**YEAR 7 ERRAPPA CAMP**

In Weeks 4 and 5, the Year 7’s ventured to Errappa Bluelight Camp at Iron Knob.

The activities at Errappa are designed to:

- Increase self-awareness, self-worth and confidence
- Encourage, assist and develop social skills and personal competence
- Enhance sense of social responsibility
- Create trust, motivation and leadership
- Enhance police/youth relationships

Over the four days the students participated in the following activities:

- High Ropes Course
- Team initiatives
- Laser Tag
- Rock-climbing
- Abseiling
- Bowling
- Swimming

Students commented the following, during and after the camp, and recognised that they can use the experience in the future:

- “It was a good experience”
- “You had to face your fears”
- “It was mad”
- “You have to give it a go”
- “Made a lot of new friends”
- “Learnt a lot about myself”
Year 10 Camp 2015

On the 18th of May thirty five Year 10’s got on two buses early in the morning with four teachers for an extremely hectic trip to Adelaide. When we eventually got to Adelaide it, of course, was raining and students where a bit restless and eager to get to the Woodhouse where we were staying. The camp ran for five days (four nights) in total and we had a lot of tours and activities to jam into the limited time. Five of the key activities that majority of the Year 10’s enjoyed the most were:

- Tour of UNI SA
- Careers Expo
- Go – Karting
- Bounce
- Metropolitan Fire Station

The UNI and the Careers Expo gave the students a bit more of an idea of what career they want to pursue and which pathway they wanted to take to get their dream job. The Careers Expo was great because you had so many careers under one roof and you could just walk around and talk to whoever you need to.

“Camp was so good! Most of the activities were really fun. We learnt a lot from the TAFE and Adelaide Uni visits in regards to our future career pathways. I would recommend this camp to everyone in the younger year levels.” – Aiden O’Connor

“I liked Go Karting and visiting the TAFE, Adelaide Uni and the Careers Expo as it helped me decide what I want my career to be in the future.” – Tessa Nottle

“I really enjoyed camp and going to Bounce. I also enjoyed going to Adelaide University and exploring the campus. The Career Expo was good as I was able to collect information for my future career pathway.” – Shae Beresford

By Ines Badman
Principals Report:
The term is quickly slipping away, with only 2 weeks left of Semester 1, which finishes at the end of Week 8, Friday 19th June. In the last 3 weeks our Year 7 and Year 10 students have been involved in camps. The Year 10’s had a great time on their Career Education camp, despite the injuries to 2 of our staff Ms Powell (4th year Practicum student) and Mr McGuire. Both Year 7 camps to Iron Knob were also highly valuable learning experiences and students are to be congratulated on their behaviour. Ms Nicholson, who assisted on the Year 7 camp last week with Mr Herzen said, “The students were the best behaved students she had ever taken away on a camp.” Many thanks to all staff who willingly gave up their time in order to offer our students these opportunities.

Information and Technology Conference: Roxby Downs Area School played host to Andamooka PS, St Barbara’s School and Woomera AS on Friday 15th May, for a combined Student Free Day on Information Technology (IT). The day commenced with a keynote address from Selena Woodward on the innovative use of IT in the classroom. Selena presented her address from Adelaide, displayed in the School Hall screen via video conferencing. During the day, staff attended a range of workshops; on the use of Interactive White Boards, the use of I pads in the classroom, using Excel Spread sheet, 3D printing and CAD design and the use of Visual Media in the classroom. Two of these workshops were run by members of the Digital Learning Technologies branch in DECD, Karen Butler and Gawain Duncan. Many thanks to the IT Committee, led by our IT Coordinator, Andrew Hudson, for their efforts in bringing the whole programme together on the day, and to the following staff who presented workshops on the day; Andrew Hudson, Tony Holden, Chris Barry and Anna Gubbin.

Our next Student free day will be on Friday 19th June. The focus for the day will be on the Australian Curriculum, with the Yr R-6 teachers working with Ann Baker, a specialist in the area of Numeracy.

Area School Executive: For the past 4 years I’ve been on the Area School Executive, made up of Area School Principals from across the state. We meet on a regular basis to support the 50 Area Schools within the DECD system. Late in 2014 we asked for feedback from each of these 50 sites as to what were the most important characteristics of each of our schools. We limited the list to 25 (see below).

