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Exploring the world of careers... one event at a time!

To see where we have been keep reading...



But wait there is more to celebrate about careers!

Education Week 19-25 May



Coming up at the College

MAY / JUNE

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<p>20 Breakfast Club</p> <p>Year 7-9 Community Assembly 9.00am</p> <p>College Council 7.00pm</p>	<p>21 Breakfast Club</p> <p>Before School activities 8.00am stadium</p> <p>Year 10 -12 Community Assembly 9.00am</p> <p>Carmen's Road Safety Seminar for Year 10 –12 students.</p>	<p>22 Breakfast Club</p> <p>Before School activities 8.00am stadium</p> <p>OPEN MORNING 9.00 - 11.00am ALL WELCOME</p> <p>Lunchtime Crochet 2.00pm</p>	<p>23 Breakfast Club</p> <p>Foundation - 6 Community Assembly 9.00am</p> <p>Senior Winter Sports Day (selected students)</p>	<p>24 Breakfast Club</p> <p>Before School activities 8.00am stadium</p> <p>Food & Fibre Excursion to Dookie for Year 9/10 Ag Hort students</p>
<p>27 Breakfast Club</p> <p>Year 7-9 Community Assembly 9.00am</p>	<p>28 Breakfast Club</p> <p>Before School activities 8.00am stadium</p> <p>Year 10 -12 Community Assembly 9.00am</p> <p>Junior Winter Sports Day (selected students)</p>	<p>29 Breakfast Club</p> <p>Before School activities 8.00am stadium</p>	<p>30 Breakfast Club</p> <p>Foundation - 6 Community Assembly 9.00am</p>	<p>31 Breakfast Club</p> <p>Before School activities 8.00am stadium</p> <p>GMDSSV Cross Country (selected students)</p> <p>Newsletter home</p>
<p>3 Breakfast Club</p>	<p>4 Breakfast Club</p> <p>Before School activities 8.00am stadium</p>	<p>5 Breakfast Club</p> <p>Before School activities 8.00am stadium</p> <p>Lunchtime Crochet 2.00pm</p>	<p>6 Breakfast Club</p> <p>Whole School Assembly N Building 9.00am</p>	<p>7 Breakfast Club</p> <p>Before School activities 8.00am stadium</p>
<p>10</p> <p>QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY</p>	<p>11 Breakfast Club</p> <p>Before School activities 8.00am stadium</p> <p>Year 10 -12 Community Assembly 9.00am</p> <p>Year 11 Biology Excursion to Healesville</p>	<p>12 Breakfast Club</p> <p>Before School activities 8.00am stadium</p> <p>VCE GAT Exam—All unit 3/4 students</p> <p>STAFF PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE DAY - ONLY Primary and VCE Unit 3/4 students attend.</p>	<p>13 Breakfast Club</p> <p>Foundation - 6 Community Assembly 9.00am</p>	<p>14 Breakfast Club</p> <p>Before School activities 8.00am stadium</p> <p>Newsletter home</p>

Principal News

Positive Community, Positive Outcomes

My previous two schools have been very different in size and academic focus. Whilst I am currently acting principal at Rushworth, my ongoing role is as principal of a small primary school in Inglewood, north-west of Bendigo. It currently has an enrolment of 39 students and the town is not dissimilar to Rushworth, having a population of about 1000 people, being an old gold mining town and it has a main-street scape filled with buildings from the early 1900s. My school prior to Inglewood was Bendigo Senior Secondary College. It has a student population of approximately 1800 students, all completing years 11 or 12. So they are very different schools, one with a small-school primary focus and the other a very large school with a focus on VCE and VCAL.

Throughout the past fortnight I have had the opportunity to get to know the staff of Rushworth P-12 College by meeting with them individually and visiting their classes and work spaces. I have been so impressed with their level of professionalism, their care for the students (your children) and their commitment to ensuring the students are being given the best possible learning opportunities. My experience in differing schools tells me that Rushworth P-12 has motivated and caring staff. Research tells us that having motivated and caring staff at a school impacts significantly on the academic and emotional wellbeing of children. Therefore, rest assured, your children are in 'good hands'. Of course it is essential that parents/carers and students are working alongside the staff to ensure we all have a positive and pro-active focus on student learning.

