Principals Report

A further two weeks into the term sees Reece High School staff and students participating in a variety or learning and extra-curricular activities.

NAPLAN was conducted last week and our grade 7 and 9 students participated in both Literacy and Numeracy tests. Although this is a nationwide requirement, NAPLAN is a useful tool for providing staff with both general and specific information about how their class and individual students are performing. One of the best ways to improve student learning is to identify areas of strength and weakness and then plan tasks to either support or extend students. Along with all the formal and informal assessments our teachers do through the course of their teaching, NAPLAN is another valuable tool which can be used to inform them where your child is at in their learning and what they need to do to move forward.

A focus of Reece High School is providing students with excellent learning opportunities. A number of staff have been attending Professional Learning courses aimed at improving their teaching practice. These teachers learn new and progressive strategies to support learning in the classroom and are able to share the new skills with other teaching staff.

School sport is well and truly underway with football, netball, soccer and touch football all having games this week. I would like to take this opportunity to thank our school community members who are helping in some way to ensure students are able to access sporting opportunities. Research shows playing sport provides students with a range of social, cognitive and physical benefits. As this is a school-based activity, the school supports positive interactions with all students, officials and parents.

Acting Principal
Grade 8 Drama Performances

Last Term, the Grade 8 Drama class worked on children’s performances and acting to engage audiences. As part of this unit of work they developed various short plays aimed for early childhood classes. These plays were adapted from traditional fairy tale stories and often included strange twists. The schools we visited were Spreyton Primary, Miandetta Primary and East Devonport Primary.

During the visits the Grade 8 students interacted with children from Kinder to Grade 4, engaging them in conversations around pretending, acting and learning scripts. These experiences made great conversation on the drive back to school, and many conversations reflecting on each of the performances were had.

Overall the opportunity of performing for young children was an excellent learning experience and we are very grateful to Spreyton, Miandetta and East Devonport Primary for hosting us.
Reece High Production Update!

Reece High kicked off Term 2 with rehearsals for our production: *Zombie Prom the Musical*. A collection of talented students that made it through the audition process have come together to make our performance team. Over the next term they will be involved in singing, dancing, acting and learning quick cues and lots of lines!

*Set at Enrico Fermi High in the 1950’s, rebel Jonny (spelt without the customary “h”) meets Toffee. Although they fall desperately in love, their relationship ends due to peer and family pressure. After an accident at the nuclear power plant next door, Jonny meets with an untimely end and Toffee is devastated. It looks as though she won’t have a date to take to Prom when Jonny appears…. back from the dead!*

What follows is a hilarious journey through teenage angst, betrayal, death, friendship and love. *Zombie Prom* (by John Dempsey and music by Dana P. Rowe) is a fun filled musical with catchy songs, eccentric characters and classic 50’s style costumes and sets.

*Zombie Prom* goes live at the beginning of Term 4. We look forward to your support with our production and hope to see you at the show!

Grade 8 Term 1 Assembly

During the final week of term one, grade 8 students came together to celebrate their positive start to the year with their peers. The assembly recognised the outstanding achievements of a large number of students right across the grade. Students received awards relating to the school’s four values; honesty and trustworthiness, respect, responsibility and connectedness. All students who displayed the school values were entered into a draw where two students were selected at random to receive $25 vouchers. These lucky students were Emily Ellis and Joshua Klarenbeek. At the conclusion of the assembly, students were entertained by grade 8 students, Maddie Goss and Abbie Smith who performed an acoustic version of, “Little Talks” by Of Monsters and Men. Due to the great vibe during the assembly, it has been decided that the grade 8’s will hold two assemblies per term to recognise the outstanding achievements of the students who are contributing to the positive feelings of the year group. The term one recipients are listed below:

**RESPECT**
- Blake Wilson
- Jessica Ling
- Nathan Walker
- Kim Rodriguez
- Bailey Gillam
- Jakarna Jones
- Isabella Muir
- Callan Whiting
- Brady Ludbey
- Keegan Lowe

**RESPONSIBILITY**
- Sebastian Johns
- Tristan Martin
- Sasha Ralston
- Meg Hardman
- Luke Muir
- Joshua Klarenbeek
- Emily Ellis
- Luke Briggs
- Emily Bellchambers
- Taleah Hall

**RESPONSIBILITY cont.**
- Trey Grundy
- Sam King
- Adam Smith
- Chayton McDonald-Hodges
- Georgia Muir
- Macayla Holmes
- Harman Faulks-Franks