25 Reasons Why My Local Public School Is Great
1. Caring staff, aware of complexities and diversity within the local community.
2. Non-denominational; accepting and respectful of all religions and beliefs within the school and local community.
3. Inexpensive, affordable school fees.
5. Strong focus and attention on students, who are considered as the prime clients.
6. Learning programs that meet the needs of each child.
7. Students and parents can walk to school, creating less traffic congestion.
8. Clear and openly evident stance against bullying.
9. Students form friendships and networks within their local neighbourhood.
10. Welcome access for community use of school facilities after hours.
11. Creates a strong sense of community, often the hub of the community.
12. Prepares students for life through the acceptance of differences and the development of resilience.
Hi All

Firstly I want to thank you for allowing me to fulfil the position as the Pastoral Care Worker of Roxby Downs Area School. It has been a great privilege to work with the students, staff and support team in the school.

As a family we are leaving Roxby Downs and as such I will no longer be able to fulfil this role within the school. We have enjoyed our time in Roxby and will miss the fantastic people we have had the privilege of getting to know throughout our time here.

Before I go I would like to leave you with some final words.

“Whatever you choose to do in life, do it with everything you have got. You only have one life to live, don’t let it just coast by.
Later in life you will regret more of the chances you didn’t take than the ones you did.”

Thank you again for the opportunity to get to know such fantastic people in this community.

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R-6 Assistant Principal Report

Transition: Kindy to School
Our Transition program for students new to school in 2016 has begun. Our Reception classes and teachers play a pivotal role in ensuring that all new students in 2016 make a successful transition and part of this is the children becoming familiar with other students at school. You can read the article in this week’s newsletter regarding Miss Grillo’s class visit. Kindy families also received information regarding the transition program earlier this week. You’ll hear more about how we support students in their transition throughout the year.

Wellbeing Week
It’s been a busy week at RDAS this week with students participating in many activities designed to support wellbeing along with the Semann and Slattery/BHP Billiton launch of the Mining Minds Building Community Project. There will be photos and an article in the next newsletter.

Reports
This term, in line with the secondary cohort of the school, R-6 reports will be created using Daymap. Therefore you will notice a difference in the layout however we have endeavoured to keep the reports parent friendly and easy to read. Reports will be distributed at the end of week 9

Warm wishes,

Bec Eli

R-2 Award Winners Week 5

Rec Wilson – Tyler Montebello, Mia George & Mahli Jarrad.

Reception Zeptner – Jacob Polujnikoff, Jaye Southern & Kaylee Van Rooyen.

Reception Grillo – Harry Butterworth, Naomi Johnson & Naomi Nunan.


1/2 Pedersen/Turner – Felicia Stowell, Charlotte Van Kryssen and Alice Cojocea.


1/2 Anna Gubbin – Noah Baker, Makayla Fawkes & Amber Van Rooyen.

1/2 Lia Jordan – Madison McDonald, Georgia Schwartz & Noah Saltmarsh.
Reconciliation Week

Events to Remember

- Coffee mornings – every Wednesday morning from 8:30 in Yakarti Room
- YASAP – Tuesdays from 3:00 to 3:30 in Yakarti room
- Aboriginal Women’s network group – last Thursday of every month 7pm to 8:30pm Roxby Downs Community Church (for more info ring Kerry Orr on 86719028)
- Multi-cultural coffee morning – Tuesday mornings @ the dunes from 10:30
3-6 Award Winners Week 4

Year 3/4 Kirkwood/Fulton – Ben Hewett, Ricki Taylor & Tailee Martlew.

Year 3/4 Higgins/Mulders – Thomas Baiton, Kohei Grant & Riley Waterston.

Year 3/4 Fishlock – Emma-Jo Absalom, Lylah Penhall and Benildus Tovakuta.

Year 4 Lewis – Ben Crilly, Cody Muller & Kyeesha Rynne.

Year 5/6 Pearce – Harvey Clarke, Ameliya Jordan & Zig Smith.

Year 5/6 Greenfield – Yasmin Jones, Toby Arbon & Kiara McKay.

