Principal’s Report

Our last Newsletter was only two weeks ago, but a lot has been packed into this brief period. The highlights include:

‘The Lion King’ – Thursday 18th and Friday 19th October

This year’s Production was the musical The Lion King. Around 55 students were involved in the Production in areas as diverse as acting, singing, dancing, sound, lighting, costume and prop construction and other behind the scenes work. Much of the preparatory work was conducted by students in the Master Class program and they should be very proud of their work and the outcome.

The performance was very professionally put together with plenty of highlights (Jordan and Molly were terrific) and it was very warmly received by the audience. At the end of Friday night’s performance, the students thanked their support crew (the staff). It takes a lot of students and a lot of staff to bring together such a performance and the person pulling all these strings together was Jenna McFarlane – well done! (full photo gallery in our 2018 Warriwillah.)

Rutherglen Show – Sunday 21st October

The Rutherglen Show was held on Sunday 21st October. As usual we ran a fundraising BBQ thanks to a number of staff, students and parents giving up a chunk of their day to work on the BBQ.

Students and staff were also heavily involved in Steer Handling and sheep judging. Students had also entered competitions as diverse as art, sculpture, photography, cooking, textiles, woodwork and metalwork. Students took out many prizes and really showcased their diverse talents.

Year 12 Celebration Day – Wednesday 24th October

Year 12 students celebrated their last day of secondary school in a fun and positive manner. They dressed up and took part in the traditional paver laying ceremony before enjoying a bacon and egg breakfast and being presented to the School Assembly. After the assembly they went off to Albury for laser tag and other festivities.

As usual they conducted themselves with maturity and consideration, and were great role models and representatives of our school community.
Year 12 Graduation Dinner – Thursday 25th October

The Year 12 students shed their fancy dress and donned their formal wear for their Graduation Dinner at the Corowa RSL Club. The students looked so grown up but it was hilarious to see the PowerPoint display of photos as young children, Year 7s and then Year 12s – the secondary school chapter of their lives really sees them grow from shy children to confident young adults. We wish them all the best in their exams and in pursuing their life goals in general.

2019 School Captains election – Monday 29th October

At a special School Assembly, eight students gave speeches about why they felt they would make great school captains in 2019. It was sensational to see so many passionate and committed students who are not only proud of their school, but eager to work to make it even better. All eight candidates delivered rousing speeches; citing “...passion, commitment, dedication, and approachability ...” as reasons for voting them in.

Following student and staff voting, Shannon Leahy and James White were declared School Captains, and Crystal Hocking and Shaylee Parker were elected Vice Captains. Congratulations to you all.

Ancient Societies Day – Wednesday 31st October

Around 80 Grade 6 students from local primary schools spent the day here at RHS. They worked with an enthusiastic Year 7 cohort and participated in a wide range of activities. The day is part of our extended Transition program, but is also an integral part of the Year 7 Communicate curriculum. Students reportedly loved ‘Tomb Raider’ and the hands-on activities and also reported that lunch was a success! Our Year 7s found the process of teaching and mentoring the Grade 6s very rewarding, and the Grade 6 students reported they had a much better understanding of RHS and how it operates. Thanks go to Mr McCarthy and his enthusiastic band of staff.

Year 10 Mock Job Interviews - Thursday 2nd November

As part of their Industry & Enterprise studies, Year 10 students today will participate in Mock Interviews. Thanks to generous local businesses and professionals, the interviews will involve interviewers from relevant industries giving our students a remarkable insight into the staff selection process they will eventually face. More details in the next Newsletter.

Cross Country – Friday 3rd November

The School Cross Country will be held on Friday afternoon at Lake Moodemere. The run is a colour run and is followed by a BBQ. It is always a great afternoon that builds school spirit and a very positive community spirit. While competition is encouraged, for many, participation and a sense of fun is more important.

Victorian Young Leaders to China (VYLC) – 4th November for 6 weeks

This weekend, seven Year 9 students fly out to China as part of the VYLC program. They will attend school to learn Chinese and teach English, participate in an adventure camp near Hong Kong, visit significant cultural and heritage sites and spend time in a remote village in a home-stay arrangement. We anticipate being able to keep our community up-to-date with their activities, assuming they have time to email through photos and words!

Enjoy this experience, and make the most of this wonderful opportunity: Josie Beattie, Magnus Burt-Douglas, Toby Walliss, Travis Clapton, Bayley Whyte, Dharma Kotzur and Nic Stephens. Well done on being selected to attend.

