From The Principal…

Dear Parents/Carers

This week every State school in Victoria celebrates Education Week. Going to school to learn is a basic right for all children and it is something that we take for granted. However there are 120 million children in the world who don’t go to school because they either live in a country where there is no school or it is too unsafe to go to school. We can celebrate that not only do we have a school for the children in our community, but also that it is a truly vibrant place where everyone comes to learn.

The highlight of Education Week 2016 at Rowville Primary School will be “Twilight School”. It is hard to imagine that by altering the school day we can engender so much excitement amongst our students! I look forward to meeting families on the night.

One of the vehicles for the teaching of writing at Rowville Primary School is the “Writer’s Notebook”. All students are encouraged to maintain a Writer’s Notebook.

“A writer’s notebook is a blank book where a writer can engage in the fun, often messy job of being a writer – practicing, listening, playing with language, gathering images and insights and ideas. The purpose of such a notebook is to nourish the writer… such a notebook… is one of the most essential tools of the trade.”

*Fletcher and Portalupi, Lessons for the Writer’s Notebook, p.4*

At Rowville Primary School, students are encouraged to engage with their writing as a writer. An important part of the writing process is noting down thoughts, feelings and observations about the world around us – the Writer’s Notebook is the tool that allows students to do just this. From their Writer’s Notebook, students are able to develop ideas into a piece of writing. The Writer’s Notebook is a personal place where students create and keep their initial thoughts. Students are encouraged to use Google Docs as a single, central and easily accessible way to create their Writer’s Notebook.

We encourage our students to write anything in their Writer’s Notebook. When something makes them think, believe or feel something… we encourage them to note it in their notebook! The contents of a Writer’s Notebook are usually individual, based on the owner of the Notebook. It may contain ideas, words, experiences, thoughts, quotes, images, videos (using Google Docs), flyers, cards, song lyrics... the list is literally endless!

In order to encourage students to have a variety of entries in their Writer’s Notebook, each Monday students have been given encouragement during our assembly by Mr Jury, students and teachers.

Today our teachers worked with Alan Wright and explored ways in which they could further encourage our students to write more and more!

Anne Babich
Principal
Dear Parents/Carers

I read a brilliant news article over the weekend that detailed the amazing discovery of a lost Mayan city by a 15 year old boy following three years of research and investigation.

The boy, William, had developed a fascination with the ancient civilisation when he was the same age as our senior school students. His passion for the ancient civilisation, astronomy and technology and his keen sense of inquiry led to him studying the Mayan’s in great detail. It was through this three year process of research and inquiry into the 22 Mayan constellations that he made the connection that the Mayan’s aligned the 117 cities in their empire with the position of the stars.

This discovery was reported to be the first time that a researcher had made the direct correlation between the locations of the Mayan cities and the stars. This led to a further discovery that there was one star in the Mayan constellations that did not correlate with a Mayan city. William used satellite images from the Canadian Space Agency and Google Earth maps to pinpoint the precise location of the lost city. The images, which I am sure you will be able to find online, show the base of a pyramid temple and the ruins of ancient buildings covered in dense overgrown forest. William has named the city K’aak Chi which translates to the Mouth of Fire.

What I loved about this article is that it provides proof that age is no barrier to achievement. William was never told that he was too young to make his mark or that his age meant that people should not expect too much from him. It reminds us of what is possible when there is passion. It confirms for us that technology can be used expertly by anyone at any age to support deep learning and inquiry. If we encourage curiosity and possess the skills of inquiry - great things are possible. How many ‘Williams’ do we have at our school? Lots, I hope!

Twilight School is here! Care and supervision arrangements are in place for those families that have returned the reply slip to indicate that their children will be joining us during the morning.

A further reminder for these families that students are asked to come through the main office area when they arrive in the morning to have their attendance recorded and they will be directed to the space and place that their morning program will be running.

Students that will be attending school for the morning are reminded to bring morning snack and lunch as per a normal school day as well as their afternoon snack and evening meal, if a meal has not been ordered through the school.

