Hi Everyone,

The teachers and I are very pleased that the majority of our students have responded to our Take Home Reading initiative. I have had lots of students telling me how many nights they have read. They are very enthusiastic about reading and achieving as many nights reading that they can each term. We have set a target for term one of fifty nights reading. I think the majority of our students will achieve that goal.

I have also had several students come and see me to tell me about the book they have been reading. I really enjoy chatting about a really good book!

Keep reading everyone.

School Captains and Vice Captains

I would like to congratulate Taylah and Jake from Year 6 who are our School Captains for 2014.

I would also like to congratulate Jess and Jared who are our School Vice-Captains for 2014.

These positions are very important in our school and I am looking forward to working with Taylah, Jake, Jess and Jared throughout this year.

Head Lice

When it comes to head lice, prevention is better than cure. I am asking all our parents and carers to please check their child’s hair on a regular basis and to treat appropriately where necessary. Thank you for your cooperation.

Focus on Learning

We have high expectations for all of our students in relation to their learning. At Rye Primary School teachers personalise the learning to cater for the individual learning needs of each our students. All parents play a vital role in this process by taking an interest in their child’s learning and encouraging their children to always try their best.

Student Safety

We have had some of our students playing with the rocks which are in our garden as well as swinging on tree branches. Teachers will be speaking to their classes about not doing these things. I would also appreciate if parents would talk to their children about not doing these things at school. We want all students to be safe in the playground.

Important Information

I have been asked by the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development to pass on the following information to parents and carers. Schools are reminded that the Department does not provide personal accident insurance or ambulance cover for students. Parents and guardians of students, who do not have student accident insurance/ambulance cover, are responsible for paying the cost of medical treatment for injured students, including the cost of ambulance attendance / transport and any other transport costs.

Rye Primary School does not have personal
accident insurance for students nor does it have ambulance cover.

**Student Attendance – EVERY DAY COUNTS**

We all want our students to get a great education, and the building blocks for a great education begins with students coming to school each and every day.

Missing school can have a major impact on a child’s future – a student missing one day a fortnight will miss four full weeks by the end of the year. By Year 10 they’ll have missed more than a year of school.

There is no safe number of days for missing school – each day a student misses puts them behind, and can affect their educational outcomes.

Coming to school every day is vital, but if for any reason your child must miss school, there are things we can do together to ensure they don’t fall behind:

- Speak with your classroom teacher and find out what work your child needs to do to keep up.
- Develop an absence learning plan with your teacher and ensure your child completes the plan.

Remember, every day counts. If your child must miss school, speak with your classroom teacher early as early as possible.

From 1 March 2014, new laws will mean that parents can be fined for not sending students to school without an acceptable reason.

If you’re having attendance issues with your child, please let your classroom teacher know so we can work together to get your child to school every day.

Kind Regards,
Wayne

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**FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL**

Hi there everyone,

It has been an exciting and busy two weeks. It was great to see all of our students learning about empathy and respect from our Second Step program. I loved that so many hands went up at assembly when I asked for the meaning of empathy.

I have to say that it has been wonderful seeing what amazing manners our students have lately. It’s been great to hear lots of please and thank yous when the students are coming up to the office. It makes for a much nicer day.

I was so excited on Tuesday to get a visit from John, the store manager from Safeway Rye during the week. He personally delivered our 37 new big books for Science that we got from the Earn and Learn program. You know they must be good when teachers are trying to take them before they are processed! I would like to thank everyone who contributed to this by collecting the stickers and popping them in the box. The book total came to nearly $2000.

Can we please (beg, beg, beg) parents to have a look at home through their bookshelves as we seem to be missing a huge amount of take home readers. While you may think they are only a little book, they can cost up to $10 each and imagine if we are missing 100. If you have even just one, could you please send it to school ASAP before I need to consider purchasing more.

I think the Post Office thought there was a mistake when 10 big boxes of books arrived for an order this week. Ange Johnston and I have been busy buying books for our students who get to 100 nights of reading. Now that’s what I call fun shopping! My family say they can always tell if I am enjoying a book as they constantly find it in different places around the house and I hope that all students can come to love reading as much as I do. Our main goal is to get books into those gorgeous hands of our students and we thought
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this was a great way to go about it. I am sure you would agree.
Have a great week everyone.
Warm and fuzzies
Tina

SCHOOL LEADERS 2014

We are always so fortunate to have such wonderful school leaders in grade six at Rye Primary School. This year, every year six student has been appointed a leadership role and will be working closely with their appointed teacher/ mentor to assist them with projects throughout the year.
Every fortnight we will be featuring a different leadership team in the newsletter outlining their aspirations for the coming year.
This week we proudly introduce our school captains.

