworth P-12 College with the support of the Campaspe Cohuna LLEN held a business Breakfast on the 22nd October as a means of thanking the businesses and employers in our communities for supporting our students with work experience or Work Placement positions, programs at the College and more. Everybody assembled for a lovely breakfast cooked by Brad, and some of VCAL students practised their barista skills on our coffee machine. Thanks to everyone who came along, and we look forward to thanking our business community next year.
**Library Learnings**

**A Few New Fiction Novels**

**Our Australian Girl series. A lesson for Lina. Book 4.**
By Sally Rippin

**Blurb Summary:** It’s 1956...And the Melbourne Olympics is over but for Lina the excitement is just beginning. She has a new best friend, the school magazine is a huge hit, and her parents have a surprise that will change everything. When Lina has the chance to meet her idol, the famous writer Stella Davis, it seems as if all her dreams have come true - or have they? Follow Lina on her adventure in the final of four exciting stories about a passionate girl finding a place to belong.

**Please note: the College Library has all four novels of ‘Our Australian Girl’ series!!**

**Stay Where You Are & Then Leave.** By John Boyne

**Blurb Summary:** This is a story about a boy. It's a story about his father. It's a story about shoeshine, a train, a white feather and it’s a story about a SECRET!

**Creatures of Magic.** By Maree Fenton-Smith

**Blurb Summary:** Creatures of Magic, noun the preferred name for modern witches.
Witches next door. Strange transformations in the night. Hooded figures on the street and a new friend.
When Violet Brown and her magical family move in next door, Anna’s world becomes much more exciting - and dangerous. Violet needs Anna’s help to fight off the Inquisitors who want to destroy her family.
But can Violet be trusted?

**Website and App Reviews from SCIS**

**Coolmath [Website] [http://www.coolmath.com/](http://www.coolmath.com/)**
Summary: Billed as the most popular maths site in the world, the website contains a huge variety of appealing maths games and lessons. Parents and teachers are not left out and have their own sections detailing how to best utilise this resource.

**Ribbet! Online photo edit [Website] [http://www.ribbet.com/](http://www.ribbet.com/)**
Summary: Offers students and teachers creative, fun and easy to use online photo editing tools. There are no downloads, installations or sign-ups and Ribbet works on Macs, Windows and Linux. Students will be smitten with the speed, effects, filters and borders.
50 best apps for kids from 2013 that parents can trust [Website]

The Guardian has reviewed fifty apps for younger children. The engaging and entertaining apps are summarised and categorised by the subheadings: Education, Storytelling, Creative and Playful.


Summary. Designed for both students and teachers of science, this free resource emanates from the American Association for the Advancement of Science. Content includes podcasts, links, IWB-friendly interactives, and hands-on activities. An additional feature is the daily science news.

Until next time, keep on reading!!   Library Manager – Kerri-Anne Nurse

CFA Advance crew work with the SES

This week our Year 9 CFA advance crew were out learning some new skills with members of the Rushworth SES.

Learning to carry road accident victims or use the jaws of life to free a trapped victim is all in a day's work for the CFA Advance crew.

Each week in this program our students seem to learn new skills
Community Sports....

NORTHERN RIVERS GIRLS PATHWAY SQUADS TRAINING SESSIONS
START THIS SUNDAY.
CALLING ALL FEMALE CRICKETERS AT U14, U16 AND U18 AGE LEVEL THAT WOULD LIKE TO PLAY FOR NORTHERN RIVERS IN THIS YEARS STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS.
DATE: SUNDAY 3RD NOVEMBER 2013
VENUE: KIALIA CRICKET CLUB
TIME: 1.30PM – 4PM.
CONFIRM YOU ATTENDANCE TO EMAIL: DDUNLOP@CRICKETVICTORIA.COM.AU

Portsea Camp

Application forms are now available for the Portsea Camp.
Dates 11th—17th January 2014.
Cost $312.00, children aged 9 –12 years.
For further details contact Avis Weller 58 546 383 / 0409438386

MUD HUT YOGA

Current class times
Tuesday 9.00am 5.15pm 7.00pm
Wednesday 6.00am
Thursday 4.30pm (gentle)
Friday 6.00am 9.00am

Beginners classes at varying times. Any queries please call: Sue Barlow 03 5856 1577 / 0438 523 415

Want to get in shape this summer? Seeking a fitter/healthier YOU?

GV Health (Waranga Campus) are seeking expressions of interest for another Community Weight Watchers Group.

If you are interested in joining the group, please contact:

Michele Hanson,
Waranga Memorial Hospital, Goulburn Valley Health
PH: 03 5851 8020
Sports Report

Our volleyball team have been practising regularly in readiness for the next step in our competing journey. The Year 8 girls team are looking forward to competing at Albury next week. Keep an eye out in the next newsletter for the results.

A reminder to families and students that Term 4 is a SunSmart Term.

All students at the College will need to adhere to our SunSmart Policy and wear a hat when outside the classrooms.

Please support your child to ensure they have a hat to be Sunsmart.
Disclaimer
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THANKYOU to the Dwyer family for their recent donation of seeds for the Kitchen Garden.

Still willing to accept any donations of straw, manure, seeds, small garden tools to replenish our stocks.
Contact Kerrie at the College on 58 561 230

If you have anything you would like to have published in our college newsletter please email articles to:
rushworth.p12@edumail.vic.gov.au

KidZcapers Community Festival
“See it, touch it, try it, do it!”
This award winning community festival provides fabulous experiences at little or no cost.

There is a huge range of fun activities catering for all ages including Farmer Darryl’s animal farm, roving entertainers, a magician, The Scientwists, Animals of Oz, push cart challenge, hands on activities, face painting, live local music and dance and LOT’s more!

Don’t spend a fortune; just spend some quality time with your kids! Food and drinks available.

WHAT: KidZcapers Festival
WHEN: Sunday November 17th 2013 10am - 3pm
ENTRY: Gold coin donation
WHERE: Grounds of Rochester Primary School.
Check us out on facebook (‘KidZcapers’) for more info

Lake Waranga Caravan Park & Holiday Camp
Waranga Basin Road, Rushworth Victoria. Phone 03 5856 1243
SUNDAY 3rd NOVEMBER - Show starts at 5.30pm