Principal’s Report

Welcome back to Term 3. I hope everyone had a restful and safe holiday and students are ready to extend themselves and make this term a real success. The Semester 1 reports were mailed out just before the start of the holidays and detail the strengths as well as areas of potential improvement. The Parent/Teacher/Student interviews held on the evening of Tuesday 26th July also provided the opportunity to celebrate successes and put in place strategies to aim even higher this Term.

If you were unable to attend the interviews, please contact the relevant Year Level Coordinators if there are areas of concern or interest in the reports.

Christmas in July – Dinner for school volunteers

This week the Hospitality students cooked a special Christmas in July dinner for the parent volunteers who assist in the Canteen and the members of PT&CA. Schools rely heavily on volunteers to conduct fund-raising and support and supervise school activities.

Parent volunteers keep down wage costs and therefore food prices in our Canteen. The dinner was a small acknowledgement and thank you to those who have assisted this year.

If you would be available to work in the Canteen for one or two days per term, please contact Lyn Kerr on 6032 9483.

Clay Target Shooting

The school generally competes in two events each year. The first is the Echuca shoot on Thursday 11th August and the second is the Field and Game at Benalla in October. Gaye Shale and the Rutherglen Gun Club have organised training sessions over the next two Mondays (1st and 8th August) at a cost of only $5 per session. The sessions run between 3:45 and 5:00 pm. Shooters must hold a Junior Shooters Permit to take part in the competition.

Poetry

Last term four poets spent several days in Rutherglen working with students in Years 7, 8, 9 and 10 as well as performing at Rutherglen Primary School. Two of the poets, Sean Whelan and Ezra Bix will be working this week with small groups of students, particularly with those with musical interests.

Emily and Michelle will return in a couple of weeks to work with other groups of students. If students are interested, they should talk to their English teacher or Mr Scott. See ‘Poets’ Corner’ in our Newsletter for a sample of some poetry written by our Year 7 students.

Kool Skools

Last week instrumental music students travelled to Melbourne to record their original numbers at a professional recording studio. The CD compilations will be available for purchase later this term. Students who are interested in learning to play a musical instrument or improve their singing should contact Mr Scott to see what places or opportunities exist.

A full report, with photos of the students’ experience, will be included in next fortnight’s Newsletter.

Cross Country

The State Cross Country Championships were held last Tuesday. The school was represented by April Burmeister and Kirsty Deacon. April competed well in her event, but Kirsty was the standout performer with a second place in the 14 Years competition. Congratulations girls!

Year 10 Work Experience

All Year 10 students should be involved in Work Experience placements over the next two weeks. Students need to contact the school and their employer if they are unable to attend their placement.

Phil Rogers
Rutherglen High School Staffing Information - Term 3 2011

Principal: Mr Philip Rogers
Assistant Principal: Mrs Jennie Ward
Student Welfare Coordinator: Ms Connor Schmetzer
Senior School Coordinator: Mr Mark Nesbitt
Junior School Coordinators: Ms Kerrie Ware
Year 7 Coordinators: Mrs Gayle Mundy/Mrs Maxine Cole
Year 8 Coordinators: Mr Mike Cleary
Year 9 Coordinators: Mr Ron Webb/Mrs Julie Whitehead
Year 10 Coordinator: Mr Mark Nesbitt/Mrs Gail Nancarrow
Year 11 Coordinator: Mrs Tara Hunter
Year 12 Coordinators: Mrs Di Kotzur
Careers Coordinator: Lucinda Leverett

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PREMIER’S SPIRIT OF ANZAC PRIZE 2011–12

The Premier of Victoria, Ted Baillieu, and the Minister for Veterans’ Affairs, Hugh Delahunty, invite Year 9 and Year 10 students in all Victorian secondary schools (Government, Catholic and Independent) to enter the Premier’s Spirit of ANZAC Prize 2011–12.

One student from each Victorian education region will be chosen to go on study tour of important sites where Australians have served in war, centred on Gallipoli or the Western Front.

The study tour will take place during the Term 1 school holidays in 2012. The costs of the study tour including airfares, meals and accommodation are fully met by the Victorian Government.

Students must have their parents’ permission and the endorsement of their school principal to enter the competition.

For more information visit: www.veterans.vic.gov.au or email: patricia.pollard@dpcd.vic.gov.au

COMPETITION DETAILS
Students should submit an entry that addresses the following topic:
What does the ‘spirit of ANZAC’ mean to you? Are the values displayed by the ANZACs at Gallipoli and the Western Front still relevant today?"

for more info, ‘google’ Spirit of Anzac

Rutherglen Football & Netball Club
Invite you to
STEVEN SPELLMASTER
HYPNOTIST
When - Saturday, 13th August 2011
Venue - Rutherglen Memorial Hall
Time - 8pm onwards
Cost - $30

Tickets available at the door,
or contact Jackie Pianto on 0417 710 955.
Bar available - drinks at bar prices.
2 hour show followed by 3 hours of music.
Come along for what promises to be a hilarious night!!

