Our School Vision: Empowering all to reach their potential.

Sister Pat’s Quote of the week.

Our body cells renew themselves while we sleep. If only our wallets would do the same. (PK Shaw)

ICT Update

BYOD (Bring Your Own Device)
The ICT Department is currently working to develop a ‘Bring Your Own Device’ (or BYOD) policy for the school. Since the funding from the Digital Education Revolution (DER) has finished - which paid for much of the IT Equipment we currently have in the school, schools throughout the nation are moving towards a BYOD strategy where students bring their own device from home to use. This is seen as nationwide as the only way to provide a 1-1 device to student ratio. Initially, RDAS is looking to target students in Years 7-10 with a look to move into the Primary area in the near future. An upgrade of the schools network to accommodate BYOD devices is currently underway. A parent information night for BYOD will be held early next term, the details of this will be communicated to parents when dates are confirmed.

Daymap
The schools new learning management system, Daymap, which has been used in Secondary since the start of the year, now has an external address that students can access from home. https://daymap.rdas.sa.edu.au/daymap or follow the link on the schools webpage.
The next stage in the schools implementation of Daymap is setting up the ‘Parent Portal’. This will be available early next term and will allow parents to register with our Daymap system and be able to communicate with teachers, see Diary notes, check if homework has been set and view published grades for schoolwork as the Term is in progress. More information about the Parent Portal of Daymap will be communicated to parents soon and also will be discussed at the BYOD Parent Information night next term.

Interactive Learning
We have begun the process of looking to rollout a uniform Interactive Whiteboard solution throughout the whole school. This will allow us to provide all staff with knowledge of a uniform system, which empowers them to provide State-of-art Interactive Learning to students from Reception, all the way through their schooling to Year 12 at RDAS using new Interactive Projector technology. As our current focus of BYOD is 7-10 students, the initial focus of rolling out new interactive technology will be towards years R-6, with an aim for the two programs to eventually ‘cross over’, introducing the BYOD to Primary school and Interactive Learning to Secondary.

Chris Barry
Computer Systems Manager

Andrew Hudson
ICT Coordinator
Staffing Update:
In recent weeks we have commenced the task of appointing our senior leadership positions for 2015. The two Assistant Principal Positions (Year R-6 and Year 7-12) are currently being advertised, with the outcome to be known early in Term 3. The selection process for the Deputy Principal position (2015 to 2019) has been completed. Congratulations to Ann O’Sullivan for winning this position.
Two of our permanent teacher appointments for 2015 have also been filled in recent weeks. Kate Higgins (from Streaky Bay) has been appointed to the R-6 section of the school, and Cyrus Weir (from Loxton HS) has been appointed to a secondary English position. We have 5 other permanent positions currently being advertised across the state for 2015. The outcome of these positions should be known early next term.

Facilities Updates:
A number of major initiatives will be completed by the end of the July school holidays; replacement of a large section of the timber railing within the school, repair to the terracing and ramp adjacent to the canteen, repainting of the H block toilets, refurbishment of the large meeting room in E Block, converting it into our Student Counsellor offices and painting of the senior secondary CAD room. All of these initiatives help to build community pride in our school.

RDAS Camps: With the cooler weather, this term has seen a large proportion of our students involved in a number of extra curricula camps, 9 in total. For most students, these are the types of experiences that generate memories that last a life time, and they are an integral part of our school programme.
I am very grateful that our staff are willing to commit the time and energy to offer these opportunities. It’s an enormously task to plan and coordinate a camp, something that doesn’t happen by chance. Being prepared to spend time away from family and friends to go on camps is also a significant commitment, something I appreciate having gone on hundreds of camps throughout my career.

We are always grateful when parents take the time to say thanks, or show their appreciation. On the recent year 4/5 camp to Wallaroo, the staff and students received some great feedback from the company running the camp:

"I work with quite literally thousands of kids a year. Tonight, I am going home with a smile on my face because of this group of amazing kids. They are polite, respectful, they participated and they encouraged each other. If all schools had kids like these, my job would be a dream."..............and.....
"I cannot remember the last time anyone helped me as much in the kitchen. My faith in the goodness in the hearts of country people is restored and you are all welcome back here as often as you want to come. I have felt so appreciated this week. I couldn't do your job (the teachers), and I am in awe of what you do every day with the kids. I hope my daughter who is in her final year of her education degree is as dedicated to her classes as you are to yours...thank you very much for sharing them with me".

From a teacher’s perspective, this type of feedback makes all the hard work and sacrifice worth the effort.

