

ROXBURGH COLLEGE

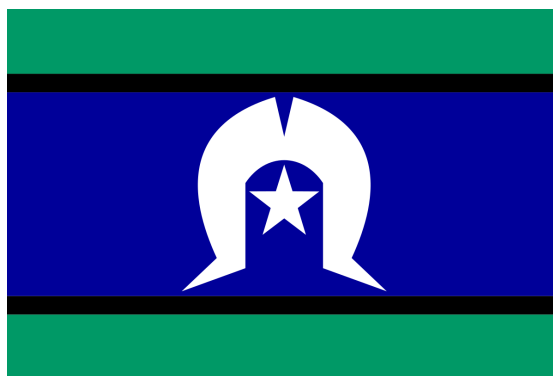
END OF YEAR NEWSLETTER



2023



We respectfully acknowledge the Wurundjeri People of the Kulin Nation, who are the Traditional Owners of the land on which the Roxburgh College campus is located. As a school community, we pay our respects to their Elders past, present and emerging.





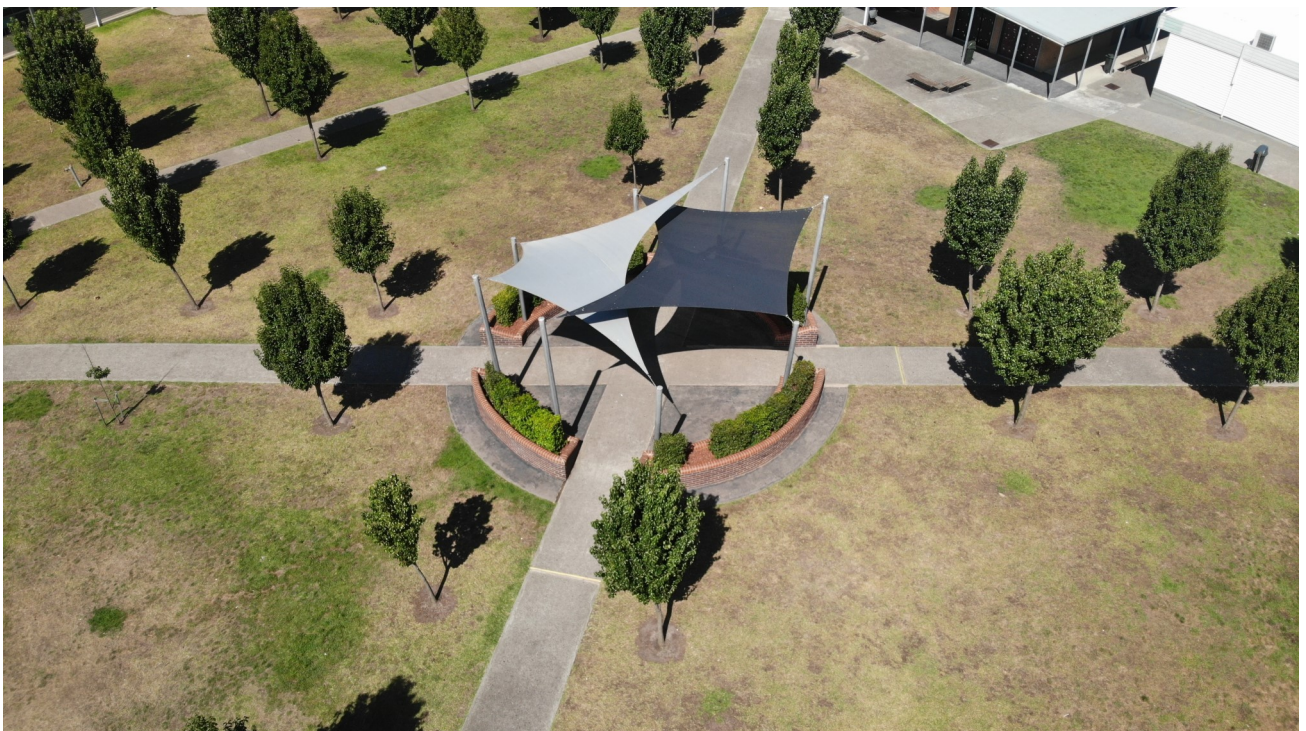
A note from your Principal:

Dear Parents and Carers,

It is hard to conceive just how quickly 2023 has come to a close.

This year marked the return of school events, including camps, which helped reconnect students and staff, as well as bringing our school community together. A great example of it occurred in this last Term when we held our Valedictory Dinner, attended by over 500 people and just last week our Awards Night attended by more than 250 students, parents and staff. These events further amplified the importance of connection and interaction to the wellbeing of every individual in our school community and in our care.

Our students worked reasonably well on improving their skills and knowledge, as well as on shaping their attitudes to learning and life in general. I speak on behalf of our staff as I extend my congratulations and gratitude to all our students on their efforts this year, particularly our awards winners as they represent themselves, their families and our School with care and appreciation for being a member of a special learning family. Particular congratulations are extended to our Year 12 2023 cohort who represented themselves both academically and in relation to vocational training with success, and I am proud of the many young people we guide who embrace a conviction and purpose in relation to learning.





