VISITING AUTHOR

On Thursday 21st May, the Library was lucky enough to host a visit from Sydney-based author Will Kostakis. To start the day, Will ran a workshop with the Year 9 English Plus elective class:

This morning’s workshop with Will Kostakis was really helpful and also entertaining. The lesson involved Will writing a sample passage of bad writing, and throughout the class he taught us many ways to add interest and suspense to the passage.

We were told the story of how Will got his first book published and had a laugh at this entertaining tale. Will is a really talented writer and taught us a great deal in a short amount of time. He gave us many tricks for writing an interesting, creative piece and I’m glad to have been involved in the workshop. Alana Sango Year 9H

Will really helped encourage us (the English Plus class) to keep writing even if we feel discouraged to do so. His story of finding a publisher was truly inspiring. Victoria Bisignano 9E

Following the workshop, at recess Will mingled with students in the Library, chatting about his new book, The Sidekicks, the writing process and how to stay motivated to finish an extended piece of writing. Several budding student writers enjoyed hearing Will’s tips and advice.
STUDENTS WHO ARE UNWELL

A REMINDER TO ALL PARENTS. IF YOUR CHILD IS UNWELL PLEASE KEEP THEM AT HOME UNTIL THEY ARE BETTER, IF YOUR CHILD BECOMES UNWELL AT SCHOOL, THEY ARE TO GO TO SICK BAY FIRST.

STUDENTS ARE NOT TO PHONE THEIR PARENTS. STUDENTS WHO DO WILL BE IN BREACH OF SCHOOL RULES AND THIS WILL LEAD TO CONFISCATION OF MOBILE PHONES.

JENNY BUCKLEY, SICK BAY COORDINATOR, WILL CALL PARENTS IF THEIR STUDENT IS UNWELL AND NEEDS TO GO HOME.

ROSEBUD SECONDARY COLLEGE HAS A CLEAR MOBILE PHONE POLICY:

Unless directed by a teacher for a specific education purpose, all mobile devices including iPod’s & mobile phones should be switched off at school.

Where a teachers direction is not followed, electronic devices will be taken for the day and returned at the end of the day. In the case of repeated transgressions the device will be returned to a parent.

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Please note that the RSC Newsletter is only available online.

You can subscribe to receive a fortnightly electronic version through our Website: www.rsc.vic.edu.au

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Hard copies are available at the front office for anyone without internet access.

NEW KEYED PADLOCKS

For students purchasing new laptops in 2016 it is recommended that you purchase a new keyed padlock for their locker.

These cost $30.00 and are available to purchase from the front office now.

Replacement keys will be available for purchase if needed.
Hello to the Rosebud Secondary College community. I would like to welcome everyone back to term two. I hope everyone had a restful break and we look forward to the term ahead. Next week we will celebrate Anzac Day and will hold a whole school assembly on the 26th April in honour of this.

Last week we held our interim report night and it was a pleasure to see so many students and families on the night. The Principal team surveyed a large number of parents regarding the new reporting format. We were particularly keen to garner feedback regarding the new semester based reporting that came out at the end of 2015. It was interesting to hear opinions and how much parents have understood the changes and the benefits. There was generally agreement that the new format was visually better and the Attitudes to Learning (ATLs) made sense in terms of assessing a range of skills essential beyond school. A number of parents expressed concern about comments not appearing, but many felt the ATLs gave much of this information. The move away from comments is becoming quite common amongst schools with a focus on timely feedback directly to students and appearing online via a portal. This will gradually become more of a feature with Compass as we fully roll out this system. For full details regarding our new reporting please visit this link: http://rsc.vic.edu.au/feature/attitudes-to-learning-atl-reporting/

This year Rosebud Secondary College will be completing a school review. The purpose of a school review is to examine the school data and work that has been completed over the last Strategic Plan period. This occurs every four years. We will inform College Council through the year as this process is completed. We will also be completing surveying of parents and we encourage you to take part in this so your voice is heard. When the review is completed the College will publish a new Strategic Plan to guide the direction of the school over the next four year period.

Applications are now open for our specialist programs SEAL (Select Entry Accelerated Learning) and Performing Arts. Rosebud Secondary College is the only local provider of these programs and we belong to the SEAL Academy which oversees the quality of SEAL programs across the state. Application forms can be found at this link: http://rsc.vic.edu.au/feature/applications-for-seal-and-performing-arts/

Organisational matters

Free dress day: Friday 29th April: Supporting the Cancer Council.

Next week there will be a ‘Biggest Morning Tea’ combined with the free dress day with all proceeds going to the Cancer Council. There is a gold coin donation for casual dress and bring some more coins for morning tea which will be hosted by the Year 12 students in the courtyard.

