**Semester 1 Reports**

Semester 1 reports will be posted home in the next few days. Please take the time to go through the reports with the students and celebrate their achievements in the first half of the year. The reports also contain sections on how the students can improve and what you can do to assist at home.

**There will be a Parent-Teacher-Student interview afternoon/evening on Tuesday 21st July between 4:00 and 8:00 pm.**

Based on the reports, work out which teachers you wish to meet with so that when the interview booking sheet is distributed, your son or daughter can make appointments on your behalf.

**Rotary Club Debating**

Last week three of our Year 10 students competed in the Ian Murphy Memorial Debating program operated by the Rotary Club of Rutherglen. Suze Sanders, Gemma Ramsay and David Robinette had been preparing for the debate with the assistance of Matt Ellis and were coached by Jenna Collins.

Standing up in front of a room full of adults and arguing your case, including rebuttals of the opposition case, is a very difficult task but the students handled themselves well. While they had previously been involved in Public Speaking, for most this was their first taste of competitive debating. Their opposition team was from Xavier College and their three Year 11 opponents came across as experienced and highly skilled. Xavier took out the competition but our students certainly acquitted themselves well.

**‘9 Alive’**

Last week at a Junior School assembly, the Year 9 students unveiled the ‘9-Alive’ T-shirt they have designed and had printed for use in the Advance and community programs.

9-Alive continues to be committed to exposing students to new experiences and providing opportunities to build understanding and skills beyond the confines of a classroom or textbook. Yesterday students participated in a ‘Disability Awareness Day’ which included a range of activities and guest speakers including paralympians. Yesterday, students were involved in a Tree Planting Day. Reports and photos of both days will appear in upcoming Newsletters.

**North East Zone Clay Target Competition**

We have been invited to enter a team for a school clay target shooting competition. To gauge interest and skill, Gaye Shale and the Rutherglen Gun Club will run a training session on Tuesday 30th June between 10:00 am and 2:00 pm for licensed shooters. They will also provide a BBQ lunch. If you are interested, attend this training session and/or contact Gaye on 0419 233 024.

**End of Term Arrangements**

As usual, Term 2 will finish at 2:30 pm on Friday 26th June. Term 3 will commence on Monday 13th July. I trust that everyone will have an enjoyable and safe holiday and I look forward to seeing you all next term.
BPAY

The school can now process parent payments using BPAY. Please contact your financial institution to ensure you can access the BPAY system. If you wish to pay your account using BPAY please contact the office for a copy of your current Statement which contains the BPAY Biller Code and Reference Number.

To ensure we credit the correct outstanding charge please send back your statement slip indicating which charges are to be paid or if you are paying for an activity which has a Permission Slip please write on your payment envelope “BPAY” when you return your signed permission form.

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this FRIDAY 26TH JUNE

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On to showjumping (the boys enjoy this a lot more), with Tristan getting a clear round. Danyon was up next and jumped very well but his horse didn’t pull up very well and we had to get the vet out. Caitlyn was the last for the day knocking one rail but ended up coming in 3rd. The horses all went to bed. Then it was the best time, movies and food (including ice-creams).

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The boys and Holly lined up for a long time to get into their Handy mount and games but once they were in they flew around the course. Tristan came out a winner with 1st and Danyon not far behind with 2nd for Handy mount.

The Games where next with the results turned around; Danyon 1st with Tristan 2nd and Holly 5th. We all watched the excitement as we tried to keep Danyon tidy for his Handler class. We weren’t very successful in this class but we can’t be good at everything.

After a long, tiring weekend it was time to finally attempt to pack all our gear up, take the plaits out of the horses and go home. We started the long, late, dark journey home!!! YEAH!!

With the memories of sitting in the motor home watching DVD’s and laughing about the comment as we were washing our clothes in the washing machine.

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FOR LESS THAN $1 A DAY

you can
give your child a world of opportunities
courage a passion to be discovered
prepare them for their future

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

HOLIDAY SUGGESTIONS

Heading to Melbourne over the School holidays?

The Melbourne Museum is showcasing A Day in Pompeii. This particular event and time period is one that some Year 7 classes has been studying in our Ancient Civilisations and Archaeology units in Humanities this term. The exhibition offers a wonderful opportunity for students to extend their knowledge and view real artefacts and archaeological discoveries first hand.

ABOUT THE EXHIBITION…..

The excitement of ancient Pompeii bursts into town in A Day in Pompeii, a Melbourne Winter Masterpieces exhibition at Melbourne Museum from 26 June to 25 October 2009.

The catastrophic eruption of Mount Vesuvius on 24 August 79 AD produced a vast storm of pumice and volcanic ash that buried the town of Pompeii. Like a time capsule, the town – its businesses and homes, gardens and shops – was encased for almost 2,000 years.

With more than 250 objects – many never shown before in Australia – A Day in Pompeii will immerse you in all aspects of life in the ancient town. Priceless objects of luxury and exquisite beauty sit aside everyday items like cooking pots and wine jars. The visual world of the town, with its marble sculpture, painted frescoes, ornaments and mosaics, is yours to explore.

You will enter an immersive 3D theatre to learn about volcanoes and feel the same drama and terror of the town’s citizens long ago. Created by computer game designers in Melbourne and Brisbane, you will witness how a series of eruptions wiped out Pompeii over 48 hours. Body casts of the people and animals buried under the ash will show you the human tragedy of this devastating natural disaster, and the work of archaeologists to bring the Ancient Roman world back to life.