The conclusion of the school year also signals the end of many milestones. We have a number of staff who will be retiring, including: Cristina Monardo, Bronwyn Meek, Tony Wakefield, Katrina Cikes, Neil Laws and Ken Laws. I wish them every happiness and success, hoping they flourished as they navigate their next phase in their life. Each have made a significant contribution to State Education and we will miss their poise and wisdom. As we farewell a special group of staff and Year 12 students, we also welcome fantastic new members of our school community. We have recruited well and also have 142 new Year 7 students joining us in 2024. All ready to embrace the next chapter full of new adventures and challenges. A new beginning offers an opportunity to ignite the next stage fresh and with renewed perspective, vigour and knowledge. I am looking forward to 2024 and believe that we will do well with teaching and learning.

I would like to again extend my appreciation to our staff, students and the school community for a positive and productive 2023 school year. Much has been achieved by many individuals and teams this year, and we will continue to find new ways to accomplish the mission and vision of the School as laid out in our School Strategic Plan. A good school requires many attributes, the core element of these coming from its students, staff, parents/carers and school community. I sincerely thank all those who supported Roxburgh College for their endeavours and care of our family.

My best wishes to all for a safe and restful holiday period – don't forget to drink water and avoid watering rocks, water only what lives and gives back!

Thank you for your support of me as the Principal of this fantastic school.

With gratitude and appreciation,

Fernando

Fernando Ianni PSM

AN UPDATE FROM THE ROXBURGH COLLEGE ENGLISH DEPARTMENT

FROM JACK PHELAN & PHOEBE-MAE EDWARDS

YEARS 7 & 8

The Year 7s and 8s ended the year with a creative bang. The Year 8s did an impressive job in creatively performing a scene from a Shakespeare text. The Year 7s worked hard this term to study a range of different poetry types, and showed off their knowledge by writing poems of their own.



Year 7 Poetry PFTs by Ameena Sheik Dawood and Lujayen Jaylani

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the ocean
On a peaceful day ☺
The ocean moves in motion
An elegant wave ☺

Top hat
Frog in a top hat
Dancing on a lily pad
Nature's awesome show

contest
Silly face contest
Funny expressions compete
Laughter fills the room

HAIKUS

Peace
Soft morning sunlight
Paints the sky in shades of gold
Peace fills every breath

Petal
A single teardrop
Falls gently on a rose petal
Sadness blooms within

Joy dancer
Frizbee!
Laughter fills the air
Children playing in the park
Joy dances around

Salligrammes
(Shape Poems)

The Sun
Sun Bright
shiny huge
Yellow Red
orange
very humid
Near

Star
shiny bright
glowing
in the sky
like a diamond
in the night

lotus
flower
water
colorful different
to look at
pretty

Sinquains

Tree
Tree
Green, alive
standing, swaying, dancing
Gives us oxygen
Plant

Diamonds
Diamonds
shiny, expensive
glittering, sparkling, gleaming
Such a pretty treasure

Jewel
Candy
Candy
sweet, sugary
stretching, hardening, chewing
gives a sugar crash
Delicious

Rain
Rain
Puddles, Relaxing
Drizzling, soothing, falling
clattering like keyboard keys
Water drops

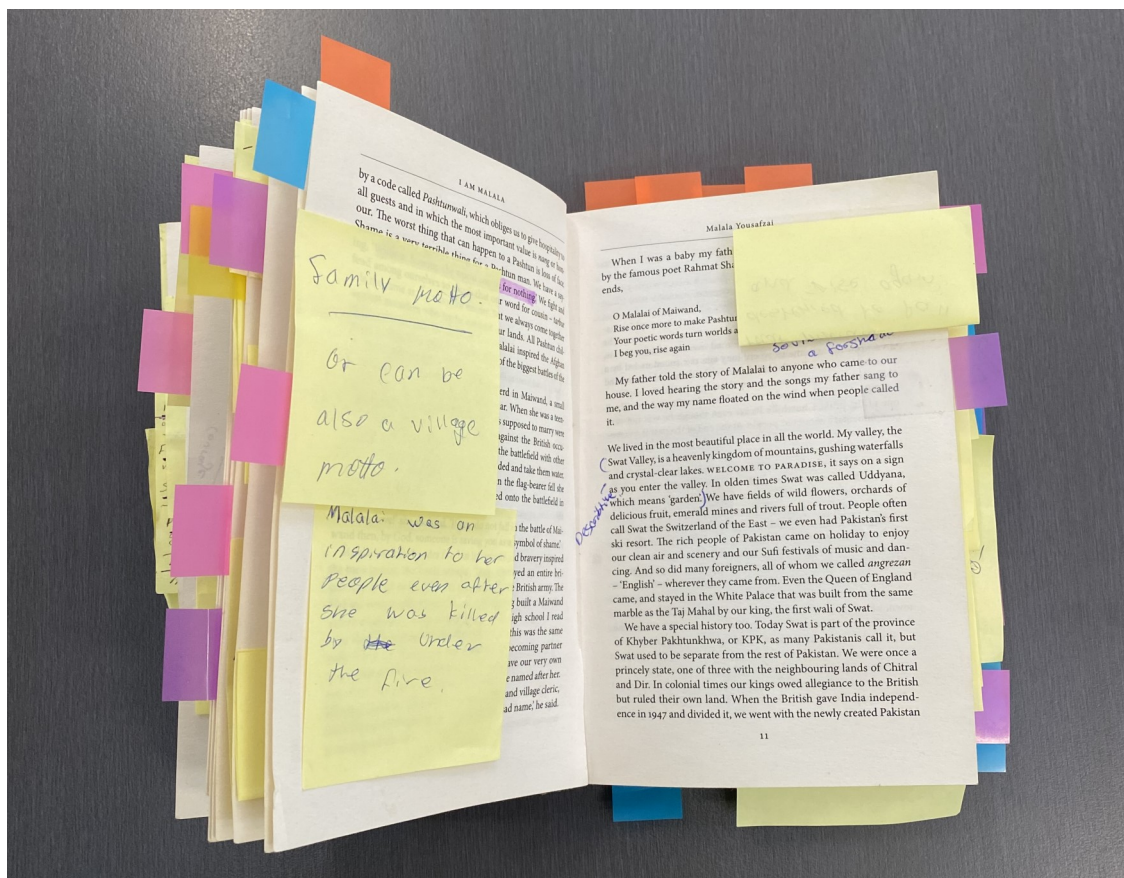
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YEARS 9 & 10

