Principal’s Report

ANZAC Day Commemorations
School Captains Sam Bowers and Shae Talbot and Vice Captains Kelsey Fleming and Felicity Webster took part in the ANZAC Day march and laid a wreath at the Memorial Gardens on ANZAC Day. While the day marks the anniversary of the landing of Australian and New Zealand forces on the beach at Gallipoli in 1915, the day also commemorates the many men and women who have fought, been injured and even died in other wars and conflicts since World War I. The sacrifice of the members of the armed forces has enabled Australia to enjoy the freedom and prosperity we have and has played a large part in creating the culture that is so uniquely Australian. Thank you to the students and staff who attended the march and ceremony.

Newsletters
The Newsletter is a very important way of keeping families and the community informed of recent achievements and upcoming events. However we are concerned about the amount of printing and paper used in this process. Many families have elected to have the newsletter emailed each fortnight. Please contact the school at rutherglen.hs@edumail.vic.gov.au if this option works for you.

We would appreciate it if each family could decide whether they prefer to receive the newsletter by email, from the website or as a hard copy. If you prefer to receive a hard copy, please work out which child will collect it. Our intention is to reduce the number of copies we are printing to a maximum of one copy per family.

Sport
Over the holidays and in the first week of Term, students have been involved in Equestrian, Tennis, Softball, Baseball and Lawn Bowls. They have experienced a lot of success as detailed in articles later in this newsletter. Congratulations and thanks to the staff, parents and students involved in these activities.

Year 10 Work Experience
Students in Year 10 will be involved in Work Experience between the 1st and 12th August.
In order for this program to provide maximum value, it is essential students research and organise worthwhile placements well in advance rather than leave it to the last minute. Students have been repeatedly informed of this – if you are a parent of a Year 10 student, do you know what has been arranged? Can you assist in organising a placement that will provide an authentic learning opportunity? For legal and Work Cover reasons, appropriate documentation and OHS preparation is essential. This all takes time, so take action now.

Photo Gallery...
Rebekka Mollison, Georgia Stewart, Brianna Renshaw and Mikayla Bridge, enjoyed perfect weather for the Hume Regional finals at Seymour last Friday. The tension was high in the first rubber as the results came in ...we had drawn with Notre Dame College. The second rubber was not so good Catholic College Wodonga 5, Rutherglen 1. Our third rubber was against Euroa Secondary College. The singles rubbers went on and on but we scored 3 rubbers to 1 with the doubles to go. Georgia and Brianna were in a long battle, losing in the end but Mikayla and Bek won their doubles 6 - 0. One win, one draw and one loss meant we came second on the day, a very good effort and I bought four very tired girls home.

- Mrs Gillick

### RHS Equestrian Teams 2011

The 2011 Rutherglen High School Equestrian Teams travelled down to Bendigo on the 8th of April to compete in the Bendigo Pony Club Interschool Equestrian Challenge which took place over the weekend.

We had two teams entered, The Brats and The Rebels. The Brats team consisted of Kelly Davidson, Holly Tynan, Danyon Williams and Sophie Anderson. The Rebels team consisted of Caitlyn Hiskins, Tristan Williams and Rochelle Austin (Holly’s little sister).

Each team had to cover all disciplines of equestrian over the two days, which were, dressage, show jumping, games, handy mount, a rider class, a handler class, best presented horse and rider and best educated horse.

We had some fantastic individual achievements consisting of Caitlyn Hiskins winning Champion overall in the dressage, Kelly Davidson winning Champion overall in the games and Tristan Williams receiving Reserve Champion to Kelly in the games.

The competition comprised of 50 teams competing over the weekend from many different schools across Victoria. Both our teams finished in the top 10, with The Brats receiving a big sash for finishing 6th overall.

I would like to thank the parents for their support and bringing the students down, in particular Ronnette Williams (one of the team managers) for helping organise this event and getting our saddle cloths. I would also like to thank the students and their horses for their fantastic efforts and the school council for funding our matching saddle cloths, they looked fabulous.

Our teams have their next challenge on the 28th of May competing at the Scots College Equestrian Interschool Challenge. If there are any students interested in joining the teams please see Ms Coppolino ASAP.

### SPORT REPORT

#### GIRLS PERFORM WELL IN STATE FINALS

On April 7, five girls from RHS travelled to Melbourne to compete in SSV State Championships. Caitlyn Hiskins, Eve Lowrey, Kayla Marquison and Rebecca Wheeler competed in both the 20 yrs Medley and the Freestyle relays. The girls performed above expectation, improving their times by 3 seconds in the Medley finishing in 8th position, and 13 seconds in the Freestyle finishing in 6th position overall.

Georgia Cooper won both of her events; the 12-15yrs D Freestyle and 12-15yrs D Backstroke, making her a dual State Champion!

Well done Girls!

