Term 1 is drawing to a close – as usual we will operate normal classes for Periods 1 to 5 and then dismiss students at 2:30 pm. Buses of course will operate at earlier times for primary and secondary students.

Term 2 starts off very strangely on Wednesday 27th April. This is because Monday 25th is Easter Monday and Tuesday 26th is a Public Holiday in lieu of ANZAC Day.

I hope everyone has a safe and enjoyable holiday period and look forward to seeing you all on Wednesday 27th April.

INTERIM REPORTS
Interim reports were posted home last week. Parent-teacher-student interviews will be held on the evening of Wednesday 6th April between 4:00 and 7:30 pm.

If you are unable to meet with teachers at that time, please contact the appropriate coordinator to arrange a follow up interview in person or by telephone:

Year 7  Gayle Mundy and Maxine Cole
Year 8  usually Mike Cleary but currently Kerrie Ware
Year 9  Julie Whitehead and Ron Webb
Year 10  Mark Nesbitt and Gail Nancarrow
Year 11  Tara Hunter
Year 12  Di Kotzur

AFL FOOTBALL CLINIC
On Tuesday 5th April, eight North Melbourne Kangaroos players visited Rutherglen to run footy clinics for the local primary schools. The players included the well known Drew Petrie and local rising star Jack Ziebell. Eleven High School students assisted the Kangaroos players run the various drills and activities and by all reports did a great job. The students also enjoyed getting autographs and photographs afterwards!

ALPINE SCHOOL STUDENTS
This week the six Year 9 students finish their 9 week placement at the School for Student leadership – Alpine School, Campus. I will be attending their CLP presentation and discussing their progress and what they have learnt. This is a report of one of their recent adventures.

“Well last week on Tuesday we had underwater cave diving. It was really cool and extremely cold in the water. There were tight little gaps we had to fit into and we all enjoyed ourselves heaps. It took us an hour and a half to get through the cave and when we were done we went to Mt Buffalo and it was really fun. There was an amazing view and we all enjoyed ourselves.

On Sunday we finished expo. It was really fun but extremely tiring and we all did extremely well. We hiked up Mt Loch, Basalt Temple and also Swindlers Spur. We started on Friday and finished Sunday. The first days hike was to Blair’s Hut which was a 13 km hike. It was tiring but mostly downhill so we went well. The next day we had a hike to Dibbins Hut. It was mostly uphill and we got there at 12:30 so our liaison teacher suggested we hiked up to Basalt Temple. It was worth the tiring hike and it was an amazing view and place. The next day we started off with a 1 km steep hike up Swindlers Spur. It was really tiring but we were happy of our achievements. When we got back we had a hot shower and relaxed until we had tea.

Our Community Learning Project (CLP) is going well and we are working hard on that. We have had many emails from the Shire on ideas of who could fund us or donate stuff for the rail trail.

That’s all from us now.
Yours sincerely,
The Alpine School students

Phil Rogers
RHS were thrilled to be able to have acclaimed author Simon Higgins visit all our Year 8 students and some Year 7 students last week. Our Library has many of Simon’s books ranging from action, adventure and detective novels, to, more recently, his new series of fiction books about Samurai warriors and Ancient Japan. Simon also competes often in Japan in the Japanese art of Iaido (the way of the samurai sword) and enthralled our students when he demonstrated this deadly art with his own sword.

Our students found Simon to be not only very entertaining, but also extremely helpful in his follow-up workshops when he showed our students the 10 Sentence Template for Writing an Introduction to a Story. The students amazed themselves at what they produced......