Students in Years 9 and 10 had the opportunity to end the year by crafting a text in the genre of their choice. Many students went above and beyond in the publication of their work, which included the actual recording of podcasts, the making of front covers, and the use of technology to add visual aspects to written texts.



Year 10 student, Dima Dawood, has annotated her copy of *I am Malala* in preparation for VCE.

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YEAR 11

Our Year 11s impressed during the Speech Presentation Day. In preparation for Year 12, each student was required to present a speech to a panel of teachers. It was great to see how many students worked hard to practice their speaking skills, with many even memorising their entire speech!

YEAR 12

Our Year 12 cohort got to experience a live performance of *The Crucible* at the Athenaeum Theatre in preparation for the comparative unit (their final English unit ever!). Throughout Term 3 and 4, many students chose to go above and beyond in their study and attended weekly after school exam preparation sessions. As the exams got closer, it was good to see more and more students choose to attend. We are confident that their hard work will be reflected in their Study Scores!

YEAR 9 UPDATE

The Year 9s have settled well into Term 3. Course counselling is next week for students to start exploring what options they have for their subjects in Year 10. The Year 9s have settled well into Term 3. Year 9s are currently focusing on the improvement on GPAs and maintaining successful outcomes of each subject.

STUDENT SERVICES

Overview

Roxburgh Colleges Student Services is a multidisciplinary team, complete with Counsellors,

Youth Workers, Mentors, Speech Pathologists, Mental health practitioners and Doctors.

At Roxburgh College, we pride ourselves on working with young people and their families/caregivers through a person-centred and holistic lens.

Student Services

Our Student Services team consists of our Wellbeing team, Speech Pathology team and Doctors in schools. Wellbeing is in L3.

Sarah Shoukor. Student Services team leader. BA Social sciences and Psychology, MA Counselling.

Prior to joining our Roxburgh College community, Sarah worked in community mental health supporting Asylum Seekers and refugees. Sarah brings a wealth of knowledge and expertise to the table.

Mariam Sharobeem. Mental Health Practitioner. BA Human services & MA Social Work.

Mariam has worked extensively in community mental health, most recently in family violence

support services. Mariam is our Mental Health Practitioner, providing students and families with intervention.

Sophie Hart. BA, Youth Work and Youth Studies.

Sophie is our College Youth Worker. Having completed a Bachelor of Youth Work and Youth Studies, Sophie provides individual, group and family supports. Sophie is currently completing her Master of Counselling.

STUDENT SERVICES

Nermeen Hana. BA Psychology.

Nermeen is part of our wellbeing team, having graduated with a Bachelor of Psychology from RMIT University. Nermeen supports young people through individual and group supports.

Djibril Diallo. Youth Work GradDip. Mentor program.

Djibril is a mentor for our Roxburgh College students. Djibril has previously worked with the Brotherhood of St. Laurence and the Asylum Seeker Refugee Centre. Djibril provides group mentoring and has a special interest in soccer and sports.

Nurse: Vesna Sainovic

Family Support

The Orange Door

Arabic Welfare

Asylum Seeker Resource Centre (ASRC)

Banksia Garden

Hume Youth Services

Foundation House

Victorian Arabic Social Services (VASS)

DPV Health

Parent line

Doctors in Schools. SW1 on Thursdays.

GP: Dr. Ros Norton

WELLBEING UPDATE

On Thursday 7 September we offered a pop-up women's health promotion in the library for students we provided women's health information, promotion. The students enjoyed the free bags and participating in the event.

Womens health week (4th – 8th September) is a national health initiative through Jean Hailes.

Jean Hailes is a national not-for-profit organisation dedicated to improving women's health across Australia through every life stage.

Thursday 14 of September is R U OK Day and we will be promoting this National Day of Action with mental health promotion and awareness and a DJ for students on the College Green.

This year's theme for R U OK Day is "*I'm here to hear*", reinforcing the fact that you don't need qualifications to talk with someone about mental health. A conversation really could change a life!

