

THE PRINCIPAL REPORT

The days are becoming sunnier (after the fog lifts) and it is staying light longer, sure signs that Spring is on the way. I hope everyone is enjoying the improving weather and the slightly warmer temperatures.

Staffing: I would like to welcome Jenny Morgan to our school. She will be working in the grade 5/6 area two days a week for the rest of this year.

Sadly, we have had quite a few staff off due to ill health or other leave. We have tried as best we can to minimise the disruption to students by ensuring continuity of replacement teachers where possible.

Book Week:

We had a wonderful week of celebrations last week to mark Book Week. The week started with our parade which was great fun. Thank you so much to Leanne and Lisa for organising the parade and to Nat for writing and choreographing the staff contribution. When I say choreographing, she did her best but she didn't have a very disciplined group to work with and certainly in my case anyway, a huge lack of talent to mould! The children looked fabulous in their costumes and I thank them and all parents for the thought and work which obviously went into creating them. Thanks also to Colleen for taking some fabulous photos which can be viewed on the TV in the foyer, on the school website or on the lovely display created by Suz in the hallway near the staffroom.



Multiage Day: On Wednesday of last week all students participated in a multiage day. Students were put into multi-age groups which visited various classrooms. The teachers had organised activities based on a book of their choice. The feedback I received was extremely positive. Students loved the variety of books and activities provided and have been motivated to borrow the books from the library to

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read them themselves. Thanks to Gus for timetabling this event and to all the staff who worked really hard to provide exciting experiences for the children.

Visiting Author: Book Week culminated in a visit from author Kaylene West who read her books to the students and engaged them in activities. Thank you Deb for organising this event.

As you can see we have a fabulous team of hard working teachers who are happy to go the extra mile for our students.

Welcome Sorrento Primary School: You might have noticed a lot of cars parked outside school over the past couple of days. Don't worry you haven't missed anything! We are hosting the Sorrento School play as they were in need of a large performance space. Sorrento Primary, you are very welcome.

Maintenance work: We have had some builders' fencing erected between the hall and the classroom building as we need to do some maintenance work. It will mean that we will lose access from the gate at that end. Hopefully it won't be too long.

Lions' Quiz: On Thursday evening 4 of our students ably represented us in the Lions' Quiz. We competed against Eastbourne Primary, Our Lady of Fatima and Boneo Primary School. I am delighted to report that we finished a very close runner up only missing out by 2 questions. Well done to Dakota, Ed, Max and Hamish who represented Rye Primary School so well. I was very impressed with their knowledge and extremely proud of their beautiful manners. All team members went up at the end of the evening and shook hands with the organisers and thanked them for the opportunity to compete.

Enrolments: If you have a child you intend to enrol next year, please come and see us for a tour and enrolment paperwork. Prep transition for 2015 is already underway. We are also finalising our 2015 staffing so it would really help us to know how many students we will have next year.

FATHERS DAY STALL

The Fathers Day Stall is on Thursday, 4th September. Gift will be available to all students costing from \$1.00 to \$8.00. Please send your child with a plastic bag to put carry purchases home.

FATHERS DAY RAFFLE

Don't forget to bring back your raffle tickets by Thursday 4th September.



SPORTS NEWS

Julian Arnold, Head Tennis Coach at Rye Tennis Club will be at school Friday this week and Monday next week. He will be taking lessons for every class. Julian will be holding School Holiday Clinics. If you would like your child to have tennis lessons with Julian he has spots available after school. Julian can be contacted on 0404861249. We were very lucky to have a huge bag of tennis balls donated to our school. Thank you Julian.

Our local Little Athletics Club is soon taking enrolments. You can come and have a look and ask any questions on September 13th. Little Athletics is at Truemans Road. Go and see for yourself what fabulous facilities they have. Lots of children from Rye have participated and have a great time.

Interschool Athletics is on September 10th at Truemans Road. The School team is coming together and notes will soon be sent home.