In Pursuit of Excellence

Uniform

Over the past two weeks I have asked teachers to ensure that we are all consistent in our expectations of students wearing the correct school uniform. A number of students are wearing hats, caps and beanies to school. These are not uniform and therefore we ask parents/carers to support us in ensuring they are not worn to school. With the colder weather, we are seeing more students wearing 'hoodies' to school. Again, these are not uniform so we ask that you support us by ensuring all students come in uniform or have an appropriate note explaining why they are out of uniform. Please remember that we can support families to purchase uniforms.

Mobile phones

I also ask that parents/carers support us with our very clear mobile phone policy. Mobile phones are not to be seen nor utilised in classes. There is a lot of current research that shows us that the idea of 'multi-tasking' (i.e. doing more than one thing at a time – like listening to a teacher's instruction and reading a text message) is a falsity. No-one's brain is able to cognitively focus on two different tasks at the same time. Therefore, mobile phones are a major inhibitor to student learning.

Open Morning

Next Wednesday we are hosting prospective students at our Open Morning. This is an important time for us to actively promote the breadth of programs and initiatives we have on offer at Rushworth P-12. I can't wait to work with our staff and students to welcome our special 'visitors' to the school.

Attendance

Finally, a reminder that for every day a child is absent from school they find it a little bit more difficult to re-engage with their peers, their teachers and their school work. It is absolutely essential that all students attend school every day, unless they are unwell or have a medical appointment. As parents/carers you can help us by ensuring your children attend school every day.

*As always, please be in touch if you would like to chat about anything.
Have a great fortnight,*

Kerryn Quirk
Acting Principal

Currently reading: *Drunk Tank Pink* by Adam Alter



FOUNDATION - YEAR SIX COMMUNITY NEWS

Farewell Mrs Thomson

As some students and parents may have noticed, Mrs Thomson has been absent from Rushworth P-12 College this week. Mrs Thomson has accepted a position at another primary school in Bendigo and has begun there this week, and the students in the Grade Prep/1 had been advised of this last Thursday. We would like to thank Mrs Thomson for all her hard work in the Prep/1 room and wish her all the best in her new school. We know she will be greatly missed by the students.

We are currently undertaking a recruitment process to find a suitable candidate to replace Mrs Thomson. We aim to have the process completed ASAP and will inform the school community once this process has been completed. A huge thank you and welcome to Mrs Sandi Johnson, who will be replacing Mrs Thomson in the interim.

Primary Interschool Sports

On Friday 3rd May, students in Grade 3-6 attended the Primary Interschool Sports in Shepparton. There were many schools from our region competing including; Stanhope, Girgarre, St Mary's, St Joseph's Rochester, Merrigum, Lancaster and St Patricks. It was fantastic to see all of our students 'doing their best' and being excellent sportsmen with their peers from other schools. In addition to this, all of our students were excellent ambassadors for Rushworth P-12 throughout the day! Congratulations to *Levi Tate* who finish 1st in the 12/13 year old boys long jump.

GRIP Leadership Conference

On Thursday 2nd May, the Primary Student Leadership Team of *Samantha Baldwin*, *Abigale Baker* and *Rachelle Rodwell* attended the GRIP Leadership Conference in Shepparton, along with primary student leaders from many local government, Catholic and independent schools.

The day covered four main aspects, and these were; 'Developing Myself to Lead', 'Making a Difference to My Team', 'Making a Difference to My School' and 'Making a Difference to Society'. The students were engaged throughout the day with a variety of speeches, presentations and activities. All of our students stepped out of their comfort zone and had the opportunity to go on stage in front of hundreds of other students and show off their skills with 'Limbo', 'Air Guitar' and 'Dance Moves'!



Rachelle, Abigale & Samantha certainly enjoyed the GRIP Leadership day in Shepparton.

Uniform – Repeat notification

Following our 'blitz' on uniform last term, it has been great to see all primary students coming to school in full school uniform over the past few weeks! However, now that the colder weather is upon us, we have begun to see a few non-school jumpers making an appearance. If your child comes to school without a school jumper, they will be provided with a school jumper to wear for the day. If you require some financial assistance with uniforms, please don't hesitate to see Peter Bovell.