COMMENTS FROM SURVEYS... I enjoyed Simon’s visit because he showed us an easy way to write the beginning of a novel. / He was really detailed and made it different. His books sound really interesting. / Simon was amusing and he helped me learn how to write better stories. I would like to read his Moonshadow series now. / His talk made me interested in Japan. / His talk was really interesting, especially learning about Samurais culture and learning his methods for writing. / He was great because he provided us with better writing skills. It was also interesting comparing other people’s writing techniques. / It was cool when he did the sword bit and he talked with lots of enthusiasm. / I thank Simon for teaching us to write stories because I usually have trouble writing fiction stories. / I enjoyed it because we got to learn about other people’s culture and the way they defend themselves. I also enjoyed the way he taught us the 1-10 sentences because it gives the story a lot of detail. / I think it was a great visit because he showed us some very simple and hard moves. I want to learn more about Japan and Samurai warrior moves.

STORY BY ELLIE MURTAGH

The wind was blowing and the snow was softly falling as we met in the mountains. A dog gently barked and a bell rang in the distance. There was a small hut beside us as we walked closer together. The snow started to fall more heavily on us as my mother got many white flakes on her clothes. She was wearing a small leather jacket and a silver necklace hung from her neck. The dog barked again, but more closely than it was before. A well built man walked out of the hut. We both glanced at him as he scuttled away. My mother removed her silver necklace and placed it in her pocket. Her long brown hair rested on her shoulders and slightly swayed with the wind. Tears in our eyes, we embraced in a long slow hug, and she said, “Where have you been all these years? I’ve missed you”, and handed me the necklace.

STORY BY LACHLAN SEYMOUR

It was a cold and frosty morning on the shore of Hobart. The only sound was the waves hitting the shoreline and the boats creaking slowly as the waves moved up and down. There was nothing but a few shops between the father and son that were open on the docks. It was still very cold, but visibility had increased slowly. Both father and son wore furry jackets and long jeans. As they slowly approached each other, one of the tied up boats hit the shore line making a crashing noise and then bounced back off again. Both of them studied the small ship in the boat’s hull. They both approached each other as his father removed his scarf. He looked into his father’s beautiful blue eyes. The son’s father slowly opened his mouth, “Why son, why did you have to, … what were you thinking…?

Thank you to Rivalea for donating the pig eyes. Without your help this experiment would not be possible!
Steers are Steered in the Right Direction.

On the 30th of March, 2011, Mark Woodstock, an expert cattle handler and breeder, worked with Rutherglen High School’s Year 9 Agricultural class. Mark showed the class what skills were needed to show cattle. Over the next few months the class will be privileged to have Mark instruct them on washing, grooming, communicating and showing their new Welsh Black cattle.

The first session Mark took the class into the yard with the cattle and demonstrated how to put the headstalls on and attach an extension rope. Mark had his work cut out with both the students and the cattle being new to the showing experience. The students had to make the cattle feel comfortable and be in charge at the same time. Once the cattle had been tied up, Mark showed the class how to groom the cattle with combs and brushes. Some cattle were just patted to calm them down and get used to the motion.

The school really appreciates the effort Mark has given and the students look forward to learning new skills over the next few months with Mark.

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The School is required to make significant booking commitments by Friday 6 May. They are full payments for both the Miami Hotel and the performance of ‘Rock of Ages’ stagemshow.

These two payments represent almost half of your child’s total cost of the excursion.

Therefore, any student who has not yet committed to participate on this excursion must do so by

FRIDAY 29 APRIL.

The School will find it most difficult to return deposits for students who withdraw from this excursion once these two payments have been made.

We are also quite confident that the trip will be slightly under the previously advised cost of $480 but the actual cost cannot be determined until all fundraising activities are completed.

Gail Nancarrow
Level 10 Coordinator

Mark Nesbitt
VCE Coordinator
ROTARY CLUB OF RUTHERGLEN

good Friday appeal
THE ROYAL CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL

VOLUNTEERS URGENTLY NEEDED
TO HELP WITH COLLECTION

Good Friday - 22 April 2011
Meet at the Fire Station in Rutherford at 9 am

The Rotary Club of Rutherford coordinates this appeal & needs the support of volunteers to collect money in both the township of Rutherford & in surrounding districts.

We would really be grateful if organisations or individuals can assist in this very worthy task – every contribution of your time, no matter how small, is much appreciated.

