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“The Grapevine”

Friday, 9th February, 2018



Robinvale College

“Great Learning for a Thriving Community”

“ Welcome Back ”

Calendar of Events.....

February, 2018

7th....College Photo Day
16th ..Swimming Carnival

March, 2018

12th ... Public Holiday
13th – 16th ..Years 9/10 Camp
Cape Bridgewater
22nd ..Year 7 Immunizations
26th – 28th .. Years 3/4 Camp
Billabong Ranch

“Some of our Foundation Students”





Principal's Report

Welcome

Welcome to 2018. I hope that everyone enjoyed a relaxing Xmas and New Year, spending time with family and loved ones. This year is going to be an exciting year for our College and for our students with many opportunities for students to actively involve themselves within our College community. This year we also see the beginning of the Drs in Schools program, the completion of the Building Works project, our Peer Review and OHS Audit. 2018 is a year of review and evaluation for our College as we enter into our new 4 year Strategic Review. This is an ideal opportunity for us to work alongside the Robinvale community, our parents and carers so we can look to strengthen ways in which we can work together to improve student outcomes and learning opportunities for our students.

College Council

Nominations are now open for representatives on our College Council. This year there will be a total of three parent member vacancies. Judy Norton has completed her term of two years. Neil Waugh and Adam Jealous have completed their one year term as co-opted members filling in for previous members who resigned. All of these people are eligible to be nominated again.

The final meeting of the current Council will be held on Monday 12th February.

Nominations are due in to the front office no later than 4pm on Monday 19th February. Nomination forms can be collected from the front office or found within this newsletter. Parent members are able to nominate themselves or be nominated by another parent member of the College community.

Mallee Education Cluster

On Tuesday last week, all teachers participated in collaborative activities with their colleagues from across a number of schools within the Mallee Education Cluster. Research shows there are many benefits in teachers working professionally and collaboratively together resulting in improved teaching and improved student outcomes. The collaboration and partnership that the schools have within the Mallee Education Cluster is integral to the sustainability of these schools and the expertise of the teachers working within them. Our Year 12 Further Mathematics students also joined the day in Ouyen. They had a unique opportunity to form friendships and collaborate with other Year 12 Further Maths students and investigate ways in which they can support each other with their studies this year. Our next Mallee Education Cluster Day will be held on the 16th July, which will also be a pupil free day for our students.

Uniform

It was fantastic to see so many of our students in school uniform at our whole school assembly on the first day of school this year. Wearing a school uniform promotes pride, helps to provide a sense of belonging and supports students to feel more connected to our College community. I would like to ask all parents / carers to make sure their child is in full school uniform. Clothing can be purchased from the Uniform Shop via the front office. Polo tops are currently on backorder from the manufacturer and will be available by the end of the term. Any families needing financial support are encouraged to make contact with their

Community Area Leader who can assist with a State School Relief Fund application.

Staffing

I would like to take the opportunity to welcome new staff member Hiranthi Punchihewa who is joining us this year. Hiranthi will be teaching Science and VCE Chemistry. We are fortunate to have Lisa Pond return to our College and she will be teaching primary and middle years classes. Thank you to Taryn Plant who is assisting us this term in the F-4 community while we fill a primary teacher vacancy. A big thank you also to Di Vandenberg who has kindly agreed to continue in the F-4 Community Area Leader role until a last minute vacancy is filled. Congratulations to Lauren Chapman who accepted a position over the holidays at the Malak Reengagement Centre, Northern Territory. Congratulations also to Carmen McMonnies who got engaged over the school holidays.

Sara Broster

**Miss Sara Broster,
Principal.**

Foundation to Year 4 Awards

"Weekly Award Winners"

Congratulations to the following students who were presented with their **Getting Along** Awards...

2nd February, 2018

12A – **Scarlet Dao**

12B – **Lucas McKissack**

34A – **Ruby Lovegrove**

34B – **Sav Kolo**

34C – **Bella Brigante**



Congratulations to the Social, Emotional Learner Award recipients for first week back to school. The theme involved the express use of greetings and manners to friends, class members and staff.

Back row: L-R Isabella Brigante, Ruby Lovegrove, Sav Kolo

Front row: L-R Scarlett Dao, Lucas McKissack.

Secondary School Vaccinations in 2018

The Secondary School Vaccine Program offers free vaccines to Year 7 and 10 students. These vaccines provide protection against:

- Diphtheria, tetanus and pertussis (whooping cough) – one dose for year 7 students
- Human Papillomavirus (HPV) – two doses for Year 7 students
- Meningococcal A,C,W,Y – one dose for Year 10 students

Parents/guardians of Years 7 and 10 students should look out for the vaccine consent card booklet coming home from school with your child. You need to read the information, complete and return the card regardless of whether your child is being vaccinated at school.

The Swan Hill Rural City Council immunisation service may contact you about the Secondary School Vaccine Program. Schools are authorised to provide basic parent/guardian contact details to local councils for this purpose. Contact the school by 28th February 2018 if you do not want your contact details given to the Swan Hill Rural City Council immunisation service.

