Principal's Report

Gold Rush Festival – 150th Anniversary of the discovery of Gold
A big weekend is planned for the 150th anniversary of the discovery of gold in Rutherglen. Over the weekend of 10th – 12th September many events are planned. Rutherglen Apex Club are hiring the school grounds on Saturday 11th September for a family Bonfire and Fireworks evening. Between 5:30 pm and 9:00 pm there will be food, drinks and amusement rides available as well as the fireworks. Entry is from Ready Street West. To cover the costs of the fireworks, there is a $5 per person or $10 per family charge.

PT&CA Events
The Parents, Teachers and Citizens Association has a variety of events coming up and will need parent volunteers to assist. If you are available, please contact the General Office on 02 6032 9483.

- 10/09/2010 BBQ at the Fireworks evening – starts at 5:30 with BBQ finishing at 7:30 pm
- 12/09/2010 BBQ at the Gold Rush Festival parade – BBQ between 12noon and 2:00 pm
- 16/09/2010 Senior Formal – parent supervisors needed for 2 hour blocks
- 17/10/2010 BBQ at Rutherglen Show – operates from 8:00 am to 2:00 pm

Assistance for a couple of hours on these days would be greatly appreciated.

School Production
The school production “Romance on Main Street” was held last Thursday and Friday. Congratulations to Connor Schmetzer, Jenna Collins and Peter Scott for their work in organising this great event. Seventy one students were involved in the production in one way or another and all are to be congratulated for their commitment and effort.

Ashleigh Harris – Queen’s Guide Award
I have been recently informed that Ashleigh Harris has achieved Guiding’s Peak Achievement Award, the Queen’s Guide Award. In order to do so, she was required to accomplish tasks in leadership, community service, outdoor skills, cultural awareness, working with peers and advancing her personal development.

Ashleigh has displayed a sustained effort to attain a wide range of knowledge and skills and has also developed a high degree of initiative, self-motivation, responsibility and reliability. She will receive her award at a ceremony presided over by The Governor of Victoria, Professor de Kretser in October. Well done Ashleigh!

Adam Shale – selected to represent Australia
Adam competed in the Australian National Sporting Clays held at Wagga Wagga last weekend. He achieved second place in the Juniors for the ACTA Sporting Clays Championship and second in the Juniors for the Commonwealth Sporting Clays Championship after tying for first and losing the shoot-off with a score of 84/100.

Adam has been chosen as part of the Australian team to compete in the first World ICTSF Sporting Clays to be held in New Zealand in February 2011. Adam’s mother Gaye has also been selected in the Australian Ladies team.
Congratulations and good luck to Adam and Gaye. Sisters Demi and Kacey recently qualified for the Winchester/VCTA Championship Final next week – good luck!

Kelsey Pleming – National Youth Science Forum
Kelsey has been successful in gaining selection for the National Youth Science Forum to be held in January 2011. This program is organised through the Rotary Club District 9790 and is conducted at the Australian National University in Canberra. Congratulations Kelsey!

Sporting Awards
In the last newsletter I called for information about our students gaining league and club awards. I have been informed that Steven Mollison was the Runner Up in the Tallangatta & District Football League’s Best & Fairest for the Under 17 competition. This is clearly a great effort – well done Steven.

At the club level, Dylan Oats won the Rutherglen Football Club’s Best & Fairest for the Under 17 Competition. Sam Bowers was the runner up in this competition. Congratulations Dylan and Sam.

I am sure that our students have featured in other club’s awards. Please contact the school so their efforts can be recognised and celebrated.

School shooting team
The Benalla Field and Game shooting competition will be held on Monday 11th October.

To prepare for this event, students are advised to attend practice sessions at the Rutherglen Gun Club and to participate in the local shooting competitions. The dates and times are:
- Wednesday 8th September between 4:00 and 5:30 pm.
- Sunday 12th September at 10:00 am for Rutherglen Fire Brigade Shoot
- Wednesday 15th September between 4:00 and 5:30 pm.
- Wednesday 29th September (school holidays) between 11:00 am and 3:00 pm
- Wednesday 6th October between 4:00 and 5:30 pm.
- Saturday 9th October between 1:30 pm and 4:30 pm
- Sunday 10th October at 11:00 am for Rutherglen Field & Game Competition

There is a $5 cost for practice sessions and entry fees apply for competitions. Please see Mr Rogers for further details.
**Why Pay School Charges and Subject Contributions?**

The Victorian Government, through the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development (DEECD) provides schools with a budget called the Student Resource Package (SRP). This budget allows schools to provide a ‘free’ education which is defined as provision of the STANDARD CURRICULUM.

