Hoax phone calls to Victorian schools

In light of the recent hoax threatening phone calls to Victorian schools in the last few days, it seems appropriate to include information regarding this in the newsletter.

Our school has not received such a call but I wanted to inform you that, like all schools, we have an emergency management plan in place for situations like this, and we practise it throughout the year.

Those schools which did receive a threatening call enacted their emergency management plans and they worked well. The safety and wellbeing of our students is always our top priority.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact me at the College - Leanne Miller, Acting Principal
News from the Principal....

Rushworth P-12 College Welcome
Our holidays have finished and it is with great delight that we welcome you all back to a new school year. Some of our students are returning for their 13th year whilst some new students are walking through the gates for the first time. We are looking forward to working with every individual student to assist them in achieving academic success.

At this point in time we have had 28 new enrolments. We hope that these students and their families feel welcomed. Never underestimate the power of a smile and a simple greeting as we strive to be a truly inclusive community.

New Staff
As was mentioned in an earlier newsletter, I will be filling the principal role for Term 1 of this year. I am thoroughly enjoying my time here and am grateful for the welcome I have received. My focus will be on ensuring that the work outlined in the School Strategic Plan 2015-2018 is undertaken. My understanding is that the Rushworth P-12 community helped create this plan which makes it very powerful.

We have six other new staff members joining us and they are: Mr Shamsul Akan (Maths/Science); Ms Nicole Bailey (English/Food Tech/Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden); Ms Jacinta Chamberlain (Business Management/Legal Studies/English); Ms Emma Gerdtz (English, Problem Based Learning, Humanities); Ms Kate Matthews (Numeracy Support); Ms Brooke Thompson (4-6 Classroom Teacher).

Staff Professional Learning Days
The first two days of the school year were student free days. Staff participated in various learning sessions that had the objectives of ensuring that there is familiarity with the achievements of 2015, the work outlined for 2016 as it appears in the Annual Implementation Plan, and more specifically, the roles that various teams and individuals will play in achieving these Key Improvement Strategies. The ultimate objective for all work undertaken is to improve your child’s learning outcomes and we are confident that these days have assisted us in this endeavour.

School Council
The first School Council Meeting will be held this month on the 15th February and will be chaired by our current School Council President, Mr Cass Alexander. Further communication around the election process for the coming year will be distributed shortly. Due to the time required to call for and receive nominations, the first meeting for the year will be attended by existing members with any newly elected member to take up their position for the March meeting.

Australia Day Ceremony
I was fortunate enough to attend the Rushworth Australia Day Ceremony last Tuesday evening. It was fantastic to see our students so heavily involved. The evening started with Taylah Bons, Liana Coyle and Matthew Lucreziano carrying the flag. Tanner Stokes and Nikita Schembri hosted the evening and are to be congratulated on the way they handled this responsibility with such aplomb. Blake Rosenberg was the photographer and also shared a historical reading. Two of our students, Matt Lange-Richards and Mitchell Coughlan, were given special mention in relation to their sporting achievements on the running track. Mitchell also read a poem later in the evening. Alex Gelsi (2015 College Captain) was the recipient of the Young Citizen of the Year award for the contributions he has made to the community. You can understand why I feel so proud and excited about joining Rushworth P-12 College when the quality of our young people is of this calibre. A special thank you to all of these students for the way you represented our college throughout the evening.

Kind regards,
Leanne Miller, Acting Principal
A is for Australia Day ....

A is for Achievement - we are proud of these students for their personal achievements.

Congratulations
Alex Gelsi
Liana Coyle
Taylah Bons
Matt Lucreziano
Nikita Schembri
Tanner Stokes
Blake Rosenberg
Mitchell Coughlan
Matt Lange-Richards
**Food Technology classes Cooking up a storm.**

The VCE Food Technology class certainly got back into the swing of things pretty quickly this week by producing some Mini Quiches and Sausage Rolls.

Food Technology has a strong focus for giving students skills to be able to prepare and produce a variety of foods at home.

These are life skills which will hopefully stick with them throughout their lives and promote healthy choices when selecting foods to eat.

*Nicole Bailey  
Food Technology*

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**And getting ready to cook up a storm in Kitchen Garden Classes...**

This year I will work with the Grade 4, 5, 6 class to further establish our kitchen garden space in the hope we will be able to utilise the produce at our school Mini Market Morning Teas, as well as in the kitchen during cooking lessons.

This week the students have planted a selection of herbs and seedlings which were kindly donated by the **Rushworth Florist & Garden Centre. Alec Jones** assisted with growing the seedlings for the students over the holidays to a point which they would be ready to plant in our garden plots—A BIG THANKYOU to the Nursery for their support.