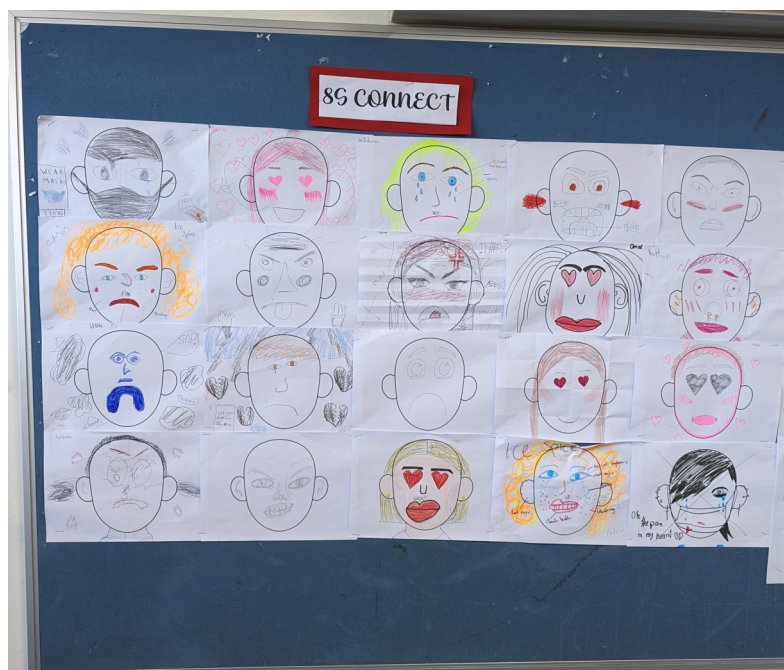
These initiatives have been made possible through the well-being team working in collaboration with our Doctors in Secondary Schools Program and Headspace Craigieburn.

AN UPDATE FROM THE ROXBURGH COLLEGE EAL DEPARTMENT

FROM EAL COORDINATOR JAGDISH MAHINDER SINGH

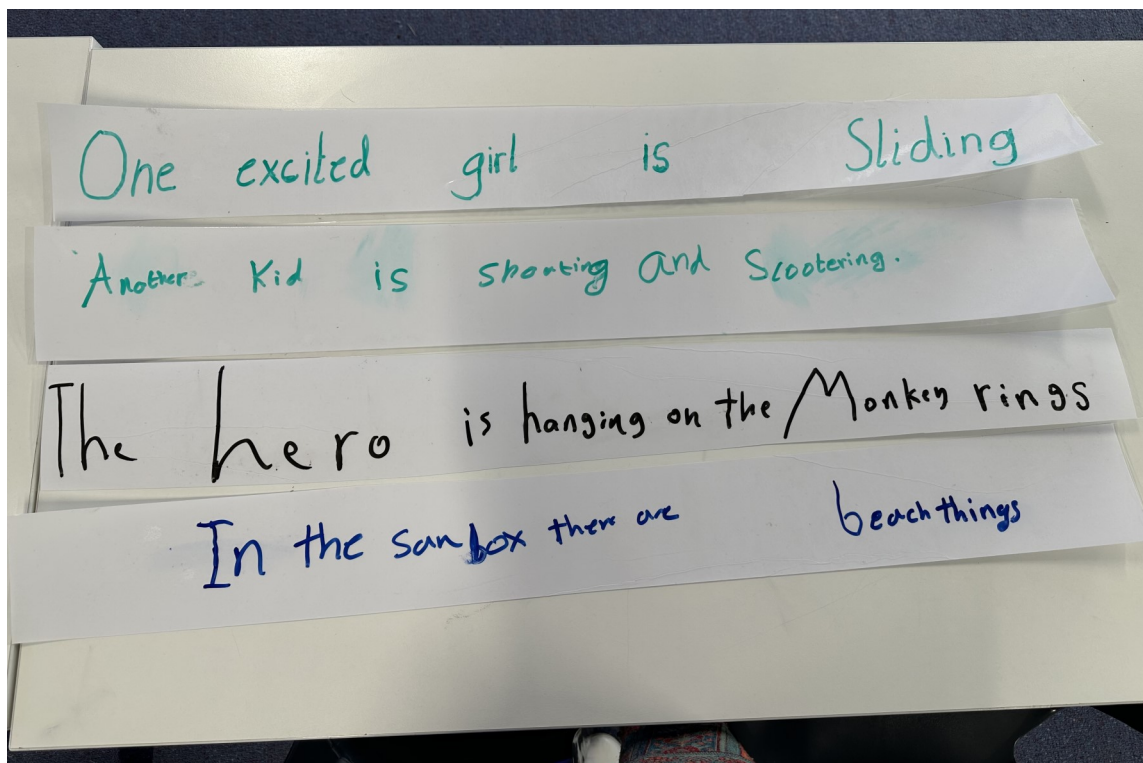


Throughout Term 4, the EAL and LOTE teams worked collaboratively during PLC meetings with the focus on student learning and well-being. The teams ended the Inquiry Cycle, created and moderated assessments and continued using Berry Street strategies to engage students in their learning.



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7 EAL
poetry

black people are not allowed in hotel in certain day.*

REX:
• Not confident about his feelings towards Polly because she is an aboriginal

Polly:
• Despite facing a lot of racism from Rex's mates and people in town, she chose to stay with Rex.

Tilly: check day, they don't serve blackfellas on thursday"

Julie: "I know you don't serve black fellows in here, do you"

Julie:
At least he's not married with kids"
e: His neighbour. He keeps a picture under the visor in his cab"
: "she's my neighbour" (Polly)

simmo had an affair with the bar owner's wife, knowing that she is married to his friend.

Relationship between Rex and Polly not expressed due to judgemental issues

Romantic connection between Tilly and Julie ~~was~~ remained secret to Tilly's wife.