Please meet at the Fire Station on the Murray Valley Highway, Rutherford - at 9 am on Good Friday.

For information please contact David or Mary-Helen Boag on 02 6032 7841 or Mary-Helen on 0407 711 004
My name is Eliot PERNET and I’m a French exchange student in Australia for three months. I really enjoyed my two months in Rutherglen, and especially my month in the Rutherglen High School. I have been rather surprised of the quality of the school here.

In France, we start school at 8am and finish at 6pm. But I think it’s a bad thing because the students are tired and cannot remember everything. Here, the school day is shorter so the students appreciate it more than in France. I also found it GREAT to have farm and woodwork as subjects in the school. The materials and resources at the school are great and up to date! I do not know if every student here realises how lucky he/she is.

I found the Australian people very friendly. They have been attentive toward me during all my stay. There are many positive points with Australia compared to France, as you can see!

I have spent one month with the Buckingham family and now, I’m staying with the Schmidts for two more weeks and the holidays.

I’m not really looking forward to flying back to France and I wouldn’t complain if I could spend one more month in Rutherglen High School… I thank everybody who helped me to organise my stay here, especially my families, Mr Le and the administration of the High School.
Purpose
DEECD ICT systems must be properly and efficiently used. DEECD ICT systems are not to be used for inappropriate activities for example, pornography, fraud, defamation, breach of copyright, unlawful discrimination or vilification, sexual harassment, stalking, illegal activity and privacy violations.

User Agreement
The computers have been provided to support the educational program of the school and to improve student learning. All computer usage and Internet access is to directly relate to educational curriculum aspects. Prior to logging onto computers, students are required to accept the condition of this agreement.

Network User Responsibilities.
Users are to use the network as it is currently formatted. The following are breaches of this responsibility:

- Unauthorised manipulations of software and/or the standard operating system.
- Running of illegal software or files.
- Using school equipment for piracy and breaches of copyright, such as P2P software and illegal copying.
- Interference with another person’s access rights or user area.
- Use or storage of inappropriate material in the user area or on an external storage device.
- Hiding the task bar.
- Allowing others to access the network, Internet or email through their own workspaces.
- Accessing the network, Internet or email in any way except through their own workspaces using their own password.

Failure to meet these responsibilities may result in loss of computer network access in the school.

Internet
- The Internet may only be used for school purposes.
- Students must not log on to the Internet during class time unless under the direct instruction of the teacher.
- Students have the responsibility to not open sites or documents they realise are inappropriate.

- Students are to inform the teacher immediately if they inadvertently open inappropriate sites or documents.

Library
During class time, classes booked into the library have priority for computer usage. If there are spare computers, these may be used by other students.

Internet use is only available for school based research.

Lunch Time/ After school
Students are not to enter computer rooms or use computers in classrooms unless a teacher is present. (This includes senior students.)

Students requiring access to complete assignments must have written permission from the class teacher to be given priority for computer use.

Permission for computer use must be obtained from the supervising teacher.

On occasion, rooms will be opened for games that are approved by the ICT Network Manager. These games will comply with the appropriate guidelines, i.e. No 15+ games, illegal games, excessive violence or inappropriate content etc.

Electronic Mail
Electronic Mail is to be used only for school purposes.

Email, Hotmail or Other Electronic Mail messages to be sent or read only after seeking permission from the supervising teacher.

On-line etiquette and protocol should be observed at all times.

External Storage Devices
External storage devices are to be used only for school work, back up copies and homework and to be used under teacher supervision.

The school maintains the right to inspect the information stored on these devices.

Scanner
Scanners are to be used only for school related material and under the direct supervision of a teacher. Use of scanners can infringe on copyright and so the user must ensure such breaches do not occur.

Consequences of misuse / abuse of privileges
- Abuse of internet privileges will lead to a ban of 1 week for a first offence.
- Continued refusal to comply with the Computer User Policy or Staff requests relating to ICT use will result in a total ban from computer use for 1 week.
- Deliberate damage to hardware and / or software will result in a loss of computer privileges for 2 weeks then reassessed by the relevant staff. Students will be required to pay for the repair or replacement of damaged hardware and/or the cost of a technician to rectify the issue.