Uniform reminder

Now we are into term two and expect all students to have non-uniform items addressed, such as shoes and pants. We would ask that you plan accordingly for the winter months with regard to school jumpers and spray jackets as non-school tops such as ‘hoodies’ will not be accepted. This year we will be reviewing the uniform items. If there are any changes to school uniform items there will be a period that these are phased in.

NAPLAN testing week: from Tuesday 10th May- Thursday 12th May.

Whole school curriculum day: Monday 9th May- this day will be student free.
1:1 LAPTOP PROGRAM 2016

Following the success of the 1:1 laptop program in Years 7 and 10 in 2015, Rosebud Secondary College is proud to extend the program to all students for this year.

It is expected that these devices will be used as a tool for learning in many classes across all year levels, from next year onwards. It is highly recommended for families to purchase a device for their children.

There are two devices available, both are Lenovo 11e Yoga laptops with the advanced option including an active stylus. The devices are available through the College’s website by clicking the Edunet logo. You will then be re-directed to the purchasing portal. The direct address is http://rosebudsc.technologyportal.com.au/.

The password for access is RSC.

Further Questions
If you have any questions about the program please either visit the College’s website (www.rsc.vic.edu.au) and select the 1:1 Laptop link, or contact Adam Vardanega at the College 03 5986 8595.
The two classes enjoyed an action packed camp in Western Port, we were blessed with marvellous weather on the first two days as we caught some mad waves or kayaked the Pacific, or even battled monstrous crabs in the rock pools of Point Leo. However, limits were pushed on the final day as a storm came over, and heavy rain and wind followed. Which meant we were unable to do some activities, but the kind people at Merricks were nice enough to let us go into their camp and do some there.

There was one final test of character we were faced with, and that was the option to go snorkelling at the Flinders pier. Not all were brave enough, but I was up for the challenge and I can say “it would be the highlight of my trip”, as the conditions were perfect and we found the rare and elusive Weedy Sea Dragons.

But all too soon the camp came to an end and it was time to get back on the “speed demon” school bus and head back home. It was a great camp and I’d like to thank everyone who made it possible as well as the Monash crew, who came down for the journey and added to many great experiences the camp had to offer. Ms Picot
HANDS ON LEARNING

Well, last term has flown by and we now have most of the fitness and pump track complete. This term will see us finish off the tracks and start all of the landscaping and tree planting around these areas. This should take us most of the year to complete with over 2500 plants being planted out around the area. On top of all this we have a billy cart race at the end of term, totem poles to carve and a glasshouse to install.....Gotta love being busy!

We would like to thank the Bank of Melbourne for supplying the funding to build the tracks and Hillview Quarries for the donated materials.

Cheers, The HoL team

YEAR 12 PRODUCTION: METAMORPHOSES

Year 12 Theatre Studies proudly presents Mary Zimmerman’s Metamorphoses.

Based on a collection of ancient Greek and Roman myths, Metamorphoses explores the concept of transformation through love and loss.

There will be a FREE performance on Sunday May 8th at 2:30pm. This will be the students’ final dress rehearsal and will include a Q and A session at the conclusion of the performance where the audience can ask the students questions about the creative processes they undertook.

Performance dates are May 10th and 11th at 7:30pm in the Southern Peninsula Arts Centre. All tickets are $10 and will be available on the night at the door.

Thank you to Peninsula Platters and Somerville Village Meats for their generous support in providing us with our set pieces.
MIND MATTERS

2016 MINDMATTERS ACTION TEAM

On Friday 18th March 2016 our first ever MindMatters Action Team met for a professional development day to discuss the implementation of the MindMatters framework. It was an extremely insightful day in which we all discussed past data and areas we would like to focus on in 2016. In Term 2 we are starting the roll out of Component 1 – Positive School Community. I would like to thank all of the staff that have put their hand up to drive this framework in our school.

If you would like to know more follow the link to the mind matters website http://www.mindmatters.edu.au/

MATHS TUTORING IS BACK

Free Maths Tutoring Sessions are back every Thursday after school from 3:00 - 4:00pm

Years 7-9 Room 111
Years 10-12 Room 113

Bring your homework or come to get extra help. Any questions, please contact the Maths Department at the College.
LIBRARY WEBSITE

The Library now has its own website, for students to access via the College intranet page when on the network, and via rosebudsclibrary.weebly.com when away from school.

The website includes general Library information, links for readers and researchers and a range of digital resources for junior and senior students. Please note that, because of site licences, users must be on the College network to access the Library catalogue.

Students can check out new fiction titles, request book purchases via email, see what upcoming events the Library is hosting and check out author profiles. A range of resources to support students’ information literacy skills are also featured.

