**Parent Helper Information Session**
Due to overwhelming response Tina Coumbe will be running another Parent Helper Information session on Thursday 20th of March at 9.00am in the Library.

Time to get your smiles on!!
School Photos are on Friday the 21st of March. Each child must have their own envelope. Exact money only – No change can be given.

BUNNINGS BBQ . BUNNINGS BBQ
Rye Primary School is having a fundraising BBQ at Bunnings on Saturday March 8th. If you can spare an hour to help it would be most appreciated or if you don’t have the time please drop in and buy a sausage to support you school.

From the Principal’s Desk

Planning Our Learning – Information Sessions
On Monday 17th March we will be conducting information sessions for parents about their child’s learning. The sessions will be staggered for those parents who have children at different year levels. These sessions will be informative as well as providing an opportunity for parents to engage with teachers about their child’s learning as well as view classrooms and student work. Please support your child and our school by attending these sessions. A letter went home to parents on Tuesday this week explaining the details to parents. Session times are below. We hope to see you there.

Planning Our Learning-Information Sessions – Monday 17th March
Prep and Year 1 3.00pm-3.30pm Room 1
Year 2 3.30pm – 4.00pm Room 7
Year 3 4.00pm – 4.30pm Room 17
Year 4 4.00pm – 4.30pm Room 16
Year 5 and 6 4.30pm – 5.00pm Library

District Swimming Sports
I would like to congratulate all our students who took part in the recent District Swimming Sports. We have quite a few great swimmers at Rye Primary School. I think some are already doing squad training outside of school times. All the students who participated gave their best on the day and we are very proud of them. Kanako Brooke and Jesse Davidson-Lopo have made it through to Divisional level. I would like to thank all the parents who helped out at the swimming trials as well as on the day of the District Swimming Sports.

National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence
Friday 21st of March is the National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence. Students and teachers at Rye Primary School will be spending time on this day discussing bullying and violence. Some will design posters discouraging these types of behaviour.
I have made it clear to all our students that we will not be tolerating these types of behaviour at our school. Our social and Emotional Learning program Second Step teaches students about dealing with these types of behaviours as well. If we are made aware of any anti-social behaviour occurring at school we will take steps to deal with it immediately.

Visit by St Kilda Football Club
Several players from the St. Kilda Football Club conducted a tutorial for our Year 4 students last Tuesday. The students who took part were impressed by the message they received about goal setting as well as enjoying the hands-on activities they took part in.

Year 6 Yachting Program
The Year 6 Yachting Program has been running and by all accounts the experience has been a very rewarding one for our students. We are pleased to be able to offer this to our Year 6 students and we thank the Rye Yacht Club for making this opportunity available.

Keep Reading!
We have many students reading at home each night. Well done to these students and keep reading! The school will be investing in more take home reading books for our students so as to continually engage them in what they are reading. Don’t forget to record each night’s reading in your reading log.

Regards,
Wayne Lovie
Acting Principal

From the Assistant Principal’s Office
Hi everyone,
I have been hearing about some amazing things some of our students have been doing. If you hear of something, please come and let me know. You know we love to celebrate our student’s achievements.
Firstly we have Nick Vernon who competed in the Regional Competition at Point Leo in the Nipper Competition. He won a Gold Lifesaving Victoria Medal for Aqua Cameron and a silver medal for Wade Relay which qualifies him for the State Championships in Warrnambool over the long weekend. Good luck from all your friends at Rye.
Secondly we have the lovely Lucas Hickson who won a surfing trophy at Micro Comps in Torquay. I was lucky enough to see his trophy when I was visiting the classroom. Very exciting.
We have had another couple of great weeks and it has been wonderful to see the classes working on their Second Step program. We have all been focusing on listening skills, so when they tell you at home they didn’t hear
you they just may be tricking because they have been practicing hard.
We are looking forward to hosting our work experience students over the next week. We love that they want to come back and spend time with us.

Please make sure you are having a look at the Book club that comes home. I noticed this time a couple of great books that were only $2.00, so it is well worth a look for those bargains.
I hope you all have a lovely and safe long weekend.

Warm and fuzzies
Tina

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY
7th March – Room 10 & Room12 Year 5 Water Safety
10th March – Labour Day Public Holiday
11th March – Alpha Theatre Show
14th March – Room 9 & Room11 Year 5 Water Safety
18th March – Year 6 Yachting Program
20th March – Parent helper Information Session

LIBRARY NEWS
I hope all the children are now enjoying their latest purchase from Issue 1 of Book Club. We have distributed all order forms for Issue 2 this week and all orders need to be returned to school by Tuesday 11th March. A BIG thankyou to all families who support Book Club, as it is a wonderful way to improve our library resources.

