We are now taking enrolments for 2015 Preps. Please drop into the office for an enrolment pack. Join our wonderful school.

Hi Everyone,

It has been a very busy term so far. We have had many activities happening, including: Water Safety program, Yachting program, Swimming Sports, National School Clean-Up Day and just last week we had the Alpha Theatre Company perform the classic, Sleeping Beauty for our whole school. With all the activities that take place here at Rye Primary School we aim to link them back to student learning. This may be done through teaching speaking and listening, writing, grammar and punctuation and numeracy. All activities add to engaging students at school and in their learning.

Parent Information Sessions

On Monday this week we held information sessions for our parents about student learning for this year. Thank you for attending this important session/s. You are our partners in your child’s education and we need your support to help us provide the best outcomes for our students.

Life Education

This week we have the Life Education van here at school. Life Education helps us to teach students age appropriate knowledge to support informed health choices and to develop and practice skills and strategies to act upon individual decisions around health. Teachers follow up on the work done by the Life Education educator using follow-up discussion and activities.
Take Home Reading

I have had many excited students come and tell me how many nights they have been reading. This is terrific! Keep reading everyone. Further to this, we have ordered many new take-home readers as well as books for teaching reading. I wonder how many students will reach the target of 50 nights reading for this term.

Student Attendance – It’s Not OK to be Away – Every Day Counts

In our previous newsletter I wrote about student attendance. It is so important that our students are here every school day (unless they are unwell). Students who are absent for any reason must provide their teacher with a note explaining why they were absent. Also, if you know that your child will be absent for a period of time can you please notify the school by letter, email or by telephoning our office as soon as possible. If your child will be away for a week or more, a letter must be provided to the principal and an education plan must be prepared by the classroom teacher during the absence period.

Bunnings Sausage Sizzle

Thank you to our Parents and Friends Association for organising a sausage sizzle fundraiser at Bunnings in Rosebud on the Saturday of the recent long weekend. Funds raised will be used to help the school purchase books. Thank you to all the parents and staff who helped out on the day.

School Library

Our library will be open at 8:50am on Mondays to Thursdays each week for students to borrow or return books. I hope to see all our bookworms there, including myself!

Mr. Wettenhall will be on long service leave from Thursday 20th March. Mrs. Marg Connell will be taking his place in his class during this time. Mr. Watkins is on long service leave also and will not be replaced. Both will be returning at the beginning of term 2. Mrs. Emile will also be on long service leave during the last week of term 1, she will be returning at the beginning of term 2. We will keep you posted on who will be replacing Mrs. Emile.

ANZAC Day - 2014

Rye Primary School will be represented in the wreath laying ceremony this year at the Rye RSL ANZAC Day Memorial Service. I will be attending with our school captains and our choir will be performing.

Friends of the Hooded Plover - Year 2’s

The Friends of the Hooded Plover will be speaking to our Year 2 students as part of their studies this term. I think they will find it fascinating and it will tie in with the environmental theme they are investigating.

Congratulations Kanako

Congratulations to Kanako from Year 6 for competing in the District Swimming Competition. Kanako came second in her event. We are all proud of you.

Regards,

Wayne

Mr. Wettenhall, Ms. Emile and Mr. Watkins – Long Service Leave

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

25th March – Grade 6 Yachting Program
2nd April – PFA Easter Disco 5-7pm
4th April – End of Term 1, 2.30pm Finish.
Hi Everyone,
You will be so pleased to know that we are getting new readers and guiding reading books. Yay! The staff have worked hard meeting with publishers and spending hours going over catalogues to choose the best books we can find. This is a mammoth effort and we are getting over 4000 new books. What a wonderful way to spend my time.

It has been incredible to walk into the classrooms and see our new program Second Steps in action. Students are busting to show me how they are using their focus eyes and are keeping their bodies still to concentrate. These are all such important aspects of setting up a productive learning environment. I would like to thank all our teachers who have embraced this program and it is great to see the posters up and around. Last night was our last school council with our old school council and the first with our new school council. I would like to thank Lisa Crow, Ange Johnston, Sandi Emile and Bronwyn Robbins for their efforts and time they have given to council. I would like to welcome Ian Jonson, Amanda Robertson, Jacki Salter, Sue Reynolds, Olivia Takacs, Tom Campbell and Kiah Fry to our new School council.

Also I would like to thank Bec Closter, Narrelle Rainsbury, Fiona Twil, Tracey Riley, Sam Hickingbotham, Peter Dawson and Angus Wettenhall for continuing and it will be another wonderful productive year.

