Principal's Report

Cross Country
On Monday 1st November students from Years 7 to 10 participated in the school Cross Country at Lake Moomemere. We had tried to run this event twice previously but were prevented by inclement weather. On this occasion the weather held and most runners managed to avoid the larger puddles and mud holes and had a great day. Congratulations to the age-group champions.

Thanks also to Sarah Rae and Claire Megarrity for organising the day.

Head Start Program
Year 11 students have started their Year 12 studies this week in the Head Start program. The program will continue next week and even in some cases into the last week of November. Students will not only commence work, they will be set work to complete over the summer vacation.

Any student who has missed a session is expected to meet with the teachers prior to the holidays to catch up on set work.

Keep Australia Beautiful
Judges for the national Keep Australia Beautiful awards are visiting various schools and organisations on Thursday and Friday this week. As previously announced, Rutherglen High School were state finalists in the Young Leaders and Active Schools categories. The students who attended the School for Student Leadership - Gnurad Gundidj Campus in Term 1 will represent the school and explain to the judges programs such as 9-Live, Connect, their Community Learning Project (CLP) and the school's farm program.

I am sure these students will represent the school and Rutherglen very well.

Sports Success
This week another two teams qualified for State finals. The Junior Girls Hockey team will compete at the State Championships on Friday 19th October. The Junior Girls Softball team were also successful at the eastern Zone level.

Congratulations and good luck to both teams.

Grape Vines at RHS
Students in the Year 9 Farm program are currently planting 450 shiraz vines and establishing the infrastructure to support them. They have received advice and assistance from McNamara’s Country Store, Pfeiffer’s Winery and Rutherglen Estates Winery.

It has been pointed out that the school has previously planted vines. This time we are hoping these vines will grow and prosper for many years, even generations, to come.
Parents wishing to buy/sell 2nd hand books through the next Newsletter (25th November 2010) please send the following details to the office or email to rutherglen.hs@edumail.vic.gov.au by Monday 22nd November 2010:

Indicate whether you wish to buy or sell, your name, phone number, name of books.
The school will print this information in the next Newsletter and interested persons will contact you directly.

Please note the following books are discontinued from 2011 –
ICE-EM Mathematics Secondary 1B Textbook & CD
ICE-EM Mathematics Secondary 2B Textbook & CD

The Year 11 and 12 Physical Education textbooks are new in 2011 as it is a brand new course therefore no students should be selling their texts to those students doing the subject in 2011.

Thanks,
Cathie Fulton

From 2011 the School has appointed Landmark School Supplies in Shepparton as the preferred supplier of textbooks and stationery. Booklists will be sent home in the next few weeks including ordering/collection options. Parents will have the option of pre-paying and having their books posted to their home/PO Box or they may choose to collect their books at the school on Wednesday 2nd February. Please read all the literature carefully but if you have any questions do not hesitate to contact the school.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank Rutherglen Newsagency for their support and professionalism during the previous years.

MATHS NEWS FOR 2011

Maths requirements for 2011:

Just a note to inform parents that it has been decided that 2011 will be the last year we will be using the ICE-EM text books in Years 7-10. As a result we would recommend that (where possible) parents consider purchasing second hand books from students who currently have them. These books will definitely be needed in 2011, but not used in 2012.

We have already deleted the ICE-EM 1b and 2b books from the Year 7 and 8 booklist as we will require students to take up a subscription to HOTmaths in 2011 instead. HOTmaths is an instructional, interactive website which students can access at school and at home. Also we are introducing the CASIO Classpad Calculator into Year 10 for 2011. This calculator is a requirement for Year 11 and 12 Maths subjects: Further, CAS and Specialist, but not for VCAL Numeracy. We believe that by introducing this technology at Year 10 it will enable students to become more skilled at the basic operation of the calculator and places them in a better position for success in the VCE Maths subjects in Years 11 & 12. These calculators can be purchased through the office for $190.00 each or second hand from our exiting Year 12 students.

If you have any questions regarding this please feel free to contact me at the school.

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STATE HOCKEY FINALS

Good luck to the Year 7/8 Girl’s hockey team competing at the State Finals in Melbourne next week. With coaches, Fiona Campbell, Kayla Marquison and Mr Le, they are sure to be on fire.

YR 7 & 8 SOFTBALL TEAM

The awesome Year 7-8 softball team went to zone softball on the 9th of November. The team consisted of Demi Shale, Rachael Eggleston, Breanne Smith, Sarah Webster, Sarah Arnold, Chevelle Dunn, Georgie James, Mel Curran and Hannah Kerr. We played two games and won both of them. This means we will be travelling to Melbourne to compete at state level in two weeks time. We all had a great time and came home with gold medals. Thankyou to Mrs. Whitehead for taking us.
On the 29th of October our VCAL Literacy class went on an excursion to the Albury Regent Cinema to watch the film “The Town”.