However DEECD policy clearly states that schools can **require** payment for essential educations items or activities such as:
- Items the student consumes (i.e. cooking ingredients for home economics)
- Items the student takes possession of (i.e. text books, stationery, purchase of locks, diaries)
- Travel or entry fees (i.e. travel and entry for sports, swimming programs, camps, excursions)

In addition DEECD policy clearly states schools can **request** payment for optional goods or services such as:
- Items or programs students can opt in or out of (i.e. school magazine, instrumental music)
- Items or materials used in a program which are more expensive than the standard curriculum requires (i.e. use of silver in metalwork instead of copper or making a larger model in woodwork)

The ‘standard curriculum’ (particularly in practical subjects) in reality means provision of basic materials and making small, inexpensive items or models. As you can clearly see in the accompanying photos, this is not the way we want our students to learn. We want them to work with a variety of materials, have scope for creativity and individuality and have access to the best possible curriculum, not just the ‘standard curriculum’. The only way this is possible is for us to supplement subject budgets with parent contributions. If you have not made a contribution to your child’s curriculum program, please consider doing so.

Phil Rogers
Principal
After defeating Shepparton High School at Eastern Zone level, the Senior Girls Hockey team were heading to Melbourne for the 5th year in a row, although for a while, they weren’t even going to go. At 5.30 am Monday morning August 23rd, Tony Jones (bus driver) and Mrs Gillick (supporting coach) departed Rutherglen High School with 11 awake and chirpy girls. At first Tony thought he was lucky, as his bus load of Senior Hockey Girls seemed quite tame for a change, however, this was only to be spoiled once we arrived at Springhurst and collected our Chiltern friends Ellen, Jess and Elise.

As we travelled to Melbourne to play at the State Hockey Centre in Parkville, we began to get anxious as we got stuck in traffic on the Tullamarine FWY. But our trusty bus driver got us through, arriving 15 minutes before our first game at 9.30am against Melbourne Girls College.

We started off a bit rusty (as our warm-up involved a quick change of clothes), but as Fiona and Charlie fired up during the first half and worked the ball forward with our ‘Netballers’ Kacey and Ellen, Fiona scored a beautiful field goal to put us up 1-0. That left it to Chloe, Jemma, Elise and Jess B to keep the ball away from our goalie Amy, to give us our first win of the day.

Our next 40 minute game was against McKinnon High, another city team. So after a ‘proper’ warm-up this time, we came out strong with more great play from Charlie, Ellen, Casey and Jasmine (our exchange student) along with consistent defense from Jess, Elise, Hannah and Amy. But as the game continued, both teams remained scoreless to finish with a nil all draw. Again, we were very impressed with this result as a draw against a city team is as good as a win!

In our final pool game we came up against another city team, Warrnambool. So after a fast start which saw Jemma, Ellen, Hannah and Chloe defending strongly whilst pushing forward with the assistance of Milly, Jasmine and Jess R (who managed to take a girl out). During the first half we were lucky enough to witness the fluke of the century as Jemma hit a ball through towards Milly Keljin who was waiting in the circle... then there was a cricket swing, and the ball was in the back of the net! The look on Milly’s face said it all! But the opposition fought back and scored off a short corner to level the scores 1 all at half time. The second half saw some very tired and sore players as Warrnambool scored from another short as a deflection just missed Elise’s head. However, Ellen who had already got 3 bruises by this time was still very determined, so once receiving a pass from Charlie, Ellen dribbled the ball into the circle – hit a girl in the head – then scored a goal to even the score 2 all. This draw left us on top of our pool with 5 points and a goal difference of 1 greater than MGC – putting us through to the FINAL!

By this time Jemma was really keen to get her team a win and after 5 years trying luck was on her side.

The girls prepared for the final against Pool A winners, Blackburn, with some chocolate and coke before going for a typical warm up. The start of the game was slightly slower than previous games, although this didn’t last long as Jemma and Chloe were determined to work the ball forward with Ellen, Fiona and Charlie, keeping it away from Jess and Amy as much as possible. Hannah and Elise also worked the ball up the field, making great passes to our wingers; Kacey, Milly, Jess R and Casey. The game seemed very even; both teams exhausted yet eager to win, although the girls really needed to score in order to get ahead. So Jess R decided it was time to step up, pushing a lost ball from a long corner into the goals to give the girls their 1 nil advantage. Although this didn’t last long, as Blackburn scored from a short corner just before half time. ‘Margy G’ and Jemma gave the girls a rev up – reminding them that “this is our 5th and final year, lets win this!” whilst Glenise, Derek and Tony kept cheering them on from the grandstand.

