Welcome to the 2010 school year! The start of the year has been very smooth and once again the school population has grown and we are still dealing with enrolment enquiries.

In 2010 we have two new staff: Michael Leveret will teach Maths and Physics and is also our Computer Manager while Tara Hunter will teach PE, Sport and Health & Human Development as well as coordinating Health & Physical Education. In addition we have the services of Jenny Des Jardins for six months as a French Language Assistant.

Stan Alves was the keynote speaker at the Australia Day Breakfast and his message was that success can be defined as consistently doing your best. I hope that all students embrace this concept during 2010 and strive to be involved in the many curricular and co-curricular activities this school offers and achieve their ‘personal best’.

**Indigo Shire Young Citizen of the Year.**

At the Australia Day Breakfast, 2009 Year 12 student Vanessa Campbell was presented with award as Indigo Shire Young Citizen of the Year. Vanessa was nominated on the basis of her very active involvement in a range of school, sporting and community organisations and activities. She has been involved in the Hockey, Swimming and Bowls Clubs as well as SES Cadets. Vanessa has been a very successful exhibitor at the Rutherglen and Melbourne Shows and participated in Clean Up Australia campaign, Good Friday appeals and ANZAC Day marches. At school she has participated in the Alpine School program, been a speaker at Information Evenings, helped organise functions and raised $1300 for Leukaemia research in the Shave for a Cure fundraiser.

Apart from all of this, Vanessa achieved an excellent ENTER score and has been accepted into an Veterinary Science course at Charles Sturt University in Wagga. Clearly she made sure she involved herself in many different activities and strived for her ‘personal best.’ Congratulations Vanessa!

**Opportunities**

There are currently a number of opportunities available for students. The Rotary Club offers Year 10 students the opportunity to participate in a RYPEN leadership program and Year 11 Biology students the opportunity to participate in the Murray Darling Freshwater Research program. The UBS Bank operates a leadership program for Year 11 girls.

The biggest opportunity is to participate in the Rotary Youth Exchange program. Rutherglen High School students have been successful in gaining places in all of these programs in recent years. If you are interested, please contact the school so we can assist in gaining information and lodging an application.
School Council BBQ

Next Thursday evening starting at 6:00 pm School Council will host a BBQ and ‘meet and greet’ opportunity at the Rutherglen Pool. All students and families are welcome but we offer a particular invitation to families of students new to the school. We will provide a simple BBQ and refreshments and ask families to bring a salad or a desert plate. I hope to see you there!

My School website

The My School website has received a lot of publicity in recent days. I believe parents are obviously entitled to information about their children and their learning progress as well as information about the schools in their area. While this site does contain some useful information, unless you know what you are looking at it can be deceptive.

The data is based on NAPLAN results and so reflects student performance on that day. It does not take into account the fact that the student cohorts in schools vary considerably between schools and from year to year. The most important factor should be ‘value added’ – how has your child improved between one year and the next or even between one NAPLAN test and the next? If you have any questions about the progress of your child or the school or the My School website, please contact the school to discuss the situation.

School Council Elections

I will be calling for nominations for the upcoming School Council elections. Please consider whether you wish to nominate and contact the school if you require further information or simply look for information in future Newsletters.

Student Leaders

At Monday’s School Assembly, the student leadership team was introduced to the school population. School Captains Kacey Shale and Chris Oats and Vice Captains Jemma Lumby and Nathan Hiskins will conduct future assemblies and information sessions and represent the school at official functions. However they are also the people for students to see if they have suggestions, ideas or concerns. Please make sure you make yourself known to these student leaders.
Day 1 for our new Year 7 students was a mixture of new learning spaces, new teachers, new lockers and new activities. Our newly completed flexible learning space became home to the 61 students in Year 7 and their respective French, Communication (English and Humanities) and Investigate (Maths and Science) teachers. The space, created last year and largely completed on the Friday before Term 1 started, is a flexible, multipurpose area for some creative approaches to team teaching and programming.

At the moment, the eight teachers involved in Communication and Investigate are working closely to deliver a new introductory program called Lift Off, designed to help the students with their transition into High School.

Our program began on the Friday before the Term began for students, with our Year 7 Project Development Team meeting with parents and students to provide information about the program and welcome them as part of our Team for 2010. Part of the approach this year includes regular contact with parents. This communication will be as a result of the Year 7 Team Meetings, where staff consult with each other about student progress, successes and teaching approaches. The meetings will be held weekly, and run by Greg Barras and Gayle Mundy, our Year 7 Coordinators.