The film is set in Boston in Charlestown, a neighbourhood known for bank robberies and organised crime. The film begins with a bank robbery involving four childhood friends Doug MacRay, James Coughlin, Albert ‘Gloansy’ Magloan and Desmond Elden. The Robbery ends up with the four men taking the bank manager, Claire Keesey, hostage for a short time before releasing her unharmed.

The men discover not long after, that Claire lives in Charlestown and they are afraid she might recognise them somehow. On surveillance, the main character, Doug, meets Claire at a laundry mat and discovers that she is a good person and a romance develops between the two. This romance is based on real feelings between the two and creates a real problem for Doug and eventually his best friend, James. Doug realises that his life of crime is not fulfilling for him anymore and tries to get redemption and a way out. As Doug informs his boss that he wants out, he is threatened into doing one more robbery in order to keep Claire safe. What happens next creates tension and makes the film a thriller.

Two major strengths of the film were that it was full of action and suspense. However, there was a lot of dialogue, which helped with the character development, but made the film feel like it went for a long time. Another weakness was that the film needed to have a bit more back story behind some characters, such as Doug’s Father. The robbery scenes were clever and well thought out. The lighting for the film was good as it was never too dark to see important scenes. The costumes looked realistic and the robbery masks and clothes were funny. This is shown when they are dressed as nuns. The characters were authentic and believable and the acting was good.

This film was written and directed by Ben Affleck who rose to fame by winning an Oscar for “Good Will Hunting”. I would recommend this film to a mature audience, action fans and anyone who likes suspenseful movies. I rate this movie an 8 out of 10.

Alec Willoughby
Yr 11 VCAL Literacy.
“Read…….Review…….Recommend”:

Congratulations to:

Hayley Reeves (Year 8) - Junior winner
Jarrod Curren (Year 9) - Senior winner
Kasie Holmes (Year 8) – Commended reviewer

for their excellent Triple R book reviews for Term 4, 2010. Both Hayley, Jarrod and Kasie received a certificate and book to congratulate them at our Term 4 meeting held this week in the Library.

We would also like to congratulate all our Triple R members (currently we have 23 junior and senior members) for their incredible reviews. This term we had approximately 26 books read and reviewed.

Hayley’s review:

“Hate list, by Jennifer Brown

“I stood immobile, my ears clogged up with the noise of the gun, my eyes burning my throat raw.” Valerie Leftman is left traumatized after a ghastly tragedy, ending in six deaths and many injuries, most of which lead to extensive surgery. This onslaught of casualties entails an incident in which Valerie jumps in the way of Nick, preventing him from shooting Jessica Campbell. As a result, she is shot in the thigh by Nick, her psychotic boyfriend, when he’s in an outrageous rampage to eradicate as many students and teachers as possible who are on his “Hate List”. Now having to overcome the frightening memories haunting her, Valerie must forget about her past relationship with Nick and move on, which isn’t easy when all her friends and everyone else, including her father, believe she was involved in the shooting.

This is a great read about how even the most warm-hearted people can hang out with the wrong crowd. A very dramatic novel which I recommend for Year 9-10 girls. 8.5/10

Jarrod’s review:

“Flying ace: Jack Fairfax, Royal Flying Corps 1915-1918”, by Jim Eldridge

It's 1915 and young Jack Fairfax, having just left school, returns home to tell his father, Lord Fairfax, that he intends to join the Royal Flying Corps. This causes a big upset as all his family have traditionally joined the Regiment. His father reluctantly allows him to join, but only if he doesn’t make a mess of things, otherwise he must join the Regiment. Jack sets off to flying school with his friend, and after gaining his license, applies for a position in the R.F.C. When the war comes, Jack fights the Germans in the skies, but during one of his battles, his fighter plane gets hit in the fuel tank. Can Jack survive a fall of 10,000 ft?

This book is fast-moving, well-written, exciting and emotional. I loved this novel and read it in one day! I recommend it for Year 7-9 students who enjoy an action war story in diary format. 10/10
The Waterfowl (duck) Identification Test

A waterfowl identification test will be held on the 7th December at 7.00pm at the Rutherglen Fire Brigade Station.
You are eligible to sit this test if you have a current shooters licence or a junior firearm licence. If you are interested in booking your place, or wish to enquire further please contact either:

Ron Eggleston - 0408409192
Or John Catterall - 0260329431

GOTAFE NEWS

Careers Advice Service

GOTAFE’S Careers Service provides professional and confidential vocational guidance, advice, information, support and counselling around career pathways for both prospective and current GOTAFE students. If you have Year 12 students wanting some assistance to work through what is on offer at GOTAFE they are most welcome to contact Careers Counselling Officer, Jess Croft on 1300 GOTAFE (1300 468 233). Jess can assist with career planning and course selection, not just to GOTAFE courses.

