Principal's Comments

Rowville Secondary College Principal
Unfortunately on Monday Mrs Julie Kennedy, the newly appointed Principal from Rowville Secondary College, was unable to attend assembly. We will welcome her next Monday at our Whole School Assembly. Mrs Kennedy is a creative and strategic Principal who is leading the College with a new Strategic Plan for 2016-2020. Last year Rowville Secondary College undertook a Department of Education Peer Review which involved three external principals, including myself, School Council, students and staff from their school.

Easter Egg Raffle
The school, Student Council and house captains will be running the Easter Egg Raffle this year and we will send home tickets next week. In the meantime we would appreciate any donations of Easter Eggs or Easter items.

Hat Cords
Following the recent media reports relating to an unfortunate incident in Adelaide involving a hat cord, you may wish to remove your child’s hat cord.

Working with Children Check
We are very grateful to the parents who help out in classrooms and across the school. Any volunteer is able to go online and apply for a FREE Working with Children Check for Volunteers. This was discussed at School Council and although it is not a departmental requirement for classroom helpers it is necessary for helping out on excursions or camps. If you visit the site below you are able to access the form and then you are ready to assist in any way.
http://www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au

Twilight Sports
The Twilight Sports will be held on Tuesday 14th March. Our captains and students practised the chants at assembly. We will set up some practise sessions for chanting during school! Keep practising at home! The KPA has preparations underway for a range of food stalls with pre-ordering to occur to save time on the evening. Keep the date clear in your calendar.

Irene Harding
Principal

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

Knox Schools Expo - Thursday 16th March
This information night is for parents/guardians of Year 5 & 6 students who will be attending Secondary school in 2018/19, held at Knox Civic Centre, 511 Burwood Hwy, Wantirna South from 5:45-8:45pm. The guest speaker, Rod Dungan, will talk about ways you can support your child through the transition from primary to secondary and explore considerations when selecting a secondary school. You can also have conversations with stallholders from Knox Secondary Schools and Community Organisations.
If you are considering a non-government school for your child, please check the application cut-off dates directly with those schools, as some close early in your child’s Year 5 year.

Leanne Vines
Assistant Principal

Advance notice ....

CURRICULUM DAY
FRIDAY 24TH MARCH 2017
Out of School Hours Care (OSHC) will be running a Curriculum Day Program (flyers sent home yesterday)
Karoo is again providing the opportunity for students to sit the International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS). ICAS allows students to gain a measure of their own achievement in an external testing situation. Each child involved will receive a Participation, Merit, Credit, Distinction or High Distinction achievement certificate and an individual report. Year 2 students can participate in the curriculum areas of English, Mathematics and Science. All curriculum areas are open to students from Year 3 to 6.

If you wish for your child to participate in one or more of the assessments, the costs and sitting dates are as follows:

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Please note that some assessments are more expensive due to a different marking process. Please note: NO LATE FORMS CAN BE ACCEPTED. Please see the office for a permission form.

Payment and permission notes are due on or by Thursday 23rd March, 2017

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A Note from Rhonda Luttrell
(Student Wellbeing Officer)

I am looking forward to catching up with parents in the Staff room, 9am on Thursday 2nd March. Come and join me for a cuppa, and we can share strategies on how to help your child become more resilient, to be able to BOUNCE BACK after a difficult situation.

As from Monday 6th March I will be commencing lunch time activities I call “Friendship Circles”. I will organise a range of activities that will promote a positive understanding of friendship and a place where students can enjoy time together consolidating friendships or forming new friendships. Each week the activities will be aimed at specific year levels, and on Monday 6th March I will have colouring activities for students in Years 1 & 2. I will announce Friendship Circles at the beginning of the lunch period. It will be held in the library for the first half of lunch only. We will also continue work on the Herb Garden, and follow through on some of the ideas students have suggested.

I am at the school on Monday and Thursday from 8.30am to 4pm. Please feel free to contact me through the school office if you would like to arrange a time to meet with me. I am generally available in the staff room each Thursday from 9am to 9.30am to share a cuppa and chat.

Regards,
Rhonda Luttrell

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OFFICE NEWS...

Birth Certificates / Immunisation Certificates
We still have several students who have not presented birth certificates and/or immunisation certificates. Letters were sent home to parents early February—thank you to those who have brought in their documentation. It is not only a condition of your child’s enrolment that these documents are on file, but also a requirement of the Department of Education. A second letter was sent home last week and we would appreciate your early attendance to our request.

Thank you, Office Staff

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COMMUNITY NEWS

FOSTER CARERS NEEDED—If you have thought about foster care, please get in touch and ask the questions you have always wanted to. Ring: Key Assets 1800 932 237 or 1800 WE CARE

ROWVILLE NEIGHBOURHOOD LEARNING CENTRE VACATION CARE PROGRAM—Book now for next school holidays. Located inside Rowville Community Centre. Fully accredited and registered Vacation Care Program operating during school holidays from 7.30am-4pm. For more info and bookings, call Abby McCarthy on 0417 374 837.