OVERDUE NOTICES NOW ON COMPASS

This week Library staff began using Compass to notify students about overdue items:

- a grey message is a first notice, for items overdue by less than one month
- a yellow message is a second notice, for items overdue for 30-60 days
- a red message is a third notice, for items overdue for 60-90 days

These notifications are also visible to parents.

Students with an item which is overdue for more than six months have received a red ‘Final Notification’ on Compass. The replacement cost for this resource has been added to their family’s invoice for payment and the student’s borrowing privileges remain suspended until the item is returned, replaced or paid for. If your child has received a ‘Final Notification’ message from the Library on Compass and you are unable to replace or pay for an item that’s been lost, please contact the Head of Library to discuss alternative arrangements.
CAREERS NEWS

YEAR 10 WORK EXPERIENCE

Many Year 10 students are out on work experience at the time of writing this article. This opportunity is going to be invaluable when making decisions about whether VCE or VCAL is the best way to go in year 11. The reports so far from employers have been positive and it has been great to see the initiative that our students have shown. These photos are of Seth doing some tiling work and Olivia at a pre-school.

YEAR 12 INFORMATION

I have run VTAC, SEAS and scholarships information sessions that the majority of year 12’s have attended. Students now have a small task to perform before they come to the careers office for a careers counselling session ahead of VTAC applications opening in August. All students are encouraged to come to careers and make a time – it does not matter what students intend to do in 2017. This is the opportunity to explore the reasoning behind their chosen pathway and make sure that it is the best option for them.

Mr Derek Kirk.

PARENTS AND FRIENDS ASSOCIATION

Our next meeting is set for Monday May 2nd, at 5pm in the staffroom. We need more parents involved to support this group. P&F can play a significant role in the life of the school in particular to plan for and run fundraising events which ultimately feed into improving school resources – a great benefit to your children. The P&F organised a highly successful “Mindfulness Festival” last November for example, a fundraising and community awareness raising event to support the Wellness Pavilion project.

Projects under consideration right now include establishing a very social Dinner Dance for later in the year and running a series of cake stalls at Bunnings on selected Saturday mornings. The P&F are also a sounding board for parent opinion and suggestions: a perfect avenue to learn more about what goes on in school, or to have a say in how things are done. If you are able and have an interest to be involved, then please come along to the next meeting.
2016 SPORT CAPTAINS

Congratulations to the following students who are sport captains for their respective year levels:

Back (Left to Right) - Tom Powell (7), Jack Heap (8), Campbell Hustwaite (10), Blake Kuipers (9), Charlie Robbins (12), Jamie Hafey-Bagg (11)

Seated (Left to Right) - Elli Papadopoulos (7), Hollie Dunston (10), Brianna Bond (12), Acacia Davis (9), Suede Croad (11), Tayla Chrystie (8)

TERM 1 SPORT RUN-DOWN

As the reigning Summer Cup Champions I have little doubt that we will reclaim the trophy once again after a very successful term in Interschool Sport. We were very strong in both Baseball and Volleyball, with great coaching from Ms MacKenzie, Mr Egan and Mr Verwey.

The following is a run-down of the term:

WINNERS & GOING ONTO DIVISIONAL FINALS

Baseball – Year 7 – 27th April, Year 8 - 26th April and Senior 26th April
Cricket – Year 8
Tennis – Intermediate
Boys 29th April
Volleyball – Year 8 - 3rd May (Boys and Girls), Intermediate 28th April (Boys and Girls) and Senior 28th April (Boys and Girls)

SECOND PLACE

Baseball – Intermediate
Cricket – Seniors
Tennis – Year 7 Boys, Year 8 Boys, Intermediate Girls

THIRD PLACE

Cricket – Intermediate Girls
Tennis – Year 8 Girls, Intermediate Girls, Senior Girls

FOURTH PLACE

Cricket – Senior Girls
Tennis – Senior Boys

TERM 2 SPORTS

Sign-ups occurred for the Term 2 Interschool sports. It is important for students to turn up to practice so as teams can be selected. Sports and dates for Term 2 are:

YEAR 7 (31st May) – Badminton, Football, Netball, Soccer. YEAR 8 (7th June) – Badminton, Football, Netball, Soccer
INTERMEDIATE (16th June) – Badminton, Football, Netball, Soccer
SENIOR (28th April) – Basketball, Badminton, Hockey, Soccer, Table Tennis
JUNIOR GIRLS FOOTBALL (Years 7-9) – 14th June
SENIOR GIRLS FOOTBALL (Years 10-12) – 20th June
ALL BOYS NETBALL – 20th June
SENIOR BOYS FOOTBALL AND SENIOR GIRLS NETBALL – 12th May
**INTERMEDIATE GIRLS VOLLEYBALL**

The Peninsula District Championship was a mere formality for Girls Team a fortnight ago when they easily accounted for all other teams, Mornington, Dromana, Westernport, Mount Eliza and Somerville. The girls accomplished the feat in easy fashion not dropping a set along the way, strong serving and solid teamwork enabled the girls to be unchallenged. Team members are Molly Austin, Holly Dell, Brooke Vernon, Jasmyn Greenfield, Macy Hall, Georgie Dell, Bonnie Street Harris, Rediet Gifford and Tuscani Closter.