The extremely positive feedback from parents and staff indicated the initiative of meeting with students and parents before school starts, went a long way to allaying concerns and certainly helped parents, staff and students to begin the year with agreed goals and approaches. A range of photos from Day 1 Term 1 are below.
On behalf of the school and the students attending the camp we wish to thank everyone who supported our raffle by either donating items/vouchers or the purchasing of tickets. The raffle was drawn at Rutherglen High School’s Presentation Night on the 16th December and the winners were:

1st Prize Demi Bowers  
2nd Prize Claire Megarrity  
3rd Prize Phil Trimble

**Year 10 Work Experience**

All year 10 students this week were given a letter addressed to parents/guardians in relation to Work Experience in 2010. Please make sure that you have received it. They have also been issued with a work booklet explaining the program and how you can help. Work Experience is an integral part of the Year 10 curriculum and is **compulsory**. The two weeks allocated are between 26th July and 6th August. All preparatory work which includes investigating industries and options will be completed in Term 1 and therefore it is imperative that students begin their conversations with you as parents/guardians now. All placements need to be finalised by 28th May giving sufficient time for administration.

Lucinda Leverett (Careers Practitioner)
Instrumental Music Program 2010

Rutherglen High School offers a comprehensive Instrumental Music Program. Students interested in learning a musical instrument may do so in this program. Students learn on an individual or small group basis (depending on student enrolments) and also have the option of joining a performing group.

The School currently employs instrumental music teachers to cater for the majority of this popular program. Lessons for all instruments are provided in groups and students are withdrawn from class on a rotational basis. Where the School is unable to fund a specific instrumental music teacher, a referral may be offered to a private tutor where lessons can be negotiated outside of school.

Fees for Instrumental Music in 2010 will be $120 for the year and is payable on invoice at the start of the school year. (This covers the cost of instruments, repairs and music.)

DON’T MISS OUT! Places are limited and it is more difficult to join after the program has begun. In consideration of students’ ongoing learning, preference will be given to students who have been enrolled and actively participating in the program throughout 2009. To avoid disappointment you may fill in the form below and return it as soon as possible.

Please contact Mr Peter Scott or Mr Tim Phillips (Music Coordinators) if you require any further information.

Program Enrolment – INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC 2010

My child ___________________________ from form___________ would like to learn the following instrument in 2010:

Instruments Available:
- Guitar
- Keyboard/Piano
- Flute
- Trumpet
- Drums
- Vocal
- Clarinet
- Trombone
- Bass Guitar
- Saxophone

* If your child learnt more than one instrument in 2009 please indicate if they wish to continue with either one or both of these instruments.

First Instrument _____________________________

Second Instrument _____________________________

Signed: _____________________________ (Parent/Guardian)
2010 DEBUTANTE BALLS

If you are interested in taking part in this years Debutante Balls please contact Carol Fursdon on 026032855 (after 5pm) to register. All names to be submitted by Monday 15th February.

Rutherglen Hockey Club Registration 2010

Registration night will be on Friday 12 February commencing at 6.30pm at the Rutherglen Swimming Pool.

A BBQ will be provided. Please bring salads to share.

RUTHERGLEN CATS FOOTBALL CLUB

Training for the THIRDS commences on
Monday 8th February 2010
Barkly Park at 4.30pm
Any Enquiries please contact
Darren Hatton on 0414 280 732

Training for the FOURTHS commences on
Wednesday 10th February 2010
Barkly Park at 5.30 pm
Any Enquiries please contact
Archie Jones on 0418 866 760

RUTHERGLEN NETBALL CLUB

PRESEASON TRAINING AND GRADING

Commencing on Tuesday the 9th of February from 4.30-6.00pm at Barkly Park.

E Grade – 13 and under
D Grade – 15 and under

PIANO

LESSONS

Experienced teacher with plenty of patience! has vacancies for students of all ages.

Also willing to teach music theory and recorder.

For further information contact:
Phillippa Gleimius LTCL
(02) 6032 9617
next to Anglican Church,
High Street, Rutherglen

FOR SALE

As new full size drum kit. Great for beginner.
$250. Phone: 02 6032-9963
INDIGO ATAURO ISLAND TIMOR LESTE

CHALLENGE SWIM

WHEN MONDAY FEBRUARY 1ST 2010
TO SUNDAY FEBRUARY 28TH 2010

WHERE RUTHERGLEN SWIMMING POOL

OPENING HOURS
6.30 TO 7.30
10.30 TO 7.30

WHY INDIGO SHIRE HAS A FRIENDSHIP AGREEMENT WITH ATAURO ISLAND
TO IMPROVE OUR FITNESS
HELP THE PEOPLE OF ATAURO ISLAND

♦ YOU DON'T HAVE TO GET WET.
♦ COST IS $20 TO EITHER TAKE PART,
♦ SPONSOR A SWIMMER
♦ DONATE TO THE CHALLENGE
♦ TAKE THE PLUNGE AT 6.30 FEBRUARY 1ST 2010
♦ OR ANY TIME DURING THE DAY.
♦ ENROL AT THE SWIMMING POOL OR GILLMANS REAL ESTATE

