Student Opportunities
Currently we have six Year 9 students in China as part of the Victorian Young Leaders to China program. They will be making a presentation at School Assembly and also putting together a series of articles for future Newsletters.

We also have just received word that we have gained a place for six students to participate in the School for Student Leadership program for Term 1 2017. I will be speaking to the current Year 8s about this exciting opportunity in the next week.

Troy Marx and Steph Coghill recently participated in a special program at the John Monash Science School and their report follows.

Senior School in 2017
Over the past few weeks, we have held Information Evenings for students going into Years 10, 11 and 12 in 2017. The subject selection sheets are due to be returned and processed. These sheets are the way you tell us what subjects you want us to operate in 2017, so make sure you fill them in correctly and return them as soon as possible.

Students in Years 10, 11 and 12 will all be in the school Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) program. Next year’s Year 7 students will also be in this program.

Families can elect to use an existing device, buy a device form a commercial retail outlet or purchase through the school portal. Smaller, lighter devices such as 1 or 11.6 inch netbooks are readily carried and have good battery life. Larger devices are often heavy and bulky and the larger screen consumes battery life quickly. Before purchasing, please consider the warranty arrangements – devices through the school portal are more expensive but offer a three year, on-site warranty service.

Steer Handling at Royal Melbourne Show
As part of their Agriculture studies, Year 9 are in the final stages of preparation for the Steer Handling and the Carcass Competitions at the Royal Melbourne Show over the September holidays. We wish them luck in the various competitions and recognise the effort and time they have put into this program.

Friday 9th September is a Curriculum Planning day, and therefore is a Pupil Free Day.

Teachers will be working on developing units of work to meet the requirements of the new Victorian Curriculum which is implemented from the start of 2017 for Years 7 to 10.

During July and August, Troy Marx and I attended John Monash Science School, a school completely dedicated to bringing like-minded students together so they can share their passion for science.

Located on the Monash University’s Clayton campus, John Monash teaches over 600 students and is able to access its award winning laboratories.

Thirty students from rural schools were chosen to experience this very unique schooling system. All were expected to attend normal classes like any ordinary student, requiring us to complete homework and study.

Through this process we were able to experience the most from this opportunity. A ‘normal’ JMSS day consisted of 4 periods, 75 minutes long. During these we usually attended normal subjects such as Maths, English and core Science.

There was one exception to this though, instead of completing regular electives we were expected to select an extended Science; this could include Chemistry, Biology, Physics and more.

I would highly recommend this experience to interested future Year 10 students.

- Stephanie Coghill
Year 9 Future Makers Program

The RHS 2016 year 9 classes attended the Arts Connect Program in Melbourne on the 19th of August. This opportunity helped the students to gain a better understanding of different arts. The students engaged themselves within a wide range of Melbourne’s different cultural institutions. The program was chosen by the year 9 students themselves.

The student’s first attended the Melbourne Street Tour, engaging them in a tour of alleyways covered in graffiti. During the tour the students were informed about the different artist, how the artist developed their art works and master pieces and, how over the years each alleyway was created.

After the tour of the alleyways the students went on to attend a Circus Oz workshop where they were involved in vigorous activities to learn the basics of circus skills. They included: juggling, flips, trampoline skills, highs and obstacle tricks and many more.

It was a great day had by all. Many thanks to Adele, Layne and Macy for organising the excursion and the teachers for assisting.

SPORT REPORT

State Hockey Championship

Via popular demand, the best sports reporter in the area, Bailey Holmes, is back and better than ever.

Sit back and enjoy as I will be doing the sports reports in the Rutherglen High school newsletter whenever time allows . . .

In the early hours of last Tuesday morning, a group of young men set off down the Hume highway with a task to bring back the State Hockey Championship— Unfortunately they couldn’t bring home the chocolate.

The boys put up a fight in the three games they played but just weren’t good enough, only winning one of the three games. Both losses between Mildura and Warrnambool were 4-0 defeats. In the game against Essendon University they won 1-0. Somehow Izaac Cameron was the goal scorer, with Shaun Moore also a shining light in a dark day for Rutherglen High School.

The girls also put up a fight, winning two of their three games and going down narrowly in their last game 5-4 against the winners of the day, Mildura.

Their wins came against Melbourne Girls College (2-1) and Maribyrnong (2-0) - the dynamic duo of the Ronnfeldt sisters was a highlight with both Grace and Emma lighting up the whole day.

Credit to both teams who made it all the way to the Championship, previously winning the Ovens and Mitta and the Hume Region Championships, and being in teams who were only able to train together once, this was a great effort. Special thanks to Matt Davis and Mrs Whitehead who took the Boys team, and Ms Megaritt, Matt Davis (coach) & Karen Nelson (manager) with the Girls team. Thanks also to the parents who went down to Melbourne with the team. It is fantastic to have their support and assistance.

On Thursday the 11th of August, the North East Zone/Victoria Clay Target Association conducted the annual Zone School Students Trap Championships. These Championships were held at the Echuca Clay Target Club.

Mr Phillpot and Greg Leahy took a group of intrepid young shooters away, no doubt inspired by the feats of local Olympiad James Willet from Corowa.

The first session of 10 targets saw the boys working hard to get a bead on the flying orange clays, but some timely advice from the shooting Marshall saw all boys improve and gain confidence.

The afternoon session arrived and the boys confidently took their positions. Unfortunately competition pressure seemed to take its toll and results weren’t as good as we had hoped for.

No doubt the boys learnt a lot from the day and hopefully next round some practice can be had before the event.

Thanks to Greg for coming along, it always great to have parent support.