

# NEWSLETTER

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## SICKBAY LINEN

(3:30pm) **Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April**    **Allison Esmonde**  
 (3:30pm) **Friday 26<sup>th</sup> April** (Next Term)    **Danijela Cetkovic**

## DIARY DATES

(8:55am – 2:30pm) **Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April**    **LAST DAY OF TERM – EARLY FINISH**  
 (9:30am – 10:45am) **Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April**    **Hat Parade – Good Friday Appeal**  
 (9:30am – 12:00pm) **Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April**    **Neighbourhood House Cupcake Decorating**  
**Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> April**    **Easter Monday – STUDENT FREE DAY**  
**Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April**    **First Day of Term 2**  
 (3:00pm – 3:30pm) **Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> April**    **ANZAC Day Remembrance Service**  
**Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> April**    **ANZAC Day – STUDENT FREE DAY**



## Principal's Report

We've very nearly finished our first term of the year and I wanted to take this opportunity to thank everyone for a productive – and very busy – 10 weeks of school.

There have been lots of events and activities and our students have been given some great opportunities to participate in a range of fun and engaging learning experiences.

Before we bid farewell to the term, however, we have one last hurrah – our annual Hat Parade. This takes place on Friday morning straight after assembly and we hope to see all our students with some great 'Mad about Music' themed hats ready to parade in front of the school.

All students are required to wear school uniform (with the exception of their hat of course!) and we ask that everyone brings a gold coin which will be collected and donated to the Good Friday Appeal. Remember that we will also be drawing our Easter Raffle, with some great hampers up for grabs. Please return your raffle tickets if you haven't already done so and join us for the draw immediately after the hat parade.

After recess on Friday, every student in the school will also have the opportunity to decorate a cupcake at our special cake decorating station in the hall foyer. We have volunteers from Dandenong Neighbourhood House attending who will be providing freshly baked cupcakes and assist students to create a delicious masterpiece. I don't like the chances of parents actually seeing these creations, as I don't expect very many of them to make it to the end of the day!!

### School Council AGM

On Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> March we held our School Council Annual General Meeting. During this meeting we elected our new office bearers for 2019. I would like to thank the following councillors who took on office positions:

Gosia Zastawnik	President
Allison Esmonde	Vice President
Eleni Banasios	Treasurer
Aida Zeini	Secretary

A sincere thank you to our office bearers and entire School Council, for their commitment to working in partnership for the benefit of our school and all our students.

I would also like to thank retiring councillors Lorraine Thompson, Chris Gramberg and Michelle Marsh for their contribution to the school during their extended tenures on the Council.

### Early Friday Finish

A reminder that our school term finishes at 2:30pm this Friday, so please ensure you have arrangements in place to have students collected one hour earlier than usual. I'd also like to remind families that due to the Easter Monday public holiday, the first day of Term 2 will be **Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April**.

I wish all our families a relaxing and enjoyable school holiday break. I will be taking two days long-service leave during the first week of Term 2, so I look forward to seeing everybody again on the Friday of week one.

**Julian Growcott**  
**Acting Principal**

## ***KidsMatter***

### Neighbourhood House Cup Cake Decorating

Please join us as we celebrate the end of Term 1 with children decorating their own cup cake. Grades will begin visiting the Hall to decorate at 11:30am, after the Hat Parade. Neighbourhood House volunteers will be setting up from 9:15am in the Hall, you may come in at any time to help out. Further details at the end of this Newsletter.

### Anzac Day Remembrance

5000 Poppies began as a personal tribute by two Melbourne women to honour their fathers who both fought in World War II. It became an international tribute of respect and remembrance to those who have served in all wars, conflicts and peacekeeping operations, their families and their communities. Rosewood



Downs is honoured to have received a piece from the 5000 Poppies initiative. Our own 5000 Poppies will be unveiled at our Anzac Day Remembrance Assembly on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> April at 3:00pm in the Hall. An invitation is warmly extended to all our Rosewood Downs Community to be part of this historic initiative.

You may view the journey of 5000 Poppies through the following link:

<https://bit.ly/2UfEsEN>

### Mothers' Day Celebration

Our Prep, Grade 1 & Grade 2 students would love their Mums, Grandmas, Aunties or Family Friends to join them as they thank you for the amazing jobs you all do. This Special Event will take place in the Hall on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> May at 2:45pm.



