2016 Student Leaders

Introducing the 2016 Roxby Downs Area School Student Leaders.

Back row: Left to Right
- Sienna Brougham
- Nikita Smith
- Aishah Bastian
- Kiaran Dadleh
- Piers McKee
- Lachlan Baker
- Michael Scarr

Front Row: Left to Right
- Tayla French
- Madison Kelly
- Charlotte Miller
- Alexei Kraitor
- Ahoura Hosseini

Middle School Leader
Middle School Vice Leader
Middle School Leader
School Vice Captain
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School Captain

Our School Vision: Empowering all to reach their potential.
Principal’s Report

Student Perception Data from 2015:

In 2015 our Yr 6/7 students and Yr 8/9 students were involved in a state-wide Student Wellbeing survey. The wellbeing of young people is influenced by what happens in their homes, at school and in the broader community. The wellbeing survey included questions about young peoples’ social and emotional development, perseverance, engagement, physical health and wellbeing, relationships and connectedness with others, experiences at school and activities outside of school. This report was produced by the Business Intelligence Unit, Department for Education and Child Development. The report for our school presents the wellbeing data for our students and compares this to the results for all South Australian students.

The categories reflected in the survey included Optimism, Empathy, Worries, and Perseverance. I have included some snapshots of our data (illustrated below) these graphs illustrate where our students sit in comparison to all DECD students and the local schools in our region. In summary, our students have a great deal of Empathy and Optimism, however the data showed they have things on their minds (worry) and lag some of the other sites in relation to perseverance. There are many opportunities for working with our wellbeing survey results. These results will be utilised to support planning, initiate action within programs, classrooms, the school and community.

The full set of data will be included in this year’s annual school report.

Year 6/7 Perception Data

![Graphs showing Optimism, Empathy, Worries, and Perseverance for Year 6/7 students in comparison to other groups.](image-url)
RDAS Induction Assembly for our 2106 Leaders

On Monday 29th February we held our Yr R-12 Leaders Induction Assembly to recognise the students who have been elected as Sports Captains and Vice-Captains in 2016 - (32 students in total), along with 12 Student Leaders for 2016. The Sports House Captains are nominated and elected by their peers. The Student Leaders for 2016 were selected on the basis of a written application and an interview before a panel of senior staff from the various sections of the school.

Our Student Leaders for 2016 are:

Primary Leaders: Ahoura Hosseini, Alexei Krait, Charlotte Miller, Madison Kelly

Middle School Leaders: Sienna Brougham, Aishah Bastian, Nikita Smith, Piers McKee

School Captains: Michael Scarr and Tayla French, Vice Captains: Kiaran Dadleh and Lachlan Baker

Chad Menzies, from BHP Billiton was our invited guest speaker and he spoke very passionately; encouraging all of our leaders to work hard to make a difference. Chad spoke directly to all students, asking them to support our leaders in their roles and emphasising that we all need to take responsibility for making this the best school it can be. We are really looking forward to the respective roles that our sporting leaders and student leaders are going to play at RDAS in 2016.

Update on School Based Apprenticeships (SBA’s) at RDAS:

In May 2015 we made a concerted effort to work with our senior students around providing genuine pathways into their chosen vocation or pathway, through School Based Apprenticeship’s (SBAs). Being involved in an SBA allows a student to continue with their studies at school, while at the same time commencing a certificate course in the workplace. Students who enrol in an SBA can be working anywhere from 1 to 3 days in the work force. Many students get to an age where they struggle to see school as relevant and so these types of programmes can benefit the student significantly by re-engaging them with learning.

I am excited to report that we currently have 11 students studying a Certificate 3 course in Fitness along with another 8 students who have recently commenced School-Based Apprenticeships-

- Baylie Dadleh (Rural Operations; Stuarts Creek Station)
- Kiaran Dadleh (Carpentry; Olympicon)
- Bethany Myatt (Hospitality-Roxby Downs Tavern/Oasis)
- Ines Badman (Community Service- Roxby Downs Council)
- Jordan Thompson (IT Systems- Roxby Downs Council)
- Megan Herring (IT Systems-RDAS)
- Brodie Walsh (Media/Radio- RoxFM)
- Jake Zepetner (Commercial Cookery- Roxby Downs Tavern).
Thank you the many local businesses who have been willing to support this programme by offering work placements for our students, without their help this programme wouldn’t be possible. If parents or local businesses would like to find out more about this initiative, please don’t hesitate to contact the school for more information.