Each case will be viewed and passed on to Year Level Coordinators as appropriate. Discussions with relevant coordinators / teachers for appropriate / further action will also occur for any infringements.
AUSKICK FOOTBALL and NET-SET-GO NETBALL REGISTRATION NIGHT....

Auskick
Cost: $ 55.00 per player and maximum of $110 per family
Registration can be done online, or at registration day. If you are going to Register online do not pay any money online and print form off and bring the form and money to the registration day. Registration forms can also be picked up from the school office (save you time on the night).

For online rego go to www.aflauskick.com.au then go to AFL AUSKICK Player Registration. Remember to choose Rutherglen as your AUSKICK Centre. If you are from St Mary’s, when asked for the school, type in St Mary’s and look for Rutherglen. For all other public schools type in town name and look for your school.

You don’t have to pay until Rego night Auskick Football is for boys or girls from Prep to Level 7 (must be attending school)
If you have a jumper still from last season please also bring it along to the Registration Night.

NET-SET-GO Netball

As a part of the San Remo Net Set Go Program the Rutherglen Cats Football Netball Club invite all children from the age of 5 to 12 to participate in 2011. The program has been developed to provide the children with a positive introduction to netball, ensuring enjoyment and participation in the sport. This year we will be running two sessions. Tuesday night session for those aged 5 to 7 and Thursday nights for those aged 8-12.

Cost: $55 (Including $30 VNA Membership and a Net Set Go Pack)

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When: Friday 8th April 2011
Time: 5.00 pm - 6.30 pm
Where: Rutherglen Football Ground, Barkly Park
Reid Street, Rutherglen

For Further information contact:
Auskick Terry Griffin - 0357261626/ 0428261626
Net-Set-Go Nicole Griffin - 0357261626 / 0428261624

GOLF....

We made an early start with the bus crammed full of clubs, bags, buggies and 6 eager students to Myrtleford for the Hume Region Championships. From bright sunshine in Rutherglen we took the scenic route to Beechworth then into thick fog at Myrtleford. It was wet underfoot and players were feeling the cold as they trudged to their starting points. The hooter sounded and followed by cries of anguish as the first shot from the group I was following soared out of bounds...lost ball, wet feet, penalty shots...not a good start. After about four holes the fog lifted as did everyone’s spirits. Everyone had an enjoyable day and there was plenty of excellent golf.

The Junior Girls scratch event was won by Melissa Coghill with Melinda Curran coming third. Melissa also won the Junior Girls handicap event. Jarrod Curran placed second in the senior boys handicap event. Caleb Barass (nett 70) and Ethan Boxall (nett) had good rounds but finished out of the placings. Thomas Hynes and Mitch Carmody enjoyed the day but finished with a few too many shots.

COMING SPORTING EVENTS.....

APRIL 7th -
SPV State Swimming Championships
To see the full version of the Weekly Career News, email leverett.lucinda.r@edumail.vic.gov.au.

Year 10 Work Experience: 1st August – 12th August 2011
By now most of our Year 10 students are well and truly into researching and organising themselves for their two weeks of work experience. Just a reminder that placements need to be arranged prior to the Year 10 camp in early June. You may find some time over the Easter holidays to assist with research or letter writing.

Australian Defence Force Careers Talk
This week Sergeant Roley Fenton from Defence Force Recruiting gave a presentation about careers in the ADF to 45 of our students. Sergeant Fenton provided plenty of information about the opportunities available and pathways into the ADF. He also managed to answer a lot of interesting questions that were posed to him. If anyone missed the event and would like information about careers in the ADF, Mrs Leverett has plenty of brochures available. You can also visit www.defencejobs.gov.au

UMAT Registrations opening soon! If you are planning to apply for any of the following course areas – medicine, dentistry, medical laboratory science, optometry, oral health, clinical sciences/ BMBS, vision sciences, clinical sciences, pharmacy or physiotherapy, you may need to sit the Undergraduate Medical Admissions Test (UMAT). The quick reference guide has just been released and registrations for the test open on 1 April. To find out if you have to sit the test, how you apply and to download the quick reference guide, go to http://umat.acer.edu.au. Applications for the test close Friday 3 June and students will sit the test on Wednesday 27 June. There is a poster in the Senior Study Centre listing the Universities and their courses.