Racism Rex: "Theres nothing messier than a black woman holding the hand of a dying whitefella"

Community

Hidden truth

REX: • He went to Darwin without telling anyone because he do not want people to worry about him.
• Help Tilly get in football club, and buy shoes for sim.

Polly: "There are Rex's records! rex is family"

Rex to Tilly: "Do you need some daugh? to get you home?"

simmo: "Every one gets cancer, rickie, we'll look after ya"

Julie: "I'll do it, I'll care for him" (Rex)"

Polly: "I love you, Rex. always have"

Simmo: "you'll be right, Rexie. we'll look after ya"

Tilly: "Don't worry old man I'll look after ya"

Pure bond / connectio

Julie: • Quit her job as bar tender to help Rex.

• Took care of Rex the way and in Darwin

• One of the people that helps Rex to realize that he still have more to live for.

Mates: • Spending the time with Rex drinking beer.
• Trying to motivate because of his stomach cancer.

Tilly: • Motivates Rex to fully

Polly: • wakes up early to tea time

Samanta Hanoosh

... leads to mad. chaos"

7 EAL 'we
do'

AN UPDATE FROM THE ROXBURGH COLLEGE EAL DEPARTMENT

FROM EAL COORDINATOR JAGDISH MAHINDER SINGH

A film review: Paper Planes

By Danial Aghaei

Year 7 EAL

Paper Planes is the story of a strong-willed young boy who embarks on a journey to win the Paper Planes Junior Championships in honour of his deceased mother. The film director is Robert Connoly. The cast includes Ed Oxenbould as Dylan and Sam Worthington as Jack. Robert Connoly had made the film to tell the audience about not giving up and being kind and thoughtful to others. Many other Australian movies have the adult characters as the protagonist but in this movie it showed that Dylan, a pre-teen, is in the lead. *Paper Planes* is unlike other Australian films where adults are most likely to be depicted as heroes.



The themes of nature, friendship, family and bullying were all displayed in the film. The determination of Dylan to win the Paper Planes Junior Championship results in him to win the qualifier and semi finals for him to further advance into Tokyo, Japan where the finals take place. Finally, after a lot of pressure Dylan gets to win the Junior Championships to honour his mom.

The movie is inspirational in many ways. Firstly, it uses flashbacks of Jack with his wife before she passed away and music being played in the background reveals Jack's feelings to the audience. Also by showing different camera angles and close-ups, the audience could see the expression of the cast. My favourite moment was when Kevin asks Dylan "You expecting a call from 1997?" When Dylan was playing with an old out- dated phone. It is my favourite scene because it is humorous.

This movie is appropriate for every age and gender. The film sends a message to everyone showing to never give up, even during the toughest times, because you can never know if you will fail or not until you try it. I'm sure many people can relate to this. This film depicts a lot of feelings and emotions, I recommend everyone to watch this film. This movie is really motivational. You should see it!

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*8S were the Connect winners and were awarded with
pizza!*



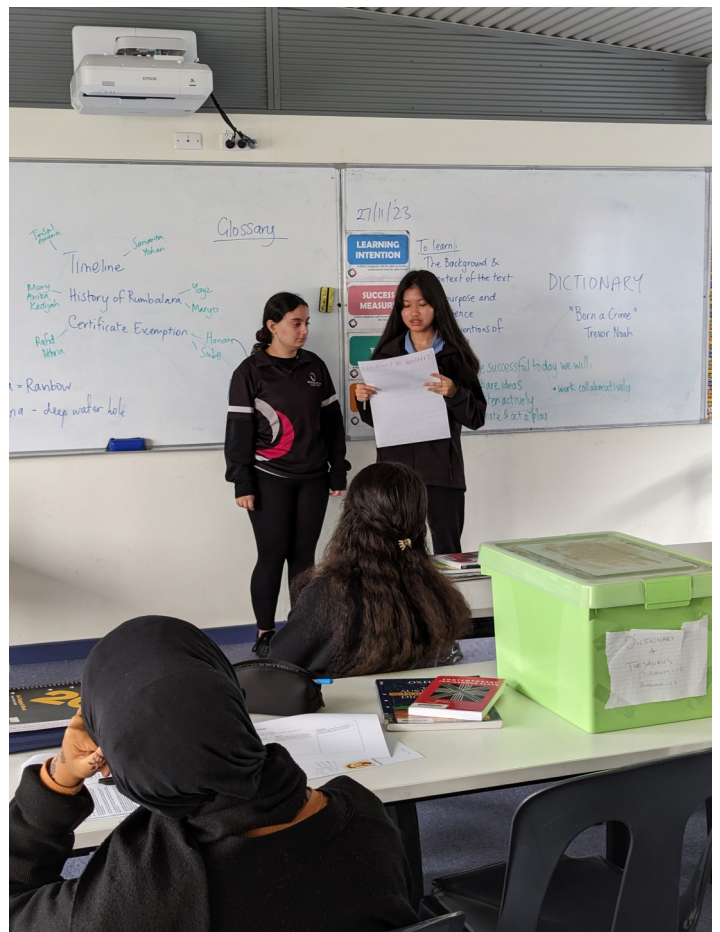
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8S with Julie in Roxburgh College's environment during Connect

EAL & 0 Week!



