

## ***PRINCIPAL'S REPORT***

Dear Mount Rowan School Community,

We are nearly half way through the term and we are seeing changes in the weather. The cold and wet weather has certainly settled in. I am reminding students and families about wearing warmer uniform items and to pack a school jacket also.

Our year 8s have successfully completed their camp to Phillip Island. The students enjoyed visiting a Koala Park, a Chocolate Factory and braved the waters by either surfing, stand up paddling or canoeing. The year 10 Outdoor Education class also went on a 3 day hike along the Great Ocean Walk. I had the pleasure of joining the students on this camp. Excursions have also been undertaken. Camps and Excursions are an important part of each child's learning and it is part of the school curriculum for them to access all camps and excursions.



Our student leaders represented our school at the Miners Rest ANZAC Day service at the beginning of the term. Charlie Rigg spoke and Bridget Smith and Kiera Porter laid the wreath on behalf of our school community. David Harris, our School Council President, who is also part of the Miners Rest Community, led the ceremony.



Along with attending camps and excursions, I also wish to remind families of how important daily attendance at school is and arriving on time to school. On the next page is a guide to see the long-term effects of missing a day here and there on a semi-regular basis.



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If your Child misses...	That equals...	Which is...	And over 13 years of schooling, that is...	Which means the best your child might perform is...
1 day per fortnight	20 days per year	4 weeks per year	Nearly 1.5 years	Equals to finishing year 11
1 day per week	40 days per year	8 weeks per year	Over 2.5 years	Equals to finishing year 10
2 days per week	80 days per year	16 weeks per year	Over 5 years	Equals to finishing year 7
3 days per week	120 days per year	24 weeks per year	Over 8 years	Equals to finishing grade 4

If you need support to help your child attend school more regularly, please get in touch with their Head of House and or our Wellbeing team. We can all support each other to make sure each student is attending EACH DAY.

### Dates coming up:

- Friday June 16<sup>th</sup> – Student free day
- Wednesday July 26<sup>th</sup> – Student free day
- Thursday August 24<sup>th</sup> and Friday August 25<sup>th</sup> – Parent Teacher Student Conversations  
Thursday: PTSCs begin at 1.25pm through until 7pm  
Friday: PTSCs run from 8.45am to 12.30pm
- Friday September 8<sup>th</sup> - **Year 12s attend only**. Student free for year 7 to 11
- Monday November 6<sup>th</sup> – Student Free Day – year 12 exams will be on

Take care, enjoy each day, attend school each day and dress for the weather.

**Ms Seona Murnane**  
*Principal*



## ADMINISTRATION

- All updated policies and information is available on our website: [www.mountrowan.net.au](http://www.mountrowan.net.au)
- Statements—If you would like a copy of your statement please don't hesitate to contact the office on 5336 7804 or [mount.rowan.sc@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:mount.rowan.sc@education.vic.gov.au)



## ARTS PROGRAM

In the last week of Term 1, a group of MRSC Drama and Theatre students went to see the jukebox musical '& Juliet' at The Regent Theatre in Melbourne. Here are our thoughts on the production...



I enjoyed the cast flying in the air how they used haze with lighting - Connor S.

I loved the singing, dancing and the whole performance. I love how they changed some words of old popular songs and how they added LGBTQ+ in the performance - Emily

What was your favourite part?  
All of it - Jordan, 2023

Dancing was cool - Ty

The singing and how well they held their notes was the best - Charlotte

The songs and dance at the end was the best part as audience participated - Ace

I liked the choreography and how they used the revolve to turn the performers around and raise them above the stage - Hayley

What did you enjoy? All of it. All the singing and the acting - Amelia

I enjoyed the acting and how the messages were easily interpreted. The lighting was amazing and the pop songs linked to the storyline. This was an amazing experience as it my first live show - Bridget

The songs were pretty lit - Kage

The dancing - Drew

I liked how powerful the singing was - Belle



The words were funny - Connor

What did you enjoy about the show?  
I loved the whole thing, especially the power in their voices - Tasha  
THE WHOLE THING - Amelia  
I enjoyed everything - Dakotah

I loved everything: the acting, singing, costumes, choreography and confetti canons! - Tegan

I enjoyed all songs, costumes and acting - Tyson

☆☆☆☆ 1/2 - Henry B

It's not often that a standing ovation happens - twice - before a show is even over. The first time, it's to a deliriously funny 'bois' band performance (choreography and all) of the Backstreet Boys' most famous single; the second, is a glitter-soaked rendition of Katy Perry's 'Roar'. & Juliet at the Regent Theatre is one of the best new musicals to come to Melbourne. There are over 30+ pop songs, familiar to anyone who's been listening for the last few decades. Performed by an amazing cast including Rob Mills in the role of Shakespeare, Lorinda May Merrypor as Juliet and Casey Donovan as Angelique, & Juliet takes audiences on an adventure of self-discovery, empowerment and inclusion by posing the question: 'What if Juliet didn't die?' as the start of Shakespeare's infamous play.

