Proposed French trip 2010

As previously advertised, we are planning on sending a school group to France next year. We have had a number of students and families express interest and we are now at the point of seeking firm commitments.

The plan is to fly out of Melbourne on Saturday 20th March 2010 and after landing in Paris travel to Troyes and spend the week with a host family and attend the local school.

There will also be time for visits and getting to know the town, surrounding area and host family.

On the 26th March the group will return by train to Paris and over the week visit the Louvre Museum, Montmartre, Notre Dame, Versailles and the Champs Elysees before flying back to Australia on Friday 2nd April 2010. All up, that is a 14 day group tour at around $3,800 – the actual cost is dependent on the size of the group.

In order to confirm costs and make a booking, we need a firm commitment which includes completion of paperwork and lodging a $500 deposit by the end of term. (Please contact the school directly as soon as possible if there are problems meeting this date.)

The deposit is to be made out to the school. We believe we will have in excess of 12 students but we will not pay the funds over to the travel company until we are sure we have a viable group. (If there are insufficient numbers, we will cancel the trip and refund the money.) However once the deposit is made over to the travel company, it is NOT REFUNDABLE. The costs include travel insurance and refunds will only be possible as part of a medical claim on the travel insurance.

The trip will be a wonderful cultural, language and educational experience. If you have questions, contact the organiser, Mr Kim Le.

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Principal’s Report

Carlton Football Club Clinic

Yesterday Chris Oats, Kara Renshaw, Jarrod Hatton and Marnie Clancey assisted in running a football clinic at Rutherglen primary School. Several Carlton Football Club players led by Marc Murphy flew in and met the students and ran a few skill drills. Although it was a relatively quick visit, the primary school students enjoyed the clinic and the RHS students were apparently very useful assistants with the Carlton players and well known local football identity Jason Lappin.

(see photos below.)

H1N1 Influenza
(Human swine Flu)

The school has had a report of a suspected case of H1N1 Influenza (Human swine Flu). Schools are no longer being closed and official advice is to keep students with flu like symptoms at home and seek medical advice. Implementing hygiene procedures limits the likelihood of a spread of the virus but it appears that the virus will be very widespread across the community. Further advice is contained in this newsletter.
PARENT COMMUNICATION

As you would be aware, Victoria is now in a modified ‘sustain’ phase of its plan to manage the impact of H1N1 Influenza (Human Swine Flu) in our community.

This means that only children confirmed by a doctor as having the virus will be quarantined. Those sharing a house with a confirmed case will not be required to enter quarantine, unless they too are confirmed as having the virus.

Classes who may have been in contact with a confirmed case will no longer be quarantined, and schools will no longer be partially or fully closed.

Students who are feeling unwell should remain at home and not attend school. Students and families with flu-like symptoms are advised to seek medical attention and limit their contact with others.

If your child becomes ill at school, we will contact you immediately and ask you to arrange to collect your child. Please make sure that we have your up-to-date contact details.

It should be remembered, however, that the virus has so far been mild and can be compared to our normal winter flu.

Good general hygiene remains the best defence against the flu and families should continue to ensure children regularly washing their hands and cover their nose and mouth if sneezing and coughing. This practice is being reinforced with your children while at school.

If you have any specific concerns:

Visit www.health.vic.gov.au

Call the Swine Influenza Hotline on 180 2007

Call Nurse-on-Call on 1300 606 024 – for expert health information (freecall 24 hours, 7 days)

Visit your doctor (GP) – if you have an influenza-like illness (fever, cough and fatigue).

The Department of Human Services is also continuing to ask parents of children returning from USA, Canada, Japan, Mexico and Panama to voluntarily keep their children home for seven (7) days from arrival back in Australia. This is a further precautionary measure to assist in managing the further spread of the virus.

H1N1 Influenza 09 (Human Swine Flu)

Victoria will continue to respond quickly to minimise the impact of influenza on the community - Dr Rosemary Lester

Victoria is now in a modified ‘Sustain’ phase of our plan to manage the impact of this strain of influenza in our community.

What does this mean for Victorians?

- The virus has so far been mild and can be compared to our normal winter flu.
- There is no longer a need to quarantine everyone who has been in contact with a confirmed case of swine flu.
- Only confirmed cases will need to be quarantined for three days and will all continue to be given the most appropriate treatment. Household members will continue to be provided with Tamiflu, but will not be quarantined.
- The Victorian Government will focus on those most vulnerable to influenza: those in child care centres, aged care facilities, special developmental schools and hospitals.
- We will provide day-to-day support for those most in need in our community.
- The Victorian Government will continue to monitor the spread and severity of the virus through the community.
- Dedicated flu clinics continue to operate across the state to support our emergency departments.

Schools

Schools will no longer be closed when cases are confirmed, except for special developmental schools.

Your best defence against the flu

Wash your hands. Wash them often with soap and water – especially after you cough or sneeze. This is the most effective thing you can do to fight the flu over the coming months.