Regards, Phil Rogers — Principal
In January each year Indigo Shire Council send a bus of students aged 9-12 to the **Portsea Camp.**

Portsea Camp also require leaders and junior leaders to attend the camp! Positions include room leaders and recreation leaders to oversee indoor and outdoor activities including sport, swimming, discos, arts & craft, cooking and hiking to name just a few!

Camp Leaders need to be friendly, hardworking and have an ability to communicate well and work closely with a diverse group of children and adults. Volunteers will need to complete some forms and submit them to the Portsea Camp. All leaders over 18 will need to ensure that their Working With Children Checks are up to date.

Buses for the camp depart on the 2nd of January and return on the 9th of January. Volunteers can catch the bus from Beechworth and Rutherglen and there are no costs associated with being a camp leader.

If you think this is you or someone you know, please contact me on the number below.


**Jess Johnston**
Community Development Officer
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**Congratulations** to Year 11 student and vice captain Shaylee Parker who has been notified that her entry in the **Write for Fun Competition** was in the top 5% of the 9000 entries received from around Australia.

A really great effort.

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**2019 Anglican Parish of Rutherglen Chiltern Debutante Ball**

Names are being taken for the 2019 Debutante Balls.

Please contact Carol Fursdon on 0429 607 082 before 8th February 2019.

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**Judy O’Malley’s School of Dance**

**ENROL NOW for 2019**

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**GP CLINIC AT THE HUB**

Just a reminder that due to the Melbourne Cup public holiday, the next RHS GP clinic at The Hub will be on Tuesday November 13th. Bookings can be made online through the Hot Doc App, Rutherglen Medical Clinic website, or by seeing Julie Whitehead at the High School. It is important to note that Senior students are still welcome to access the clinic for the remainder of 2018.

Dr Sally Smith & Practice Nurse Nikki Jenner

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**Talk to staff at the school if you have any concerns about your child’s wellbeing. There are also many online resources families can access 24 hours a day.**

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**Parent Line**

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13 22 89 (cost of local call) | 1300 1300 52 (cost of local call)
We have been working on this production as part of our Masterclass program. It has been a completely student led program. I gave them free reign with what they wanted to achieve and they more than met my expectations!

They designed and created every costume, headpiece, prop and dance and it looked spectacular on stage! A truly wonderful display of hard work and dedication from our students here at Rutherglen High School!!

I am so happy with the outcome of the show and have received some very positive feedback from those who attended the show. I have loved working with such a talented group of students over the past 3 terms. I am so proud of each and every student involved. Well done to you all!!

“Jordon Weir-Smith in Make-up, preparing to shine as Mufasa.”

“I love the stage. Not only is it a place to perform and entertain, but it is also a way to escape from your normal every day life and become someone else. Playing as Timon during this year’s school production alongside Chelsea (who played Pumbaa, the fat warthog), gave me an opportunity to ‘come out of my shell’. The environment was supportive and overall full of energy, which felt great. I had an amazing time acting along side my peers, whether they be a part of band or back-stage, and I want to say thank you.”

Molly Wileman

“I enjoyed Masterclass for a variety of reasons, these being:
- it was challenging, especially coming up with design concepts
- working collaboratively with different people who have skills both the same and different to mine
- working to a deadline to ensure that all tasks were completed on time
- seeing the whole production come together and taking pride in the part that I played.”

Ruby Bayley

“During Terms Three and Four this year, I took part in Rutherglen High School’s production of “The Lion King” alongside 50 other students. I was a part of the Masterclass program. The Masterclass was a group of 20 students who were given time to them to create the props, costumes, dances, songs and all the actors used this time to practice lines and actions to prepare for the big night. The teacher in charge was Mrs McFarlane, she took time out of her day to make sure all of the students involved were comfortable with what they were doing and knew how to be the best they could be and helped a lot with everything involved in the production.

I was lucky enough to be assigned one of the main characters of the production named Scar. For this role I had to get out of my comfort zone, it took a while for me to feel comfortable performing with people that I’ve never really spoken to but after a while we grew and became closer and I am now proud to call these people my friends today. My favourite part about this whole production was stepping out of my comfort zone and taking a risk, I believe this has given me the ability to step out of my comfort zone more often and not to worry what other people would think of me.

Overall this whole production was a massive highlight to my 2018 and will be something to remember.”

Koby Harris