STAR BORROWERS –
Congratulations to our latest Star Borrowers Lily Bell, Cailey Westland and Nerrisa Liu from grade 3 and Brandon Liu from grade 1. Well done kids!

Last year during Book Week we had a visit from a very interesting author by the name of Adam Wallace. I’m sure everyone will remember the hype and excitement around the school leading up to his visit. Well I have some fabulous news! Adam has just released a new book and will be coming back to visit us in May during Education Week.

Deb V

NUDE FOOD
Hi our names are Grace, Jamileh, Brittany and Chayse and we’re on the environment team. Our very successful NUDE FOOD campaign will be starting up again next week. Unlike other years where we were promoting nude food on Tuesdays only. This year we will be promoting nude food every day of the week.

Just so you know, nude food is HEALTHY UNWRAPPED food.

Classroom teachers will be keeping a daily record of the amount of nude food the children bring in. We will be visiting every classroom once a week to collect the data and at every assembly we will be giving out a prize to the class that brings in the most nude food.

In our next newsletter we will be giving parents some helpful tips on how to fill your child’s lunchbox with healthy nude food.

Thank you.
The Environment Team.
Calling All Green Thumbs!

Our Peace Garden is such a popular place for our children to learn and play but recently it is badly in need of a makeover. We are looking for a team of parents and children to help us with this exciting project. If you think you could volunteer some time please let the following teachers know: Mrs. Bainbridge, Mr. Campbell or Mrs. Carroll

HELP NEEDED

We have a family with 2 children living at Tootgarook who are in need of some assistance getting to and from school each morning and afternoon. Anyone who lives in the area and would be willing to help please contact the front office.

OUR ART LEADERS

Hi, my name is Isabel and I am one of the art leaders. I think art is fun and I would like to see more of the children’s art work displayed around the school. I would also like to have more art competitions and art prizes given out at assembly. I love Picasso’s work and would like the children to learn about him.

Hi, my name is Kyle and I’m 12. I have always loved art. I enjoy colour and realistic drawings. I was chosen to be an art leader because people have been amazed by my art and they love my use of colour and watching me draw. In the future I would love to be an artist. This would bring me great happiness.

At the moment the art leaders are busy cleaning up the art room and helping other students with their artwork. This year our team will make the art room look better and this hopefully will inspire more students to take an interest in art.

Hi my name is Bailey and I love being an art leader. All the ART leaders are going to make the ART room look amazing!! We are a cool team together and we are very enthusiastic. We are in the process of cleaning up the art room and we would like all classes to keep it clean and tidy.

I became an art leader because I like art and I am very creative. I am a good drawer and I love Adam Wallace’s book illustrations.

My name is Reuben and I am in the Art Leadership Team. I have always loved drawing and making things and think this is one of the main reasons that I am an Art Leader. As an Art Leader I participate in cleaning up the art room and helping people with art. My vision for the future is to see students’ artwork and colourful paintings displayed on the walls. We are also in the process of cleaning and sorting out the art room to insure that it is a superb place to learn about art. My favourite artist is Tom Percival and I love the illustrations he does.
Hi my name is Talia and I am an art leader. I became an art leader because I love to paint all the time. I have worked hard to achieve some creative pieces of art. My favourite artist is Picasso. I would like to see more colour in the art room and more art competitions in the school throughout the year.

Hi, my name is Sean and I became an art leader because art is my talent. My favourite kind of art is sketching. You need to be very observant to do good sketches. I enjoy it because it is easy for me and it makes me feel relaxed. This year I hope that there will be more murals done around the school to make the place more colourful.

The National Guidelines for the Safe Restraint of Children Travelling in Motor Vehicles

Please find below information about the National Guidelines for the safe Restraint of Children Travelling in Motor Vehicles.

- The National Guidelines for the Safe Restraint of Children Travelling in Motor Vehicles have been developed by Neuroscience Research Australia (NeuRA) and Kidsafe – The Child Accident Prevention Foundation of Australia.

- Children of different sizes and ages need different types of restraints. The guidelines recommend that children use a booster seat until they are too tall for the booster seat or can achieve good seatbelt fit as assessed by the 5 Step Test.

- A good adult seatbelt fit is generally not achieved before children are approximately 145-150 cm tall or 10-12 years of age. The Child Restraint Guidelines also recommend that children under 12 years of age are safest in the rear seat.