Absence data for 2104: 2013 Average attendance: 89.3%  DECD Improvement Target: 93%
2014: Term 2: Wk 1: 88.27%  2: 89.85%  3: 87.24%  4: 89.93%  5: 88.01%  6: 86.12%  7: 8.  
Average to date in 2014: 89.80 %
Ms. Gubbin’s Year 3/4 class using the Online Public Access Catalog in the Resource Centre to find the answer to the day’s BIG QUESTION...

Where is it and how do I use it? OPAC!

RDAS Parents & Friends
Fashion Show “Fashions on the Field”

The show, our major fundraiser of the year, will be held on Saturday 28th of June 2014 from 7pm and will feature a range of fashions by South Australian businesses.

In addition to the Fashion Show the evening will include games, lucky door prizes and raffles.

Thank you to people who have made donations towards prizes.

All money raised will help us to buy resources for our school and the education of our children.

Thank you for your continued support, we look forward to seeing you at our Fashion Show.
Vern Kruger – President  RDAS Parents and Friends
YEAR 11 ARTWORKS

1. Pastel drawing by JAYNA NAPPER
2. Pastel drawing by NICOLE SANDFORD
3. Pastel drawing by Lara VAN DER WESTHUIZEN
4. Pastel drawing by CARLOS TAYLOR
5. Painting by HARMONY KENNEY
6. Pastel drawing by TYLER BERRYMAN
7. Painting by MONIQUE GOBBIE
8. Painting by ADELLE SMIRNIOS
9. Painting by RENEE SMIRNIOS
Friday the 20th of June R-12 Student Voice held a Pyjama and Crazy Hair Day to raise money for the school. The student Voice representatives made and sold Smiley Face biscuits and they were a real hit! Thank you to all students who dresses up and donated a gold coin or purchased some of the biscuits. The total money raised for the day was $584.95 this will go towards improving different areas of the school.

Thank you!

R-12 Student Voice
Wellbeing Week

Roxby Downs Area School and St Barbara’s Parish School together with BHP Billiton are planning a Wellbeing Week for students from reception to Year 12. The week-long Wellbeing focus week will run from Monday July 28th until Friday 1st August (Week 2, Term 3). The aim of the week is to bring General health & Wellbeing, Social and Emotional health, and Physical health and Wellbeing into the spotlight. Throughout the week we have three key guest speakers coming to speak with students and staff on issues that are highly relevant for our school community.

The first speaker is Sonya Ryan, mother of murdered teenager Carly Ryan, and the founder of the Carly Ryan Foundation. She will speak with our students and parents around the importance of online safety for children aged from as young as toddler’s right through to teenagers and adults. Some areas being addressed in her presentation will be; social networking, sharing information online, protecting your privacy, sexting, location services, online gaming, cyber bullying, mobile phone apps and securing your devices.

Our second guest speaker is Simon Clegg. Simon is one of Australia’s leading youth motivational speakers. He speaks internationally to thousands of teens, parents and teachers every year. He has written a book called ‘Pressure Makes Diamonds’ which deals head on with the key issues that teenagers are faced with such as social media, emotional resilience, self-esteem, self-worth, identity, drug and alcohol use, bullying, body image, making great choices, peer pressure and overcoming adversity. Simon will share his life journey with the students and address some of these topics included in his book.

The final speaker we have is Bill Hansberry. Bill has previously worked as a School Teacher, School Counsellor and Behaviour Management consultant within the South Australian Government and Catholic School systems as well as in a variety of educational leadership roles. Bill has taught and mentored primary and secondary students in mainstream and alternative educational settings in Australia and the U.K. He has jointly written the book “Raising Beaut Kids: Recipes for Parents on when to say ‘yes’ and not to say ‘no’ with Mark Le Messurier. Bill will be presenting a parent workshop on some of the topics covered in his book such as ‘Building rules that work’ and ‘Being the best resilience coach for you kids’.

Each of our guest speakers will present to student across the school along with running parent evening sessions on the Wednesday (30th July) and Thursday (31st July) during Wellbeing Week. Highlight these dates on the calendar as you don’t want to miss an opportunity to hear these great presenters talk! Please see the fliers at the end of the newsletter for more information including times and venues.

Throughout the week students will be involved in a variety of wellbeing related activities. Classes from both schools will be involved in sessions run by teachers, community volunteers and organisations. Some activities include: class fitness sessions, nippy gym, guided relaxation and yoga, shared lunches and play times, lunch time disco’s, small group Personal Training sessions, cooking classes, dance workshops and presentations, live radio presentations, art workshops & activities plus many, many more. Sessions will be run at both school sites and will involve classes walking between the schools to attend these sessions. We are really looking forward to giving students the chance to work with kids from another school.

This is a great opportunity for both schools to work together to raise awareness in all areas of wellbeing and hopefully students will take a lot away from this week. We are excited to have so many volunteers from the community businesses, parents and individuals on board. Big thanks to the team of teachers and community members working behind the scenes to plan this week.