**HONESTY & TRUSTWORTHINESS**
- Tia Van der Velde
- Jonas Saising
- Emily Rice
- Sophie McCoy

**CONNECTEDNESS**
- Chelsea Smith
- Peter Martin
- Joshua Aikman
- Ethan Fischer
- Marko Muir
- Teri Rand
- Nick Bingham
The Devonport City Council immunisation team will soon return to Reece High School on the 18th June to administer vaccinations for Grade 7 and Grade 9 students that are due:

- Grade 9 (boys and girls) adult Diphtheria, Tetanus & Pertussis (1 dose only)
- Grade 9 (boys) Human Papillomavirus - HPV (2nd dose)
- Grade 7 (boys and girls) adult Diphtheria, Tetanus & Pertussis (1 dose only)
- Grade 7 (boys and girls) Human Papillomavirus - HPV (2nd dose)

If you have returned a consent form for your child, he/she will be vaccinated as requested, unless you have been otherwise notified by the Health Department.

IMPORTANT- If your child:
* missed the first HPV session and the catch-up form has not been returned to Council, or

* has received vaccinations elsewhere since completing the consent form, or

* is unwell, or

* has commenced taking some form of medication.

YOU MUST advise the Devonport City Council Health Department immediately on 6424 0576.

If you have any concerns or questions regarding immunisation, please contact the Devonport City Council Health Department on 6424 0576 directly, not through the school office.

Thank you
Relay for Life 2014
Over 40 grade 7 -10 Reece High students took part in the recent North West running of the Relay for Life. In beautiful autumn weather conditions we successfully circulated our baton continuously throughout the 23 hour period. Proudly, we are pleased to say we were one of the record-breaking 111 teams (made up of over 2000 individuals) taking part in one of the Cancer Council’s biggest fundraising events of the year. A big thanks must go to our dedicated students for their commitment to the cause. Thanks also to Narelle Dempsey and Ashley Robertson for doing lots of overtime and to Odette Denny and family for their tireless and generous contributions over the weekend. Thanks also to the Connell-Kelly family for the donation of their gas heater which kept us warm overnight and in the early hours of the morning. Terence Johnston
Grade 8 MDT

Grade 8 MDT students have been focusing on improving their skills in working with timber and sheet metal. Projects have included a sliding lid pencil box, DVD/game shelf and sheet metal utility box.
PERMIAN EXTINCTION EXHIBITION

Grade 8’s Adventure into our Earth’s History

During term one the grade 8’s have been learning about the formation of the earth. We were fortunate enough to visit an amazing exhibition at the Pandemonium on the Permian Exhibition and Monsters from the Past!

This exhibition showcased an amazing collection of fossils and models from this relatively unknown time period. Students got to interact with life size giants; including insects, bizarre looking sharks, and strange reptiles with mammal-like characteristics. Students met with the top predator of the time; the giant saber-toothed gorgonopsid ‘Inostrancevia’ and found out what nearly killed them all to make way for Earth’s next rulers, the Dinosaurs.

Students enjoyed exploring the hands on fossil pits, interactive computer stations and animatronic creatures that roar and move. We were also lucky to see some amazing artwork by award winning paleo-artist Julius Csotonyi.
Grade 9 students have enjoyed having the room to themselves working after school on their projects ...
Fundraiser for Jesse Nelson

26th June @ 6.30pm...$16.00 ... buy a ticket today
I invite you to Join us in raising money for the World Challenge to Costa Rica and Nicaragua Where Jesse will be Assisting those less fortunate in a community project and broadening his opportunities while learning new skills

For further information
Please call Karen
PH: 0447 804 866
Or

Find us on:
facebook

Fundraising for Jesse's world challenge expedition
World Challenge Meeting
On Monday 26 May there will be a World Challenge meeting for all students who have put in applications to go to Costa Rica in 2015. The meeting is also open for those students who may be interested in going as there are still spots available. The meeting will be in Mr Robinson’s room from 3:30 to 5:30. A representative from World Challenge will be present at the meeting and will cover information like destination, exploration, fundraising and team building.

The Neighbourhood House network is privileged to offer a Skype session for teenagers at the House with a couple of North Melbourne footy players.

Join us for a North Melbourne footy club Skype session at Devonport Community House, 10 Morris Ave.
On this TUESDAY afternoon at 3.30pm. Players will answer your questions!

2 sessions – Tuesday 27 May and Tuesday 3 June at 3.30pm for half hour.

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