Ash Harvey & Stacey Kingdon
F-6 Leaders



FOUNDATION - YEAR SIX COMMUNITY NEWS

AWARDS

Student of the Week

Congratulations to the following students who have been awarded Star of the Week over the past fortnight;

P/1 – Charlii R for attempting her writing on her own and persisting when it is challenging.

Armani S for trying really hard all week and completing all of her work beautifully.

2-4 – Lucas C-H for having a ‘never give up’ attitude at the athletics carnival

Josh R for always coming to school with a smile on his face!

5/6 – Tamikah C for a positive attitude towards her learning.

Hayley M for demonstrating resilience and doing her best.



Reader of the week

Congratulations to the following students who have been awarded the Reader of the Week over the past fortnight;

P/1 – Ethan S for doing a great job reading with Mrs Thomson last week.

Maddex S for continuing to try his best during reading sessions.

2-4 – Ellah L-A for continuing to try her best with her reading sessions.

Paige G for continuing to try her best with Reading sessions.

5/6 – Haylee M for always doing her best in reading sessions.

Rachelle R for reading every day at home.



FOUNDATION - YEAR SIX COMMUNITY NEWS

AWARDS

Attendance Award

Congratulations to the following grades on being the highest attended classes for the weeks;

Week 2 & 3 – Grade 5/6



Lachi & Hendrix are proud to represent the 5/6 class to receive the Attendance Award two weeks in a row!

OPEN DAY
May 22
9am - 11am
ALL
WELCOME

A graphic for Education Week 2019. It features a background of colorful geometric shapes (triangles, circles, hexagons) in shades of blue, green, purple, and orange. The text "19-25 MAY" is at the top right. "EDUCATION WEEK 2019" is written in large, bold, pink and blue letters. Below it, "CELEBRATING CAREERS" is written in smaller blue letters.

7-9 COMMUNITY

ATTENDANCE

For the remainder of this year we are aiming to highlight and acknowledge the classes within the 7-9 community that have the highest percentage of students attending school at 100% each week. The class with the most weeks with highest percentage of students attending at 100% at the end of the term will receive a hot chip lunch courtesy of Mr Baldwin and Miss Duthie for their commitment to their learning and school.

100% Attendance		
Week 1	Week 2	Week 3
Year 7—78%	Year 7—67%	Year 7—55%*
Year 8A—38%	Year 8A—64%	Year 8A—45%
Year 8B—36%	Year 8B—77%	Year 8B—54%
Year 9—42%	Year 9—53%	Year 9—42%

EASTER ART COMPETITION WINNERS

On Easter Saturday students from Rushworth P-12 were lucky enough to participate in the Art Show held at the Rushworth Easter Heritage Festival. We would like to congratulate the following winners on their creative artwork and would like to thank each student for their participation. The judges of the students entries were very impressed with the quality of the entries submitted.

For the Year 7 and 8 Section—

- **First Prize Winner: Jessica McLean** for her artwork—
'The Green Masters of Art '
- **Second Prize Winner: Sharmayne Robertson** for her artwork: *'Greentown'*
- **Highly Commended Award: Jorja Ponton** for her artwork— *'Rushy P-12'*



YEAR 10 – YEAR 12 COMMUNITY NEWS

The Year 10 -12 team have been busy this last fortnight, not only with SAC's but getting out and about and exploring career opportunities.

Winton Hands on Trades Expo

Last week the VCAL students headed p to Winton to take part in the Hands on Trades Expo. There were a vast array of activities to participate in, and lots of information available, from Agriculture through to Plumbing just about every trade (and a few more) were represented. The highlight of the day would have been the Team Army display.... It's not every day you learn you could earn a living doing burnouts! Thanks to Mr Daff for driving the bus!

(Pictures at right of the day).

Defence Forces visit

This Wednesday we were fortunate to have a visit from Defence Force recruiting. The personnel who attended the college certainly gave our students a great insight into the wide range of opportunities available within the Defence Forces. The Year 10 -12 students were certainly left with plenty of food for thought.