AUSTSWIM WANGARATTA
The next Austswim Course is being conducted in Wangaratta…..
on the following dates:
Saturday 6 August 9.30 – 5.00pm
Sunday 7 August 9.30 – 3.30pm
VENUE: Wangaratta Aquatic Centre,
HP Barr Reserve,
Schilling Drive,
Wangaratta.
COST: $360.00

AUSTSWIM RE-REGISTRATION
If you gained your Austswim Certificate or re-registered in 2008 you need to re-register in 2011. You can do this by attending some theory and practical sessions during the full course. Ring to find out times when you will need to attend.

Cost for update: $77.00
If interested contact: Kate Nichols
Fax. 58312597
Mobile. 0427 153 591
Email. kate@valleysport.net.au

HOUSEKEEPING ........

EDUCATION MAINTENANCE ALLOWANCE REMINDER – SEMESTER 2

Parents of new students attending Rutherglen High School, who are eligible for Education Maintenance Allowance are reminded to obtain an application form from the General Office. Concession Cards must be valid on the 18th July, 2011 and applications must be returned to the General Office by the 5th of August. No late applications will be accepted.

Parents who applied for the EMA at Rutherglen High School at the beginning of the year need not reapply for this Semester.

CONVEYANCE ALLOWANCE – SEMESTER 2

Conveyance allowance is available for students who live more than 4.8km’s from the nearest bus stop if attending their nearest Government School. If you think you may be eligible please contact the General Office to complete an application form. This must be lodged by 1st August. Those already receiving this allowance need not reapply.

SCHOOL MAGAZINE

A charge of $15.00 per student for the school magazine, ‘Warriwillah’ 2011, will appear on your statement. If you wish to purchase a copy you will need to pay this before the end of term 3 (23rd September) as this will be our cut-off date to place an order with the printer. It will be assumed if payment has not been received by this date that you do not require a copy.
Blue.

Blue like the depths of the ocean’s mouth,
and the light colour coating certain eyes.
It is the picture perfect sky on a warm spring day.
Shall we gaze upon it?
Blue is the colour of a little blue wren,
and the creek he bathes about on.
Blue means the rain that cascades down gutters,
and the sharks circling our feet.
It is the ink of a navy blue pen,
and the juices of freshly crushed blueberries.
Blue resembles life flourishing,
a happy world.

By Charlie Redman

Karma

Annoying, haunting
Mysterious, magical, unpredictable
Only bad if you are Karma

Pineapples
Picked
Playfully

Rats
Roll
Roughly

Dog
Barking paws
Fur, bones, playful
A man’s best friend

Death

Is what pulls us apart from one another
Death

Is the final destination
Death

Steals the joy from the world over and over again
Death

homicide, suicide, hit and run
Death

has taken another soul again end of the line........

By Brandon Gillman 7Q

Red

Red is the Blood stain on thee murderous floor and thy colour of roses.
I feel thy sadness.
Who will be next?
Red is a warm sunset and thee camp fire in a forest.
Red means fiery rage and yet also love.
It is thy blood dripping after a fight.
Red is a reminder of confusion and grief.

- Tara Farren.
NETBALL INTERSCHOOL RESULTS
Our school had 3 teams competing in the Interschool Netball Competition which was held in Wodonga on the 23rd of June. All the girls showed great team work and enthusiasm throughout the day. Intermediate A team were the overall winners beating Yarrawonga in a very intense game. Final scores 5/3. The team consisted of Georgia Stewart, Dani Gay, Emma Prescott, Rachael Eggleston, Breanne Renshaw, Bek Mollison, Maddi McLeish and Demi Shale. All girls performed well and worked hard for a great result. - Regards, Miss Coppolino, Mrs Hunter, Mrs Rasmussen and Miss Megarry

SENIOR & INTERMEDIATE BADMINTON
A nice day to be inside with four Rutherglen badminton teams playing at Wodonga Leisure Centre. All teams competed extremely well with the Senior Girls having an easy win overall. The Intermediate Boys played some fast and furious games to also qualify for the next round. Our Year 10 Girls didn’t have quite the same success, although the Year 9 Girl’s team came an extremely close second. Both these teams will compete again early next term.