Over the coming weeks we will tend to our garden on a weekly basis and would love to hear from any potential volunteers who would love to assist the students with this project. We will be out in the garden on Tuesdays from 12.30 -1.30pm. If you are super keen you can bring your lunch and stay for the last session of the day where the students will be cooking in the classroom.

If you are interested in volunteering for our Kitchen Garden program, please contact Kerrie Raglus or myself at the College on 58561230.

*Nicole Bailey  
Food Technology*
Hello my name is Kate Matthews. I am the Numeracy Intervention Teacher for 2016. I will be working across year levels from Prep to Year 10. I like to travel and explore new places. My favourite place to go on holidays is the beach. I love to eat chocolate and ice-cream. I chose to come and teach at Rushworth because of the close community connections. I am looking forward to working across the school and helping make a difference in the numeracy area.

My name is Brooke Thompson and I come from Toolamba. This year I’m teaching the Year 4/5/6 class and am really looking forward to getting to know all the students in my class. I enjoy spending my time with my husband and children. We like going water skiing, bike riding and spending time in the bush with our two golden retrievers. I also love shopping. I chose to come to Rushworth as I really enjoy working in small schools where I can teach the students as individuals and engage them in their community. (Sadly Mrs Thompson was absent when photos were taken).

My name is Leanne Miller and I am the Acting Principal. I enjoy following my favourite football team Geelong! I also like watching my boys play sport, reading and gardening.

I chose to come to Rushworth as I saw it as an opportunity to become involved in a country community.

My name is Emma Gerdtz. This year I’m teaching English, Humanities and Project Based Learning.

I enjoy reading, writing, dancing, running and watching movies.

I chose to come to Rushworth as I saw it as a nice change of scene from a big city school.
Hello my name is Shamsul Akan. I am teaching Maths & Science for 2016. I like spending time in the garden. I chose to come and teach at Rushworth because of the small community. I was born and brought up in a small community like this, so I feel like I understand people in rural communities very well. I really want to make a difference to the lives of youngsters at Rushworth P-12 College.

Hello my name is Jacinta Chamberlain. I am teaching VCE Business Management, Legal Studies and 7-10 English for 2016. I like spending time walking and sewing. I chose to come and teach at Rushworth because it’s a small country school where there is a lot of support.

Hello my name is Nicole Bailey. I am teaching Food Technology & Year 11 English for 2016. I like spending time playing netball, farming and cooking. I chose to come and teach at Rushworth because of the small rural community, bursting with opportunities and strong community connections.

REMINDER – YEAR 7 CAMP
All Year 7 students should have received the required forms and letter regarding the upcoming camp this week.
A friendly reminder that these forms and the payment need to be into the General Office by Friday 11th February.
Payment cost for the camp is $270 (or $220 if you have paid the deposit)
If you have any concerns/questions please contact the college on 58561230

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VCE/VCAL NEWS

A wonderful welcome back to all the VCE and VCAL students for 2016! Term 1 is going to be especially busy this year, as many of you know, I am expecting my first baby and will be taking maternity leave from the beginning of Term 2. It will be very important to get everyone settled in and ready for a productive and successful year.

A reminder that the college holds after hours support sessions for VCE students which are a great way for students to stay up to date on VCE work, get extra support form friends or teachers or even get ahead!

In Term 1 the sessions will be run on Monday and Wednesday nights 3.30 - 5pm in the Study Hub. Stay for half an hour or the entire time, it's up to you!

If you are a parent and new to VCE or VCAL, please feel free to contact me at the college to ask any and all questions about your child's subjects, pathway or work expectations.

I look forward to meeting you all at the upcoming VCAL and VCE information night which will be held in Term 1.

Once the date is finalised we will confirm the evening by posting home invitations. I look forward to working with you to drive the aspirations of all the students at Rushworth P-12 College.

Frankie Hodson
VCE/ VCAL Coordinator
Rushworth P-12 College

PRIVATE PROPERTY - REMINDER

Parents/ Students please be aware that any private property brought to school by students is not insured by the school or covered by school insurance, and that it is not the responsibility of the Department if that property is lost, stolen or damaged.

With that in mind it is important that all of our Year 7 –12 students use a lock on their student lockers.

Rushworth P-12 College is a SUNSMART School

ALL staff and students need to wear a hat when outside during Term 1.

If you need to, you can purchase one from the General Office for $12.
Welcome back to the students and families of Grades Prep, 1, 2 and 3. Welcome to the students who are new to our class and to Rushworth P-12 College.