Carmen's Road safety Seminar

We are very grateful to the Rushworth & District Community Bank for their generosity in bringing John Maher to speak to the Year 10-12 students next Tuesday, 21 May, about his personal journey with road safety/ trauma. We are looking forward to John sharing 'Carmen's Story' which we believe will hold some important messages for our senior students.



YEAR 10 – YEAR 12 COMMUNITY NEWS

National Careers Week

This past week has been National Careers Week, and our Pathways Manager, Kerrie has offered a couple of opportunities for students to raise their awareness of careers. The first was a trivia quiz for all the Year 7-12 students.

Winners of this quiz will be announced early next week.

The second was a display about 'First jobs' - teaching and support staff have shared with students their first roles in the workforce, this highlights that we all start somewhere, and may not actually work in this field currently. This display will remain up for a few weeks, so if you are in the college, check it out!

Open Day

We are looking forward to showcasing several VCE and VCAL classes next Wednesday for Open Morning, we hope the community come along and see what we are up to.

Student Achievement

Well done to *Harry Rathjen* who has just picked up an extra days work placement with his employer. Harry is working towards a carpentry apprenticeship in the near future.

Congratulations to the following VET students for 100% attendance at GOTAFE each Wednesday.

Taksin Suksanit 100%

Chloe Laurie 100%

Darcy Brown 100%

Cabe Roberts 100 %

GAT (General Achievement Test)

This will be held on Wednesday 12 June at the Rushworth Shire Hall.

All VCE & VCAL students studying a Unit 3/4 subject will be required to sit this exam.

Information for students and families will be sent home next week. Keep an eye out for it!

Mini Market

2019 sees the VCAL students take on running and organising the Mini Market. Planning is underway for the first one of the year.

Save the Date now for ...

Tuesday 18 June 10.00am til 12.30pm

We look forward to welcoming our old and new Mini Market customers along.



Leaving College Grounds (and class)

A reminder to **ALL** our Year 10-12 students, that you are required to be on college grounds and in class during school hours.

Jamie Daff
Year 10-12 Leader

Kerrie Raglus
Student Pathways

VCE PHYSICAL EDUCATION TRIP

On Tuesday the 30th of April, Year 11 and 12 VCE Physical Education students travelled down to South Melbourne to visit the Victorian Institute of Sport. We were met at the facility by Marketing Officer Camilla Bland and Australian 1500m runner Linden Hall, who gave an overview of what VIS offer for athletes.

We toured the facility and observed many Olympic and Commonwealth Games athletes completing strength and conditioning work in the state-of-the-art gym that featured equipment designed for optimum performance and injury prevention.

We observed some VO₂ max testing and were then able to test our muscular endurance with a watt bike challenge, where Sarah Lange-Richards and Mr. Thompson showed their athletic prowess!

The trip highlighted some key concepts and topics that students are covering in their studies at the moment, and opened some eyes to possible employment opportunities in future.

David Price
VCE Physical
Education



YEAR 9/10 HUMANITIES

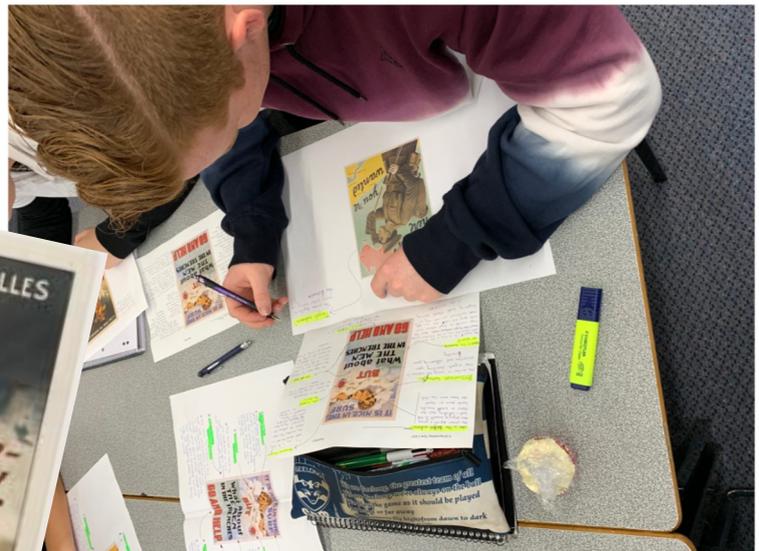
The Year 9-10s have been working hard in their Humanities classes to understand the reasons why young Australian's enlisted in World War 1.

