3rd December, 2009

**End of Year**

The end of the school year is rapidly approaching. Year 11’s and 12’s have gone and the Year 10’s finish this Friday 4th December. The students in Year 9 will commence an activities week on Monday 7th December.

Year 7 and 8 students will have two days of activities on Thursday 10th and Friday 11th December.

All students in Years 7, 8 and 9 are expected to be involved in the Movie day on Monday 14th December and the School Picnic on Tuesday 15th December.

**Presentation Evening**

A reminder to everyone that Presentation Evening will be held on Wednesday 16th December the Rutherglen Memorial Hall. Please be seated for the Presentations to begin at 7.30pm

**Movember – A good cause**

Staff have been involved through November in the Movember fundraising program in aid of men’s health. This culminated in a morning tea this week. Thank you to all staff and sponsors who became involved in this good cause.

**Drumming Workshops and Jam Sandwich**

A number of our students have been involved in Drumming Workshops over the last few weeks organised and conducted through the White Lion organisation. As a culmination of this program, Travis Demsey, former drummer with the band Living End, visited the school to present the students with their certificates and to participate in one of our Jam Sandwich musical events. The performers certainly were highly talented but they also enjoyed seeing our student bands in action.

**Wangaratta Choristers**

Last night the Wangaratta Choristers put on a sensational performance of carols and seasonal songs at the Rutherglen Memorial Hall. They really are a very talented group and have three more performances at Oxley (9th December), Benalla (12th December) and Wangaratta (16th December).

Special thanks to Kim Le and the parents who organised the event as well as Steph, Brittany, Sarah and Meredith who performed on the night. All proceeds from the event go towards the costs of the French trip in March next year.
On the 23rd of November, the Year 9 French class went to Wahgunyah Primary School to perform a play of “The Three Little Pigs.” It took weeks of preparation, practice, and dedication to put the play together. We had to perform the play three times for three different groups of kids, which had a mix of grade 1-6 and prep. We also did face painting for the prep by the three little pigs after each performance, which they loved. It was fun to see the kids join in and sing along while we were performing. The preps in particular surprised us with the amount of questions and French knowledge they have learnt and how involved they got while we were performing. We have learnt to pronounce words in French better than we could have, before doing the play and to memorize and be able to say the words properly. The whole day was a highlight itself, but the one that really stood out was, then the preps where chasing us around the playground and also performing for the preps and seeing them smiling and laughing made it all worth it. It was a fun day, and we wouldn’t mind doing it again. We would like to thank the Wahgunyah Primary School for being such an amazing audience, Mr Lee and Mrs Whitehead for the transport and the support.

From Cindy Fung, Alice O’Reilly & Georgie Terrill.
Year 7 & 8 End of Year Activities

On Thursday 10th and Friday 11th December, Year 7 and 8 students will be participating in a variety of activities. Students have paid for these activities in their school fees and most made their selections on Wednesday. Information and permission slips were also distributed explaining the movie/shopping day and the picnic day. The permission slips and money need to be returned by Monday 7th December so we can finalise planning for these events.

The movie/shopping trip is $15.00.
The picnic day is free.

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**Parents please note:**

Students will be watching either ‘New Moon-The Twilight Saga’ (M) or ‘Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs’ (G)

An M rating is an advisory classification and advises audiences that a level of maturity is required in relation to a M film (Moderate Content)

Your child has made a selection at school. If you have any concerns regarding the ‘New Moon’ film for your son or daughter, please contact Mrs Mundy at the school.
**Year 9 presentation night**

Just a reminder that the year 9 presentation night is on Wednesday the 9th of December at 6:30pm until 8:00pm.

It is to be held at the Music Centre at Rutherglen High School.

Farm tour followed by BBQ tea. ($5.00 pp) lamb on the spit.

Please contact school office for catering purposes if you haven’t already

See you there!!!
Homework Club Conclusion

I would like to thank the students, teachers and parents that have helped out with the running of the after school Homework Club this semester. The Homework Club has been a huge success and I would sincerely like to thank Phil Rogers for the opportunity to get it up and running. Homework Club will commence again next year so I hope students and parents again take up the opportunity to get that extra help students need to complete their homework tasks. I hope you all have a very safe and happy Christmas and New Year.

Nancy Coppolino
Want to get out with kids.

If you had the inclination to enjoy some time on the rail trail or quieter country roads but were held back because the kids are too small to ride on their own, or this equipment was too expensive to justify for its short period of use, then Indigo North Health has the answer. They have a number of cycle accessories available to hire to parents (and grandparents) who reside in Chiltern, Barnawartha, Rutherglen and Wahgunyah. These are available free of charge to members of the toy library.

Included are a tag-along bike and a two person trailer (that doubles as a stroller). Both of these easily connect to an adult bike. We also have a number of balance bikes that teaches pre schoolers the art of balance without the need for trainer wheels. These are currently available at INH, 168 High St Rutherglen and will also be available at the Chiltern campus in Main Street shortly. For more information contact 02 60336271.