Have a great week
Tina Coumbe

PFA EASTER DISCO
Wednesday 2nd of April
5pm – 7pm
THE ANNUAL EASTER DISCO IS ON AGAIN. COME AND HAVE A BOOGIE AND SUPPORT YOUR SCHOOL.
• We will need helpers on the night to cook, sell and have a good time. There is a roster in the office.

5PM – 7PM
RAFFLES, BBQ AND LOTS OF FUN
ALL CHILDREN MUST BE SUPERVISED.

PFA EASTER RAFFLE
We need donations of Easter eggs for our Easter raffle. Please drop them off at the office all donations greatly appreciated big or small.

Proudly Introducing our Library Leaders
-missing from photo is Maddy
Hi, I'm Isaiah and I'm one of the library leaders for 2014.
I help in the library by cleaning and putting away books. I decided to become a library leader because I love books. I read every night but I don't like to have to read a book by a certain date and make a whole project about it. But that's life.

In the future I would like to see more people reading from our library. I would also like the library to look more decorative from the outside to catch people's attention.

Hi, I'm Abbey and I'm one of the library leaders for 2014. My job as a library leader is to keep the library clean and put away books. I help Mrs Vernon with putting up displays and decorations, cleaning the shelves and handing out library awards. I hope everyone has been aiming to reach 50 nights of reading this term because when you do reach 50 nights you get a certificate. When you reach 100 nights you get a book and when you reach 200 nights you get a special rainbow wrist band. I hope in the future everyone continues to read and not play too much on computers.

Hi my name is Maddy and I am a library leader. I became a library leader because I like to read. In the library I clean up and sort out the books. I also get everything ready for assembly awards. To receive a Star Borrower award your class teacher has to nominate you for borrowing on a regular basis. The library leaders decorate the awards and...
write the child’s names on them. They are also presented with a red library bag.
I would like everyone to respect the library and read lots of interesting books.

**Library News**

**Book Club**

We had a fabulous start to the year, with a mammoth record breaking order of over $1000 from Issue 1. This is FANTASTIC!!! I’d like to say a big thank-you to everyone who has contributed by purchasing books. It’s great to see so many children interested in books and wanting to read. Keep it up kids! Our library receives Scholastic bonus points from our purchases, which we then use to buy new books for our library.

Issue 2 has arrived and been delivered to the children, except for a couple of late orders which should be here within the next week. As of Issue 3, Book Club due dates will be displayed on the library window. Sorry, but no late orders can be accepted. Please continue to CLEARLY label your Book Club order forms and envelopes with your child’s name, grade and amount enclosed. Thanking you for your continued support. 

Deb V

**Are You Catholic?**

Do you have a child at school who is Catholic and in Grade Three or Four? They are eligible to receive the Sacraments of either Reconciliation or Communion for the first time. Enrolments are being taken now at St Mary’s Star of the Sea or St Joseph’s School for preparation classes starting in Term 2.

Please contact: the Presbytery – 59844374 or St Joseph’s – 59841291

Classes will be held in St Joseph’s on Wednesdays from 3.45 to 4.45pm, beginning on the 30th April.

The following dates are for the Sacraments to be held at St Mary’s Star of the Sea Church for 2014:

- Sacrament of Reconciliation - Wednesday 28th May at 7pm
- Sacrament of Eucharist (First Communion) – Sunday 22nd June at 10am

Further enquiries can be made to Eileen through email: ewhites@sjsorrento.catholic.edu.au

We also remind the community that the newsletter is available to view on the school’s website ???

Note sometime in the future our school newsletter may be distributed via our TIQBIZ app, therefore it is important that parents download the app to their smart phone so as to keep informed of up and coming happenings at their student school.
RYE PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

RYE'S HISTORY....LINDA BERNDT

Rye Historical Society meets on the fourth Monday of the month, in the school library. Our next Meeting is Monday 24th March, 8pm. Our guest speaker will be talking about Nurses from the First World War. All welcome. Our rooms are open every Sunday, between 2-4pm.

This week we look at the history of St Andrew’s Anglican Church from Nell Arnold’s 1985 “Rye – A Book of Memories”…

The first Anglican Service was held in 1866 in a small limestone building on the present site of the church. The building served the small community as a hall and a school (known then as the Tootgarook Common School) as well as being used for services. When the school house was condemned in 1875 and demolished, the limestone with the addition of stone supplied by James Trueman as a gift, was used to build the church, the first church in Rye.

The Anglican Parish of Rye-Sorrento began its life as the parochial district of Mornington and was originally under the patronage of the Diocese of Melbourne and the Presbyterian pastoral Aid Society of Victoria. The first vicar was the reverend Arthur Pelham Chase and his parish extended from Portsea to Dromana. The parish today extends from Point Nepean to Trueman’s road since the parish was divided in 1949.