Then the girls were back into action, again determined to score early. This seen a couple of missed chances from Milly and Fiona, whilst Jemma, Ellen and Jasmine kept hassling to try work the ball up the field. Then 8 minutes into the half, magic happened... As Chloe played on after winning a tackle she seen the goals ahead of her and no one was tempted to stop her. So with a free shot at goal, Chloe cleared the back board with a beautiful ‘Bobby’ style undercut into the back of the net. Once again, the girls were in the lead only to experience a very stressful next 12 minutes as Jess B, Amy, Jemma and Chloe did their best to keep the ball out of the circle. After many missed chances from Blackburn, nice tackles by Hannah and Elise, wonderful saves by Amy, new “mates” and anxious girls... the game was over and the Senior Girls Hockey team had Won the 2010 State Championships!

Amongst all the cheers and celebrations, there was even some tears as Jemma and Margy G realised that they had FINALLY WON!!

With many thanks to ALL the girls involved in the team, Mrs Gillick for her wise words, Tony for driving our bus (and talking his way out of trouble), Glenise for being team manager, Derek and Christine for their support and to Jemma for her hard work and determination to earn the team a flag! Well Done Girls!

State Champions we are now!

(NB: this is the first time a girls team have won State level since 1999).
Sports Report

Year 7 Girls Badminton
Sarah Arnold, Melissa Coghill, Mikaela Bridge and Georgina Windebank travelled to Shepparton to compete in the Eastern Zone Badminton. The girls had a fantastic day and were runners up in the competition. Thanks to Leanne Arnold for taking the girls and congratulations on making it to this level.

DATES FOR THE REST OF THE TERM:
O&M Junior sport, Tuesday 7th September, Albury/Wodonga
O&M Intermediate sport, Thursday 9th September, Albury/Wodonga
O&M Athletics, Wednesday 15th September, Albury/Wodonga (EZ Wednesday 6th October)

New Sexual and Reproductive Health Clinic for Young People.
Clinic 35 has recently opened in Wodonga at 155 High St Wodonga.
The clinic is located at Gateway community Health and is open Monday to Friday 9am-5pm. There is no cost to attend Clinic 35- it is a free health service. The clinic is staffed by a Registered Nurse with specialist training in sexual health as well as a Doctor on Wednesday afternoons.
The service is confidential and will provide information, support, screening and referral for things such as sexually transmitted infections, contraception, counselling, free condoms, emergency contraception, and pregnancy testing.
The phone number for appointments is 0260228888 or free call 1800657573. The clinic has some drop in appointments available.
Linda Elkington
Adolescent Health Nurse

Final Year 7 immunisation day, Tuesday October 12th Period 4.

SENIOR FORMAL 2010
THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 16TH
8.00 pm-12.00pm
Any parents that would like to support SRC and supervise on the night please let the office staff know A.S.A.P.

CAITLYN HISKINS—EQUESTRIAN COMPETITION
On Friday I went to the Albury-Wodonga Equestrian Centre to prepare for the NSW State Pony Club Dressage Championships. On Saturday I had my first test at 9.30am. I came out of the test a bit disappointed because I thought I could have improved a lot. The results were put up later that night and I was very surprised to see myself coming 3rd. Luckily my next test was at 9.00am Sunday morning so I didn’t have too much time to stress. After that test I was much happier. Now I just had the long wait until the results were posted. I checked them and I was 4th overall. I was very proud with this result as there were about 45 other competitors in the 15 to under 17 age group.
Caitlyn Hiskins
CONGRATULATIONS CIATLYN ON A GREAT RESULT AND ALL THE BEST FOR THE SYDNEY SHOW LATER IN THE YEAR.

EMMA MITCHELL—YEAR 8
Emma is competing in Adelaide at the moment in her Equestrian events. We look forward to hearing of her success on her return. GOOD LUCK EMMA!
Sonya Lee Barras started teaching in 1993 at a High School on a little Island called Nauru, where she taught English.

Before teaching at Rutherglen High School she taught at Swift Creek Primary School which is a little town near Omeo, Benambra, Bairnsdale Nagle College, Castlemaine Secondary College and Sea Lake Secondary College.

Mrs Barras and her family moved to Rutherglen because her husband Mr Barras got a promotion to teach here at Rutherglen High School. Also they both like teaching in small schools and like small communities.

Mrs Barras, her husband Mr Greg Barras and their three children Caleb, Myah and Jack moved to Rutherglen. Their children attend Rutherglen Primary School.