Information Sessions for 2011 courses

GOTAFE is holding information sessions across all campuses in November and December. If you have Year 12 students interested in 2011 courses they need to check if there is an information session as these are invaluable for gaining in-depth knowledge of the course and to be able to meet with the trainers. The current list is on our website but changes weekly so please check regularly.

Deakin at Your Doorstep

Deakin University is providing an accessible pathway to tertiary education by offering its new Associate Degree of Arts, Business and Sciences. You no longer need to move away from home to study, as Deakin’s Associate Degree is now available in Wangaratta at GOTAFE.

This program, designed to be studied alongside a TAFE Diploma increases your employability, provides you with a dual qualification and a guaranteed pathway into a Deakin Bachelor Degree. You will receive up to 18 months credit and have the opportunity to apply for a scholarship. There are no prerequisites or ATAR and you’ll be part of a supported study environment with state-of-the-art facilities.

The courses with links include:

- Diploma of Graphic Design
- Diploma of Accounting
- Diploma of Community Services Work
- Diploma of Conservation and Land Management

Deakin are also offering a $2,000 scholarship to a student studying an Associate Degree at the Wangaratta Campus. More information here or visit www.deakin.edu.au/doorstep

Diploma and Advanced Diploma courses

GOTAFE has more than 45 Diploma and Advanced Diploma courses available in 2011. Diplomas provide participants with practical skills and knowledge who are work ready graduates. Diploma courses can lead to employment or into further tertiary study. Whilst some require VTAC application many offer direct entry and may involve attending information sessions and/or interviews. Year 12 students are encouraged to check out their local options so they can live, learn and earn local.

If you need more detail or want to talk to a course coordinator please ring our Customer Service Centre on 1300 GOTAFE (1300 468 233) or visit our website http://www.gotafe.vic.edu.au/index.cfm
Be the best parent you can be

with Triple P – Positive Parenting Program

**Triple P** is a parenting program for all families that provides practical answers to everyday parenting concerns. **Triple P** helps you to:

- Promote your child’s development and communication skills
- Manage your child’s behaviour and emotions
- Build a good relationship with your child
- Take care of yourself as a parent.

Families NSW is offering Triple P to all families with children aged 3 – 8 years.

23rd November
7:30 – 9:30 pm
St. Mary’s Rutherglen

Phone Loretta Bennett: 0437399320

For more information about Triple P visit [www.families.nsw.gov.au](http://www.families.nsw.gov.au)
Year Nine Steer Handlers Win Junior Achievement Award

On Saturday 6th November a dinner was held for the Australian Black Welsh Cattle Society in Colac. This was the annual dinner and AGM for the Society.

During the night, Rutherglen High School received an award for the year nine students efforts in showing the Black Welsh Cattle in the Carcase Competition at the Royal Melbourne Show.

The award which the students received was the **2010 Junior Achiever Award**. To remind all of the team, it consisted of Drew Hiskins, Danyon Williams, Tristan Williams, Beth Tobin, Maddi Connell, Jake Clarke, Taylah Menzies and Gordon Crowe. This was a reward for their efforts in preparing the animals and shows the extent to which the society appreciates the efforts of the students involved.

During the night it was announced that the Welsh Black Cattle Society would once again support the Rutherglen High School steer program. Four steers will be donated by various breeders, including once again Winnie Jones and Col Sedgmen who donated steers this year.

Having four steers is an expansion of the current program (two were taken to the show this year) and shows how pleased the Society are with the efforts of the students in preparing and leading the animals. The four steers will also allow the High School to enter a team of steers in the Borthwick Trophy, a competition for a team of three pure bred steers.

This will allow Rutherglen to send its biggest steer handling team in 2011. Also Rutherglen High School students will be involved in showing at the Bendigo Show with a steer that has been bred at the School. This will also be the first that a school bred steer will be taken to a Show and shows the success of the program in its three years since Farm to table has been operating.

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Monday 15th November
Continuation of Headstart Yr 11 into 12

Tuesday 16th November
Reach Workshops Yrs 9 and 10

Wednesday 17th November
Grade 6 Headstart Periods 1 & 2

Thursday 18th November
Yr 8 Girls State Hockey

Friday 26th November
Grade 5 Headstart

Friday 26th November
Final day for Yr 11

Saturday 27th November
Start of the great Victorian Bike Ride
In Yarrawonga

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 15th November
SHELLEY MARX
Tuesday 16th November
VOLUNTEER NEEDED
Wednesday 17th November
EIDA ROGERS
Thursday 18th November
VOLUNTEER NEEDED
Friday 19th November
BERNADETTE PARKER
Monday 22nd November
SNEZ KELJIN
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IF YOU WISH TO HAVE YOUR NEWSLETTER EMAILED PLEASE CONTACT THE SCHOOL WITH YOUR DETAILS.

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THE SCHOOL’S WEBSITE IS NOW OPERATIONAL WITH INTERESTING INFORMATION REGARDING THE SCHOOL, INCLUDING PAST AND CURRENT NEWSLETTERS. LOG ON TO:

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