The exact date of the building of the small church is not known for certain. A stone preserved in a corner of the exterior wall, bears the numeral “188” omitting the vital fourth digit. There is evidence to suggest that the missing number is ‘2’ and the general opinion accepts this.

During the Vicarate of Rev. Moss Whitten (1898-1902) it is interesting to note that Mr. E. J Prior assisted the Vicar by taking services and that a Mr Cartwright used to walk six miles from Boneo to play the organ.

The Ladies Guild first met in the home of Mrs Kay Pulling who was President for many years. The present pulpit was made by Kay and Lloyd Pulling and given by Miss Caroline Williams, Easter 1940. During the period 1979-1981 the church building was extended as it was felt that more space was needed. There was some opposition to this from those who believed that the small remaining historical link with our past should be allowed to remain intact. However, it was not to be, and today, although the old church building still stands, the much larger extension is more adequate for today’s needs. One of the features of the extended church is the stained glass windows, two large ones by local leadlight artist Daryl Buchanan and the two original windows, given by Misses B and M. Stenniken at Easter 1925 in memory of the pioneers of Rye.

The small original church building has a National Trust Classification as being of Historical interest and worthy of preservation.

The chief items of furniture are the Font, the Lectern and the Altar which are all the work of one man – Carl Feldtman. Other interesting objects include The Altar Cross, which is a memorial to Mrs Sarah Moat, who was the second girl to be married at St Andrew’s.

There are two small brass vases in memory of Elsie Trueman, relative of James Trueman, who had quarried the stone as his gift towards the building of the old church.

The Altar Candlesticks are the gift of Dorothy Tribe in memory of her late husband Eric, Treasurer for some years.

The silver Chalice and Paten were given by Mr and Mrs W.C Pulling in memory of their son Lloyd Carter Pulling, who died on active service on 9.2.1942.

The Greek Monogram of Christ on the font is the gift of Florence Walton in memory of her husband, Rupert, who worked for the extension and died just as the building was completed. The Pews come from a disused Lutheran Church at Dimboola.

The small Cross made from wood taken from Canterbury Cathedral, is the gift of Marian Wallace and a small bronze Cross from the catacombs outside Rome is the gift of Reverend David Wood.
National Playgroup Week
Fun on the Foreshore!

- Displays & activities from PLAYGROUP VICTORIA
- FREE Showbags
- FREE Yoga for Children
- Baby Play Area
- Storytime tent

BRING ALONG A PICNIC LUNCH & DISCOVER WHAT MORNINGTON PENINSULA PLAYGROUPS AND SERVICES CAN OFFER YOU AND YOUR FAMILY

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We would like to wish all our customers a safe and happy Easter.
**Lunchbox ideas:**

**Meals for early childhood settings**

- A sandwich, small pita wrap or small bread roll with fillings such as:
  - mashed egg with lettuce
  - shredded chicken with cheese and lettuce
  - tuna, corn and lettuce
  - turkey breast with cucumber and lettuce
  - ham, chutney and alfalfa sprouts
  - cold roast meat, chutney, lettuce and tomato
  - vegemite and cheese
  - cream cheese and grated carrot
  - avocado, tomato and lettuce
  - mashed banana

- A few crackers or rice cakes with cheese
- A small, cold slice of frittata
- A homemade savoury muffin – zucchini or corn and cheese
- One or two slices of homemade pita pizza

**What not to include**

Try not to include sweet fillings in sandwiches, for example: jam, honey, sprinkles or chocolate spread.

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**Snack ideas**

- Small, fresh pieces of fruit: a mandarin, banana, apricot, pear, plum or a bunch of grapes
- Sliced fruit: apples, oranges, melon or pineapple
- Two or three crackers with cheese or vegemite
- One or two small pikelets – try including grated fruit or vegetables in the mix
- A flavoured scone – pumpkin or cheese
- A few vegetable slices or sticks served with dip (be sure to blanch tough or fibrous vegetables until soft)
- A small tub of yoghurt
- A cheese stick

**What not to include**

Packaged snack foods such as muesli bars, fruit straps, chocolate bars, lollies, donuts and potato chips. These are ‘sometimes foods’, foods that are high in sugar, salt or fat and should only be offered in small amounts on special occasions (if at all).

If you want to put a ‘treat’ in your child’s lunchbox, choose something other than food. A small note or drawing from you or a bright sticker can be a lovely surprise occasionally. It is not necessary to pack ‘sometimes foods’ in the lunchbox.

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Keep lunches cool by sending them in an insulated lunchbox, with a frozen drink bottle or ice brick inside.
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