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The title of my book is ***Soccer Players.***

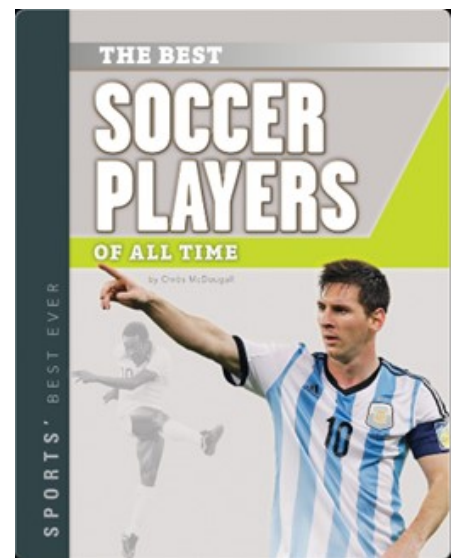
The book is about famous soccer players such as Ronaldo and Messi.

I like this book because I learnt how many goals Messi and Ronaldo have scored this year. I can relate to this book because I play soccer every day.

However, the book's information is too short, and it does not have many pictures.

By Haith Tokmachi

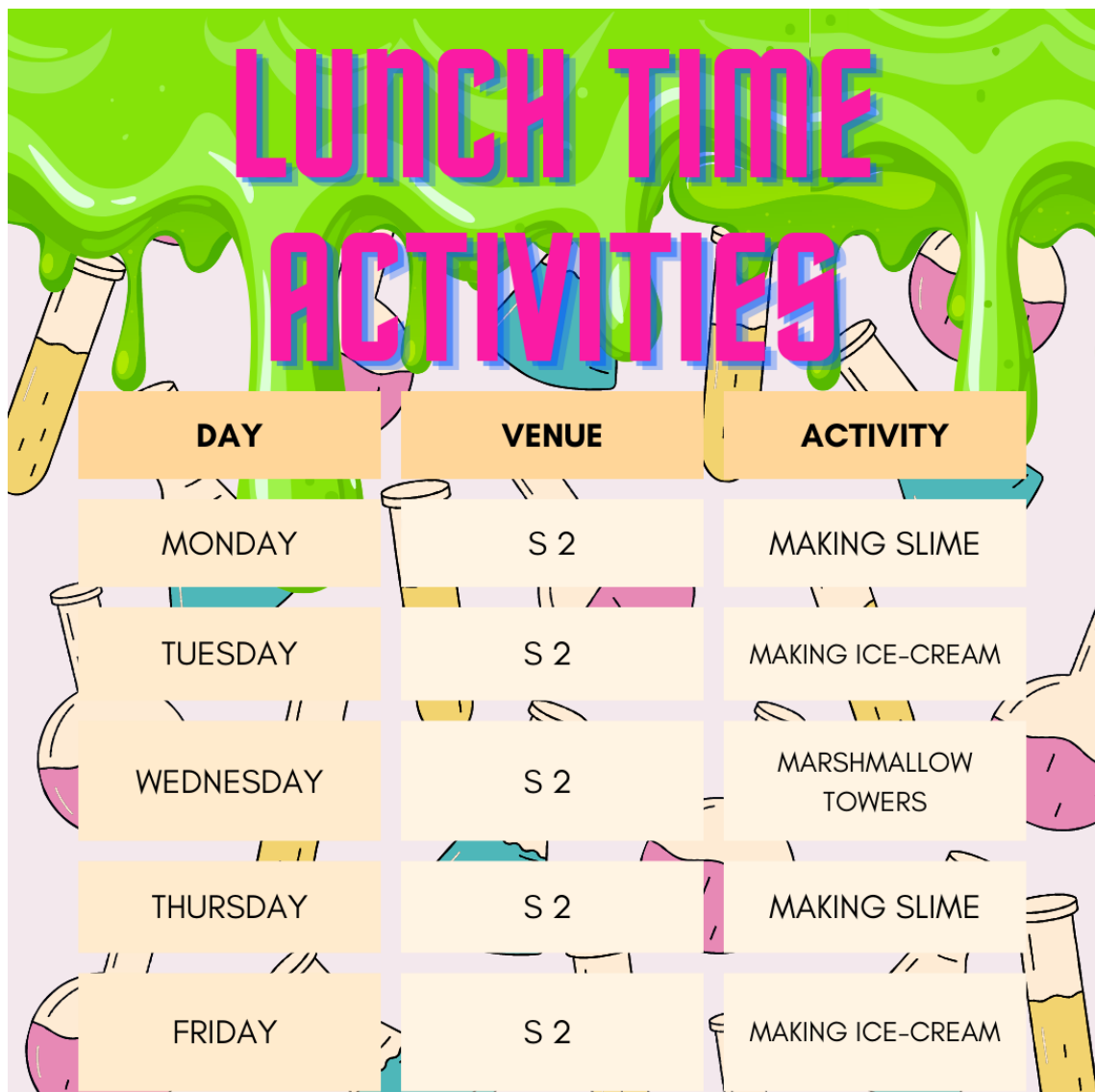
Year 7



SCIENCE WEEK

Science week was organised during week 6. There were lunch time activities for the students to participate. Students also participated in Quiz competition.

Anusha Sajjad from 8F won First prize.



