



Issue 16

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2015

Rye Primary School Curriculum Day is on

Wednesday 29th October. There is no school for students on this day.

From the Principal

Welcome back to Term 4. I hope everyone feels refreshed and ready for our final term in 2014.

I have been at Rye Primary School for one term now and what a busy term it was! I am pleased to tell you that all the ceilings that had to come down last term have been reinstated and the roof repairs in the admin building and the classroom wing are completed.

While the building works probably made headline news last term, there was also a lot of hard work going on developing curriculum for all our students.

Rye Primary School has been very honoured to be selected as one of only 80 schools Australia wide to participate in the New Pedagogies for Deeper Learning project. This gives a team of teachers the opportunity to work with top educational experts, John Hattie and Michael Fullan to assist us in developing our current programs.

What is New Pedagogies for Deep Learning?

There are many challenges to creating learning environments and opportunities that provide deep learning experiences. Two of the missing components are in pedagogy and assessment. Pedagogies provide the "how" learning is achieved. To achieve deep learning requires New Pedagogies. Likewise, how do

we know that deep learning is occurring and that the New Pedagogies are working? That is where new measures of assessment are being developed, providing evidence and information to assist us in making decisions around designing deep learning experiences. The focus of this project is to develop lifelong learners who are creative, connected, and collaborative problem solvers.

My goal for Rye Primary School is to harness the huge range of expertise already in the school and use it to ensure our programs are always challenging students and building on previous years teaching and learning. All students should be offered learning at their point of need. Teachers through ongoing assessment, work in teams to present engaging and stimulating learning appropriate to students' needs.

To ensure this is happening we have put several strategies in place. A team of teachers from all areas of the school are working with the New Pedagogies project, attending professional learning sessions. This team is responsible for bringing their learning back to school and presenting it to the rest of the staff. By including teachers from Junior, Middle and Senior School we are ensuring that the programs being implemented are presented in a manner suitable to the developmental levels of all students.

Going hand in hand with this work, we have another team of teachers who are identifying students who are in need of extra support. This team are documenting what support is being offered and setting in place strategies to assess the success of the interventions and monitoring what else needs to be done.

We have also been working as a whole staff under the leadership of our Literacy and Numeracy teams to

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improve our writing program and on moderating our assessments to ensure continuity across the school. A new spelling program has been trialled and will be implemented this term and in Maths we have had a strong focus on the key concepts students need to learn to achieve ongoing success.

We are currently evaluating our current Integrated units of enquiry and reflecting on what to keep and what to change or modify.

As you can see there is a lot of work happening behind the scenes to ensure your child is receiving the best possible education.

Several parents have spoken to me recently about our Walker Learning currently in Grades Prep and One. This program fits beautifully under the umbrella of the New Pedagogies project as it encourages students to be inquisitive, creative and collaborative learners.

As a staff we are actively evaluating this program and are continually seeking ways of improving our teaching practice.

Alongside our curriculum development we also have a strong teacher development focus on student wellbeing. The CASEA team from Monash Medical Centre has been delivering a suite of professional learning around social and emotional wellbeing to all staff.

If you have any questions or concerns about the curriculum or indeed any other matter, please come and see me. I am always happy to speak with parents.

We have one more POP sessions this term, tomorrow, Friday, 10th October. Our transition Teddy Bears' Picnic is on Friday, 24th October for all enrolled preps.

If you still have a child you wish to enrol or know of someone interested in enrolling please contact the office to arrange a tour and an enrolment pack.

Finally, if you haven't already done so, please drop into the office area and see the changes there. I am thrilled to have a lovely new window in my office and in Tina's office making us much more visible and accessible to the community.

Looking forward to working with you all this term to ensure every child gets the best educational and social opportunities available.

Regards,

Jackie Annable

Principal

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

10th October – POP Session 2.30pm -3.30pm.

16th October – Garden dress up day.

21st October – Melbourne Camp Year 4.

24th October – 2015 Preps Teddy Bear picnic.

29th October – Curriculum Day. No Students.

4th November – Melbourne Cup Day.

Our Canteen is open.

The Canteen has now had its roof repaired and is once again open for lunch orders on Mondays, Thursdays and Fridays.

Unfortunately due to other commitments the **Canteen will be closed on the following dates.**

Monday 20th October

Friday 31st October

Monday 3rd November



PEACE GARDEN NEWS

Peace Garden Colouring Competition

This week we will be handing out a colouring competition to all the classrooms. Please hand it to the office by Friday 17th October. One picture will be selected from each year level and its

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owner will be invited to plant a special plant in our Sensory Garden.

Dress Up Day

Please dress up on Thursday 16th October and bring a gold coin donation.

The theme for the dress up is "Garden." Come as a plant, gardener, garden implement or in Earth colours.

Working Bees

Working bees are being held on Saturday 18th October and Saturday 25th October at 1.00pm.

Please bring your parents along and LET'S GET DIGGING!!



Bike Club

Here at Rye Primary we are working really hard to rebuild a once strong bicycle program. This has involved the ride-to-school program along with other initiatives. One of the main areas at the moment is the revamping of the bike shed, which is long overdue. While clearing the shed of the clutter, we have realised that there are several bikes which appear to have been abandoned. If one of these bikes belongs to you or your child, could you please come to the office to arrange collection? Any bikes which are not claimed by the end of term will be donated to the charity Bikes for Humanity, which provides bikes to underprivileged areas in Africa. Once the shed is functioning again, there will be loads of exciting bike related opportunities coming up! Until then,

you and or your child can join us for ride-to-school on Wednesday mornings at 8:15am sharp at Turana St, Rye.

Thanks for your support!

Mr Smith & Miss Fry



Rosebud Secondary College

1:1 Laptop information night: Tuesday 14th October in the SPAC

This information session is for both parents and students.

Times: Session 1- 4.00pm or Session 2- 6.00pm (Session will run for approximately 45 minutes)

This session is for all Year 7- 2015 students (Current Grade 6 enrolling at Rosebud Secondary College)

This session will outline how the program will run at the College and the ordering process. There will be representatives from supplier EduNet also attending to answer questions.



Disabled Parking

Please do not park in the disabled car parks, unless you have an authorisation tag to do so.

We have a number of students who need to use these car parks to ensure their safety.