

EVERY DAY COUNTS IT'S NOT OK TO BE AWAY



Important Reminder

Friday the 23rd of May is a curriculum day. All staff will be attending professional development on mathematics. There is no School for Students on this day. Camp Australia will not be operating on this day.

Education Week

I hope you have had a chance to visit our school during Education Week. There has been quite a lot happening including our Open Night which was on Tuesday.

There are many ways in which you can be involved in your child's education. It may be that when your child returns home from school you talk about what they have been learning. You could read a book with your child or go through some basic number facts with them. The main thing is that you show an interest in their learning and let them know this. It all helps.

Pupil Free Day

Tomorrow is a pupil free day. Students are not required to attend school on this day as there will not be anyone to supervise them. Staff will be involved in professional development on teaching mathematics.

Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability

Our school is participating in the Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability (Data Collection). This Data Collection is taking place in government, Catholic and Independent schools across Australia, and will provide valuable information about supports required for a broad group of students. This will enable Australian and State governments to better target support and resources in schools. This in turn will help schools give students with disability the support they need.

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The Data Collection is not limited to students with diagnosed disabilities. It uses a very broad definition of disability, taken from the *Disability Discrimination Act 1992* and the Disability Standards for Education 2005, which describe a broad range of health and learning conditions for which schools are required to provide 'reasonable adjustments' to support students to participate on the same basis as other students.

The Data Collection will take place during Terms 2 and 3. No personal or identifying information about any student will be included; however, if you decide you do not wish information about your child to be included in the Data Collection, you can opt-out by signing and returning the opt-out consent form. More information about the Data Collection is available on the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development website at:

<http://www.education.vic.gov.au/school/parents/news/Pages/nccd.aspx>

or you could contact the Principal if you have any further questions.

Thank You Mr. Watkins and Goodbye



After 32 years in education Mr. Martin Watkins has decided to call it a day. Mr. Watkins has spent most of his teaching career at Rye Primary School where he has been a dedicated teacher to many, many students. His caring and calm nature will be missed by everyone. On behalf of students, past and present as well as teaching colleagues and parents, we say thank you and wish you all the best for a happy future in retirement. We will be saying goodbye to Mr. Watkins at our next assembly which will be on Monday 26th May at 2:40pm.

District Cross Country

Congratulations to all the students who took part in the District Cross Country on Wednesday. It was a beautiful day for running and a fairly flat course. All those that took part had a great time.

Have a great weekend
Wayne Lovie

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

26th May – Assembly 2.40pm in the Hall

26th May – Kath Walker information evening
6pm – 7pm in the Prep Classrooms.

9th June – Queens Birthday Public Holiday

16th June – Whole school Student First Aid training.

SPORTS NEWS

On Wednesday we are sending almost 60 Children to the District Cross Country Competition at Truemans Road Tootgarook. Good luck to all of our competitors. Hopefully it will also be the first time we have put our new School Tent to use. In previous years we have had all sorts of weather so this year we can approach Cross Country with lots more confidence. Parents are more than welcome to come on the day. Look for the tent with our school name on it we will be difficult to miss. The Year 2's will have their Cross Country event on May 30th. This event will be held at the school. We would love to have lots of parent helpers. All children will be earning House Points.

Lightning Premiership for the Years 5/6 will be held June 11th. Children will be competing in Soccer, Netball, Football and T Ball. Teams have just been made as yet notices have not been sent out. If you would like to help out on the day could you please let one of the class teachers know or Ms Cunningham. At the moment we will be sending one football team, 4 Netball teams, 3 Soccer teams and 3 T- Ball

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teams it would be lovely if we could have a teacher or parent with each team. We will not be needing you to score just to help out with scoring and helping.

LOST PROPERTY

Don't forget lost property is put out each Friday outside the Art Room. Mrs Carter is still returning named articles when she can.

LIBRARY NEWS

Wow! What a wonderful start to Education Week we've had. We had a fabulous day on Tuesday, with the ever popular and humorous author-illustrator Adam Wallace's visit. Adam spent the whole day here in the library, with all the children being able to take part in his workshops. The children thoroughly enjoyed his stories, jokes and lessons on drawing a Rhino. I'm very sure most of you would have heard all about it. Adam was wonderful as his return visit was completely free of charge. The children can purchase signed copies his two new books. The order forms were sent home on Tuesday and will need to be returned by Thursday afternoon, as they will be collected on Friday morning.

Next Monday, is the beginning of our 'Book Fair'. This is a fabulous chance for the children to buy the latest books at a reasonable price, while at the same time helping us earn bonus points for the purchase of many new books for our library. There will also be posters, pens, pencils, sharpeners and erasers available at an affordable price. The children love browsing through these new books. The library will be open for purchases before and after school as well as some lunchtimes. These times will be displayed on the library window.

That's it from me for now folks. Have a great week
Deb V

PA NEWS

A huge thank you to the Mums' and Nannas who helped on the Mother's Day Stall. It was fantastic to have so many enthusiastic helpers. I hope all the Mum's loved their gifts – all of the children carefully considered each of their purchases. The stall and raffle raised approx. \$1750, which is a great result.

The next PA meeting will be on Wed 18th June, 9.15 am at the Rye Hotel – new members and children welcome.

Cheers Joanna, PA President



WOMEN OF RYE

ANNUAL CHARITY LUNCH

The Women of the Peninsula are invited to join us for a lovely lunch, entertainment, silent auction and raffle!

Saturday
May 24th



1pm

Main Sail Bar
Rye Hotel

Tickets \$40

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