## Parenting Anxious Children

A session for our Rosewood Downs Community to help understand and manage Anxiety in children. The session will be presented by The Anxiety Recovery Centre. Further details at the end of this Newsletter. Places are limited so please secure your place by booking with Shelby at the office.



Information on Anxiety is available on the Anxiety Recovery Centre's website at <https://www.arcvic.org.au/>. Further details on the seminar at Rosewood Downs will follow next term.

## KidsMatter Action Team



## Caught You Being Kind

Filip Zivak (1R) and Tyson Boersch Quadara (2C) were both 'Caught Being Kind'. Well done, Filip and Tyson!

## ThinkPlus Mindset Heroes

**Week 1:** Murtazah Niazi (6B)

Working, then re-working his writing to make sure it makes sense.

**Week 2:** Heidi Cristiano (5/6F)

Working hard to reach her goals, and never giving up, even when it's hard.

**Week 3:** Filip Miljanic (4W)

For trying new things and keeping a growth mindset.

**Week 4:** Oliver Dimitrijevic (5T)

For seeking feedback, and using to improve school work.

**Week 5:** Sikander Jhaji (3T)

For taking the initiative to edit his writing to improve his work.

**Week 6:** Mason Black (2C)

For pushing himself harder everytime in his reading. He believed in himself and improved his work. Mason has now jumped up 2 levels in his reading.

## Music Awards

PS	Aleesa Boby	1R	Rada Lesic	2W Anna Krawczyk
3T	Chloe Arms	5T	Mo Pham	
PH	Eliana Dunstan	1PT	Ruzie Kosakyan	2C Thomas Banasios
4W	Ali Mahboub	6PB	Zipporah Ioane	

Anita Chan

Music Coordinator

## Artist of the Week

PS	Amel Ghasemian	1R	Riya Mehra	2C	Lorik Krasniqi
2W	Grace Dong	3/4F	Alannah Terzic	4W	Teaghan Ballas-Price
5T	Oliver Dimitrijevic	5/6F	Seth Cooper		

**Lindsay Campbell**  
Art Co-Ordinator

## Sports Awards

PH	Eliana Dunstan	1PT	Diana Shim	2W	Ivan Radulovic
4W	Hadden Marsh	6P	Yianni Rozakis		
PS	Brennan Marsh	1R	Filip Zivak	2C	Aaliyah Mahboub
3T	Sikander Jhajj	5T	Jerome George		

**Lindsay Campbell**  
Sport Coordinator

## Sport News

### Southern Metro Region Swimming Finals – Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March

Well done to Cade, Lanny, Anthony and Calin who represented our school at the Southern Metropolitan Region Finals at MSAC. Everyone competed hard and represented our school really well. Thank you to the students and their parents for being available to attend the competition and provide transport.

#### 12 year olds

Breaststroke	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Lanny Duan
Freestyle	8 <sup>th</sup>	Calin Searle
Mixed 4x50m Freestyle Relay	8th	Cade, Calin, Anthony and Lanny

Congratulations to all of the students on a great effort and to Lanny who achieved a personal best of 2<sup>nd</sup> place and just missed out on selection for the Victorian Swimming Team.

### Unit B District Gala Sports Day 1 – Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March

Well done to all of the teams who competed at Gala Day 1 last Friday. Our teams competed well and represented our school with good sportsmanship. Congratulations to the AFL, Girls A Basketball and Mixed B Basketball teams who made it into the Grand Finals of their competitions. Unfortunately they were beaten and finished Runners Up.

Thank you to all of the parents and teachers who helped out on the day. We are looking forward to our second competition next term. There has been a date change and Gala Day 2 will now be held on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> June (Term 2, Week 9).

**Lindsay Campbell**  
Sport Coordinator

## **School Events**

### **Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March – House Cross Country and Fun Run at Tirhatuan Park (Kriegel Way)**

Thank you to all of the students, staff and parents who attended our Cross Country event. We had a great day of competition with everyone having a fun time. The PFA did a great job with the BBQ lunch.

