**PRINCIPAL’S REPORT**

**NAPLAN Testing**

Students in Years 7 and 9 have been taking part in NAPLAN tests. The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy is conducted across Australia on predetermined days. I believe it is poorly organised to do so many tests so close together but I am informed that it is fair because all students in all schools follow the same schedule.

The results are calculated centrally and when the reports are finally printed and sent to us, we will post them out to families. While the reports and results are considered to be very reliable, they do however only provide a ‘snapshot’ of performance on that particular day and can be significantly affected by illness, fatigue or other factors. Therefore they should be read in conjunction with other information about your child’s performance such as school reports.

**Year 10 Melbourne Urban Experience**

Virtually all of our Year 10 students will spend most of next week in Melbourne. They will be visiting a variety of venues for a range of purposes and have been busily preparing for the trip by learning about map reading, public transport etc. The experience is different to most camps in that the students have to show a lot of initiative and independence as they carry out their activities in small groups. The students will provide highlights of their experiences in future Newsletters.

**European & Asian Banquet**

Students continue to explore and experience education in ways beyond the confines of a classroom or the contents of a text book. Today Year 8 experienced the delights of a European and Asian Banquet! Teachers Ron Webb and Nancy Coppolino are to be congratulated on their initiative and imagination. Learning is always so much deeper and more profound when students are genuinely engaged and this activity certainly caught their attention!

**School Athletics**

The School Athletics Carnival will be held on Monday 25th May. It will be held at the Albury Athletics Track so that our students can gain the experience of competing on a high quality track and venue. The school will pay for the venue hire and subsidise the transport costs but each student will need to pay a small transport charge. However I am very confident that the opportunity to compete in such a great, purpose built venue is well worth the cost. I strongly urge all parents to ensure that every student attends the day so they can take part in the events, support their peers and establish a real sense of school pride and identity.
MESSAGE: TENTH NATIONAL WALK SAFELY TO SCHOOL DAY
FRIDAY 15 MAY 2009

I am delighted to support the tenth National Walk Safely to School Day.

The Australian Government is committed to laying the foundations for healthy behaviours in the daily life of all Australians. Promoting physical activity in children at a young age is key to teaching healthy habits that will last a lifetime. Walking is an easy and fun form of exercise and is a simple way to introduce daily exercise into a child’s routine.

I congratulate the Pedestrian Council of Australia on using this event to support healthy eating habits, which along with physical activity are crucial for physical and mental wellbeing.

Walking to school also has other benefits, as children are able to learn about pedestrian safety and as there are also environmental advantages from reduced motor vehicle usage.

I encourage all Australian children, parents and carers to participate in this year’s National Walk Safely to School Day and I wish the Pedestrian Council of Australia every success with this event.

The Honourable Kevin Rudd MP
Prime Minister of Australia
Principal: Mr Philip Rogers
Assistant Principal: Mrs Ellen Rankin
Student Welfare Coordinator: Mrs Gayle Mundy
Senior School Coordinator: Mr Mark Nesbitt
Junior School Coordinators: Ms Lucie Green

Year 7 Coordinator: Ms Claire Megarrity
Year 8 Coordinator: Mr Mike Cleary
Year 9 Coordinator: Mr Ron Webb/Mrs Julie Whitehead
Year 10 Coordinator: Mrs Di Kotzur
Year 11 & 12 Coordinators Mr Jason Lappin/Mr Mark Nesbitt

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YEAR 10 WORK EXPERIENCE
By this stage all of our Year 10s should have made arrangements with employers for their 2 week work experience placement beginning 27th July. I would encourage parents and friends to provide advice and/or assistance if they are able to where students have not been successful so far. See me ASAP if you require my help with ideas and contacts.

Mrs Leverett

INAUGURAL PERFORMING ARTS FORUM
On Wednesday 6th May, a group of students attended various workshops at Albury-Wodonga locations as part of the Inaugural Performing Arts Forum organised by the Albury-Wodonga Careers Advisers Association. The workshops included: Event Management, Singing & Song Writing, Textiles, Sound Recording, Radio Broadcasting, Theatre Hair & Makeup, Dance and TV Production.

We all agree that the workshops were very informative on the topics and it was well worth our time to gain more knowledge in our interests and possible career choices. We would like to thank Mrs Leverett for organising the day and Peter Scott and Jackie Pianto for transporting us to and from the workshops.

Chris Pianto & Marc Weir

SPORT & RECREATION INDUSTRY SPEAKER
On Friday last week, Cassy Roberts who is currently the GOTAFE Sport and Recreation Co-ordinator, came to speak to interested students about her career in the industry. The presentation included information about her interests and motivation and the pathway that she took to get where she is today. Cassy gave relevant advice and real examples of what it is like to have a job in her field. To finish of her presentation, Cassy provided information about the Diploma of Sport & Recreation and the Certificates III & IV in Fitness run at GOTAFE. There was much interest in obtaining the Certificate qualifications so that students would be able to gain part-time work in the industry whilst completing future studies. The Certificate III in Fitness will be available for students to complete in Semester 1 in 2010 at GOTAFE. For further information see Mrs Leverett or email croberts@gotafe.vic.edu.au.