The year is off to a great start in our class. We have had high attendance. The students are enthusiastic about starting the school learning year and are enjoying some great new cooperative learning. The class is working on an inquiry question "What does it mean to be me?". The students are inquiring about being an individual and also being part of many groups. They are finding out what makes each person unique, and looking at the things that are similar or different between people. Along the way they are learning a great deal about themselves as an individual.

In Literacy Block the reading focus is on guided reading in groups of similar ability, to build decoding, fluency and comprehension skills. Students are also working on a range of skills that support the development of higher reading skills. These include phonics, reading high frequency Oxford Wordlist words, oral language, comprehension strategies and the enjoyment of literature. The writing focus is on the genre of argument or exposition. Students are learning ways to persuade others and support their opinions with clearly stated arguments. Other writing work includes handwriting, spelling, sentence construction and grammar work. All literacy work is differentiated so that students learning at different levels are appropriately challenged and supported.

Our Maths programme so far features number work about counting and place value, as well as investigating number sequences. We are measuring length and height, and collecting data to represent using picture graphs and bar graphs.

The class is open each morning from 8:30. Parents and grandparents are invited to come in and read with the students, as this is how we are starting our school days this year. No special experience is needed to assist with the reading. It involves sitting with students and listening to and encouraging them as they read texts aloud. It is a lot of fun.

Please feel welcome to pop in and join us any morning. You will be very welcome.

The swimming and water safety programme is on during Week 3.

If you would like to see some more of our First Day Photo Booth fun pictures, take a look at the College Facebook page. https://www.facebook.com/rushworthp12

I am looking forward to a wonderful year with the students and families of Grades Prep, 1, 2 and 3.

Best wishes,
Jan Braham, Class Teacher
WANTED: Clothing for Dress-Ups

If you have any items of clothing, shoes or hats which would be suitable for Early Primary Years dress-ups, the Primary classes would appreciate your donations. Suitable items include shirts, tops, dresses, un-used character costumes, hats, scarves, jackets, wigs, accessories and shoes which can be worn by younger students.

These will assist in imaginative play, drama and oral language work. Fancy items as well as everyday and work wear will be welcomed. Sizes can vary, and include a mixture of adult and children’s wear.

A clothes-stand with a rail and a mirror on a stand that are no longer needed would also be welcomed.

Please drop donation items in to the school office at any time - Thank you in anticipation of your help.

Jan Braham
P-3 Classroom Teacher
Want to find out more about what your child is learning at school this year? Need practical tips about what you can do at home to help support your child’s education?

Download SchoolMate today! SchoolMate provides you with an overview of what your child is learning at school, and suggests ways that you can get involved in your child’s education.

Benefits of SchoolMate:

- Shows you what your children are learning in school in each subject in every year from Prep to Year 10 according to the Victorian AusVELS curriculum;
- Provides advice about you can do at home to help their child learn;
- Provides ideas for books and apps which you can download, borrow or buy which are related to their child’s school work.

Developed by the Department for Education and Training, SchoolMate works on iPhone, iPad and Android phones and tablets and is available for free download in the App Store and Google Play.

Download SchoolMate today by visiting the App Store or Google Play and searching for SchoolMate.

Want to be a Maths Guru??

Come and see Mr. Akan at the Study Hub during lunchtime Monday to Thursday.
Murchison Primary School

If you are interested in playing this season, please fill out the expression of interest form below and return to Shelley at the front office by Wednesday 1st March.

Commencement Date: April 18th

FIFA 11 a side          □ Under 12
Mini Roos             □ Under 10  □ Under 8  □ Under 7  □ Under 6

If your child is interested in playing this season please fill out the form below. For more information please contact Michelle: 0408138197

We will also be looking for team coaches and team managers for each team.

I would like to play Soccer for Murchison Primary School in 2016:

NAME:__________________________________ DATE OF BIRTH:_________________
  AGE AS OF 1st January 2015:________

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Please tick if you are able to assist with the following:

☐ I am able to coach a team           Team interested in: Under______’s
☐ I am interested in becoming a team manager for my child’s team

NAME OF PARENT:_________________________ PHONE:____________________
EMAIL:_________________________________
I will need assistance with Online Registration: YES / NO

KIDS TENNIS LESSONS

Delivered by Tennis Australia qualified coaches

Classes available for adults and children from 3+ years ANZ Tennis Hot Shots player pathway 3-12 years
Groups, Privates and Squads (9+ years)
Shepparton Lawn Tennis Club (next to Aquamoves)

View our class schedule & enrol online
www.keystonetennis.com/enrol

Enquiries to Luke Dixon
office@keystonetennis.com
0407 476 041

ANZ Tennis Hot Shots Pathway

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Library Learnings

Pop in and check out some of the NEW resources in the Library.