Congratulations to all of the students who competed and earned points for their House team. The final results are:

1 <sup>st</sup>	Yarra	(345)
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Barwon	(337)
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Rubicon	(239)
4 <sup>th</sup>	Goulburn	(202)

The students who finished in the top 8 spots in each of the age level Cross Country races (Grades 3-6) automatically qualify for the school team that competes at the District event on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> May at Tatterson Park in Keysborough.

### **Easter Raffle**

Thank you to the families who generously donated items for the Easter hampers and to everyone who purchased tickets for the raffle. Last minute tickets are still available so make sure you return them at the Hat Parade.

**Lindsay Campbell**  
**Special Events Coordinator**

## **The Green Team**

Dear families,

We have finally reached the end of Term 1 and what a fantastic term we have had tackling environmental issues! Our latest event was held on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March where Rosewood Downs participated in Earth Hour and during the last school hour, all our electrical items including lights, computers and air conditioners in our classrooms were switched off. For those who are not familiar with the Earth Hour event, it is about raising awareness on environmental issues and by turning off our lights for one hour, we are showing our support for the fight against climate change and our commitment towards a better planet.



Amongst other news, Andy and Austin from Grade 6P bravely 'taught' the teachers what they could or couldn't put in the staff compost bins. It takes a lot of courage and confidence to stand in front of all the teachers during the staff meeting and deliver a mini presentation and we would like to commend them on their presentation.

Our Green Team members including the Garden Gurus continue to care for our school environment and have done a remarkable job running the Compost Program this past term. Well done guys!

Last but not least, thank you to our whole school community for supporting our initiatives this term. We have achieved way beyond what we had planned starting with Clean Up Australia Day followed by Nude Food Day and lastly, Earth Hour. We have also launched a new fortnightly instalment at assembly named 'The Zero Waste Swap' where we show easy swaps of daily items such as disposable plastic bottles versus reusable drink bottles. Our aim is to show our students and their families that it doesn't take much to live more sustainably.

On this note, the City of Greater Dandenong will be hosting a Sustainability Festival this coming Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> April at the Dandenong Market. We have attached details of this free event at the end of our newsletter. Hope to see you there!

Wishing you all a great Easter holiday! On behalf of the Green Team, Thank you.

**Jo Ford and Mary Chan**  
**Green Team Co-Ordinators**

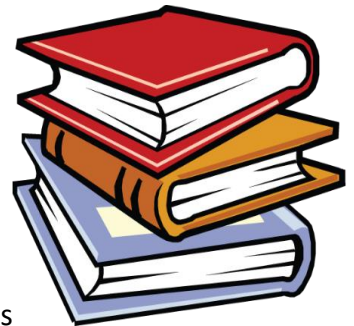


### ***Premiers' Reading Challenge***

The Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge is on again at RDPS. We have now registered all students and the teachers will be receiving your child's Password and User code before the end of the week. These will be ready to be sent home in time for some serious holiday reading!

In order to participate in and complete the challenge students will need to log onto the website: <https://bit.ly/2HjDksK>

Here you will find the rules, closing dates and the steps needed to enter the books your child has read. Once this is done by you at home and your child's page is up and running we will be able to see who is actually participating in the challenge and then their books will be verified as being read. Parents will have to help the younger children do this task. It's not a difficult task - I promise - but it will need your assistance. The Challenge is a fun thing to do with your child and it does help to foster a love of reading.



If you have any questions just see either myself or Mary Thompson in the library. Happy Reading!

**Terrie Palmer-Tanner**  
**Premiers' Reading Challenge Coordinator**

### ***Parents' & Friends' Association***

Well the end of Term 1 has arrived. The school will be celebrating with our annual hat parade as well as cup cake decorating. Thank you to the parents who have baked cup cakes to donate for this event and also thank you to the parents who helped out bundle the Easter Raffle prizes together. I want to thank all the parents who have attended our meetings this term as well as all our functions, especially the BBQ at the cross country, it was a HUGE success and would not have happened without our school community support.

Term 2 will be full of fun events as well, our big one being the Mother's Day Stall which we will be having on **MONDAY 6<sup>th</sup> and TUESDAY 7<sup>th</sup> May**. Some of the items available to purchase are on display in the hall foyer as well as the quiet area and a price list will be up on compass soon. Volunteers to help run the stall will be needed so if you are interested please let Shelby or myself know.