This Year is Sonya’s first Year full time teaching at Rutherglen High School. She was teaching part time last year. She teaches Year Sevens Communicate, Year Nine English, Year Ten Humanities, Year Eleven English and she is the Humanities Coordinator.

Before teaching Mrs Barras wanted to become a police officer. She also enjoyed journalism.

Mrs Barras’ dream job would be to write a novel.

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### RUTHERGLEN CRICKET CLUB

**TRAINING/REGISTRATION DATES**

If you are interested in playing cricket over the 2010-2011 season please come down and join in our training nights. All new and previous players welcome.

**Seniors**
- Sunday 5th September 10.00am-12.00 noon
- Tuesday 7th September 4.00pm
- Sunday 19th September 10.00am-12.00 noon

**Juniors**
- Under 16, Under 14 and Under 12
- Thursday 16th September 4.00pm followed by a BBQ
Physical Education
at Rutherglen High School

Physical Education is an integral part of the curriculum and it is therefore important that all students attend class with the correct uniform and a willingness to participate to the best of their ability.

As a requirement of RHS Physical Education all students must be changed into their correct uniform for all practical classes.

The uniform includes:
- Runners (no Dunlop Volleys or school shoes)
- Plain black sports shorts or plain black tracksuit pants
- RHS green physical education shirt or RHS house coloured sports shirt

If a student is unable to participate in Physical Education due to an injury or illness they must bring a note signed by their parent/guardian explaining why and how long they will not be participating in PE for. If students for some valid reason (eg. PE clothes are wet as they have just been washed) do not have the correct uniform it is expected that they will bring an alternative change of practical clothes accompanied by a note explaining the situation. It is also an expectation that all non-participants (whether they bring a note or not) will complete alternative theory work that relates to the practical activities that they are missing out on.

This year during Physical Education many students have been fortunate enough to participate in a wide variety of activities that they perhaps have not been exposed to in the past. Depending on their year level, some of these activities include Ultimate Frisbee, Tchouckball, European Handball, Boxing, Circuit Training, Yoga, Korfball, Soft Lacrosse and Speedball. Below are some Year 10 PE students participating in a boxing and circuit class, ran by the Corowa Health Culture Gym earlier this term.

According to the National Physical Activity Guidelines it is recommended that all youth aged between 12-18yrs of age be getting a minimum of 60minutes of moderate to vigorous activity each day to keep healthy. Therefore to help achieve this guideline it is imperative that physical education at school be continually encouraged and supported from home. It would also be of a benefit to individual student’s education if parents/guardians were regularly discussing the skills and rules their child learns throughout their physical education classes. Similarly, continual encouragement of physical activity participation at home and in the wider community would greatly assist in not only meeting the National Physical Guidelines (as mentioned above) but go along way in improving youth health and well-being.

Mrs Tara Hunter
Health and Physical Education Coordinator
Thursday 2\textsuperscript{nd} September 2010 at 6.30 pm

Wodonga Senior Secondary College

Woodland Street, Wodonga

Speak to Victoria Police recruiting staff as well as local police

View a presentation and learn about:

- The role of police
- Operational policing
- Minimum requirements
- The recruiting process
- Victoria Police Academy
- Conditions and entitlements
- Career opportunities

For further information, requirements and registration form please visit:

police.vic.gov.au or phone 132001.

Attendance strictly by registration only.

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police.vic.gov.au or phone 132001.
On the 19th and 20th of August we had our annual school performance.

We would like to thank the following people.

Firstly, the students, we’re just so impressed by all of you. All of the students gave up their free time to be involved in the production and we’re so proud of what they achieved.

Miss Schmetzer would like to thank the drama students. It was great to see the students who haven’t been involved in the production in previous years really shine! We have some very talented students.

Miss Collins would like to thank the dancers. You have had a really busy couple of terms and you’ve all put in so much time and energy into learning your dances, thank you so much for what you’ve added to this production, you all really do look fabulous up there in your costumes.

Mr Scott would like to thank the musicians. I have really enjoyed working with you and I appreciate your enthusiasm. It has been fantastic to see and hear your talent on display.

Thank you to the staff that helped with supervision throughout the week, especially Marg Gillick, Lyndell Webster and Pam Lewis. You were our Guardian Angels!

Thank you to Anneleise Sims and Eve Lowrey for making the props, they looked great!

Leigh and his backstage team - your hidden back there but you are such a vital part of the show.

Thanks to Gemma Ramsay and the rest of the tech team for organising the lighting, sound and music. We are also very grateful to Brendan Smith who has generously given his time and experience to assist in lighting and sound production. Thank you to Ron Webb for his help in transporting equipment and for volunteering to film.