#### BRONZE MEDALIST IN STATE BOWLS

On Thursday April 28, Allyra Vyner, Paddy Rowland and Thomas Hynes had the opportunity to play lawn bowls at the prestigious Melbourne Bowling Club against some of the state’s top bowlers. The trio performed well on the day winning against teams from Ballarat HS and Gladstone Park SC to earn them a spot in the semifinal. The team was unlucky to miss out on the grand final going down by one shot to the eventual winners Bendigo SSC.
Homework Club
If your homework is a hassle and you want a little help,
Just join up to the Homework Club and you won’t have to yelp!!
The Homework Club will be operating on Wednesday afternoons from 3.30 to 4.30 pm in the Library. It is open to all year levels. Light refreshments will be provided and staff will be there to help with any problems. Students wishing to participate need to get a permission form from Mrs. Gillick.

Homework Club commenced yesterday, Wednesday May 4th.

The Vine Restaurant
The Vine will be open this Term on 17th May, 3rd June and 30th June.
We are open from 6pm ‘til 9.30pm.
A la carte menu, kids menu and drinks (mocktails & softdrinks) available at reasonable prices. Please ring and make a booking at the school office. Bookings are essential as numbers are limited.

Ph: (02) 6032 9483 for bookings

Is the world your stage?? It could be.....!
Corowa Theatre Company presents ‘Playing Grownups’ as its first Youth production for 2011. Players required will be aged between 12—18 years old. Auditions are on tonite, Thursday 5th May, and again on Monday 9th May at 7.30pm at the Corowa Memorial Hall. Contact Aana Nicol for more information on 02 60 333 097

TAKING A GAP YEAR OVERSEAS.....
Unique experiences available in a wide range of countries. Find out more!.....
Information Night—Wednesday 18 May at: Felltimber Community Centre Sunshine & Rainbow Rooms 189 Melrose Drive (cnr Melrose Drive & Felltimber Creek Rd.), Wodonga.
7pm—runs for approx. 1 hour
Hear from our staff, returned volunteers and parents about Latitude, and ask as many questions as you like!
Register to attend: www.lattitude.org.au

The easy way to get a Tax File Number........
The ATO, with the cooperation of schools, offers students aged 13 years or over the opportunity to apply for a tax file number (TFN) through school. This is a voluntary program and makes it easier for students to obtain a TFN.

Students need a TFN for employment, applying for Centrelink benefits, opening a bank account or deferring university fees. Applying for a TFN through school is easier because students do not need to show identifying documentation to the ATO. The application form is available from the school, and students can complete it at home. The form requires information such as the student’s name, address and date of birth. Students also need to provide the following details:

• students born in Australia will need to provide their
  – birth certificate number, state of issue and year of registration, or
  – Australian passport number and date of issue.
• students born overseas will need to provide their
  – overseas passport number and country of issue, or
  – Australian citizenship certificate number and date of issue, or
  – Australian passport number and date of issue.

It is important that the application form is completed correctly and in full, and signed by the student. All information provided on the application form will remain confidential.

The school will certify the application form by cross-checking against the information held on their records. Students are not required to show identifying documentation to school or the ATO.

Students will receive their TFN via a notification letter sent to their postal address within 28 days of the application being received by the ATO.

BREKKY CLUB.....every Thursday morning from 8.15 to 8.50am in the Community Centre. Toast & Milo.....sometimes pancakes.....and more! Meet your friends there for a hot cuppa & a chat! All welcome! All free!

Go You Good Things....!!
Well done to Emma Mitchell (and huge thanks to her mum Mandy Reidy) for travelling to Sydney in the school holidays to compete in the Grand Nationals in Equestrian. Emma achieved top 10 riding Palm Park Elegance. Excellent achievement Emma!

Congratulations to Mikayla Bridge in Year 8 who was the WINNER of the Under 16s Women’s section in the Albury-Wodonga Easter Tennis Tournament.

Thank you to Emma Prescott for feeding Stanley all holidays and Ryan Jones for feeding the steers on numerous occasions.

Go You Good Things!!

Applications for the 2012 National Youth Science Forum are now open!
Students can register to attend one of three 12-day sessions held in Canberra and Perth each January.
Successful applicants will visit leading laboratories and participate in cutting edge science. They will speak to researchers and engineers, and learn about career paths through university and beyond.

All Year 11 students with an interest in science, engineering and technology are encouraged to apply online at www.nysf.edu.au/applying

Applications close May 31st 2011

FOR SALE – 1 near-new green woollen jumper (size 16) $20.
Please contact Jane on 0407 289 538.
Event Planning with Craig Dent

On the 30th of April, I, along with 11 other students from Rutherglen and Corowa learnt about creating an event for the younger generation. We met at Corowa Riverina TAFE at 9:00AM and finished at 3:30PM.

Craig Dent was our teacher/mentor. He taught us all about the events that he has created and told us about sponsors and about how he keeps track of his plans.

On Sunday the 1st of May, the students, together with Craig, decided on our event. We travelled around to look at venues which we then voted on. We were taught about system planners/

outlines before figuring out who we wanted there, what was going to happen and who could be a possible sponsor.

Towards the end we decided on a logo and voted on what roles within the committee people would play. Throughout the Sunday session we were joined by a TAFE student who is now our team mentor.

This was a great opportunity for all participants and will hopefully turn out to be a fantastic event during the month of August. Information will be sent out before the great youth event.

by Grace Edwards