All school gates will be open for the duration of Twilight School. It is suggested that parents that arrive after 6.00pm seek to park in car parks adjacent to the school, such as Stud Park, to avoid congestion at this peak time.

The table below is a reminder of the start and finish times for each session for Twilight School.

2016 Twilight School Day
School Crossing Supervision

Below is a map of the crossings that will be attended. Roxville Police will be roving the major crossings to enhance safety (if possible). These will be supervised from 12.30pm to 1.00pm.

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7.30pm School Closes - Please collect your child from their classroom.

I look forward to seeing you at Twilight School.

Stuart Boyle
Assistant Principal
Congratulations to the following students who were presented with an award at our Monday morning assembly. These awards were given to students who have made significant achievements in Writing: Word Choice.

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<td>Ziad B</td>
<td>Challenging himself in Writing Workshop by thinking of more interesting words to use in his sentence.</td>
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<td>B</td>
<td>Justine S</td>
<td>Always trying her best to use a wide range of vocabulary during writing workshop. Well done Justine!</td>
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<td>C</td>
<td>Olivia H</td>
<td>Always trying her best by ensuring that she stays focused during learning time. Well done Olivia!</td>
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<td>1A</td>
<td>Sophie K</td>
<td>Using a range of excellent vocabulary to make her writing more interesting. Well done!</td>
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<td>Benjamin W</td>
<td>Making his writing more interesting by using his growing vocabulary.</td>
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<td>1C</td>
<td>Ivanka P</td>
<td>Using good descriptive language to make her writing more interesting.</td>
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<td>2A</td>
<td>Aditya W</td>
<td>Expanding his vocabulary by tuning into new words in his reading and using these to make his writing interesting and exciting.</td>
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<td>2B</td>
<td>Cooper B</td>
<td>Working extremely hard on his spelling and using his THRASS chart to spell unknown words to use in his writing.</td>
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<td>Logan M</td>
<td>Using interesting words and fantastic similes to make his writing more exciting and descriptive.</td>
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<td>3A</td>
<td>Nina R</td>
<td>Using excellent word choices to describe and to make her writing flow.</td>
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<td>Claire S</td>
<td>Using interesting and descriptive words in her writing which grab the reader’s attention.</td>
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<td>Jai S</td>
<td>Using a variety of interesting and engaging words in his persuasive text about why his Mum is the best.</td>
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<td>Kaylee A</td>
<td>Using new and challenging words in her research on dinosaurs during Inquiry.</td>
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<td>Tilly M</td>
<td>Creating a vocabulary list of new words whilst researching for her non-fiction writing piece on clouds.</td>
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<td>5A</td>
<td>Chris P</td>
<td>Using a range of exciting descriptive language when writing to engage the reader.</td>
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<td>5B</td>
<td>Jasmine S</td>
<td>Consistently using complex and descriptive language that lets the reader visualise her writing.</td>
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<td>5C</td>
<td>Sophie J</td>
<td>Using mentor texts to collect powerful language that she then uses in her writing.</td>
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<td>6A</td>
<td>Luke S</td>
<td>Using a broad and colourful vocabulary to add impact to his writing.</td>
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<td>6B</td>
<td>Zach S</td>
<td>Using a highly specific vocabulary when writing scientific texts to create a sense of expertise.</td>
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Congratulations to the following students who earned Mathletics Certificates this week.

**Gold Certificates**

- Aadhi S
- Ebony G
- Georgia C
- Jenna C

**Silver Certificates**

- Akera A
- Ashley H
- Hailey S
- Katelyn F
- Neha C
- Paris D
- Ziad B

- Ashana-Rae E
- Dylan L
- Kaitlin E
- Lauren K
- Nicholas S
- Sebastien L

**Bronze Certificates**

- Adrian S
- Caitlyn H
- Ella R
- Jake D
- Kelsie T
- Max L
- Sofia M

- Akil B
- Cedric C
- Eloise R
- Jasmine S
- Lacey M
- Michael M
- Sophie K

- Alessia C
- Chay P
- Erik S
- Jazmin S
- Lachlan A
- Najib N
- Summer K

- Anthony D
- Chloe P
- Evangelina D
- Jemma W
- Lily F
- Olivia N
- Tayla K

- Ashford P
- Claire S
- Evelyn H
- Jeremy B
- Lilyana O
- Preston P
- Temperance L