Hope everyone has a safe and happy break and see you all again in Term 2.

**Allison Esmonde**  
**PFA President**





## Unit News

### Unit A

Term 1 has flown by and we are very impressed with how well the children in Unit A have settled in and are embracing the learning goals for each grade. They have worked hard and are well and truly ready for a holiday break.

The children were excited to participate in the Fun Run and it was an important opportunity for them to build stamina and experience the feeling of comradery within their house teams.

Next term the Prep students will begin the PMP sessions and we would appreciate the support of parents who are available to assist us in the running of this very valuable program. Please let Mr. Campbell know if you are able to help.

The Prep teachers will also be inviting parents to come and listen to reading in the mornings, however, we will send home more detailed information early in Term 2.

The RDPS Hat Parade is always an enjoyable event and the children love the excitement of working on their hats at home and showing them off on the last day of Term. Even a simple hat can be effective and we look forward to seeing all the lovely creations on Friday.

Finally, a big thank you to all our Unit A families for your ongoing support and your contribution to the school community. We hope you have a lovely time with your children over the holidays and create some special memories for the children to share with us on their return to school.

**Unit A Team,**

**Chanté Smith (Prep S), Linda Harrison (Prep H) & Ashlee Rumney (1R)**

### Unit B

What a busy and productive term it has been in Unit B! The Grade 5's and 6's are currently completing the unit of work in History on Migration to Australia, which has been integrated into many facets of our learning such as Reading, Writing and Homework. We have learnt about needs and wants, credit and debit cards and budgeting in Economics. In Mathematics we have been revising and building upon Mathematical skills learnt in the previous year, and extending understandings with problem solving and real world activities. It is imperative at this stage that all children continue to practise their times tables and practise simple number facts. In English we have been learning about the structure of a Narrative and Persuasive writing piece, and practised using new language in our writing. Reading has been extended through the Literature Program where the reading of quality literature and a range of genre has been encouraged.

On Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March, the children participated in the first Gala day for the year with enthusiasm, and everyone enjoyed the day. The teams participated in Round Robin competitions in their chosen sport which included t-ball, basketball, netball and football.

The Grade 6's have now received their new polo tops and hoodies and we're sure you'll agree they look fantastic and are an excellent addition to the Rosewood Downs uniform. The Grade 6's may wear these tops in place of the regular school top every day of the year, including camps and excursions.

A reminder to all parents that payment for the Unit B City Camp should have been finalised this week. Reminder notices were handed out last Friday and payment can be accepted on Compass or at the office. Parents, please do not forget to sign and send back the consent form, or you can consent on Compass. If you have not yet paid for camp we request that you do so before the end of the term.

We request that parents check the Events page on Compass regularly as we have regular outings and special events planned for the Unit B students throughout the year that will require your consent or payment.

Most secondary colleges are currently advertising open day events, school tours, information about SEAL, extension and enrichment programs and scholarships to private as well as public schools. Some information about local secondary schools is attached below, but parents are encouraged to make contact with their preferred schools, or schools they may be interested in to organise a tour. Cut off dates for scholarship and special programs are crucial, and it's important that parents are aware of these dates. Parents and students in Grade 5 and 6 should be visiting schools now if you are undecided about which secondary school your child will attend. Grade 6 parents are advised that preference forms for secondary college will be sent out during Term 2.

We hope all families have a restful holiday and Easter break, and look forward to seeing everyone again in Term 2 ready to learn!

**Unit B Team,**  
**Mia Todisco (5T), Jo Ford (5/6F) & Ashleigh Price-Bell (6PB)**

### **Unit C**

Boy how time flies! It's hard to believe that Term One is nearly over. What a busy term it has been! Along with their class work the students have been involved in various activities including "Being Brave" and the School Cross Country. Well done to all the students who completed the Cross Country course in very hot conditions. You certainly showed a lot of resilience! Congratulations to those students who will go on to represent the school at District level.

Excitement is building as many students have begun the countdown to the Phillip Island Camp. Thank you to all those students who have returned their signed permission forms. Please remember that all payments for the Camp must be finalised by **Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> May**.