With hip hop choreography, modern renaissance costumes, over 1200 lights and glitter confetti canons, & Juliet celebrates that women have the power to make their own choices and no one can take that away. Other messages included that you should never be afraid of who you are and whom you love, people will love you for who you are. Finally, there are always people who will be there for you if they are family or friends, and they will always care for you.

& Juliet is one of the best shows that I have ever seen. I give it 4 ½ stars out of 5 as there is nothing more producers could do to make this show any better. I implore everyone who likes to have fun and listen to popular music to go see this show. You will be dancing in the aisles and singing the songs long after the curtain falls.

& Juliet is playing in Melbourne until July. If you would like to enjoy a local musical, MRSC Hansel and Gretel is brewing up a treat for the last week of Term 2! Stay tuned!

I enjoyed the whole part, especially the songs with choreography - Jasmine

My favourite part of the show was when the 'brothers' and the dad got back in their boyband and played a Backstreet Boys song - Evie

Teamwork and dancing - Charlie

The best part of the show was when before the wedding they had the 'bois' band - Rachel

I really like the boys music part because it was funny and we could join in - Erin



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## WELLBEING TEAM

Register now

# Tuning in to Teens

Thursdays 10am-12pm  
@ Mount Rowan Secondary College  
June 1, 8 and 15

Anna, Bel and Gab Wellbeing Team

## CALENDAR

Thursday 25 May  
Thursday 1 June  
Monday 5 June  
Thursday 8 June  
Friday 9 June  
Monday 12 June  
Friday 16 June

Eureka Division Year 9 & 10 Soccer  
Eureka Division Year 7 & 8 Soccer  
VCE Exams  
Year 10 Exams  
Eureka Division Year 7 girls' Netball  
Queen's Birthday Public Holiday  
Student Free Day

## Newsletter



## CAREERS

White Card training will be run again in the first week of term 3. The cost will be approx. \$55. Students over 15 – who are interested in the construction industry – will need this card for work experience. Please see Janine Schilling in the Careers Office to be put on the list. Forms will be sent out and collected back, before the end of term 2.

Ballarat Jobs and Training Expo is being held on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> and Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> June (9.30-3.30pm) at The Goods Shed and The Civic Hall. 100 organisations and employers will be there, to meet with and discuss career options.

Year 12s will have the opportunity to attend a TIS (Tertiary Information Session) Expo, at Federation University on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> June. Permission slips will be sent out soon.

The Women in Trade Expo, at the Melbourne Convention Centre, was a great success and all who attended had a fantastic time. Thank you to those parents who supported their child in attending.



*Janine Schilling  
Careers*

## CANTEEN NEWS

### CONGRATULATIONS:

Jody Burgess and Chloe Hewitt for participating in the Healthy Eating Program with the Victorian Cancer Council: Vic Kids Eat Well. Our school and they were nominated in two categories:

**Vic Kids Eat Well – Big Bite Schools  
And Community Champions**

Jody and Chloe were nominated for the award for the work they have done to transform our school canteen.

**And.... Drum roll please... we won BOTH categories....**

Well done to Jody and Chloe for being passionate about healthy eating and making significant changes in our canteen. You have inspired young gardeners and cooks and made us all that little bit more healthy.

Thanks also to the team around you in the canteen and food room, Jodie L, Alicia S and Marg P.

Please join me in congratulating Jody and Chloe. We heard the news at the recent online awards ceremony.



## LIBRARY

A large number of students are coming to school without their netbooks. Netbooks need to be brought to school each day.

Remember to charge your netbooks before coming to school. Netbooks that are damaged at home need to be brought to school for the IT Department to check for repairs.

The Library is now open Monday, Wednesday, Friday from 8.15 to 4pm

Tuesday and Thursday from 8.30 in the morning to 4.30pm

The Library is also open Monday to Friday at lunchtime (No food or drink please)

No netbooks will be given out in home group time, so come early to borrow a netbook.

Premier's Reading Challenge is now open

Last year, nearly 75 thousand children and young people completed the Challenge, reading over 2.9 million books.

It's a fantastic achievement as we know reading helps nurture important literacy skills, which all students need, to reach their potential and achieve success in life.

For students from Year 7-10 the Challenge is to read 15 books. When students complete the Challenge, they'll receive a certificate signed by the Premier of Victoria.

See Jeanette in the library to add your name to the list.



Connect  
with Nature  
on National Tree Day

NATIONAL  
TREE DAY  
30 JULY

SCHOOLS  
TREE DAY  
28 JULY