Good luck in the next round girls.

**YEAR 8 GIRLS VOLLEYBALL**

Strong serving was a key point in the success of the Year 8 team and enabled the girls to defeat Mount Eliza, Mornington, Dromana and Somerville to win the District title yesterday. The girls were untroubled and didn’t drop a set all day. One highlight was Holly Garac serving through an entire set, winning that set 25 nil against Somerville.

The team members were Issy Mitsikas, Amy M’Crindle, Freya Heiskari, Eloise Armstrong, Charlie Jovanovski, Elizabeth Suric, Sienna Ingram and Aleisha Soares. Good luck in the next round girls.

The Year 8 win completes a treble, with the Senior Girls and Inter Girls also winning through to Zone level. This effort was matched by the Volleyball Boys who also grabbed a treble winning in Seniors, Intermediates and Year 8.

**SPORTING STARS**

There have been another 5 students who have been inducted as a ‘Sporting Star’. If you know of anybody else who should be inducted please see Mr Powell. Congratulations to:

- Holly Garac
- Brianna Bond
- Dallas Kuipers
- Ayden Coates
- Ben Closter

Netball & Athletics
Swimming
Beach Volleyball
Swimming
Athletics

In the April school holidays Dallas Kuipers 7E was chosen to represent Victoria and flew to Adelaide for the Australian Junior Beach Volleyball Championships. His team won the Bronze medal in the U15’s. In a Commonwealth Games first, Beach Volleyball will feature at the next Commonwealth Games on the Gold Coast 2018, extending the Games sports programme for the first time from 17 to 18 sports.

**SPORT NEWS - $10 Charge**

Please remember that each time your child goes out of the school for sport there is a $10 charge, payable to the front office before the day. Failing to do this may result in your child not going on the sporting activity.
COMMUNITY NEWS

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PARENTS OF TEENAGERS WITH ASD ACED 11-18 YEARS

Are you a parent/carer of a child on the autism spectrum aged 11-18 years?
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During the 4 weeks you will:
• Meet with other parents to share ideas and strategies
• Develop skills to further support your child
• Find out about other resources and funding
Take time to think about how to care for yourself and others in your family.

WHEN: Thursday’s 12th May to 26th June 2014
TIME: 6:00pm - 8:30pm
WHERE: Selmastra Community Place
5 Federation Drive, Clyde North VIC 3978
WHO: Parents, grandparents, carers of children with a diagnosis of autism

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Saver Plus was developed by ANZ and the Brotherhood of St Laurence and is delivered across Frankston and Mornington Peninsula by Brotherhood of St Laurence.
The program is funded by ANZ and the Australian Government.

Contact Kelly Clem or Angie O’Toole, your local Saver Plus Coordinators:
(03) 8781 5937 / 0407 827 930
or kcllem@bsl.org.au / angieotoole.bsl.org.au
Counselling Services

Peninsula Health provides counselling services through their community health sites in Frankston, Mornington, Hastings and Rosebud.

Counsellors (social workers and psychologists) will assist you to make positive changes in your life. We work with you to identify goals and find ways to tackle problems using the skills and resources you already have.

The counsellor does not judge, give advice, nor direct you to take a certain course of action, but will help you to find a better way to deal with your situation and to make your own decisions.

Counsellors can help with:
- Stress and anxiety
- Sadness and depression
- Grief and loss
- Managing chronic illness
- Dealing with trauma
- Family issues including family violence
- Personal relationships
- Parenting and child behaviour issues
- Separation issues
- Referral to other services

To book an appointment with the Peninsula Health Counselling Team, phone 1300 665 781.

Other services are also available to help with specific issues. Some suggestions are listed below:
- Relationship counselling – Relationships Australia 5990 1900, Family Life 9770 0341 or Life works 9783 7611
- SECASA for sexual assault including Crisis Response Line 9594 2289 (business hours), 1800 806 292 (after hours)
- Lifeline 13 11 14 (24 hours)
- Parentline 13 22 89
- Child Protection DHS – 1300 655 795
- Women’s Family Violence crisis support: 9789 4658 (Frankston WAYSS), 5971 9594 (Mornington Peninsula PFV Service), 1800 015 188 (After Hours Crisis Service)
- Mental Health Triage 9784 7192 (business hours), 1300 792 977 (all hours)
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