DAY	VENUE	ACTIVITY
MONDAY	S 2	MAKING SLIME
TUESDAY	S 2	MAKING ICE-CREAM
WEDNESDAY	S 2	MARSHMALLOW TOWERS
THURSDAY	S 2	MAKING SLIME
FRIDAY	S 2	MAKING ICE-CREAM

SCIENCE WEEK



SCIENCE WEEK



CONGRATULATIONS UMUT!

Roxburgh College student Umut Atkas of 8D competed in the KPNP Taekwondo open series and won a silver medal!

On behalf of the Roxburgh College community, we congratulate you, Umut!



SCHOOL PHOTO DAY!

REMINDER

School photos will be held
on the 31st of January
2024.

Please be in **full school
uniform!**



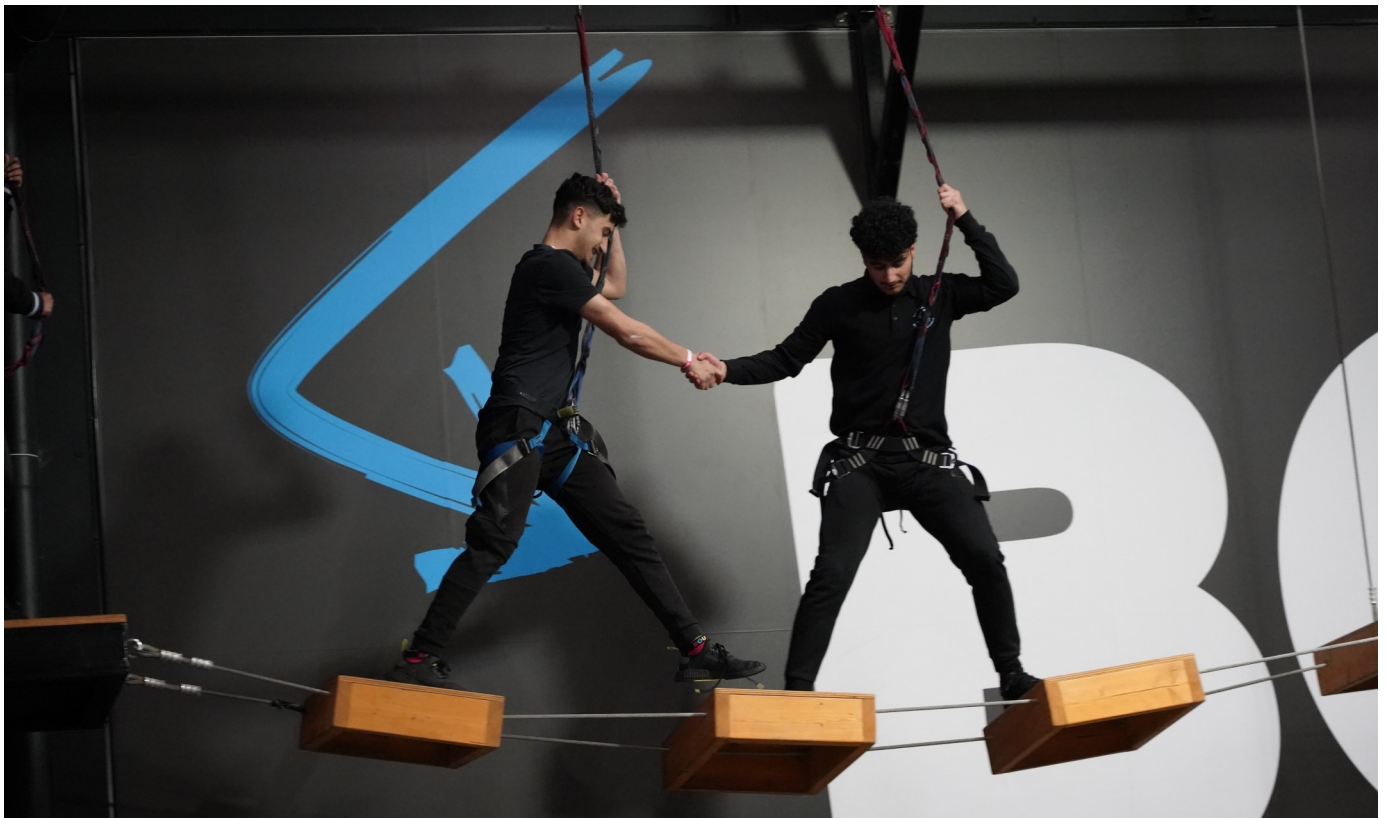
BOUNCE!

YEAR 12 CELEBRATION



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YEAR 12 CELEBRATION



THE WATCHERS

SCHOOL PLAY 2023



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PUZZLE MASTERS

2023

From Monday to Wednesday in the first week of December, the students in year 7 and 8 participated in the first Puzzle Masters competition which was centred around students working collaboratively to solve Numeracy and problem-solving.