JUNIOR BADMINTON
Again, four teams competed, showing great skill and sportsmanship. Unfortunately, the Year 7 Girls had to compete against bigger, Year 8 teams but still qualified to go through to Shepparton in August. The Year 7 and 8 Boys teams were extremely competitive but didn’t quite make it. The Year 8 Girl’s team had a comfortable win in both their finals matches to ultimately win the Grand Final. These teams will play again in early August.

Caitlyn Hiskins competed for the school at a 2 day Victorian Interschool Equestrian Championship at Werribee Park during the July school holidays. She received outstanding results in both show jumping and dressage to come home with a reserve champion overall. Caitlyn is now qualified for the National Equestrian Interschool Competition which is held at the same venue on the 4-7th of October. Well done Caitlyn and good luck. - Regards, Ms Coppolino, Equestrian Team Manager

FRENCH CLUB / CLUB DE FRANÇAIS
A French club is organized and opened to any students who would like to improve their French speaking and listening skills. The club will also be full of fun activities such as watching French films, playing French games, surrounded by an afternoon French “goûter” (snack).

Come and join us on Wednesdays from 3.40PM till 4.30PM in MC2.
The first French club will start on Wednesday August 3rd.
If you are interested, please come and see Mr LE.

Work Experience
From next Monday, all Year 10s will be out in the workforce for two weeks completing Work Placement. This is a great time for our students to achieve some experience of the working environment and an opportunity to research aspects of an industry that they are interested in.
I wish all students well and hope that they find the two weeks rewarding. Please note that students are required to complete a workplace diary during their Placements, and an assessment task for Industry & Enterprise when they return to school. If at any time students or parents have any concerns about the placement, please contact myself or Mr Rogers at the school.

Good luck and enjoy the experience –Mrs Leverett
Work Experience—‘Down on the farm’

On the 20th of June to the 1st of July I participated in Work Experience. This was a follow-on from my Farm To Table last year where I decided I might like to work on a farm.

For my Work Experience I went to Colac to stay and work on a dairy farm for 2 weeks. Daniel, the guy that owned the dairy farm, was very knowledgeable.

He taught me many things. While I was down there I did a variety of things; milking cows early in the morning and the afternoon. I learnt a bit about fencing using both electric and normal fences. I also learnt other things like how to Artificially Inseminate cows, how to preg test the cows, giving them needles for different things such as when they have milk fever or Mastitis in their milking teats or when they are down in the paddock and they can’t get up. They are given a liquid that is like adrenalin.

I also learnt some different breeds of cows such as Friesians which are black and white and produce more milk but less quality than other cows. Then there is the Jersey which is a golden colour and it does not produce as much milk as Friesians but it is a higher quality.

I also learnt about the Welsh Black which are used for beef and they are really protective of their calves. This is the breed we have at the School and are the ones we take to the Melbourne Show each year with Mr Webb.

While I was in Colac Daniel showed me a few of the bigger dairy farms. For example there is one that has a shed bigger than the MC block and holds 1200 cows!

There is another one that uses four robots to milk the cows.

I had great fun while I was down in Colac and I learnt many things. I would like to thank all the teachers that helped organise this experience for me such as Mrs Leverett, Mr Rogers and Mr Webb.

- Jake Clarke

DEMYSTIFYING ADOLESCENTS

NESAY presents “An evening with Michael Carr-Gregg”

A crash course in the developmental psychology of adolescents - how to understand and communicate effectively with young people.

Michael Carr-Gregg

Exclusively represented by Saxum

Dr Michael Carr-Gregg is one of Australia’s highest profile psychologists and leading speakers. Educated in Kenya, the UK, Australia, and New Zealand, he is currently working as an Associate Professor in the Department of Psychology at the University of Melbourne, before going on to present practice in the Melbourne suburb of Keilor. He works full-time as an adolescent with cancer at the University of Western Sydney which resulted in the formation of CanTeen - a support group for teenagers with cancer in 1984.

Michael is a founding member of the National Centre Against Bullying and for six years he has been a driving force behind Australia’s largest national magazine for young people, GoTeen. He has a high media profile working on national TV on Channel 7’s Sunrise and The Morning Show as well as Family Radio JAW.

Dr Michael Carr-Gregg has written six books, including the best-selling Princess SlickSass Syndrome. How to survive teenage girls (Penguin, 2007) and his next novel, When to really Worry (Penguin, 2012).

17th August 2011 at 7:15pm
at the Wangaratta Performing Arts Centre.
Limited seating — book early!
RSVP by 15th August 2011 to:
info@nesay.com.au
or phone 03 5720 2201

A no-cost community event, presented by NESAY. We welcome donations to our programs & services supporting vulnerable young people.