- Ayana O
- Daniel C
- Farah O
- Jonathan L
- Linran C
- Rodrigo V
- Tia C

- Ayden B
- David S
- Grace C
- Jordan F
- Luca C
- Seth T
- William S

- Bailey H
- Dhruti S
- Hanna E
- Jordan M
- Lucas N
- Shaun R
- Zac M

- Bailey H
- Disha A
- Hayden T
- Joshua F
- Maddison M
- Shiyao H
- Zach H

- Bethany H
- Elizabeth H
- Jack S
- Kate H
- Madeline O
- Sienna M
- Zara K

- Bridgette N
- Elizaveta K
- Jai S
- Kaylee A
- Marta K
- Siobhan L
- Zarah M

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**SECOND HAND UNIFORM SHOP**

The Second Hand Uniform Shop will be open every 2nd WEDNESDAY with the help of Parent volunteers from 3.00 – 3.30pm.

Term 2 2016

- 25th May
- 8th & 22nd June

- Hats $2.00
- Track & Bootleg Pants $5.00
- Shorts & Cullottes $5.00
- Windcheater $5.00
- Polo Shirt $5.00
- Bomber Jacket $10.00
- School Bag $10.00
- Summer Dress $10.00
- Winter Dress $15.00
- Waterproof Jacket $15.00
DIARY OF EVENTS
All dates for school events can be viewed in the calendar on Compass

Commonwealth Bank School Banking
School Banking Day is Friday.
If you would like to open a school bank account please go to your local Commonwealth Bank branch and mention Rowville Primary School. Our school receives $5 for every new account opened.

School Banking 2016 is set for the outback.

Since 1984, the School Banking program has been introducing interactive and exciting new ways to teach students money skills. This year’s program invites your child to join this Outbackman on a wild outback adventure through the Canyons of Savings.

Your school has received present packs that include a film you need to get started. If you haven’t received a present pack yet, please ask your School Banking Co-ordinator.

Equipping smart savers with eight new reward items in 2016

The School Banking program continues to encourage good savings behavior by rewarding students with thrilling reward items. For every 10 deposits made through the program, students can redeem a reward from our Outback Savers range. The first ten reward items released in Term 1 include Flying Snake Tail and Kelpie Water Falls.

You could meet Bridie and Robert Wren at Australia Zoo

This year, while giving students the chance to win a family trip for up to two adults and two kids to explore Australia Zoo and meet Bridie and Robert Wren, plus:

- A 1-day Police Zoo Adventure Tour, where you’ll get to pat wombats, cuddle koalas and feed wildlife, all while your personal photographer captures every incredible moment.
- Domestic return economy flights to Townsville, Qld. 4 nights’ accommodation, 5 days car hire and $1,000 spending money.

Students who make 10 or more School Banking deposits by the end of Term 3, 2016 will automatically receive an entry into the competition.

For more information, visit commonwealthbank.com.au/schoolbanking

Rowville Kids Café News

Specials Menu

POPCORN MONDAY
Freshly Popped Popcorn $1.00

SUSHI HANDROLL TUESDAY
Lunch order only
- Crispy Chicken $3.20
- Tuna and Avocado (GF) $3.20
- Avocado & Cucumber (V, GF) $3.20
- Teriyaki Chicken $3.20

Soy Sauce will only be provided on request – please note on order

Wacky WEDNESDAY
Lunch order only
- Chicken Chippies (bag of 6) $3.00 a bag

A copy of the full café menu is available on the website: rowville.ps.vic.edu.au

Thank you to our helpers for next week

Monday 23rd May N. Thomson
Tuesday 24th May L. McConnochie
Wednesday 25th May A. Diab
Thursday 26th May K. Hopkins
Friday 27th May E. Lagaaia

Bronwyn Richards
Canteen Manager

FOUNDATION ENROLMENTS 2017

Rowville Primary School is now accepting enrolments for 2017. Children who turn five by April 30th of the enrolment year are eligible to attend school. When transferring from interstate, overseas or from a local school it is helpful if a written report is available at the time of enrolment. Group tour information will be available soon.