Interested in studying Medicine or Medical Sciences in the future? If you are concerned that you won’t obtain the ATAR to get into Medicine or Medical Science programs like Pharmacy or Medical Imaging, you could consider studying a Bachelor of Biomedical Science at the University of Ballarat. The 2010 clearly in ATAR was 56 and the degree has now been running for three years. To find out more about the program, go to www.ballarat.edu.au

Nursing and Occupational Therapy at Deakin: Deakin has reviewed the pre requisites for entry into Nursing single and combined courses and Occupational Therapy for the 2012 intake. Students interested in these courses now require VCE units 3 and 4 – a study score of at least 30 in English (ESL) or 25 in any other English

UPCOMING EVENTS

Term 1 school holidays are the perfect time to explore your career options. Many education institutions are running exciting events and programs. Please see below for more options!

Australian Independent Game Festival 2011, iFEST is a one day festival developed to foster and celebrate independent game development in Australia. It is being held on Saturday 16 April at the Melbourne Campus. To enter your game in the Indie Development Competition, or to register to attend the Festival, go to www.ifest.com.au

Love the ocean? Love marine life? The Melbourne Aquarium are running two exciting programs for students who are interested in marine science. Aquarist for a Day will give you the opportunity to experience a day in the life of an aquarist at the Aquarium and Aquarist for a Week enables you to spend a week working intensively with the aquarists and marine animals. There is a cost for both programs and they are held over the school holidays. You must be 14 years and above. To find out about dates and to book your place, phone 03 9923 5911 or go to www.melbourneaquarium.com.au/education

Into gaming, 3D animation and Visual FX? The Academy of Interactive Entertainment (AIE) are running an Industry Experience day for students in years 10 – 12 at their Melbourne, Canberra and Sydney campuses. You will be able to find out about the courses at AIE and careers in the gaming, animation and visual FX industries. The event is free and will be held on 13 April during the school holidays. To book your place, go to www.aie.edu.au

Interested in Forensic Medicine and Science? The Victorian Institute of Forensic Medicine is running a career information session for students in yrs 10 – 12 on 15 April, 12.30 – 4pm. You will be able to learn about careers in the forensic medicine and science industry and courses you can study. The sessions are held in the Institute Lecture Theatre, Coronial Services Centre, 57-83 Kavanagh St, Southbank. There is no tour of the building available. You must book ASAP at www.vifm.org/career_info_session.html as places are limited.

Ever dreamed of being a Zookeeper? The Healesville Sanctuary run a program called ‘Keeper for a Day’. You will get to go behind the scenes of the Zoo and work alongside the Zookeepers looking after the animals. You will learn about careers in Zookeeping and be able to feed the animals. Students in years 9 – 12 can choose to attend one day from the following during the April school holidays- 12, 13, 14, 19, 20. To register, phone 03 9285 9406 or go to www.zoo.org.au/Learning/Programs/

Interested in studying Veterinary Science in the future? The Australian Wildlife Centre at Healesville Sanctuary run a program called ‘Yet 4 a Day’. You can choose to attend one day from the following in May- 3, 4, 5, 10, 11, 12. To register, phone 03 9285 9406 or go to www.zoo.org.au/Learning/Programs/
Are you passionate about sport and science? The Olympic Park Sports Medicine Clinic (OPSMC) are running an information night about careers in sports medicine on Wednesday 25 May, 7.30 – 9pm at the AAMI Park Stadium. Practitioners from the disciplines of sports medicine, nutrition, podiatry, psychology, massage therapy, physiotherapy and exercise physiology will deliver short talks and will also be available to answer your questions about careers in these occupations. To register, contact Megan Marshall at OPSMC on opscm@opsmc.com.au or ask your career adviser for a registration form. You must register by 20 May.