We are looking forward to this Friday's annual Hat Parade to see all the marvellous creations for this year's theme, "Mad About Music".

We hope that you all have a safe and restful holiday, and we look forward to seeing you again in Term 2 which promises to be just as busy.

**Unit C Team,**  
**Kristy Telford (3T), Gail Fitzpatrick (3/4F) & Caitlyn Watkins (4W)**

### **Unit D**

And just like that....We are at the end of Term 1! We now have Easter Eggs, Hot Cross Buns and Holidays to look forward to.

The cherubs of Unit D have completed a great term, worked hard and completed some really fantastic work. Good on you guys!

Year 2's have completed and presented their projects on Neuron Connections; the Neuron's body parts, how they fire and wire and their function in the brain. After completing this investigation and building a 3D model in teams, the students presented to the whole year level their findings. Reporting on what they achieved, what materials they used and what challenges they were given formed part of this formal assessment piece for Listening and Speaking. Also in Literacy, the Year 2's have been exploring and studying Dream Time stories which culminated in writing a detailed retell. They have now moved on to examining Indigenous people and their connection to special places.



Year 1's writing has included the genres: Narrative and Recount. Once again their skills have shown a remarkable growth and I know they have produced some excellent examples for Mrs Palmer-Tanner to enjoy reading.

The Seasons have been the area of interest this last fortnight. Discussing the changes each season brings to not only our environment but to our own personal life has been the main focus. This week, to wrap up this Earth and Space science, we will be discussing and noting the changes and differences night and day bring and how this effects our lives.

Easter craft will be a feature of this week's program in both Year 1 and 2's. Don't forget to channel your inner 'craftiness' and get creating an Easter bonnet with the children at home. The theme for this year is: Mad about Music.

In closing... just a reminder school finishes early this Friday. We would like to take this opportunity to thank you all so much for the wonderful support and help you have given us in delivering what we think was a great term.

Many thanks and Happy Easter.

Unit D Team,

Terrie Palmer-Tanner (1PT), Karen Woodhouse (2W), Mary Chan (2C) & Carolyn Kropf (Ed Support)

## Rosewood Downs Primary School



We invite all students  
and their families to  
join us at our annual



# Flat Parade MAD ABOUT MUSIC



Friday 5th April, 2019  
9.30 - 10.45am in the  
school hall  
Gold coin donation in



support of

 **goodFridayappeal**  
THE ROYAL CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL



# **Rosewood Downs Primary School**



## **DANDENONG**

### **neighbourhood HOUSE**

*Connecting our Community*

## **Fun Cup Cake Decorating Event For Students & Parents**

We welcome you to join in the fun on the last day of Term 1.

All grades will visit the Hall kitchen for each student to decorate their own cup cake. Decorating will begin at 11:30am, after our annual Hat Parade.

Setting up will begin in the Hall kitchen from 9:15am during our Hat Parade, you are welcome to join us at any time.

Please help us create a positive School Community for all!



## **Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April 2019**

### **11:30am to 1:00pm**

### **TODDLERS WELCOME**





## Parenting Anxious Children

Rosewood Downs Primary School  
Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> May, 6.00pm - 8.00pm


**Does your child worry, feel anxious and seem stressed at times?  
Would you like to gain a greater understanding of anxiety and learn some helpful  
strategies to support your child?**

Learning to cope with anxiety, stress and fear, whilst a normal part of your child's development, can be deeply challenging not only for children but also for parents and the family unit as a whole.

This information session will cover:

- Understanding the role of anxiety and normal childhood development
- The signs and symptoms in your children
- Types of anxiety disorders
- What's helpful and not helpful
- Methods and strategies to support your children
- Relaxation techniques and tools, mindfulness, breathing etc.
- Where to go for more information/help

Fact sheets, practical exercises and brochures are also included.