They have done this through analysing a variety of propaganda posters from the time.

The students analysed the persuasive techniques, the target audience, the aim and the source of these posters.

Lou Dupuy

9/10 Humanities



INDONESIAN

Year 8 are increasing their Animals and their Environment vocabulary. We have been creating word walls to support all the new animals and vocabulary they are using. We had a challenge to see which half of the class could place their orang-utan in the correct position.

The orang-utan (stuffed animal) was placed di atas = on top, di dalam = inside, di depan = in front, di belakang = behind and di bawah = underneath a box. It was very competitive!

Year 7 have been labelling their classroom items and using their numbers to count the correct amount. We have also started using Indonesian numbers to look at money.

However the Indonesian Rupiah requires you to learn thousands and millions. 1 Australian dollar is equal to 10000 Indonesia Rupiah. So when we looked at buying cars you needed 2.9 million rupiah! Keep up the great work everyone!

Ibu Henderson



Reading is my
SECRET POWER

CBCA Book Week
17-23 August 2019
#CBCA2019

www.cbca.org.au

Artwork by Bob Graham © 2019 The Children's Book Council of Australia

This Library article will feature the CBCA 2019 short listed books for Younger Readers.

Make sure to visit the Library to borrow one of these great reads! Until next time, keep on reading - Kerri-Anne Nurse :)

LIBRARY LEARNINGS

Title: The Peacock Detectives

Author: Carly Nugent



Blurb: The last time the peacocks disappeared Cassie found them sitting on a coiled hose behind the fire station, and dad called her 'Cassie Anderson, Peacock Detective'. So this time she knows what to do - she'll look for clues, write down all the important details in her Notebook for Noticing and track them down. But the clues lead her in unexpected directions, and Cassie finds herself investigating a puzzling mystery about her family, searching for a missing friend, and facing her worst fear.

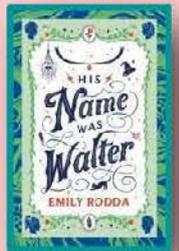
And - in the middle of it all - she is working out how to be a writer.

Title: His Name was Walter

Author: Emily Rodda

Blurb: Once upon a time, in a dark city far away, there lived a boy called Walter, who had nothing but his name to call his own ...

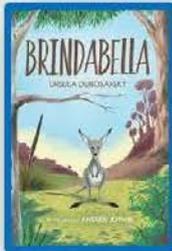
The handwritten book, with its strangely vivid illustrations, has been hidden in the old house for a long, long time. Tonight, four students and their teacher will find it. Tonight, at last, the haunting story of Walter and the mysterious girl called Sparrow will be read - right to the very end ...



Title: Brindabella

Author: Ursula Dubosarsky

Illustrations: Andrew Joyner



Blurb: This is a story about a boy called Pender and a kangaroo called Brindabella, about how they became friends, and all the things that happened to them because of it. When Pender rescues Brindabella from the pouch of her dead mother, an unusual friendship blossoms between the lonely boy and the orphaned joey. But Brindabella is no ordinary kangaroo. And though Pender has saved her life, the untameable wildness of the bush - and freedom - call to her.

Title: Leave Taking

Author: Lorraine Marwood

Blurb: *Leave taking: (noun) the act of saying goodbye*

What if you had just one week left to say goodbye to everything you'd ever known? Toby and his mum and dad are leaving their family farm after the death of Toby's younger sister, Leah. Together, they sore through all their belonging and put things aside to sell or throw out. It's a big task, and Toby doesn't want to leave the only place he's called home. As his last day on the farm approaches, Toby has a plan - a plan to say goodbye to all things and places that mean something special to him and Leah, from the machinery shed and Pa's old truck to the chook house. With the help of his best friend, Trigger the dog, he learns what it means to take your leave.



Title: Black Cockatoo

Author: Carl Merrison and Hakea Hustler (contributor)



Blurb: When Mia rescues a *durrarn* black cockatoo she faces her biggest challenge when she chooses to care for the bird, knowing it is her totem animal. Mia feels powerless to change the things she sees around her, until she explores the fragile connections of family and culture and discovers her own inner strength.