WODONGA BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION
REGISTRATION DAYS

ALL AGE GROUPS – JUNIOR 10’S – 18’S
SENIOR DIV 1, 2 & 3
NOW OFFERING MIXED

WHEN: Friday, 5 Feb - 5.00 – 7.30pm
Saturday, 6 Feb - 10.00am – 1.00pm
Monday, 8 Feb - 6.00 – 8.00pm

WHERE: Wodonga Sports & Leisure Centre Café Area
Season commences Monday, 22 February 2010

Phone Judy, Administrator on 6059 3644
for further information or access the website at www.wodonga.basketball.net.au

REFEREES WANTED
VBCC PAY RATES - ALL LEVELS WELCOME
Enquiries contact Referees Coordinator on 0408 636 814

ATAURO ISLAND CHALLENGE
For an information pack and Application Form please contact the School Office.
Family Information
A reminder to all families to ensure that your personal contact details (home, work, emergency contact) which are kept on record here at school are up to date. The school should be made aware of any information that may assist us in appropriately caring for your children.

School Times
Period One begins at 8.55 am and Period Six finishes at 3.20 pm. Students should not arrive at school before 8.35 am. Students who arrive after the bell MUST report to the General Office for a late pass.

Mobile Phones and Digital Cameras
A reminder to all students and parents that if students bring mobile phones or digital cameras to school, they should be left at the General Office for storage. Phones confiscated at school will not be returned to the student. Instead, a parent will be required to collect it.

Student Cars
School Council has adopted a detailed policy on the use of cars by students. This policy is available from the general office and basically states that no student is allowed to transport another in a car either to or from school or during school hours. School permission will only be given to siblings in special circumstances and after approval from parents is given in writing.

Lockers
Students have been issued with lockers and they should keep their lockers locked. Wallets, purses and money should not be left in lockers or bags, but can be handed into the office for safe keeping during the school day. See Mr Rogers for any locker issues.

School Photos
School photos will be taken on Thursday 11th March. Please ensure your child is at school in full school uniform. Photo envelopes will be sent home with the students in the next few weeks. Envelopes are to be brought to school on the day of the photos (11th March) with the correct money or cheque made out to Arthur Reed Photos.

Education Maintenance Allowance
Eligible Parents/Guardians please come to the office to complete an Application Form.

Conveyance Allowance
Parents/Guardians eligible to claim Conveyance Allowance, please contact the office for an application form. Families who have received the allowance in past years please contact the office if the claim will not continue during 2010. Applications/Notification is to be received by 15th February 2010. No late applications/notification will be accepted.

Family Invoices
Payment for subject contributions can be made by cash, cheque, credit card, BPAY or Nethank 083-820 460438847 (please quote your child’s name and activity as the deposit description). Invoices will be sent home during the year and it is requested that payment be made in a timely fashion. Parents not wishing to donate to the Building or Library Trust Funds (which are tax deductible) should rule a line through the item on the statement and deduct the amount from the total. The same for PT&CA membership (although this is not tax deductible).

Instrumental Music Program
The cost of the Instrumental Music program has been kept at $60 per semester again this year. Students who participate in the Instrumental Music program must have their levy paid by 29th February for Semester 1 and 8th August for Semester 2 or the student will be removed from the program.
# School/Staffing Information Term 1 2010

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DATES TO REMEMBER

- School Council BBQ 11th February
- Year 7 Camp 17th—19th February
- School Council Meeting 18th February
- Swimming Sports 23rd February
- Year 12 Camp 24th—26th February

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, in continued support of our breakfast program.

WOULD YOU LIKE YOUR NEWSLETTER EMAILED?

Please email the school and your address will be added to the distribution list or visit the school’s Website for current and past Newsletters.

Vanessa Campbell with Australia Day Ambassador Stan Alves

RUTHERGLEN HIGH SCHOOL

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CANTEEN ROSTER

Monday 8th February
Simone Battisson

Tuesday 9th February
Helen Fuge

Wednesday 10th February
Volunteer Needed

Thursday 11th February
Hospitality Student

Friday 12th February
Bernadette Parker

Monday 15th February
Jodie Cooper

Tuesday 16th February
Janice Thomas

Wednesday 17th February
Jackie Pianto

Thursday 18th February
Hospitality Student

Friday 19th February
Volunteer Required

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