Senior Formal
Ticket sales have been slow so if students want the event to go ahead, they need to return the permission forms and money and purchase their tickets as soon as possible. Conditions of entry are contained on the permission form.

School for Student Leadership
We have just received confirmation that we have been successful in gaining a place at the School for Student Leadership at the Gnurad-Gundidj Campus for Term 1 next year. This school or leadership program was previously known as the Alpine School but has now grown to three campuses and so they have changed their name. We have been successful in at least one team gaining a place for five years in a row and the program is genuinely a great opportunity for students to grow and develop as team members and leaders.

I would strongly urge current Year 8 students to visit the website (http://www.gnurad-gundidj.vic.edu.au/) to check out maps, photos, activities and comments from parents and students. We will be selecting 2 boys and 3 girls for the nine week program that takes up most of Term 1 2010. I would also suggest students talk to the students who participated this year or in previous years to gain a first hand view of the program.

Volunteer Helpers in the Canteen
The Canteen is extremely well managed by Lyn Kerr but can only operate effectively when we have volunteers to assist her. Several days a week parents are able to take this role and we certainly thank them for their time and effort. However on some days we have to rely on student volunteers. One very reliable and regular volunteer is Gemma Ramsay of Year 10.

This week Lyn presented Gemma with an iPod Shuffle to thank her for her efforts. Lyn had collected coupons from Canteen purchases and the iPod was a prize. Gemma was the first name that sprang to mind because of her commitment and assistance and so we were very pleased to give her a little reward for hours that she has put in to help operate our Canteen.

Rotary National Science Youth Forum
Each year Rotary sponsors the National Science Youth Forum which is held over twelve days in Canberra. Students from all over Australia conduct experiments and investigations and meet and work with noted scientists from around the country. Over 80 students from the region applied and only 20 were successful. Given those odds, getting one student in is a great outcome. This year the students have outdone themselves because two students were successful. Congratulations go to Kacey Shale and Steph Pearce and thanks go to Rotary for sponsoring this great event.
Homework Club

Last Wednesday from 3.30pm-4.30pm some students attended Home-work Club in the Library with Ms Coppolino and Mrs Cole. Light refreshments and one-on-one help with homework and class work were provided by the teachers. The students found this interaction very helpful and it is available for all students at Rutherglen High School every Wednesday till the end of the term. Every week there will be different teachers from different subject areas to help the students. If you would like to join Homework Club, permission forms are available from the general office or parents can contact the school for verbal permission before next Wednesday. Parents will need to arrange to pick up their children as it is an afterschool activity.

Please feel free to call me at school for more information on 60329483.

Yours sincerely,
Ms Nancy Coppolino
On Wednesday the students joined the primary school at the football and netball competitions to continue their coaching roles. Marnie Clancey and Maddie Stanton did a great job supporting their netball team to some impressive wins and Bennett Thomas and Liam Vandermeer can be very proud of the efforts of their team who were victorious on the day.

It is great to see our students building connections with younger students around the district and displaying to the community their responsible leadership skills. Well done to all of the primary school teams involved on the day!

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**VTAC Information for Parents – Tuesday 18 August 2009**

There is going to be a Parents Night run by VTAC on Tuesday August 18 at 7.00pm in Wangaratta High School’s new Senior School – still on the Edwards St/Phillipson St campus. Students and parents from your school are very welcome to attend.
Main Points

- As of 1 July, 2009, Centrelink has implemented changes to the eligibility requirements for receiving Youth Allowance, which will affect most people who do not have a Year 12 or Certificate II qualification.

- These changes are the result of an agreement between the Commonwealth and State and Territory Governments to strengthen participation requirements for young people, as part of the National Partnership on Youth Attainment and Transitions.

- Students considering leaving school before completing Year 12 should be aware that these changes may affect their entitlements.

- The new requirements mean that most new applicants for Youth Allowance who do not have a Year 12 or Certificate II qualification will be required to be in study or training at least 25 hours per week to be eligible to receive Youth Allowance.

- Those people in part time study or training (totaling less than 25 hours per week) will have to undertake extra activities, such as part time work, volunteer work, or youth programs, to receive Youth Allowance.

Critical Dates

- As of 1 July 2009, new applicants for Youth Allowance who do not have a Year 12 or Certificate II qualification will be required to be working or studying at least 25 hours per week to be eligible to receive Youth Allowance.

- For those people already receiving Youth Allowance before 1 July 2009, the changes outlined above will not apply until 1 January 2010.