The library is open for student use before school and over lunchtime.

I look forward to seeing any new, or old students in the Library.

Until then, keep reading

Kerri-Anne Nurse
Library Manager
SCHOOL PHOTOS

These are being held on Wednesday 10th Feb
Make sure your wear your uniform and a BIG smile.

Photo envelopes went home this week, make sure you return it by the DUE DATE – we wouldn’t want you to miss out!

NEWSLETTER 2016

Our newsletter is published fortnightly throughout the school year, beginning with this edition.

To ensure that you receive our newsletter regularly you are asked to choose from the following options.

1. Provide an email address so we can email you each fortnight
2. Provide your students name so it can be printed and sent home
3. Download the newsletter from our website.

PLEASE ✓ the option that best suits your family and return this slip to the general office by Friday 19 February.

Name: ___________________________________________    Student: ____________________________
Email Address: _____________________________________________

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Proudly supporting Rushworth P-12 College

We’re supporting you and your community.

Call in and see us at 23 High Street, Rushworth or phone 5856 2122.

Don’t forget…..
you can keep in touch with the College regularly via the following Social Media sources.

If you would like us to promote your upcoming event or organisation please email the details to: rushworth.p12@edumail.vic.gov.au

Disclaimer: The Department of Education & Training, and Rushworth P-12 College do not endorse the products or services of any private advertiser. No responsibility is accepted by the Department or College for the accuracy of information contained in advertisements.

From February 16th on Tuesday and Friday the Canteen will be OPEN for lunchtime.
There will be specials coming… watch the bulletin for more news.
Canteen list attached to this Newsletter

Waranga Medical Centre
8 High Street, Rushworth Vic 3612
P: 03 5861 8400 F: 03 5861 8425
c. warangamedical@gv.health

Dr. Joe Swiss
MBCHI, ACM, MSBHIM

Dr. Adel Asaid OAM
MBCHI, AMC, FRACGP

“Achieving a healthy community is our mission”

✓ Free childhood immunisations at a time that suits you

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Canteen Lunch Order Menu Term 1 2016

**NO Hot food at lunchtime**
Please use lunch bag to order.

Please include name of child, grade, order required, total price and amount enclosed

**Monday to Friday**

**Chicken Schnitzel Wrap** with lettuce and mayo (cold) $4.00

**Chicken Sweet Chilli Tender Wrap** with lettuce and mayo (cold) $4.00

### Sandwiches

**Choose Wholemeal or White Bread**

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**Secondary student please put your lunch order in the return book box at library before 9.10am pickup at office**

**Student may also place an order for recess pick up at the canteen**

### RECESS MENU

- Chicken Munchies 20c each
- Hash Browns 80c each
- Dim Sims vegetable 90c each
- Chicken Strips $1.00
- Party Pies/sausage rolls/pasties $1.00
- Traveller Pie $3.00
- Chicken Garlic balls $1.00
- Crisp battered flathead $2.00

### Drinks

- Water
  - sm $1.20
  - Lrg $2.00
- Oaks 300ml $2.00
- Chocolate, Strawberry & Vanilla
- 600ml $3.00
- Chocolate, Mint Chocolate, Cookies & Cream
- Caramel, Vanilla, Strawberry & Banana
- Nippy’s 250ml $2.00
- Honeycomb
- Pop Tops 100% Juice $2.00
- Apple/blackcurrant
- Apple

Thank-you

Christine Williams
Canteen Manager 2016

williams.christine.e@edumail.vic.gov.au

### SALAD in a tub/bread/ wrap

(Mayo or balsamic salad dressing)

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### SNACKS

- Ovaltines $1.00
- Red Rock Deli 29g $1.00
- Honey Soy Chicken Plain Salt
- Corntos $1.00
- Zesty BBQ
- Grainwaves 28g $1.00

### Ice-Creams

- Dixie vanilla tubs $2.00
- Frozen yoghurt strawberry $2.00
- Icy-pees
- Zooper Dooper 40c
CAMPS, SPORTS & EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF)
School camps provide children with inspiring experiences in the great outdoors, excursions encourage a deeper understanding of how the world works and sports teach teamwork, discipline and leadership. All are part of a healthy curriculum.

CSEF will be provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. A special consideration category also exists for asylum seeker and refugee families. The allowance is paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

The annual CSEF amount per student is:
- $125 for primary school students
- $225 for secondary school students.

HOW TO APPLY
Contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

MORE INFORMATION
For the CSEF application closing dates and more information about the fund visit www.education.vic.gov.au/csef