Last Tuesday I went swimming with the Year 3's at The Rosebud Swim Centre I mean I actually joined in with the Swim Classes. This group of children were amazing. Everyone was ready to go in their bathers and goggles

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and with towels ready when they had finished. Each child remembered what class they had been put into from the previous week and moved safely around the pool deck. My first class was with the children who needed to gain some confidence in the water. We had fun kicking on our front and back, moving our arms, blowing bubbles and jumping into the deep end. Then I decided that perhaps I could keep up with Manami who swims in Squad Level but I thought she is only in Year Three so how hard could it be? Now I know, Manami was so fast she was swimming two laps to my one lap. I had to rest so I got out and chatted to some of the parents who had come to help out. It was lovely to see so many parents and even some aunts and cousins who had come to watch. Well done Year Three's I had such a great time.

Ms Cunningham

Lost Property

We are trying to put out all of the lost items every Friday. These are the pieces that Mrs Carter cannot find names or homes for. The collection is growing and we will soon be moving it on to a better home. Last week we seemed to collect so many lunch boxes some still with untouched food in them.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

2nd September – Grade 3 Swimming Program.

4th September – Father's Day Stall

4th September – Grade 3 Somers Camp Full amount due.

9th September – Grade 3 Swimming Program

10th – September – District Athletics.



Rye Cricket Club Registration

Come and Play Cricket with your mates

U10's; U12's; U14's

Wednesday 3rd September 4.30pm

Rowley Reserve, Rye

Look forward to seeing you there

Enquiries- Anthony Cairns 0418 341 405

Rye & District Basketball

Requires Under 12 boys

To join a team.

If you were born in 2004 and are interested in playing Basketball for the summer season commencing October 14, please phone Fay: 0409 435 927

Bogan Bingo

HALF GAMESHOW, HALF PARTY
Raising funds for Light Up Autism Foundation

It's time to dig out your Faberge stretchies, dust off your Rollers, pull your Flanny out of the washing basket & polish up your air-guitar form, because we are going full bogan to help raise funds to kick off a new Light Up Autism program at Rye Primary School.

WHERE: RYE CIVIC HALL
12 Napier Street, Rye

WHEN: Saturday, September 13th

TIME: 7.30pm for pre-dinner drinkies
8pm first bingo call

COST: \$35 per head inc nibbles & complimentary drink on arrival
There will be a reasonably priced bar & awesome bogan prizes to win

TICKETS CAN BE PURCHASED AT WWW.LIGHTUPAUTISM.ORG.AU
Numbers are strictly limited so make sure you purchase early to avoid disappointment

Parents and Friends Association Need Volunteers!

(Or we risk losing them altogether.)

Over the years the PFA has provided our students and school community with events that support the community and the WHOLE school, raising much needed funds and holding events to bring the school community together. These events have allowed the school to purchase things that the children would otherwise not have or that parents would need to pay for. Many people don't realise that a lot of the events run at school are organised by the PFA and that this organisation raises around \$10,000 per year for OUR school. Without their support it would be much harder to provide the breadth of activities we currently offer.

Some PFA organised events include -

- Mother's Day Stall
- Father's Day Stall
- Easter Disco
- Christmas Disco
- Christmas Carols
- Pancake Day
- School Fetes
- Trivia Nights
- Bunnings Sausage Sizzle

Some resources made possible through PFA support –

- Grade 6 Graduation books / presents
- Sports Gazebo
- Sports Uniforms
- Library Beans Bag Chairs
- Blue earth equipment
- Atlases and books for grade 1-2
- School Production
- The new School signage

All it takes is **1 hour once a month** – have input, meet other parents & be a part of your child's education and the fundraising that helps the school so much. Alternatively, if you cannot make it to meetings – volunteer to be your class's parent representative to receive emails and news from the PFA to pass on to others in your class. We need to keep this amazing group going. It does not take a lot of time - just some ideas to keep things moving and the motivation to see the ideas through.

Unfortunately - If we do not get parents / grandparents / guardians to join the PF A we are in danger of losing this valuable resource.

Please help us to help the school. Please drop in and see Maureen in the office or email rye.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au.