If you would like to be involved in any way during this week please feel free to contact Beth Elliott on 86710011 or 0407233276 at RDAS or Kelly Weston on 86713207 at St Barbs alternatively speak with your child’s teacher on ways you can be involved in the week.
**Computer Aided Design / Computer Aided Manufacture Course**

Commencing on Thursday July 31 - 2014, I will be hosting evening classes for anyone interested in learning about CAD/CAM. The course will run each Thursday in term 3, from 7 pm until 9 pm, at the school in the Design and Technology Suite (G Block)

CAD / CAM features latest technology including 3D scanners, laser cutting and 3D printing. The cost is $250 fully inclusive of texts and all resources. Each participant also receives a ‘Certificate of Attendance’.

This will be a great way to learn about the latest technology being used in industry, and by your children at Roxby Downs Area School.

Contact Andrew Hudson at RDAS: 8671-0011 / 0408-856-705

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**ROXY DOWN AREA SCHOOL CANTEEN NEWS**

Thank you to all parents and caregivers for your support of the School Canteen.

Our tremendous staff and volunteers have done a fantastic job in running our canteen while Tracy McKay, our Canteen Manager, has been away. With the unexpected loss of Tracy’s husband, our school community has been deeply touched and we wish to acknowledge this loss and say that our thoughts are with Tracy’s family at this difficult time.

**Thank you** to Terri Hilder, Di Gardiner, Michelle Biar and Julie Annand for your wonderful work.

And to all those people that have called and offered their help at this time – Thank you, we appreciate it.

We had a great response with our recent 7-12 Red Food Day – Hot Chips and Gravy. Reception to Year 6 will be having their Red Food Day this Friday 27th June.

**Please be aware that due to Occupational Health & Safety reasons, the Canteen is unable to reheat food brought in from home. For the same reasons are not able to put boiling water into noodle cups for students**

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**Mick’s message:**

Hi everyone,

**Your time is limited, so don’t waste it living someone else’s life. –Steve Jobs creator and cofounder of Apple**

The greatest person you can be in life is yourself; spend time thinking about who you are and who you want to be in life, then line yourself up to go in that direction. That is the most rewarding thing you can do with your life.

Michael Cantell

**RDAS Christian Pastoral Support Worker.**

Providing pastoral care and support to students, staff and families

At school on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday

Tel: 86710011

Email: Michael.cantell237@schools.sa.edu.au
NAIDOC WEEK
roxbydowns
2014

Sunday 6th July
Opening Ceremony & Main Street Festival 10am - 4pm
IWANTJA BAND, DJ FLO
WARREN MILERA BAND
Free event, bush tucker, live music, arts and crafts, children's activities

NAIDOC FILM FESTIVAL
FREE ENTRY TO ALL FILMS
Tuesday 8th July 7pm - OD Village Cinema
Crocker Island Exodus, Ralph & The Djarn Djarns

Wednesday 9th July 7pm - Outback Cinema, Roxby Downs  The Sapphires

Thursday 10th July 7pm - OD Village Cinema
Aunty Maggie & The Womba Wakgun & Mabo
NAIDOC week is an annual celebration held from the first Sunday to the second Sunday in July. This year NAIDOC week will be held from the 6 to 13 July.
NAIDOC week celebrates the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. This year’s theme is “Serving Country: Centenary and Beyond”. This theme honours all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander men and woman who have fought in defence of country.
July 7th—18th 2014

What to Bring
Everyday:
- Recess
- Lunch
- Hat
- Water

For Excursions:
- Hat
- Water
- Sun Screen
- Permission Form

Phone: 0417 813 209
Fax: 08 - 86713381
Email: director@rockbyoshc.com

RDAS - OSHC

| 7th July | Wii Games Special Painting Project | 9th July | Movies 10:00am “How to Train your Dragon 2” Paper Planes Paper Mache Plate Cheese & Bacon |
| 8th July | Fabric Painting Origami Free Play Making Masks Sausage Rolls |
| 9th July | Sock Puppets Basketball & Soccer Library Visit 1pm Glass Painting Apricot Slice |
| 10th July | Cadumarks Park 10.00am Beaded Butterfly Ready Set Move DIY Crayons Board Games Pizza’s |
| 14th July | Skate Park 10am Soap/Bath Bombs Crazy Book Honey Crackle |
| 15th July | Scrapbooking & Cardmaking Outside Play Beauty Day Crayon Pictures Hot Dogs |
| 16th July | Movies 10am “Rise” Oval Games Self Portrait College Fascinators Free Play Cupcakes |
| 17th July | Puzzle Craft Bubble Fun Library Visit 1pm Jewellery Making Biscuits |
| 18th July | Movie Night Treasure Hunt Finishing Crafts Outside Play Fruit Cups |