BYO Helmet

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**Supporting School Improvement:**

**Transparency and Accountability in Victorian Government Schools.**

The Victorian Government recently released a strategy that will enhance transparency and accountability for school improvement in Victorian schools.

The Minister for Education, in her foreword to the strategy, writes:

“The Victorian Government's transparency strategy is based on a firm belief that enhancing transparency helps the community hold schools, the system and Government accountable for improving student outcomes. We want everyone to be able to access the information they need and work together to achieve excellence … and foster a shared understanding between parents and carers, schools, the school system and Government of how every school is working and improving.”

All schools including our school have a new Government School Performance Summary, which is available online on the Victorian State Register, at [http://www.vrqg.vic.gov.au/sreg](http://www.vrqg.vic.gov.au/sreg). This performance summary gives you an overview of how our school is performing, and how our performance compares to all other Victorian government schools.

This information covers our performance in the areas of student learning, engagement and wellbeing, and pathways and transitions.

Alongside the raw data, which has been available to you in our Annual Report, there is a new measure that tells us whether our school, taking into account our students, is performing higher than, lower than, or broadly similar to other Victorian government schools, taking into account their students.

We have also prepared for publication a one-page ‘What our school is doing’ statement to accompany the performance summary. This statement shares with the community how we are using our data to put in place strategies that will continue to improve outcomes for our students.

The School Council President / School Principal;
Rutherglen High School
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30/10/09

Dear Sir or Madam,

"StudentHealth" - Student Injury Personal Accident Protection for 2010

For many years, JUA Underwriting Agency Pty Limited has proudly provided protection to in excess of
1,000 Victorian Public Schools in a variety of covers.

We now reaffirm in conjunction with Lloyds of London & Lloyds Underwriters we are pleased to confirm
details of the 2010 - "StudentHealth", a Personal Injury / Accident Protection Programme specifically
designed for Students - 24 hours a day / 7 days a week protection.

All product disclosure material / alternative schedule of benefits / policy wording / costs are
available from the specifically designed website – www.studenthealth.com.au

How will the Scheme operate?

Option One: The School arranges the cover on behalf of its Students.

It may wish to pay the premium (by cheque) & submit a single Group application form with
payment to JUA Melbourne Office.

Alternatively, payment & a single Group application form can be submitted via e-commerce on the website.

Option Two: The School may determine not to involve themselves and all we would respectively
request you make the parents / guardians aware that these protection programmes /
covers are available if they wish to provide protection to their children.

All that needs to be mentioned to parents / guardians is all details of this arrangement are
available on the website – www.studenthealth.com.au. Or to contact JUA Underwriting
Agency on the telephone numbers as shown below.

The Parent / Guardian may wish to pay the premium (by cheque) & submit the relevant
application form(s) with payment to JUA Melbourne Office. Alternatively, payment can be
made with the application via e-commerce on the website.

If the School requires a supply of Applications Forms please contact us
immediately and we will provide the same to you for distribution.

We thank you for your valuable assistance in respect of this matter and if you have any immediate
queries, please do not hesitate to contact either Carmen DalCastello on (03) 9909 7483 or toll free
1800 252263.

Regards,

[Signature]

Director / Victorian Manager

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DATES TO REMEMBER

Great Victorian Bike Ride
27th November—6th December

Year 7 Orientation Day
8th December

Presentation Evening
16th December

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 bread, as continued support of our breakfast program.

CANTEEN ROSTER

There will be no roster for the last 2 weeks of term.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the volunteers who have helped to make Rutherglen High School the envy of all other schools' Canteens.

2nd Hand Books for 2010

Wanted to Buy

- Amanda Knight 0448 931 176
  Year 7- ICE-EM 1A, ICE-EM 1B, Tapis Volant
- Sheree Oats 03 5726-1203
  Year 7- ICE-EM 1A, ICE-EM 1B, Tapis Volant
- Wendy Cooper 6032-9265
  Year 7- ICE-EM 1A, ICE-EM 1B,
  Year 10- ICE-EM 4B
- Sharon Hamilton 0427 347 505
  Year 8—2 sets ICE-EM 2A, 2 sets ICE-EM 2B
- Kieran Mollison 0427 596 999
  Year 11—PE VCE Units 1/2 (Nelson)
  - D & T Workbook
  - Psychology
- Wendy Stedman 0411 624 012
  Year 11—PE VCE Units 1/2 (Nelson)

Wanted to Sell

- Kieran Mollison 0427 596 999 Year 9—ICE-EM 3B

Direct Deposit into School's Bank Account

A deposit was made into the school's bank account early last month with no identifying description and we are unable to receipt to the correct family.

If you made a deposit into our bank please contact the office immediately on 6032-9483

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