WOLLONGONG STUDENT AMBASSADORS – 30th June 2009
Students Ambassadors will be in Wodonga to speak to Wodonga and district school students and parents. The venue will be the Senior Student Centre at Catholic College Wodonga at 1pm. The ambassadors cover: Evaluating a university/course; the transition from school into uni life; moving from home and factors determining the choice of destination; the diverse range of options available at the Uni of Wollongong; costs, including scholarships and question and answer time. One of the students is from Albury. Please contact Mrs Leverett if you are interested in attending.

CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY BASIC INDUCTION TRAINING
If you missed out on this course organised by RHS and require the CI Card to legally enter building and constructions sites either for Work Experience or Structured Workplace Learning, you may be able to complete the course offered by GOTAFE on Wednesday 27th May. For further information contact Brendan Rogash on 1300 468 233. For your information, a further course will be held at RHS towards the end of 2009 so that you can be prepared for 2010.

CAREERS….

PERFORMING ARTS CENTRE….
“I attended the ‘Career of a dancer’ and ‘Textiles’ workshops in Albury/Wodonga last Wednesday. It was an eye-opening experience, in that it showed me more options in those careers, and whether it suited me or not. Also it showed the difficulties and what to do to get a job in each career. I would like to thank all of the people who helped towards such a great day.”

- Susan Groenen

SOS FOR HOST FAMILIES
Please contact stsf@people.net.au or call 1800 263 964, or locally, call Jeanette in Yarrawonga on 03 57 441 641 if you are interested in being part of a teenager’s dream of visiting our vast and ‘exotic’ country, Down Under.

It is only through the hospitality of caring families that we can build a better cultural understanding and world peace. STS High School Foundation needs you! Students arrive in July, from Europe and Canada. Contact us for more info and become part of this invaluable and rewarding experience!
MWAH MAGAZINE LAUNCH
On Monday 11 May we launched Rutherglen High School’s newest production- MWAH Magazine. This magazine was produced by 2008 Yr 9 students as part of their Connect Program and funded by Go For Your Life Positive Body Image Grant. The magazine covers issues relevant to teen girls such as body image, digital enhancement, keeping active, cyber safety, boy-
friends, learning difficulties and much more. We were really pleased to be able to distribute a copy to all Yr 7 girls at our morning tea launch. Well done to the creators of the mag: Georgie Parkin, Lauren Argent, Allana Williams, Kimberly Smits, Kyle Cofield and Paddy Rowland.

Linda Elkington

VACCINATION REMINDER: The Mobile Immunisation Service will be visiting Rutherglen High School on Friday 22nd May (Next Week) for Year 7 Girls only – They will have their second dose of Gardasil. Their final dose will be administered on 14th October. Please ensure that your daughter attends school on these days.

Online Conference, 18-24 May 2009
PARENTS of primary and secondary students, in all locations, are warmly invited to take part in the third online conference to be held by Parents Victoria. The conference will be held non-stop on the internet from 6am Monday 18 May to midnight Sunday 24 May. No special software is needed, other than an internet-connected computer and a browser. The online discussions will be very easy to join in, and guidelines about how to participate will be provided. Join in for all days, just some days, or even a few hours, depending on your lifestyle and other commitments.

Prizes for participation
*Member schools are defined as schools whose 2009 membership payment has been received by 15 May 2009. Membership information can be obtained by phone (03) 93802158 or email office@parentsvictoria.asn.au

Register online at no cost
The Parents Victoria Online Conference 2009 website will open from 6am on 18 May at: http://www.cybertext.net.au/pv1_09/ but please register yourself online first at http://www.cybertext.net.au/pv09.htm

www.parentsvictoria.asn.au

Prostate
Just a word not a sentence
All welcome to come and find out more about prevention & treatment
Tuesday 26 May 7pm
Masonic Lodge
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Essential facts for you and your family
Presented by PCFA Ambassador
Roy Francis (Tel: 0413 654 808)

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**DATES TO REMEMBER**

**Tues 19th MAY to Fri. 22nd**
- Yr 10 Melb. Urban Trip

**Wed. 20th**
- Yr 11 VCAL excursion

**Thurs. 21st**
- Junior footy
- Science Comp. P 1 & 2

**Fri. 22nd**
- Vaccinations, Yr 7 girls

**Monday 25th MAY**
- Whole School Athletics Carnival in Albury.

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**BREAKFAST PROGRAM**

**FOR STUDENTS**

**WHEN?** Thursdays, 8.15am to 8.50am

**WHERE?** RHS Community Centre

**WHAT’S ON?** Milo, Tea, Coffee, Toast, Cereal….sometimes pancakes, smoothies and more!

AND….IT’S ALL FREE!! Thx so much to Rutherglen Bakery for their continued support of our breakfast program.

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**CAIETEN ROSTER**

**Monday 18th MAY**
Fiona Pearce
**Tuesday 19th**
Hospitality Student
**Wednesday 20th**
Sue Starkey
**Thursday 21st**
Hospitality Student
**Friday 22nd**
Liz Terrill

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Thank you so much to our wonderful volunteers!

Go Hospitality Team!!

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