**Sustainability Festival**

**Growing our future together**

activities – performances – workshops

Sunday 7 April 2019

10am – 3pm, Dandenong Market

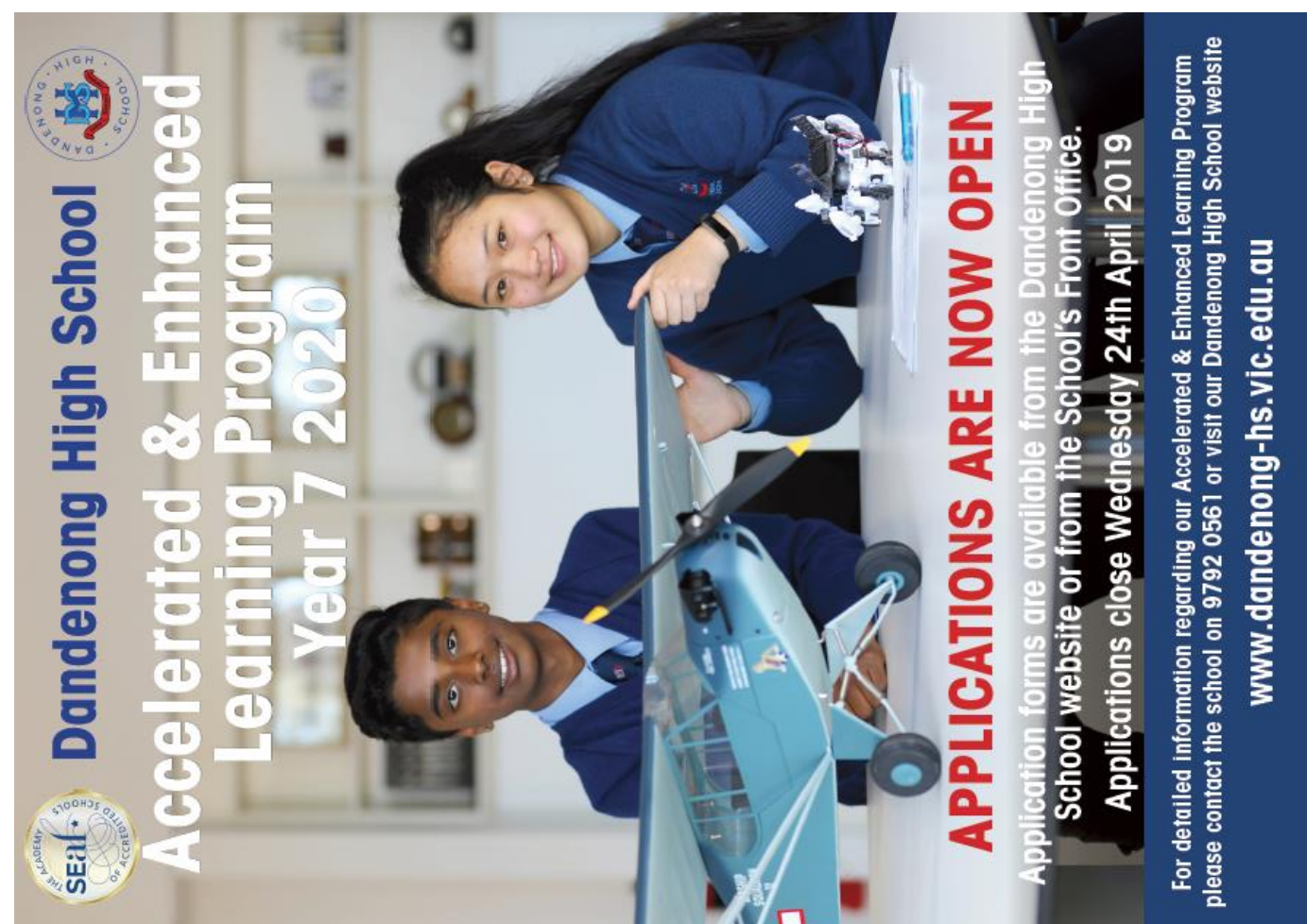
Ride your bike to the event and receive a free bike tune up

Free fun for the whole family

Bring your own reusable bag

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**Dandenong High School**

**Accelerated & Enhanced Learning Program**

**Year 7 2020**

**APPLICATIONS ARE NOW OPEN**

Application forms are available from the Dandenong High School website or from the School's Front Office.

Applications close Wednesday 24th April 2019

For detailed information regarding our Accelerated & Enhanced Learning Program please contact the school on 9792 0561 or visit our Dandenong High School website [www.dandenong-hs.vic.edu.au](http://www.dandenong-hs.vic.edu.au)