Hi, my name is Jake and I’m School Captain for 2014. I am very glad that I have the honour of being School Captain. I am funny, easy going and my hobbies are acting, football and sailing. I would like to see the Peace Garden developed, all the newcomers to have a happy learning lifestyle at school and near the end of the year, grade 6’s have a game of dodge ball against teachers and staff. That would be fun! I would like to welcome Mr Lovie to Rye Primary and congratulate him on what a wonderful addition he is to this school. I’m sure this is going to be a great year with all the exciting events planned and learning activities.

Hi my name’s Taylah, and I’m your school captain for this year as I hope you know. I am glad I got the role of School Captain. I am fun and easy to get along with, I love basketball and hanging out with my friends, so feel free to come and join me. Welcome Mr. Lovie to this wonderful school; you are not just a fantastic principal but a fantastic friend. I would also like to welcome the preps to this school; I hope you boys and girls have a great time here! I would like to see the Peace Garden developed and get some chairs in there. Thank you everyone. I promise I’ll do my best for this school.

Hi my name is Jess and I am the Vice Caption for 2014. I am very thrilled to have this position. I like to have fun, get along with others and love to learn.
Congratulations to Taylah, Jake and Jared for also getting Vice and School Captains. I like to play basketball and I love to get along with my friends. I welcome all the new Preps to Rye Primary School and hope they have a wonderful year. I would also like to welcome Mr Lovie, the new teachers and students to our wonderful school. I would like to continue to promote Nude Food throughout the school and continue with the Nude Food competitions for the classrooms. I would also like to promote special playground activities with the sports leaders.
Hi, I’m Jared and I’m this year’s Vice School Captain. Thanks to all my peers and the teachers for voting for me and I hope we have a great year together. I have a few hobbies including footy, basketball, little athletics and playing musical instruments. I would like to welcome Mr. Lovie, the Preps, new teachers and new students to Rye Primary. This year I would also like to remove littering and re-implement the Nude Food class competition.

CAND YOU HELP?
We have a fantastic Breakfast Club that runs out of the Canteen on Wednesday and Thursday mornings from 8.15am. We would love some extra Helpers to make toast and make milo’s. Mum’s, Dad’s, Nan’s, Pop’s are all welcome. Please contact Mrs Coumbe if you can help out.

TRAFFIC HAZARD
We would like to remind everyone that there is absolutely no right turn from the parking area into Collingwood Street. This is both illegal and extremely dangerous. We have been informed that the police will be issuing tickets for this.

Mathletics
The Grade 4 kids are easily the best in the school at using Mathletics. In fact they are one of the best groups of kids in the world!! Yesterday they were ranked as the 10th best grade in Australia and the 34th best grade on the planet!! Last week 29 out of 48 children in Grade 4 achieved certificates for earning 1,000 points or more during the week. Elton topped them all by earning 10,327 points; more than anyone else in the whole school. At this rate, they will do even better this week, amazing! Already this year 12 of our Grade 4 kids have worked their way onto the leader board of the top 100 students in Australia. The best part of all this hard work isn’t even certificates and leader boards, the best part is that these children are learning so much and improving their maths.
Captyn Dowell
Grade 4 Teacher

SOS HELP!!!!!
If any parents have any spare exercise books, pencils, glue, rulers etc. Or if you have uniform that your child has grown out of and would like to donate them to the school we would be most grateful. Please see Maureen in the office.

Sports News
The Years 1 and 2 had such a great week at the beach. Thankyou to everyone who came down to help. A special thankyou to Mel Terri who was spectacular, Mel helped on most days and worked with so many of our children. All of the children tried their very best and should be proud of their achievements. It takes a huge effort to get so
many on the beach and into the water. The children were well prepared so thankyou parents. Thankyou to the class teachers who got everyone ready to go and on the bus. The program ran to a tight schedule but everyone seemed to get and back. We have to thank the Rye Yacht Club for allowing us to use their facility. Without this venue I’m not quite sure what we would do. It is such a perfect place from which to run this program.

Some children have expressed an interest in trying out for our Swim Team. Those that have spoken to me should have notices they need to return to school. This event is for years 4, 5 and 6.