GIAN T PLANT SALE—1000’S of Supplied by local nurseries at wholesale prices. Cash/EFT/Cr Card. Sat 25th March from 8am until sold out. Monbulk Recreation Reserve, Moore’s Rd, Monbulk. This sale is one of many events we are undertaking to raise funds to support the Monbulk Pavilion development which will service many sporting and school groups including Monbulk Primary School, local football, cricket and netball clubs, Auskick and Milo cricket.

ROWVILLE ROCKETS BASKETBALL—currently taking registrations for U8, U9 & U10 boys & girls for winter season commencing 2nd ter. Games played Sat morning in Dandenong and training at Rowville Sports Precinct. Players must have turned 6 to start. Enquiries to registrar@rowvillerockets.com or register@rowvillerockets.com

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SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB

Orders have arrived and will be distributed to the students today.

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SCHOOL FOYER MONITOR

Featuring this week …

Preps—First day of school

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ZOOPER DOOPERS FOR SALE—50c

Every day this week from 3:30-3:45pm

We will be selling Zooper Doozers for 50c after school in the Courtyard. The money will go towards the Year 6 Graduation. So please help support the Year 6s in their final year of primary school. Thank you! Year 6 students.

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KAROO HOUSE POINTS

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Twilight Sports Carnival
Tuesday 14th March

There's less than 2 weeks until the Twilight Sports Carnival and excitement is building amongst the students! Who will the winning House be this year??

An email went out this week via Class Reps asking for helpers on the night. If you haven't yet received the email but would like to be involved, please send an email to karooparentassociation@karoops.vic.edu.au and we will be in contact with you.

Food will be available for pre-order as well as for sale on the night. Please complete the pre-order form at the bottom of the newsletter and return to the office with payment. Food will be sold (or collected) from multiple stations within the courtyard area from 5:00-5:40pm, with drinks and icy poles continued to be sold throughout the evening from behind the Prep building.

House colours are encouraged to be worn both to school on the 14th March as well as to the Twilight Sports Carnival. Extra points will be awarded to the most colourful house! The winning house will also enjoy a free dress day on the last day of term.

Further details pertaining to the run of the night as well as a map of the event area will be sent home with your eldest child next week.

If you have any questions please email them to the KPA email above. Look forward to seeing you there!

The Twilight Sports Team

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Twilight Sports Food Pre-order

Parent Name: __________________________________________  Contact Number: __________________________

Eldest student’s name: __________________________________  Grade: ______________

If you would like to pre-order your food for the Twilight Sports Carnival please complete the form below and return to the office by Thursday 9th March. Payments can be cash, cheque or credit card (if over $10—fill in details below).

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**Family Meal Deal #2**

5 x Hotdogs
5 x Soft drink/juice/water
5 x TNT
5 x Chupa Chups

Total $22.00

**Total $**

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**CREDIT CARDS CANNOT BE USED FOR PAYMENTS LESS THAN $10**

Card Type (please circle)  Visa Card  Mastercard  [Please note that American Express and Diners Club are not accepted]

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PHYSICAL EDUCATION AND SPORTS NEWS

Karoo Cross Country Friday March 10th - Wear Your House Colours

Our annual school cross country will go ahead in just over one weeks’ time. The students will run in their age and gender group around the 1 lap (8 and 9 year olds), 2 lap (10 year olds) and 3 lap (11 and 12/13 year olds) course. One house is declared the winning cross country house, so the students are representing their school house when they run. The students may wear running clothes eq. a t-shirt, shorts, socks etc. in their house colour for the Karoo Cross Country. Hopefully this will help to promote some healthy competition between the houses and allow those students and parents watching the races to cheer for their house’s runners, even if they do not know the runners by name.

Cross Country Running Times
9:15am – 12/13 y.o. boys start
9:30am - 12/13 y.o. girls start
9:45am – 11 y.o. boys start
10am – 11 y.o. girls start
10:15am – 10 y.o. boys start
10:30am – 10 y.o. girls start
10:40 am – 8/9 y.o. boys and girls start

Please note that these are approximate times and may vary.

What if students are absent for Cross Country?

If students have School Sport Trials, are absent due to sickness or are unable to compete at the Karoo Cross Country they will get the opportunity to apply for special consideration in making the Karoo Cross Country team that competes at the District Cross Country competition. If successful in their application these student/s can be chosen as part of the special consideration selections. For example, if Student A is at a School Sport Victoria trial on the same day as the Karoo Cross Country they must apply for special consideration (using the form below) no later than one week after the Karoo Cross Country.

APPLICATION FOR SPECIAL CONSIDERATION - DISTRICT CROSS COUNTRY 2017

Child’s Name…………………………………………………………………. Class………………..

I would like to apply for Special consideration for District Cross Country selection for the following reasons (you might note achievements at previous Karoo/District/Division Cross Country events, reason for absence etc.):

* ___________________________________________________________________________

* ___________________________________________________________________________

* ___________________________________________________________________________

Parent Signature…………………………………………………………………. Date………………..

