Year 12 Celebration & Graduation

Year 12 students have finished formal classes although many are still attending school to complete work and prepare for exams. Last Wednesday students and families had a graduation dinner at Corowa RSL and a great night was had by all in attendance. Students then had a celebration day and school assembly on the Thursday morning. The students were creative and showed good humour and a light hearted sense of humour in their costumes and activities. As expected, there were none of the outrageous ‘pranks’ that feature in the metropolitan media. I congratulate the Year 12’s on completing 13 years of education and for the way they celebrated this milestone.

Year 11 Dates and Events

Year 11’s do not officially finish until late November. Students are required to take part in end of year exams in the week of Melbourne Cup. In the following two weeks, a Year 12 Head Start program will operate during which students are required to attend when their Year 12 classes for 2011 will actually start. Work covered in this period will not be repeated at the start of 2011. Details of dates students are required to attend will be sent home next week.

Year 10 End of Year

Year 10 students may be dismissed from Friday 3rd December on request from a parent/guardian. The proviso is that as Principal I have received satisfactory evidence that the student has suitable employment. Year 10 students wishing to finish on the 3rd December should be organising vacation work.

School Cross Country

The annual school cross country has been previously postponed due to the heavy rain and ground water. It will now operate on Monday 1st November from Periods 3 to 6. Normal classes will operate Periods 1 and 2. Year 11 students are welcome but can use the day as a study day prior to their exams.

Melbourne Cup – Tuesday 2nd November is a Public Holiday.
Music Workshops

Students in Years 7, 9, 10 and 11 had the opportunity this Wednesday to take part in a series of workshops with jazz musician Adam Page. Adam is in the area as part of the Wangaratta Jazz festival. Although best known as a saxophonist, he actually plays guitar, bass, keyboard, drums and a range of more exotic instruments. What really fascinated the students was the way he could instantly record and replay a series of audio loops to create layers of music instrumentals and vocals to put together a music track on the spot.

For the last few weeks, students have also been able to participate in percussion workshops after school on Wednesdays. Travis Demsey also worked with the students last year and has developed a group of committed, enthusiastic and skilled percussionists. Travis and the students also put on a ‘Jam Sandwich’ lunchtime performance to showcase their skills and what they have learnt.

School Uniform

The change in weather and the approach of the end of the year has led to some issues with student uniforms.

The full details are available in the Student Planners.

I draw to your particular attention the rules concerning shoes:

- Black shoes or runners only
- Must be of sturdy construction providing support and protection
- Toes/foot area must be enclosed/covered
- If there are laces, they must be black and tied
- Insignias, stripes, logos etc are not acceptable
- Soft, flimsy ballet style shoes or slip-ons are not acceptable

We understand that at times students may be out of uniform. In such cases they should bring a note and see their coordinator. If they are for some reason unable to bring a note, they still need to see their coordinator with their Student planner.

Students who are out of uniform and who have not followed the required procedures will face consequences such as detention and community service.
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- strong economy
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U/17 Peter Stevens

CONSTRUCTION INDUCTION CARD

Once again we are offering students in Yr 9, 10 and 11 a chance to obtain their C.I. Card through the school. Students must be over 15 years of age to participate.

Students who intend to do work experience or work placements within businesses who operate on a building construction site in Victoria or NSW need to obtain this card prior to applying for any work experience or placements next year.

TAFE will come to the school to conduct the course on the 10th of November. The cost is generously subsidised by both the TAFE provider and Rutherglen High School. The cost to you will be $40.00. If you had to enrol in a course at TAFE privately the cost would be $190.00 plus travel costs.

100 points of ID are required prior to the training. No student will be allowed to participate unless the ID is complete.

An ID points checklist sheet and the reply slip can be obtained from the office and for any further information please do not hesitate to contact me on 02 60329483.

MRS P SKATE
WORK PLACEMENT COORDINATOR

The final meeting of the 150th Discovery of Gold Committee was held last night and when all the figures were in and the bills paid we made a profit of $4000! This money will be divided between the Gold Battery and the restoration of the water tower.

On behalf of all of us I thank you for your support over this fantastic four day celebration.

As you may be aware, Rutherglen has won the Keep Australia Beautiful Tidy Town, sustainability and environmentally friendly community award. This now means we are into the national competition and will be up against the big towns and cities of Australia.

The judges will be in town on Thursday and Friday November the 11th and 12th. As I am the coordinator for this event I would like some assistance to achieve a win in the national competition. There are two things I require, neither of which are money, so don’t panic.

Firstly I would like some indication of how many houses have solar panels or solar hot water systems. I don’t need names or addresses, just some numbers and if you could contact me via email at fwalsh19@bigpond it would be much appreciated. I need this information by the end of the month please. This information will be included in the category of Energy Innovation.

Secondly by the weekend of the 7th of November can I ask we do our best to have the town as neat as a pin? We need to give this challenge our best efforts, so roll up your sleeves and get stuck in.

FRANCES WALSH
If you would like to get a TFN before Christmas, submit a form before **Friday 12th November**. Forms are available from the General Office area.

Mrs Leverett

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**Did you know our library has books on Teenage Issues?**

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- How to develop and maintain a positive self image
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- How other girls just like you have dealt with periods, bras and other fun stuff
- Why boys are so different to girls
- How to make positive friendships
- How to make positive choices during adolescence

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