What else can you do?

- Cover your nose and mouth with a tissue when you cough or sneeze.
- Throw the tissue in a plastic-lined rubbish bin after you use it.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth. Germs spread that way.

If you are unwell with flu-like symptoms

- Stay home from work, school and limit contact with others.
- Call your GP for medical advice.

Need to find out more?

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Attention Parents/Guardians of Year 10 Students!

Is your teenager’s life worth 90 minutes of your time?

Good drivers aren’t born. They are made. The best way to become a good driver is to get plenty of driving experience.

But sometimes, learning how to change gears, or even how to change lanes can seem a breeze compared with the challenge of getting your parents/guardians to hand over the car keys.

Keys Please can change that.

Keys Please is the first step into the driver’s seat. It’s an informative and interactive forum for you and your parents/guardians, that introduces you to the different skills you will need when learning to drive, including some valuable tips to help you get that all-important licence.

And if you can convince your parents/guardians to come along, they’ll hear how important it is for you to practice driving as often as possible, because getting your licence is all about getting enough practice and you can’t do that unless they hand over those car keys.

So come along to the Keys Please forum on Monday 22nd June 2009 at 1.30pm, in the Rutherglen High School Library

We at Rutherglen High School are committed to creating life-long memories and invaluable experiences to each and every student that enters our doors.

To allow us to create such an extraordinary learning environment we ask that you join us as a valuable member of our High School and do the same.

RHS has continued to keep our Program Support Payments to an absolute minimum and in doing so have not increased them in over three years, to ensure in these trying times you are not burdened with another increase to your daily expenses.

Therefore we request that when you sit down at your kitchen table to create your yearly budget your child’s support payments can be included.

So where does your money go, you ask?

Simply it goes to materials that enable our students to experience activities such as physical education and health, home economics (cooking), woodwork and metalwork, etc, creating an environment rich in learning and culture.

Program Support Payments can be paid in advance or on a monthly basis. We have numerous payment options to best suit your needs including netbanking (via the website), cash, cheque, credit card and BPAY.

If you would like to discuss alternative payment methods our Business Manager is always available to guide you in providing the best options suited to your individual needs.

The answer to this question is simple – is your child’s future in regard to learning worth $1 a day?

Jenny Ryder
School Council President

On Wednesday May 27th the Deadly Big Day Out was held in Benalla which allowed Aboriginal students from rural areas to explore possible opportunities for the future. The Expo celebrated culture, offered inspirational stories and provided information on education, training and employment. Among the organisations and institutions that presented information on future options were the Australian Defence Force, ANZ Bank, Victoria Police, Vocational Education and Training (VET) programs, La Trobe Uni, Wodonga TAFE and Parks Victoria. Throughout the day two speakers also talked about their experiences in life and how they got through hardship. Chris Bonacci talked about her life growing up with a foster family outside of her Aboriginal community, while Thon Makai spoke about his journey from Africa to Australia, escaping poverty and walking for days across borders. The stories of their lives show how much we take for granted and that we have unlimited opportunities in life for our future.
DATES TO REMEMBER

Tuesday 23rd
- Junior Sport
- Student info sessions, RPS & CPS

Wednesday 24th
- Year 12 TIS, P 1 & 2
- PT & CA, 7.30pm, RHS Library

Thursday 25th
- Inter & Senior Sport
- Official Grade 6 Parent Info evening, RHS Library

Friday 26th
- Last Day Term 2, finish 2.30pm

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!!

Thanks so much to Rutherglen Bakery for their continued support of our breakfast program.

DATED DATES

Monday 22nd JUNE
Snez Keljin
Tuesday 23rd
Hospitality Student
Wednesday 24th
Volunteer Needed Please
Thursday 25th
Hospitality Student
Friday 26th
Lisa Murtagh

Thanks so much to Rutherglen Bakery for their continued support of our breakfast program.

Tickets for Battle of the Bands, ’Riot Detonation’ are available @ RHS General Office for $8 pre-sale. Also available @ the door for $10.

RHS green woollen jumper—after 7/8 Sport day last week—Hannah Kerr on name tag—Please return to General Office

WODONGA BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION

WINTER REGISTRATION

Competition commencing 13 July 2009

Registrations are now being taken from new players for all junior age groups, 10 & Under to 18 & Under.

Cost - $76 payable by Friday, 26 June 2009

Where - Basketball office at the WS&LC
When - Mondays - 4.00 - 8.00pm
    Thursdays - 4.30 - 7.00pm
    Fridays - 4.30 - 8.30pm

For enquiries please phone the Administrator on 6059 3644, email to wdgaball@bigpond.net.au or visit the office.

LOST!

RHS green woollen jumper—after 7/8 Sport day last week—Hannah Kerr on name tag—Please return to General Office

BPAY

The school can now process parent payments using BPAY. Please contact your financial institution to ensure you can access the BPAY system.

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