Kind Regards, Steve Bennett

**IMPORTANT DATES : March 2016**

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**Sister Pat’s Quote of the week:**

Nature does not hurry, yet everything is accomplished.

- Lao Tzu -
Week 6 already, the term is flying. Already this year your child has been busy not only involved in deep and rigorous learning in classrooms but we’ve had swimming lessons for all classes R-7 including Special Ed along with Swimming Carnival and Splash Day. Our student leaders have been inducted

Assemblies
We had our first 3-6 Assembly hosted by Julie Greenfields class. We heard from our student leaders, Ahora Housseini and Charlotte Miller as well as our vice Leaders Alexi Kraitor and Madison Kelly on what they think being a leader is all about. We look forward to sharing in their leadership journey. Our first R-2 Assembly will be in Week 7 Friday in our School Hall at 9am, all parents and families are invited to attend.

Swimming Carnival & Splash n Dash Day
We had some rather warm weather for our swimming days but managed to get through them even if a modified version. Students displayed such positive attitudes and were well behaved on such a hot day. Thank you to our parent volunteers who helped on the day and our dedicated staff who arrived early to set the pool up on the days.

Looking forward to working with you as we keep your child at the centre of all we do.

Warm wishes,

Jess Bawden R-6 Assistant Principal

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### 3-6 Assembly Award Winners

**26th February**

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Some of Mrs Zeptner’s Reception/Year 1 comments for Splash Day 2016.

- “I liked splashing my legs on the side of the pool with Jade” said Margaret.
- “I like going down the slippery dip in the little pool. It was fun & fast”. Milah.
- “I love the slide because I like going super fast!” Omarion.
- “The big slide was fun. I liked jumping up when I landed in the water”. Jakobi.
- “The slide was great. I felt like I was doing jumps in the slide. I was going side to side”. Caiden.
- “I like going down the slide” said Amaliah.
- “I love the water slide because you make a splash”. Ava
- “I like the big slide. I closed my eyes because I didn’t have my goggles. I went fast”. Madison
- “I went down the slide. It was big and good” Said Matilda.
- “I like the slide because it was very fast”. Said Dhruvi and Ethan.
Student Leadership Summit

On Monday the 22nd February, Student Leaders from across the Olympic Dam Area participated in a Leadership development day- student leaders from RDAS, Andamooka, Woomera and St Barbs came together to learn, plan and share. The 2016 RDAS school captains, middle school and primary leaders and vices all participated. The Mining Minds initiative provided leadership training and advice from leadership lecturer and facilitator Anthony Semann of Semann and Slattery. Student leaders then participated in workshops to document leadership goals for their respective schools, aligning these to potential school projects and initiatives for 2016.
Student Leadership Induction Assembly

On Monday the 29th February the 2016 RDAS Student Leaders and House Captains and Vices were formally inducted. Chad Menzies, BHP Billiton opened the assembly with some words of advice for the new leaders and articulated how all students, staff and community members can contribute to being leaders within our school and community. Speaking up, showing initiative and looking out for others as strong examples of leadership. The assembly saw all leaders and house captains and vices receive certificates recognising their 2016 roles within our school community.

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Primary House Captains.

Secondary House Captains.
Mrs Eli’s Year 3/4 Class

Mrs Eli’s 3/4 class have been working with line and colour in Visual Arts.

We used different lines to create movement and used warm and cool colours to create the vibrant effect for this ocean art.

Year 3/4 Classes making the most of BYOD

The BYOD initiative is underway in Mrs Eli and Miss Fishlock’s classrooms with students bringing iPads to school with their use being integrated across all learning areas.