To learn more about the Secondary School Vaccine Program, the vaccines, the diseases they protect against, or how you can prepare your child for vaccination, go to betterhealth.vic.gov.au.

Additionally, the Commonwealth government is funding vaccinations for all children under 20 years who missed scheduled vaccines. If students have missed vaccines, either in childhood or adolescence, and require catch-up vaccines, they should speak with their immunisation provider (ie. local council or GP).

F-4 Leaders 2018



Congratulations to the new leaders of the F-4 Community.

Back row: (L-R) Caden McMonies, Lilly Smith, Braith Barker, Ruby Hingano

Front row: (L-R) Leisi Kirirua-Gill, Zander Hengsen

Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) 2018

This year we are allowing students in years 7 to 12 to bring their own device to school. This is especially useful for senior students as they prepare for their final examinations. Having your own laptop adds that extra layer of care for students when they transport these devices around school and back and forward from home. **This BYOD option is not compulsory.** Teachers will have a bank of laptops available for students to use when a lesson requires the use of technology.

The decision to buy a laptop for your student to participate in this program remains with the parent. We have **completed the netbook program** where the school provided netbooks for students to take home with them. It is not envisaged that this program will be introduced again. If a parent wishes to discuss this with an ICT Officer or the ICT Coordinator please contact the school so we can assist you in making an informed choice. Personal laptops are a great learning aid for students but are not essential to their learning.

Information Update

Some of our student and family records are quite old and some details may now be incorrect. For example, this could apply to contact phone numbers, address, medical alerts and parent occupation. All of the information we collect is important so it needs to be accurate. If you have changed any of these details, please contact the school to have them updated.

Student Drivers

Under *no circumstances is a student permitted to transport another student* either to, at or from school in a motor vehicle without the prior consent of the Principal. Approval will only be granted in very special circumstances after thorough consultation with all involved and a written consent form from parents.

Medical Information

It is crucial that the school has accurate medical information for all students participating in excursions and camps. There is an increased risk whilst groups are in transit

and backup support may not be readily available. Staff need to be aware of all existing conditions so that any treatment of a student is targeted to their needs. Please contact the school if you need to update any medical information.

Personal Property

Personal property is often brought to school by students, staff and visitors. For example, this can include calculators, toys, sporting equipment and cars parked on school premises.

The Department of Education and Early Childhood Development does not hold insurance for personal property brought to schools and it has no capacity to pay for any loss or damage to such property. For this reason, students are advised not to bring valuable items to school. If it is deemed necessary for a valuable item to be brought to school, it should be left at the office for safe keeping.

Swimming Sports

When : Friday 16th February

It is a **compulsory** school day for all students in Foundation – 12. **Full attendance** is required. If your child is unable to attend on the day a **note** must be written by parents to explain your absence or a phone call made that morning to the College Office.

All students **must come to school first** on Friday and not head straight to the pool.

All students must come to school in **full sports uniform** – sporting gear in house colours. **Come to school with swim gear already on** underneath your sports uniform. It is not an out-of-uniform day.

After the sports **all students must return to the school grounds for dismissal** with their classroom teachers or learning coaches unless prior arrangements have been made.

Lunches can be ordered through the canteen in the morning, and will be delivered to the pool at approx. 1pm. Remember to bring a hat and sunscreen!

Helpers

If you are interested in helping out at the Swimming Sports please fill out the tear off slip at the end of this newsletter.

Class Dojo Free App

There is a free app available for the F-4 community to enable you to follow along the news of some of our classrooms. This app is the Class Dojo app.

Classes using this method of incentive and communication will have sent notes to home. This is a free app which can be found on both IOS/Apple and Google Play stores. Apps can be on home computers, smart phones and tablet devices such as ipads. It is a fun way to interact with the classrooms and get some “real time” updates of what we are achieving.

At this stage Mr. Down, Ms. Hocking and Miss O’Loughlin use Classroom Dojo.

If any families would like more information, or repeat letters sent home please do not hesitate to contact your child’s classroom teacher.

Fundraiser – Sports Equipment

When shopping at Coles Supermarket please obtain your vouchers and hand them into the College Office. This will help the College to obtain additional sporting equipment.

REFNC Netball Muster Day

A muster day for all junior and senior players will be held on **Sunday February 25th** at the Robinvale Netball Courts.

One Netball Ambassador Clinic **10.00am-12.00pm**

BBQ lunch to follow with enrolments for the 2018 season.

VNA can be paid online using the link below;

<https://netball.resultsvault.com/common/pages/reg/welcome.aspx?fl=1&type=1&id=35897&entityid=39578>

Please note that Netball Victoria Membership must be paid via this link by the individual member, not to the club.

Robinvale College Swimming Sports

I am able to help on the day of the Swimming Sports.

Name

Contact Number

Time

Learning Community Area interested in helping in :

Junior

Middle

Senior

Please return this page to the front office as soon as possible.