Cheryl Cunningham

**Dates For Your Diary**

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**Yachting Program 2014**

Our 2014 Yachting Program has started and by the smiles on these faces they are having a fantastic time.
Lost Property

Did you see the pile of Lost Property outside the Art Room last Friday? Already we have a pile of unnamed articles of clothing. We will try to put out any unmarked clothing each Friday so have a look and you may even be surprised what you find. It does help if you can name each piece of clothing as all uniforms look the same especially if you are in a hurry to get outside and play with your friend. Mrs Carter has sorted out the named clothing and has tried her very best to return them to the owner.

EMA 2014

2014 EMA applications are now available from the front office. If you have a current Health Care Card you may be eligible for the government Education Maintenance Allowance. Applications must be in by the 28th of February. NO LATE APPLICATIONS CAN BE PROCESSED.

BUNNINGS BBQ - URGENT

SATURDAY THE 8TH OF MARCH. THE Parents and Friends Association are having a Bunnings BBQ. Can you spare an hour? We have a signup sheet in the office. Please support your school in what will be a fantastic Fundraiser.

We are moving forward with technology at Rye Primary School, we will be using an app to communicate with you. Please download the Free App.
PA NEWS

The BBQ at Bunnings, Rosebud is just over 2 weeks away - Sat 8th March. Please support your school by giving an hour of your time on the day and coming along and having some fun. The roster is at the office. If you are away for the weekend - could you please donate onions, tomato sauce or serviettes?

Our next meeting and AGM is on Monday 3rd March at 2pm, in the staff room at Rye Primary School. New members welcome or you can just drop in for a cuppa. The PA Committee meets every 4 - 6 weeks for about an hour and small children are welcome. It is a great way to meet other parents and to contribute to our school.

Cheers Joanna, PA President

RYE’S HISTORY

Rye Historical Society would like to welcome back old students and extend a big hello to all the new families joining Rye Primary School this year. For those new to the school the Society has worked out of the Old School Room since 2000 and we work hard to preserve the history of the district from Canterbury Jetty Road through to Trueman’s Rd. We have a collection of photos, tools and memorabilia from the early days. We work in connection with the school, the children having access to our room for our history units. In particular I would love to hear from families who may have a connection with the school or town pre 1960’s. In particular I would love to know the names of any students who may be third, fourth or fifth generation to have attended our school.

The following is a bit of information regarding the start of Rye Primary School 1667.

Did you know that in 1856 there were just three schools on the Peninsula? Each of these was run by the Church of England. Point Nepean had fourteen students, Snapper Point (Mornington) had twenty one students enrolled and Tootgarook Common School (later Rye P.S) had twenty four students enrolled (averaging only six boys and five girls daily). The Tootgarook Common School No 623 was held in a small limestone building in Lyons Street, Rye, on the site of the current St Andrew’s Anglican Church. The building was the original Mechanics Institutes; it was also used as a church and hall. The building measured 30 feet, by 16 feet 6 inches by 13 feet. When this original building was demolished the stone was used to build the current St Andrew’s Church.

By 1873 this building was quite dilapidated so Mr John Cain, a local farmer began petitioning the Minister of Education for a new school building and site. By now there were 40 children in attendance. Petitioning by local townspeople continued for the next two years.

There are many descendants of the early Rye families who are still attending Rye Primary, these include the Cains, Cairns, Myers, Russell, Thompson and Jennings families (me), and several are 5th and 6th generation to attend.

The Rye Historical Society is open between 2 and 4 pm each Sunday, displaying the history of our wonderful Town. Please bring your children in for a look. Or pop into my room and ask me any questions. I am in Room 1.

- Linda Berndt, Prep teacher and Vice President, Rye Historical Society.

Rosebud Heart Soccer Club

REGISTRATION DAY
When - Saturday 22 February 2.00– 3.30pm for existing players
3.30—4.30pm for new players
Where - Our Home Ground, Truemans Road Recreation Reserve, Tootgarook
Registration Fee - $220 per player
$200 per player for families with two or more players
Enquiries—info@rosebudheart.com.au

RYE NETBALL CLUB

“Have fun, get fit and make friends”

Are you interested in getting fit, having fun and being part of a great team?

If yes, then we want YOU.

Training is as follows:
11 & under Monday 4pm – 5pm.
13& Under Wednesday 4.30pm – 5.30pm.
15 & Under Thursday 4.00pm – 5.30pm

All training is at our Clubrooms. Rj Rowley Reserve, Melbourne Road. Games are on Saturday mornings at Trueman’s Road Reserve, Tootgarook.

Please contact our Registrar Natasha Prasad on 0410 311 731 to become part of the Rye Netball.