RDAS Primary Homework Club

For students in Years 3 - 6

Mondays in the school library 2:50pm – 4:00pm

Students will have access to school network computers, a printer, fiction and non-fiction books, stationery, and the support of the teacher-librarian.
3-6 Swimming Carnival

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Dear Parents,

Re: Easter Thursday 2016.

DECD policy in relation to 'Easter Thursday', is that the Governing Council have the authority to allow the school to close one hour before the normal scheduled finish of school, if and when Easter Thursday falls within Term 1.

Yesterday, our Governing Council voted to allow students to be dismissed at 1:50pm, on Thursday 24th March, one hour before our normal closing time. This will assist the many school families who choose to travel at Easter time, to spend time with family and friends.

Reminder : RDAS scheduled  'Student Free Day' for Term 1, will be held next Friday, 11th March.

Kind Regards,
Steve Bennett
Principal

ROXBYS COMMUNITY MENTORING - RDAS

Mentoring provides a structured and trusting relationship to bring young people together with caring individuals who offer guidance, support and encouragement. By sharing their time, mentors support young people by:

- Being a sounding board
- Motivating with a positive outlook
- Encouraging positive life choices
- Working through problems
- Providing trust, respect and understanding.

More Volunteer Mentors Needed....

RDAS are now seeking to recruit more volunteer mentors for students.

By giving as little as 40mins per week during school terms volunteer mentors can share life experiences, career knowledge, personal interests, hobbies and expertise.

Further Information:

To find out more and register your interest in becoming a Roxby Community Mentor please contact Roxby Downs Area School on 8671 0011 or send an email to: Juliette.demaine174@schools.sa.edu.au
This year's theme is ‘our diversity is our strength’. Harmony Day is held each year on the 21st of March. It’s a day to celebrate our cultural diversity. It's about inclusiveness, respect and a sense of belonging for everyone. The message of Harmony Day is ‘everyone belongs’.

At RDAS we invite students to dress in a national costume or the colour orange which has been the Harmony Day colour since the first day was held in 1999.
Happy Easter Treat

R-6 TUESDAY 22nd March, 2016

7-12 WEDNESDAY 23rd March, 2016

RDAS Canteen is offering
a Special Easter treat for students.

As one of our “Red Food Events” we are allowed for the term
we have chosen an Easter theme.

Chocolate Malteaser Bunny $1.40
Jelly cup with chocolate Easter egg $1.50
Small Soft Drink (Sprite, Lift, Fanta) 200ml $2.00

available ‘over-the counter’ at Recess and Lunch (money on the day)

&

Hot Chicken & gravy rolls $5.00

which will need to be pre-ordered for Lunch

We need students to bring in their money and order form for Hot Chicken Rolls
to their classroom teacher by Thursday 17th March.

Don’t Miss out!!
Our school community is proud to take a stand against bullying and violence.

National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence

Friday 18 March 2016

www.bullyingnoway.gov.au
MUSIC LESSONS IN ROXBY DOWNS
BEGINNER GUITAR, KEYBOARD, UKELELE AND VOICE TRAINING

Former Roxby Downs resident and successful Music Teacher Joy O’Malley will be visiting Roxby Downs fortnightly from mid March.

Please contact Joy today on facebook msg, mobile text, phone or email at 0427694343 joy.omalley@yahoo.com.au to secure your child’s place after school hours. Adult students are welcome during day or evening. Classes are one on one and reasonably priced. Skype lessons available on request.

Community Youth Centre Open Day

[Image of Community Youth Centre Open Day flyer]

FREE COMMUNITY YOUTH CENTRE OPEN DAY
SATURDAY 19 MARCH
11AM - 2PM

11AM - 11.45AM KIDS’ KITCHEN
12 NOON OFFICIAL OPENING

Come and check out the new Community Youth Centre. A day of fun & entertainment for the whole family.

YUMMY AND HEALTHY SNACKS
EARTH HOUR ARTS & CRAFTS
GIANT CHESS
BALLOONS

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION PLEASE CALL ROXYLINK ON 8271 0500

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