Monday 7 July
Imaginary Animals
@ Roxby Downs Youth Centre
Discover made up & mythical creatures of the past. Create your own imaginary animal and bring it to life in clay.
Time: 9am - 3pm
Cost: $10
Morning tea provided

Tuesday 8 July
Stick in the Mud!
@ Roxby Leisure (meet at 11am)
Join us for a morning of indoor group games including Stick in the Mud, Capture the Flag, Rabbits, Hares and Foxes and many more.
Time: 9am - 3pm
Cost: FREE
Morning tea provided

Wednesday 9 July
Visit the Roxby Downs Community Library to find out about their School Holiday activities.

Thursday 10 July
Colour Your World with Prints!
@ Roxby Downs Youth Centre
Learn a range of printmaking techniques. Create your own amazing designs.
Time: 9am - 3pm
Cost: $10
Morning tea provided

Friday 11 July
Monster Sewing
@ Roxby Downs Youth Centre
Design and sew a charming mini monster friend to take exploring.
No sewing skills necessary!
Time: 9am - 3pm
Cost: $10
Morning tea provided

Monday 14 July
Exquisite Corpse
@ Roxby Downs Youth Centre
Work as a group to create a puzzle that features cartoons created with a painting game called “the exquisite corpse”.
Time: 9am - 3pm
Cost: $10
Morning tea provided

Tuesday 15 July
World Cup Fever
@ Roxby Leisure (meet at 11am)
Join in the fun and excitement of the World Cup. Learn new soccer skills and then put them to the test in our own World Cup soccer game.
Time: 9am - 3pm
Cost: FREE
Morning tea provided

Wednesday 16 July
Visit the Roxby Downs Community Library to find out about their School Holiday activities.

Thursday 17 July
Make Your Own Fascinator & Hair Accessories
@ Roxby Downs Youth Centre
Come and learn how to make your own fascinator and hair accessories - just in time for the Roxby Downs Race Day.
Time: 9am - 3pm
Cost: $10
Morning tea provided

Friday 18 July
Pancakes & Pyjama Party
@ Roxby Downs Youth Centre
Spend the final day of your school holidays relaxing in your pyjamas! We’ll make pancakes and party with your favourite games.
Time: 9am - 3pm
Cost: $10
Morning tea provided

Hectic Mayhem
School Holiday Activities for students in grades 3-7
Booking Forms available from the Visitor Information Centre or www.roxbydowns.com.
Bookings close 5pm Thursday 3 July 2014
Hurry! Limited places!

For further information, please contact Kirsten at Roxby Council on 8678 6000.

Keep up to date with what’s on: facebook.com/roxbyyouth
SIMON CLEGG
(PARENT SEMINAR)

UNDERSTANDING THE TEENAGE HUMAN

DATE: 31ST JULY 2014
TIME: 7:30PM
LOCATION: ROXBY DWONSS AREA SCHOOL HALL // SA

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- TEACHERS TRAINING INTERNATIONAL

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Roxby Downs Area School and St Barbara’s Parish School

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Parent Workshop

Presented by Bill Hansberry
Co-author of Raising Beaut Kids: Recipes for parents on when to say ‘yes’ and how to say ‘no’

Workshop topics include:

- Building rules that work
- Being the best resilience coach for your kids

DATE: Thursday 31st July 2014
TIME: 7:00pm
VENUE: Roxby Downs Area School Library, 7 Richardson Place Roxby Downs

Tea and Coffee Provided
Cost: FREE

For further information contact Beth Elliott
Phone: 0407233275 or 08 8671 0011
Email: Beth.Elliott512@schools.sa.edu.au
The presentation will explore:
- Social networking
- Sharing your information online
- Protecting your privacy
- Sexting
- Location Services
- Online gaming
- Cyber bullying
- Mobile phone apps
- Securing your devices

Online Safety Presentation
Presented by Sonya Ryan, Director
Wednesday July 30th 2014
7.30 - 8.30pm
Roxby Downs Area School Hall

Parents and community members are welcome to attend. Printed information and resources will be available on the night.
Contact Beth Elliott on 0407233276 for further info.

www.carlyryanfoundation.com
Creating a positive experience online for all Australian families

Children’s Holiday Program:
On the 14th – 18th July from 9:30am - 12:30pm (registration from 9am) there will be a children’s holiday program on for everyone aged five through eleven. The theme is SURVIVOR. The free program which is being held in the St Barbara’s Parish School Hall includes games, stories, crafts and lots of fun. For more information call Keren Luke on 8671 1221.