Prize money winners:

Adem Oduk 7C - \$20

Jad Hazim 7D - \$20

Gabriella Shaliba 7S - \$20

Enna Murica 7S - \$20

Aws Antwan 7E - \$50

Marven Sony 7E - \$50

Rita Toma 8A - \$20

Jawad Abbass 8A - \$20

William Boon 8S - \$50

Akha Pun 8S - \$50

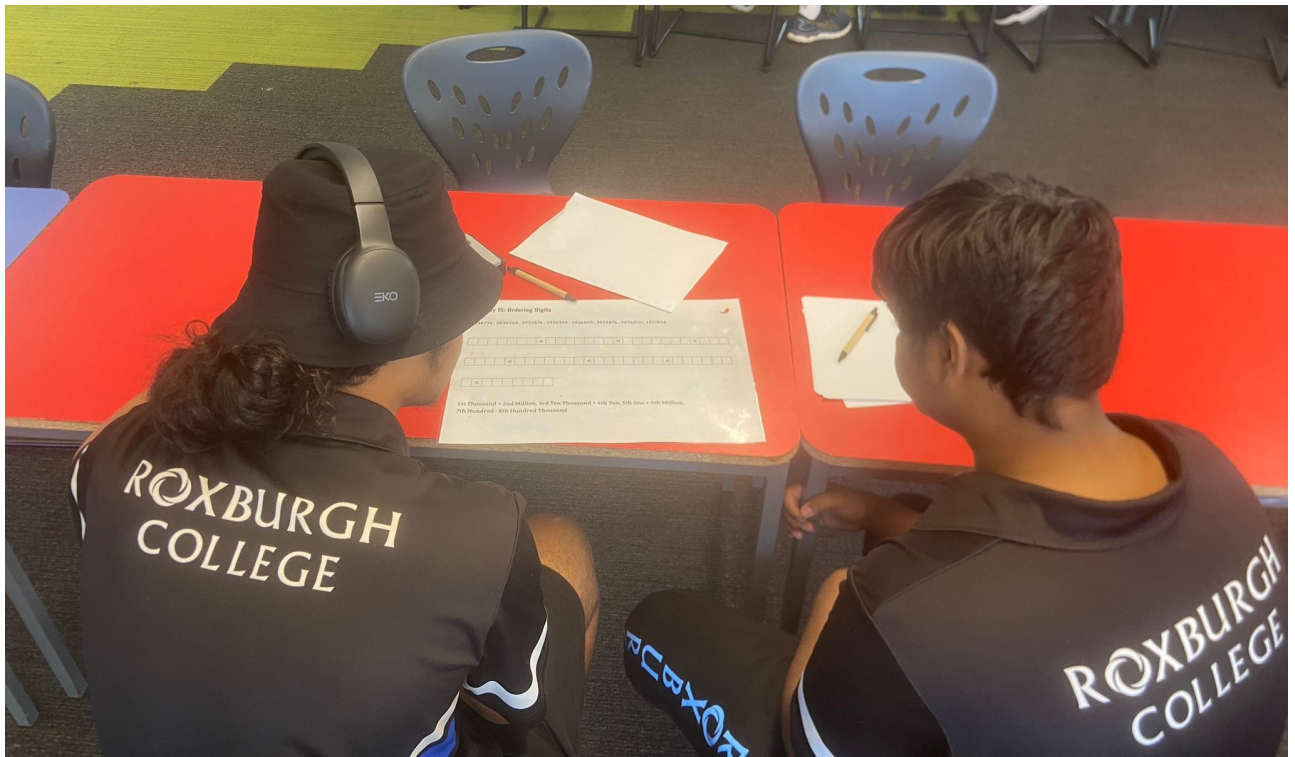
There were also 24 other students who won Cadbury Chocolate bar for being the best teams in their classes.

Congratulations!!!



PUZZLE MASTERS

2023



HEALTH & P.E.

We had 6 students compete at the Northern Region Athletics. All students performed exceptionally well and were up against some tough competition from other schools in the region and battled through cold and wet conditions.

We had many medals won by our small team of students and Omar qualified for the State Championships to be held in October.

Congratulations to all the following students and their results:



HEALTH & P.E.

NORTHERN REGIONAL ATHLETICS

Omar Abou Khassira (yr 11) 800m MC Event -1st



Jwan Nissan (yr 10) 4 x 100m Relay -3rd

&

Taylan D'Silva (yr 11) 200m -4th

HEALTH & P.E.

NORTHERN REGIONAL ATHLETICS



Katia Mallouhi (yr 12) 100 m—3rd, javelin—6th, 200m—4th

&

Shania Byng (yr 12) long jump—3rd

AN UPDATE FROM THE ROXBURGH COLLEGE TRADE SKILLS CENTRE

FROM JENNY MALLINSON

During term 4 we hosted our annual Morrykhana with the members of the Morris Car Club. As always, the club had a very enjoyable day and were impressed by the projects that the students work this year. Students have made some great projects this year, in particular, we had one of our Yr 12 girls, Katia Mallouhi produce a lovely coffee table in her VET Furnishing class. We have had two new staff join us in the VET Engineering space. This has seen the students be able to develop their welding skills that has enabled them to produce a Dragon Fly and other smaller items. Its great to see the students engaging so well in their classes developing their skills, sharing their design ideas and helping each other, this is a real credit to our staff. We would like to thanks the staff who assisted with our VET enrolment days, their support to students and parents is an important part of forging good working relationships for the following year. 2024 will see a return of a previous staff member, Allan Barnes. We look forward to him returning and working alongside Damien Wood, John Noonan and myself to further develop the Trade Skills/R.T.O area of the school to enable us to offer more support and opportunities to our VET students. We wish all students and their families a Happy and Safe holiday break.



YEAR 10 BIOLOGY

HEART DISSECTION!



YEAR 10 BIOLOGY

HEART DISSECTION!