Additional Information

- The Commonwealth Government is making these changes because people with a Year 12 or equivalent qualification are more likely to go on to further education, less likely to be unemployed and more likely to get jobs with higher earnings, which can provide better opportunities for them and their family.

- These new participation rules will apply up to the age of 21, or until the young person gets a Year 12 or equivalent qualification.

- Under the new rules, to receive Youth Allowance young people under 21 years of age without Year 12 or equivalent will need to do three things:

  1) Further study or training

- Young people will usually have to do some study or training until they get Year 12 or a Certificate II qualification. Having this higher level of education will help when they are looking for a job.

  2) Additional activities

- If they are in full time study or training, they will not have to do extra activities. But if they are in part time study or training, they will have to do extra activities to be paid Youth Allowance (other). Extra activities can include things like part time work, volunteer work, or youth programs. The total number of hours they will usually need to do is 25 hours each week.

- If they are not sure what to do, Job Services Australia will help them choose from a range of approved activities.

  3) Agree on a written plan with Job Services Australia or Centrelink

- Their Job Services Australia provider or Centrelink will work with them to set out their training and activities in a written plan. To continue to receive Youth Allowance (Other) they usually must meet with Job Services Australia or Centrelink each month, to talk about their plan and show that they are doing all their activities each week.

- Their Job Services Australia provider will help make sure they can do their plan, and will also help them to change the plan if their situation changes. If they can’t do study or training, or 25 hours a week of activities, then they need to tell Centrelink or their Job Services Australia provider and they will work things out with them.

- Some young people who start study or training in an approved full time course by 30 June 2010 may also be entitled to receive an Education Entry Payment of $1158 to help with the costs of study or training. However, the Education Entry Payment of $1158 will not be available to continuing students, even if they change courses or institutions. It is only paid to young people who have received Youth Allowance (Other) for at least 4 weeks and who commence a full time course of study or training.

For further information on Youth Allowance, please call Centrelink’s Youth and Student line on 132490.
RUTHERGLEN KINDERGARTEN

Enrolments for 2010

Will be taken during August only-
Closing on Mon. 31st August

Places for… 4 year old Kinder
Expressions of interest for… 3 year old Kinder…

If you would like an enrolment form…

Call in at the kindergarten

Mondays 12pm – 2pm
& Wednesdays 12pm – 2pm

and pick up an enrolment package
from our Enrolment Secretary Sandy James

Or

***Call Sandy 0412 140 884, to have a form sent out.

***Enrolments will be arranged by Enrolment Secretary only please do not ask staff.
Rutherglen High School presents

Be part of our studio audience!

Filming on: Friday 28 August
Time: 7:30 – 10:30pm
Location: Rutherglen Memorial Hall
Admission: $10 adults $5 children
(includes finger food and supper supplied by RHS Hospitality students).
Refreshments available.
Tickets available from RHS General Office (02) 60329483
Follow Your Rainbow
An Enrichment Program for the September School Holidays
Tuesday 29th and Wednesday 30th of September 2009

What?
An Enrichment Program offering amazing extension activities across all learning areas.

Who?
The Program is for any student in years five to year ten.

Where?
The Program will be based at Yarrawonga Secondary College.

How much?
Cost is $110 for the two days. (Including Lunch, Morning and Afternoon tea and a sensational show bag as a keepsake of the event).

How do I get there if I live in the Rutherglen or Cobram area?
A bus will be provided to pick up and drop off at Cobram and Rutherglen on both days free of charge.

I’m going; how do I enrol?
Complete the attached permission form. Be quick there is a strict limit of 120 participants and applications close on Friday 11th of September 2009.

Activities Include:
• Author: Scott Gardiner
• Polynesian Dancing
• Poet: Myron Lysenkow
• Soccer
• Ultra light Experience
• Body Percussion
• Classical Music
• Hip Hop
• Sculpting
• Koori Artist
• Key Note Speaker: Tania DeJong
• Cartoonist: Tony Sowersby
• Storyboard Character
• Computer Game Design

Contact person: Jim Gillies
Yarrawonga Secondary College
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DATES TO REMEMBER

20/8/09
Senior Formal

21/8/09
Whole school Cross Country

28/8/09
School Production

2/9/09
Jeff Raglus—Visiting Author

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 weekly donation of fresh bread, in continued support of our breakfast program.

School Magazine ‘Warriwillah’

As in previous years, the school magazine will be ordered on a pre-paid basis. Student’s wishing to order a Magazine, which will be posted home with Student Reports at the end of the year, must pay before the last day of Term 3, 18th September 2009.

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