**MELBOURNE MUSEUM**

**Opening Times and Cost**
Every day: 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM
Open till 9:00PM Thursdays

Adult $20 Concessions $14 Child $12 Family $54
MV Members receive 50% discount.
**Buy Pompeii Tickets Online**

Bookings & Enquiries 13 11 02  MELBOURNE MUSEUM Nicholson Street, Carlton Gardens, Victoria, Australia
Year 7 Learning Journey – 2010

An update from the Teacher Professional Leave Team

We continue with our investigations into an alternative program for our Year 7 group in 2010.

Benefits of the LJ7 program:
- Students well being will be monitored closely by a significant teacher
- Students should feel more connected to the school
- Personalised learning and academic progress will be closely monitored
- Improved rapport between students and teachers
- Ease the transition to secondary school
- An integrated curriculum that caters for individual needs
- Improved communication with parents
- Students will be interested and engaged in what they are learning
- More parental involvement

The team have discussed:

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We have planned the first introductory unit, ‘Lift Off’.
The focus of this two week unit is ‘What skills do I need to succeed in my learning?’
Examples of other integrated units are:
- History of the local area (English/Humanities focus)
- Freshwater environments: using Lake King and Lake Moodemere to develop sampling techniques. (Maths/Science focus)
- Life skills: eg, organisation, relationships, conflict resolution (Welfare/Pastoral Care focus)

We are very excited about the new program.
Please contact the team if you would like to offer suggestions or discuss ideas.

- Kerrie Ware, Greg Barras and Gayle Mundy

Our 2009 Year 7 students at the Bright Camp
Year 10 Work Experience
– July 27th – August 7th 2009
Congratulations to all students who have successfully organised their placements and returned the paperwork. Mrs Leverett will be contacting and assisting the students who still require some advice & assistance. Please be advised that NSW placements need to be processed by the NSW Education Department and, given that NSW have their holiday period in our Term 3, weeks 1 & 2, no NSW Arrangement forms will be posted off to the NSW Education Department and processed after this week. Please contact Mrs Leverett if you require any further information about the Work Experience program.

A Nurse/Social for a Day Experience
On 10th June I was one of six RHS students to go to La Trobe University in Wodonga to the careers day about Nursing & Social Work. I attended the social work program where I got a good insight to the job. The day included a presentation about what social work involves and the skills that are required. We had the opportunity to talk with and ask questions of several social workers in the community. We also did a quiz and worked out which colour is associated with our personality. We also learnt how to apply for a course at Uni. Overall it was a great day and has helped me decide that I do want to study social work when I finish school.

Cian Shelley

Tertiary Information Session
On Wednesday this week, all of Year 12 and some Year 11 students attended the Tertiary Information Session (TIS) held at the Wodonga Civic Centre. Organised by the Albury Wodonga Careers Association, the event provided an opportunity for students to research their tertiary study options; discuss careers and course content with tertiary representatives and collect course information for all the major NSW and Victorian universities, TAFE institutes and private providers. It was a unique opportunity for students to gather first hand information from the wide range of tertiary providers in attendance.

VET for a day – Healesville Sanctuary
Last week two students attended the Vet 4 A Day program at Healesville Sanctuary. Vanessa Campbell and Amelia Coman enjoyed a day amongst the recovering animals at the wildlife hospital of the Sanctuary. They were able to go behind the scenes and see how Vet’s diagnosed, cared for and released these animals. They also were able to do some hands on activities including a post-mortem on a kangaroo giving an insight into the less glamorous but still exciting side of the occupation. Overall it was a very good day where a lot was learned.
DATES TO REMEMBER

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

Friday 26th
- Last Day of Term 2
  School finishes 2.30pm
- Friday 26th is an SRC Casual Clothes Day to raise money for UN World Food Program.
  Gold coin donation OR wear School uniform.

A SAFE & HAPPY HOLIDAY TO ALL FROM THE NEWS TEAM!

TERM THREE
Tuesday 21st JULY
- Parent/Teacher/Student Interviews

June 27th vs Dederang
9:00 – 11:00
Merle  Rina Cooper  Snez Keljin  Kieran Mollison
Curran family  Di Goodear  Alice O’Reilly  Michelle Stewart
Jenny Humphreys  Scott Francis  R Turton  Ryan Seymour
Dave Venhurst  Cade O’Neill  Jackie Bennett  Oli Stedman
A Meyer  8 – 10

11:00 – 1:00

2:00 – 5:00

July 4th vs Wahgunyah
9:00 – 11:00
Merle  Lee Deegan  Deb Renshaw  Kieran Mollison
Curran family  Ashleigh Sibraa  Sue Prescott  Sharon Renshaw
Gabreill Suttmann  Mark Fabris  Helen Michael  Madden Morris
Tony Fulton  Tasanee James  Diane McMahon  Joel Chambers
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3:00 – 5:00

4:00 – 6:00

A Pixel Prize
Photography Competition
... Open to all High School students ...

$1000 first prize (as well as runners-up prizes)

Gallery Exhibition and Awards Night for shortlisted entries

For more information or to enter visit: www.thepixelprize.com.au

Canteen Roster
Monday 13th …..JULY—TERM THREE
Paulene Sims
Tuesday 14th
Hospitality Student
Wednesday 15th
Michelle Stewart
Thursday 16th
Hospitality Student
Friday 17th
Lyn Fleming

Rutherglen Football & Netball Club
2009 Canteen Roster

Navy

June 27th vs Dederang

July 4th vs Wahgunyah

All the latest club news is on our website www.rutherglenfc.vcfl.com.au

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2009 Canteen Roster

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A safe & happy CONTACT US...
Term break to all!