EXPRESSİON OF INTEREST FOR PARENT HELPER AT KAROO CROSS COUNTRY ON 10th MARCH 2017

Parent’s Name: ……………………………………………………………………Phone Number ………………………………………………..

Child’s Name…………………………………………………………………. Class………………..

I can assist on (please tick): ☐ Both days ☐ Only Friday March 10th ☐ Only Wednesday March 15th

ROWVILLE DISTRICT SWIMMING COMPETITION

On Thursday February 23rd, 27 Karoo students participated in the District Swimming Competition held at Monash Aquatic and Recreation Centre. Well done to every student for their wonderful effort in their swimming event. The students represented our school proudly and showed excellent sportsmanship, with participation being their main objective. It was wonderful to see the students and parents encouraging Karoo swimmers as they swam and congratulating them after their event, regardless of their placing. A special mention goes to those students who were prepared to swim in an age group above their own (Hayden J, Stevie V, Jasmine H, Grace T, Ethan S and Kye H). Overall Karoo finished in 7th place out of the 8 schools competing. Thanks to the parents who attended with their children and special thanks to Annette Badham who marshalled the Karoo swimmers at the starting blocks for their particular event. Summer M from Year 6 and Will V from Year 5, our 9/10 year old girls freestyle relay (Chloe J, Tabitha F, Alana B and Elaine L) and girls open medley relay (Summer M, Chloe J, Sophie J and Vanessa H) qualified via their 1st and 2nd place results, to compete at the Division Swimming Competition which is being held Wednesday 8th March. Summer finished first in the 11 year old girls’ freestyle and butterfly event. Will finished first in his 11 year old boys’ breaststroke event and 2nd in his 11 year old boys butterfly event. The two relay teams made it through coming 2nd in their event. Wishing them the very best of luck at next Wednesday’s competition.

Josh Maroney
PE & Sports Co-Ordinator
Dear Karoo Families,

We are currently setting up fine motor kits for the Prep classrooms and would love some help with donations of household items. Fine motor refers to the small muscles in the fingers, hands and wrists that are essential for tasks such as writing, cutting & drawing. Building these fine motor skills through play-based activities is a great way to strengthen these muscles and assist with success in handwriting and lessen fatigue in these tasks.

We have created a list of the items that are needed below. Any help would be greatly appreciated.

Tennis balls
Buttons for threading
Marbles
Eye droppers
Wire cooling rack
Ice cube trays
Ribbon
Different sized nuts and bolts
Pom poms (small & large size)
Shoe laces
Large plastic tweezers
Bingo or paint dabbers
Old spice jars or shakers (holes in the lid)
Coloured circle stickers (approx. 2cm)
Beads for threading (larger holes)
Cheating Chopsticks (connected at the top)
Blind folds
Tongs
Golf Tees
Toy cars (similar size to a Matchbox car)
Rubber bands (the type Australia Post use)
Rectangle plastic take-away containers
Florist foam
Pool noodles
Alphabet or Picture Stencils
Spirograph
Coloured pens
Small clothes ainer
Doll/barbie clothes
Lego
Gift boxes
Clean empty bottles
Spray bottles
Food colouring
Ping pong balls
Chalk
Spoons (plastic would be fine)
Small coloured stickers (1cm or less)
Locks & keys (from hardware store)
Clean empty cylinder containers
A4 document wallets
Lacing cards

Anything that you can assist with will be greatly appreciated. It would be great for you to see all the activities once they are finished as you might get some ideas for simple things to do at home to assist your child with this skill.

Please bring any donations to the classroom.

Kind Regards, The Prep Team
ROWVILLE SPORTS ACADEMY TRY OUT CAMPS ARE NOW OPEN!

APPLICATION PROCESS

To apply for 2018 placement, please complete the following steps –

1. Complete an RSA Expression of Interest form and email back to us at – boyle.megan.m@edumail.vic.gov.au
   This can be found on the Rowville Secondary College website, on the Rowville Sports Academy page. The link to this is - http://www.rowvillesc.vic.edu.au/?page_id=5536

2. Forward a copy of your child’s most recent school report to - boyle.megan.m@edumail.vic.gov.au

3. Book in to a 3 day Try Out Camp, by going to the following link – https://www.trybooking.com/OUNM

Please note that bookings are scheduled to open on Monday 20th February.

The cost of the camp is $150, which includes lunch, and payable at the time of booking by credit card with the following dates -

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4. Within a week of your booking, we will forward to you a Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) document that may answer any further questions you have regarding the Application Process. Please read this through carefully as it is very detailed.

OTHER IMPORTANT DATES -

OPEN NIGHT

Monday 27th March from 7pm until 9pm
To be held in the Performing Arts Centre, Humphreys Way, Rowville

RSA INFORMATION NIGHT

Monday 8th May from 7pm until 9pm
To be held in the Performing Arts Centre, Humphreys Way, Rowville