Thank you to Brooke Rasmussen, Lorraine Foster and all the hospitality students. A special mention to Maxine Cole and Jenny Courtis for their extra help in the kitchen.

Thank you to Emma Stirlan and Maika Kamiyama for making the tickets. Thank you to Brooke Edgar for making the programmes and certificates.

A special thank you to the following Year 12 students; Chris Pianto, Brooke Edgar, Jemma Lumby, Leigh Stirlan and Steph Pearce. We thank them for their involvement during this busy year and wish them luck for future endeavours.

Last, but not least, thank you to everyone for supporting our students.

Jenna Collins, Peter Scott and Connor Schmetzer
The library are always buying a wide variety of fiction books for everyone including the latest novels. We are also happy to purchase books on request. It’s really easy to find out what’s in the library by checking our library catalogue system and many of our books have been reviewed by our “Tiptop” reading club. So come and borrow a book today!

Parents are very welcome to join our Library too

**Human Relations:**

- Family Relations
- Stylistic Writing
- Sentences
- Poetry
- Translation
- Children’s literature
- Psychology
- Self-help

**Supernatural:**

- Myths / Legends
- Horror
- Science Fiction
- Supernatural
- Time Travel
- Vampires
- Dragons

**Adventure / Suspense:**

- Travels
- Education
- Science & Technology
- Animal
- Mystery
- War

**General:**

- History
- Pictures
- Jokes
- Computers
- Coffee
- Short stories
- How to
- Verse
- Novels

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*“Ice Station” by Matthew Reilly*
Yes, it’s Numeracy Week this week! It's time to dust off those brain cells and take up this challenge with your family.

Complete the following questions and submit your entry by Friday September the 10th to be in the draw for a mystery prize.

1. Each child in a family has at least 3 brothers and 3 sisters. What is the smallest number of children the family might have?

2. A number of children are standing in a circle. They are evenly spaced and the 4th child is directly opposite the 16th child. How many children are there altogether?

3. If you were to construct an 8 x 8 checkered square (i.e., an 8 x 8 chess board), how many squares would there be in total?

4. There is a pole in a lake. One-half of the pole is in the ground, another one-third of it is covered by water, and 10m is out of the water. What is the total length of the pole in meters?

5. If the difference of two numbers is 8 and their product is 15, what is the sum of their squares?

6. Man Wrinkle spent one-fourth of his life as a boy, one-eighth as a youth, and one-half as an active man. If Man Wrinkle spent 12 years as an old man, then how many years did he spend as an active man?

7. Mr. Brown has 6 black gloves and 8 brown gloves in his closet. He blindly picks up some gloves from the closet. What is the minimum number of gloves Mr. Brown will have to pick to be certain to find a pair of gloves of the same color?

8. There is a number that is 8 times the sum of its digits. What is this number?

9. A set of football matches is to be organized in a "round-robin" fashion, i.e., every participating team plays a match against every other team once and only once. If 91 matches are totally played, how many teams participated?

10. Bodo weighs 60kgs more than his sister, Sarah. Their combined weight is 100kg. How many kilograms does Bodo weigh?

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**Junior & Senior Pool Lifeguards**

Indigo Shire Council is seeking suitably qualified Junior & Senior Pool Lifeguards to fill positions at the swimming pools located at Beechworth, Chiltern, Rutherford, Tangambalanga, Yackandandah and Wodonga Olympic Pool for the 2010/2011 swimming season.

Please visit our website to obtain a Recruitment Kit and information on how to apply. Alternatively, please contact Lauren Martin, Human Resources Administration Officer, on 03 5728 8000, or visit our website; www.indigoshire.vic.gov.au
Wednesday 8th September
Yrs 7-8 O&M Athletics

Thursday 9th September
Yrs 9-10 O&M Athletics

Wednesday 15th September
O & M Athletics

Friday 17th September
END OF TERM
Dismissal at 2.30 p.m.

Tuesday 12th October
Final Yr 7 Immunisations

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!!

Monday 6th September
Mary Ann King
Tuesday 7th September
VOLUNTEER NEEDED
Wednesday 8th September
Jackie Pianto
Thursday 9th September
Cheryl Curran
Friday 10th September
Georgie McCluskey
Monday 13th September
Snez Keljin
Tuesday 14th September
VOLUNTEER NEEDED
Wednesday 15th September
Pauline Sims
Thursday 16th September
VOLUNTEER NEEDED
Friday 17th September
Bernadette Parker

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