All donations over $2.00 are tax deductible.
Battle Ground
Featuring
Owl Eyes

Supported by Bea’s Window and Pete Jones

And featuring Higher Authority, Forbidden Burning, Jess Gay, Without Hesitation, Daniel Greene and Bella Johnston battling for a place in the Regional Finals.

Come along and support some fantastic live music.
Indie Folk - Acoustic - Indie Rock - Originals - Alternate - Indie Punk and Hard Core.

August 5th 2011 - Rutherglen Memorial Hall
Doors Open at 6pm - and close at 12.30 am.
Tickets available at the door $10 (family discounts available).
All Ages Drug, Alcohol and Smoke Free Event.
Children under 11 MUST be accompanied by an adult.

NO PASSOUTS
Text or call Annette - Indigo Shire Youth Services on 0418 163 699
School uniforms
The Government is changing the Education Tax Refund (ETR) so that people can claim their kids' school uniforms. This means people will be able to claim school-approved uniform items from 1 July 2012.

What do I need to do and when?
From 1 July 2011 start keeping receipts for school uniform items so you can claim them next year.

What school uniform items will I be eligible to claim?
Items need to be distinctive and recognised by the school — but are not limited to items bearing a school crest. For example:

1. A public school has a policy which states that students should wear yellow shirts, blue hats, grey shorts or skirts and black leather shoes to identify the students as attending the school. However, while wearing these colours is strongly encouraged, it is not compulsory. An eligible individual whose child attends the school buys items which fit within this policy from a store unaffiliated with the school. None of the clothing items contain the name of the school or school crest. As the items, including shoes, are approved or recognised as part of a distinctive school outfit and fall under the policy, they would be eligible expenses. This applies irrespective of where the clothing was purchased or the fact the uniform was not mandatory.

2. A school has a dress code where students are required to be dressed in a neat and presentable fashion, but which does not indicate a more specific colour or style that the clothing should take. An eligible individual whose child attends the school buys clothes which they intend to wear to school. The items would not be eligible expenses. While the clothing meets the school's dress code, they lack the sufficiently distinctive quality of a uniform, and could not identify the child as a student at the school.

For more information and an electronic copy of this fact sheet visit www.educationtaxrefund.gov.au
Report on Blind Awareness Day.
Group: Andrew Douglas, Hayley Reeves and Sarah Webster.
Helpers: Mitchell Connell, Chloe Wallace, Emma-Mae Schmidt and Jack Buckingham.

On the 21st of June, Hayley Reeves, Andrew Douglas and Sarah Webster, got together and held a Blind Awareness session for 2 periods, for their Own Project in the 9Alive Connect program. The day worked with the year 7 students being split into 4 groups, blind folded and then taken through different things such as an obstacle course, where they had a line of things to get through like a mat, hurdles, a crazy pit and more. There was drawing where they were taken through step by step to draw a picture. There were ball games where they played poison ball blind folded and T-ball. We also had a talk with an RHS student, Emma-Mae Schmidt and lucky dip bags. The activities were around 15 minute rotations each a little different than the last. We decided to hold it down at the community centre and also had a BBQ lunch cooked by Brooke Rassmusen. We feel that it was a successful 2 periods and that the year 7’s learnt what it would be like to be blind.
The Ferocious Fursdons Present:

**Trivia Night**

**Friday 12th August, 7pm**

Rutherglen Bowling Club (Murray St, Rutherglen)

$10 per person, Tables of 10 (max)
BYO Finger Food
Drinks at bar prices

**Great Prizes, Raffles and Give-aways!**

For more information call
Carol- 0429 607 082 (M)
0260 328 555 (A/H)

*All proceeds to the Cancer Council Australia*

*Celebrate, Remember, Fight Back!*

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**DATES TO REMEMBER.....**

Thursday 28th and
Friday 29th
— Poetry Workshops

Monday August 1st to
Friday August 12th
— Year 10 Work Experience

Friday 19th August
- DJ Clash is coming...!

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**C A N T E E N  R O S T E R**

Friday 29th - Debby Renshaw
Monday 1st AUGUST - Ruth Williams
Tuesday 2nd - VOLUNTEER NEEDED PLEASE
Wednesday 3rd - Jane O’Neill
Thursday 4th - Paulene Sims
Friday 5th — Rina Cooper

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**J U L Y / A U G U S T**

Monday 8th - Bronwyn Collins
Tuesday 9th - VOLUNTEER NEEDED
Wednesday 10th - Maureen Monahan
Thursday 11th - Jackie Pianto
Friday 12th – Georgie McCluskey