

Rye Primary School

Grade 3 & 4 Newsletter

Term 1
Week 3

Hi everyone,

Wow, how quickly the holidays go! We hope you had a wonderful break and are fired up and ready for another great year jam-packed with fun learning opportunities.

In Maths, we have been focusing on place value and are currently moving onto shape. Students are learning from a range of engaging, differentiated classroom activities suited to a range of abilities. Students have now all been given their Mathletics login details to use at school and they should have also brought home their login details to keep at home. Mathletics is a fantastic way to support or extend your child in Maths.

In Reading, students have set up their book boxes with everything needed to stay focused and work hard on achieving their individual reading goals. They have been learning about choosing good-fit books that are just perfect for their own reading level and their personal goals are set during one-on-one conferencing time with their class teacher. We are aiming for students to read at home five times per week for at least 20 minutes and students need to record this in their diary. For those reluctant readers, some easy ways to get through those five tasks at this early part of the year may be to read incidentally for example, street signs, the TV guide, magazines, postcards, birthday cards and toy or game instructions. The most important thing is that the children are enjoying what they are reading.

In writing, we are focusing on narratives and at this stage of the term we are learning about sizzling starts. When reading with your child, please take every opportunity to point out and discuss a great start whether it's a word in a sentence or a paragraph at the start of a chapter.

Thank you,

Captyn Dowell, Deb Jordan, Jo Everitt, Shirlee McCormick and Tom Campbell

Upcoming Events

School Swim Trials:

Thursday 15th February

3&4 Swimming:

Thursday 8th March

Tuesday 13th March

Thursday 15th March

Tuesday 20th March

Thursday 22nd March

The lesson time for each class will be announced closer to the date. Visitors are welcome.

School Photos:

Friday 16th March


Life Ed. Van:

Late March

MATHLETICS LEADER BOARD

We are very close to having our Mathletics leaderboard up and running again this year. Watch this space to see the progression of our hardworking mathematicians.

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Term 1 is a sun smart term.
Please remember to wear your broad-brimmed hat at all times when you are out in the yard.

TEACHER PROFILE

Jo EVERITT



I grew up on the Mornington Peninsula, attending Dromana Primary in the 80s and then going on to Dromana Secondary College. I love being outdoors and in the garden and usually spend too much time daydreaming about renovating or building something. I love animals and currently have 2 very spoiled rabbits and 15 much loved birds.

I had many different careers before I was a teacher such as:

- a child care assistant
- a gardener in Kent, England
- a retail assistant and manager of stores in England and Australia
- a beauty therapist in England and Australia
- a cook in a pub in England and a waitress in a whisky inn in Scotland
- a nanny in London

I had lots of these jobs while I travelled. I had a goal to experience 30 countries by the time I reached 30 years of age. I just missed that goal but have been very fortunate with all the wonderful travelling experiences that I have had.

Rye Primary School is the third school that I have worked in. I worked at a school in Frankston South and then moved to the Northern Territory and taught in a remote aboriginal community on the north coast of Arnhem Land called Maningrida. It was a real eye opener to discover that the kids didn't wear shoes, spoke 7 dialects of indigenous language but didn't know much, if any English and had so much energy that within 5 minutes of my first lesson they were walking along the ledge of the whiteboard! I came to learn that they loved learning English through singing, role-playing, playing games and listening to stories. I taught there for 2.5 years and highly recommend the experience.

My teaching passion is with science and the environment, indigenous studies and celebrating multicultural diversity. Grade 3 and 4 are my favourite year levels to teach as I love transitioning children from little kids to more mature learners and seeing the enormous academic growth that happens at this age.



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I would like to receive the newsletter via email.

My email address is _____

My child's name _____ and Class _____