Year 5/6 Spratt – Paige Thompson, Ethan Hamlyn & Kate Dospisil.

NEW STOCK IN THE CANTEEN!!!

New ZOMBIE MONSTER MUNCHEES
Gluten Free
BBQ; Chicken; Cheese
0.60cents

New TUTOP BAKERY ROLLS
Hamburger/Hotdog rolls - are now being purchased from Tutop Bakery.
Year 12 Food and Hospitality students: Katelyn Holtham, Renee Smirnios, Chloe Secker, Monique Gobbie and Adelle Smirnios busy catering for The Educational Partnership Launch.

Roxby Downs Area School Parent & Friends are requesting for donations for raffle prizes for their upcoming fashion show 'IN BLOOM'.

Saturday 27th June

Donations can include (but are not limited to) bottles of wine, chocolates, gourmet foods/jars, beauty products, local business vouchers.

Please leave donations at the Front Office. Thank you so much for your support.
Resource Centre News

Illustrator Craig Smith Visit
On Monday 25th May our primary classes participated in workshops with children’s illustrator Craig Smith. Craig Smith has been illustrating picture books in Australia for over 38 years and has illustrated over 380 titles. Craig shared some expert tips on drawing and illustrating, and students had the opportunity to create a drawing based on one of the stories Craig has illustrated. We were very fortunate to have Craig as a special visitor to our school, and it was wonderful to see his passion and knowledge shared with the students. We were also very fortunate that Craig kindly donated some of his books to the library as well as the drawings he completed on the day, which will be greatly treasured!

National Simultaneous Storytime
We were very lucky to have Miss Gubbin’s, Miss Grillo’s, Mrs Zeptner’s and Mrs Ohrnberg-Wilson’s classes join us in the library for National Simultaneous Storytime on Wednesday 27th May. Once a year, children all over Australia read the same book at the same time, and this year’s title was The Brothers Quibble by Aaron Blabey. The students watched an online version of the story read by author Aaron Blabey on the new interactive whiteboard we now have in the library, and each student received a paper crown to decorate just like the main character Spalding wears in the story.

Just a reminder that the library is open after school until 4:30pm, so parents are most welcome to pop in with students to borrow some books, read on the comfortable couches or work on homework.

The Resource Centre Staff
Alison Woodward, Emma Gigney and Pam Evans
RDAS Parents & Friends presents our 2015 fashion show fundraiser:

IN BLOOM

Saturday, 27 June    RDAS School Hall
6.30pm for 7pm start

Tickets $25 including glass of champagne and light supper - drinks also available for purchase on the night

Tickets AVAILABLE NOW from RDAS Front Office, Roxby Downs Police Station & May/June Market Days (unless sold prior)
As an alternative lunch time activity Mrs Bennie and Mrs Elliott have purchased a heap of Lego for students to come and have a play with at lunch times on a Friday. Over the past few weeks we have had some junior primary students coming into E block to have some fun playing with Lego.

Mrs Elliott & Mrs Bennie

**Year 11 Literacy for the Workplace:**

Recently the Year 11 Literacy group participated in mock interviews with Juliette Demaine (ICAN Flexible Learning and Engagement Projects), and Kateland McBey and Marji Kurtin, both from The Workpac Group.

Students had to find a job advert that interested them, research into the company and then participate in an interview as if they were applying for the job. They had an actual interview time slot and were required to 'dress the part'. Interviews were held at the TAFE campus, not at the school and were conducted with strict timelines.

Juliette, Marji and Kateland made the experience as 'authentic as possible' and students all said that they experienced the stress of a real situation as they were going before a panel of people they didn't know, to talk about a job they knew very little about. The questions were all realistic and questions that might be asked in any real interview situation.

Year 11 student, Ben Caden, said he was a little shaky and nervous, but it was a good experience and he enjoyed the opportunity to practice. "It felt real, right down to shaking hands", he said. "Looking back on it, I learned a lot, but I was very nervous".

The class would like to thank Juliette and the Workpac Group for allowing their staff to assist the students in this very important work. We all appreciate your time and effort and found the experience very rewarding.

Tony Holden

Year 11 English