Enrolment forms are available online or from the office.
Calling all Green Thumbs

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4A: 11:15am - 11:55pm
4B: 11:55am - 12:35pm
4C: 12:35pm - 1:15pm

Calling all green thumbs……. Do you have some time to spare after school drop off or before school pickup time? A few extra hands willing to weed in the garden would make a huge difference to our kitchen garden. Please leave your name and contact number at the school office or visit me in the kitchen, Monday to Thursday, if you can assist at all in helping maintain our lovely garden.

We would also be grateful for donations of old bricks for creating borders in our garden.

We are also looking for donations of river rocks, as this year we hope to create a dry river bed for the excess water runoff in the garden after the rain. Rocks and bricks can be delivered straight to the garden.

Thank you
Jodie Wood
Kitchen Garden Specialist

Last week was National Volunteers Week. It is the largest celebration of volunteers in Australia and was established in 1989. In 2015 the theme of Give Happy, Live Happy was introduced. The research shows that volunteers live happier and healthier lives. I’d like to thank all the volunteers that help in the library throughout the year. Your contribution to our school is very much appreciated thank you.

Thank you also to the Kruger family for your recent donation of books to the library. Our students will enjoy the new resources.

Jackie Hicks
Library Technician

Buongiorno,
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Remember you can log on through Language Perfect or go to Google Play or The Apple App Store. As all students have a subscription through the school there is no cost to download the app. GO ROWVILLE Primary School !!!!!!!!!!!

Grazie
Ros Bartlett
LOTE Specialist

Caryn Pearson, a visiting primary school nurse from the Department of Education and Training, will be attending the school to conduct the Foundation grade health assessments and to see other students as requested by parents/carers or teachers (with parents’ consent).

The purpose of the visit is to provide all Victorian students with the opportunity to have a health assessment; to link children, families and school communities to services available in the community and to provide information and advice that promotes health and wellbeing. The health questionnaires were distributed to all Foundation students on Tuesday 10th May and need to be returned to the school office by Wednesday 18th May.

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What is ahead....

Twilight School - Twilight School Day will be held on Thursday 19th May 2016 from 1.00pm to 7.30pm.

Urgent help needed to distribute Twilight dinner orders to classrooms on Thursday 19th May from 4.45pm to 5.30pm.
Please text Tania on 0423 593 511 if you can assist.

Walkathon - Please send in your completed sponsorship form together with money collected to school as soon as possible.

Ferntree Gully Motor Group - The Great Community Raffle - The Great Community Raffle is run by The Rotary Club of Emerald & District Inc. in partnership with Ferntree Gully Motor Group and will be drawn at 6.00pm on Monday 15th August 2016.
All the money raised by the sale of the raffle tickets goes directly to Rowville Primary School. We encourage you to sell a full book of tickets early to family, friends, relatives and workmates to ensure the success of the raffle. Tickets may also be purchased at the school office and additional books are available.
Tickets are $2.00 each and there are only 5 in each book = Total of $10.00 per book.
It is a requirement of the Victorian Gaming Authority, that each and every ticket is accounted for and unsold tickets are returned to the school.
Please return tickets (sold or unsold) and payment to the office.
Maths and Science Academy Information Night and Expo

Rowville Secondary College offers an exciting specialist program for students with a passion for Maths and Science. This program, known as the Maths and Science Academy (MSA), provides students with the opportunity to investigate Maths and Science curriculum in greater depth and to engage with other motivated and enthusiastic learners.

An Information Night will be held on Wednesday, May 18th 2016 at 7pm in the Senior Study Centre, Rowville Secondary College (Western Campus), Paratea Drive Rowville. Families are encouraged to arrive from 6pm to see the current MSA students in action at the MSA expo.

If you would like more information on the Academy please do not hesitate to contact Harold Cheung or Melissa Fraser on 9755 4555.