Black Cockatoo is a gentle tale about the power of standing up for yourself, your culture and ever-present family ties.

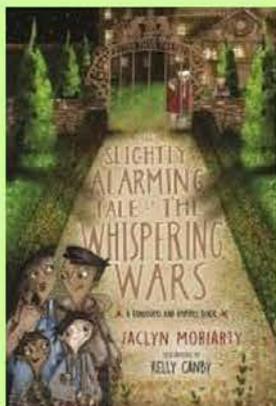
LIBRARY LEARNINGS CONT..

The following FEATURE title is from the series 'Kingdoms and Empires'

Title: *The Slightly Alarming Tale of the Whispering Wars. Book 2*

Author: *Jaclyn Moriarty*

Illustrations by: *Kelly Canby*



I WAS TAKEN BY WHISPERERS AT 2PM, SO I NEVER PULLED THE LEVER FOR THE LAUNDRY CHUTE.

THAT'S WHAT BOTHERED ME MOST. THIS IS WAY AHEAD IN THE STORY, THOUGH. A LOT HAPPENED BEFORE THAT.

The town of Spindrift is frequented by pirates, Shadow Mages and charlatans. It's also home to the Orphanage School, where Finlay lives with Glim, Taya and Eli. Just outside town is the painfully posh Brathelthwaite Boarding School, home to Honey Bee, Hamish and Victor, Duke of Ainsley. When the two schools compete at the Spindrift tournament, stakes are high, but tensions are higher. Before long, the orphans and the boarding school are in an all-out war.

But even greater tensions are building. Children are being stolen, Witches, Sirens and a deadly magical flu invade the town, and Spindrift is thrust onto the front lines of the Whispering Wars.

Finlay, Honey Bee and their friends must join forces to turn the tide of the war. But how can one bickering troupe outwit this insidious power of the Whisperers? And who are the two mysterious figures watching them from the shadows?

From the award-winning Jaclyn Moriarty comes a spellbinding tale of unlikely friendship, unexpected magic and competitive athletics.

Open Day 2019

Wednesday 22 May - 9am-11am

Our Staff & Students would like to welcome prospective students, their parents or carers and members of the community to observe and interact with the engaging and personalised learning environment of Rushworth P-12 College.

Students will be leading tours of the College from 9am, followed by staff presentations and some light refreshments.

All are welcome on the day, though an RSVP On 5856 1230 would be appreciated.

The Classifieds

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MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID
www.mhfa.com.au

3 Day Mental Health First Aid Training

Where:
Kyabram Community & Learning Centre
21-25 Lake Rd Kyabram

When:
Tuesdays 11th, 18th & 25th June 2019
9:30am - 2:00pm

Cost:
FREE
Lunch & Workbook included

This course teaches you:

- How to help people under extreme stress or with mental health problems
- What the symptoms could look like
- What the cause could be
- How to take action in crisis

RSVP Tuesday 4th June 2019
administration@campaspepcp.com.au
5484 4485

Before School Activities is back for 2019!

Every Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday morning from 8.00 am come down to the Stadium and get involved in some organised sports and activities to help you start the day on the right note.

All students are welcome.

See Mr. Price,
Mr. Gardner or Mr.
McDonald
for any more
information.



Lunch Time Crochet Sessions

Starting Wednesday 22nd May at 2.00pm

Every Fortnight for half an hour

in the Wellbeing Hub

If you have a project you are working on at home feel free to bring it along to work on, or just work on something in the group. You might prefer to Knit, Weave or Macramé, or you might like to come along and learn a new skill.

Anyone wanting to participate, learn or teach are welcome 😊



The Classifieds

The Mitchell Shire Concert Band presents

YOUR BAND YOUR TOWN

A Concert

with
the Australian Military Wives Choir
&
the Seymour College Primary School Choir



Sunday 19th May 2.30 p.m.
Seymour Community Arts Centre
Angelsea Street, Seymour

Early bird prices - Adult \$15, Family \$25,
Concession \$10

Bookings - 0420 200 278



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