- The Guidelines include an easy 5 Step Test to assist parents to assess whether a child is ready to use an adult seatbelt. VicRoads recommends parents use the 5 Step Test to ensure their children’s safety at all times.
  - Can the child sit with their back against the vehicle seat back?
  - Do the child’s knees bend in front of the edge of the seat?
  - Does the sash belt sit across the middle of the shoulder?
  - Is the lap belt sitting low across the hips touching the thighs?
  - Can the child stay seated like this for the whole trip?

- To access the Child Restraint Guidelines, see: www.kidsafe.com.au/crguidelines

See the Rosebud Campus in action...

You're invited to bring your child for a guided tour of the Rosebud Campus. Tours begin at 9:15 am and conclude at approximately 10:15 am.

Please book by telephoning Reception at Rosebud Campus on Ph. 5982 9500.

Rosebud Campus School Tour Dates*

Tel: 5982 9500

TERM 1
Wednesday 12 March
Wednesday 26 March
**Rye Primary School Newsletter**

**Wednesday 2 April**

**TERM 2**

**Tuesday 29 April**

**Wednesday 7 May**

Enrolments for Year 7 2016 (current Grade 5 students) will take place from

**Tuesday 11 March – Friday 16 May 2014**

For more information, please see the ENROLMENT page on our website:

https://www.padua.catholic.edu.au/enrolment.html

**Which campus will my child attend?**

Please note that places at each of Padua College’s three campuses are allocated according to where you live.

Students are eligible to apply to the Rosebud Campus if they live in any location south of Ellerina Road, Safety Beach, right through to Portsea and across to Cape Schanck, Flinders, Pt Leo and Red Hill.

*Note that dates may be subject to change. Please telephone Reception to confirm dates and to make a booking for a school tour.*

**Dad’s Breakfast**

Tootgarook Community House.

Friday 21 March

Come along and enjoy a bacon and egg muffin over a cuppa while meeting other local dad’s, uncles & grandads

Where: Family Life Community House,

10 Carmichael Street, Tootgarook

Time: 8am to 9am

Cost: FREE

We would like to thank Rye Lions Club for their support

**Take Home a Big Brother or Big Sister**

Give your children the wonderful opportunity to have an international big brother or big sister by hosting one of our exceptional international students arriving in Australia in July 2014 for their 3, 5 or 10 month programs.

Our international students from France, Spain, Germany, Italy, Finland, Norway and Denmark will live as a local, attend a local secondary school, arrive with their own spending money and comprehensive insurance cover – all arranged by Southern Cross Cultural Exchange. Visit us at

www.scce.com.au

Email scceast@scce.com.au or call us toll free on 1800 500 501, request our international student profiles, and capture the spirit of family and friendship!

*Thanks and Kind Regards*

**Genevieve Eyre**

Program Coordinator

Southern Cross Cultural Exchange

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Email: liaison@scce.com.au

**Alpha Theatre Production** is on Tuesday the 11th of March please ensure that you have paid for your child to go to this wonderful event.

How many nights have you read?
OUTSTANDING ACADEMIC OPPORTUNITIES
- Only accredited School Entry Accelerated learning (SEAL) program on the Southern Peninsula.
- Broad range of VCE subjects offered, some not available at other local schools.
- Extensive choice of VET subjects and vET programs.
- Technologically rich classrooms with one to one computer access.
- Over 90% of Year 12 students who apply are accepted for tertiary study.

COMMITTED TO OPENING UP NEW WORLDS OF EXPERIENCE FOR OUR STUDENTS
- Japanese and Indonesian languages offered in Years 7 & 12.
- International trips and exchanges to Japan, Malaysia, Indonesia and China.
- Extensive cultural program, including World Challenge, Central Asia and Fiji Island.
- Performing Arts Program including musical, dance and drama.

CELEBRATING DIVERSITY & SUPPORTING THE PARTICIPATION OF ALL STUDENTS
- Literacy and Numeracy Programs to assist students experiencing learning difficulties.
- Active EAL programs providing assistance to students of non-English speaking backgrounds.
- Centre for students with a range of additional needs.
- Dedicated Student Wellbeing Team with trained counselors, including a Chaplain.

DEVELOPING ASPIRATIONAL LEADERS
- A range of scholarships, including high achievers awards and young leaders.
- Student scholarship leadership programs, active SRC programs, National Youth Science Forum and the Pierre De Coubertin award.
- Involvement in Community initiatives, encouraged through groups such as Planet Pals and the Alpine School.

Pictured: Andrew Williams, Timothy Viles, Nick Pentzas, Kayla D'Angelo, Gacia Maks and Amanda Thomas

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