Interested in Graphic or Interior Design or Photography? The CATC Design School is running a two day workshop for students interested in learning more about careers in these areas at their Sydney and Melbourne Campuses. The workshop will be held 21 – 22 May at both campuses. The cost is $160 and you can register by contacting the following: Melbourne campus- melbourne@catc.edu.au, 03 9670 4026; Sydney campus- sydney@catc.edu.au, 02 9251 0029

Be a designer for a day! Billy Blue College in Sydney are running a day at their campus where you can immerse yourself in the life of a designer in your choice of career area- communication, digital media, branded environment, commercial interior, residential interior or branded fashion. The day will be held on Saturday 28 May and the cost is $80. To register, please see your career adviser for registration form or contact the College on 1300 851 245, www.billyblue.com.au

Focus on Melbourne: The University of Melbourne are running a series of evening sessions during May and June which focus on their courses and the unique Melbourne Model. Sessions will cover their 6 main course areas of Arts, Science, Biomedicine, Commerce, Engineering and Music and will also showcase Law and the Victorian College of the Arts and Music. All sessions run between 7pm – 8.30pm and are open to students in years 10 - 12 and their families. For a full list of seminars and dates, go to www.futurestudents.unimelb.edu.au/focusonmelbourne

Monash University ‘At Monash’ Seminars: The popular ‘At Monash’ Seminars are back! The University showcases each of its faculties on various dates between May and June. You will be able to attend the seminars of your choice and learn about the courses in that faculty, what sets Monash apart and what career outcomes graduates can expect. Seminars cover areas such as health, science, architecture, sport, engineering, business and ICT etc. For a full list of seminars and dates, go to www.monash.edu.au/atmonash

Year 9 Crêpe Day
On Tuesday the 28th of March, Year 9 French class organised a Crêpe Day to raise money for our French excursions this year. There were a large variety of toppings such as: Nutella, Sugar, Ice Cream, Sprinkles, 100s and 1000s, Jam, and Icing Sugar.

It was a very successful enterprise. We students enjoyed it and worked very well together as a team.

Thanks for everyone’s support!
DATES TO REMEMBER

APRIL
Wednesday 6th  PARENT/TEACHER/STUDENT INTERVIEWS - 4pm to 7.30pm
Thursday 7th  SPV State Swimming Champ.
Friday 8th  Last day Term One - Finish 2.30pm
Friday 8th-10th  – Equestrian Team in Bendigo

Symantec
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Staff & Students
As part of the Department’s Anti-Virus agreement staff and students are permitted to install a copy of Symantec Corporate Edition for Desktops on their home computer. Staff and students should request a copy of the software from their technician who will provide the software on CD or DVD for home installation.

CANTEEN ROSTER

APRIL
Wednesday 27th  Jo Hiskins
Thursday 28th  VOLUNTEER NEEDED PLEASE
Friday 29th  Rina Cooper

MAY
Monday 2nd  VOLUNTEER NEEDED PLEASE
Tuesday 3rd  Lyn Fleming
Wednesday 4th  Elda Rogers
Thursday 5th  Sian Thompson
Friday 6th  Debby Renshaw
Monday 9th  Bronwyn Collins
Tuesday 10th  VOLUNTEER NEEDED PLEASE
Wednesday 11th  Kaylene Lumby
Thursday 12th  Paulene Sims
Friday 13th  Georgie McCluskey
Monday 16th  Mary-Ann King
Tuesday 17th  VOLUNTEER NEEDED PLEASE
Wednesday 18th  Lisa Murtagh
Thursday 19th  VOLUNTEER NEEDED PLEASE
Friday 20th  ATHLETICS DAY

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