

Rye Primary School

Grade 3 & 4 Newsletter

Term 1
Week 5

Hi everyone,

We are now well into term 1 and it's great to see our students settled into their regular classroom routines and focusing on their learning.

In reading, the students are particularly loving listening to audio books while reading along in their books. Captyn's and Miss Everitt's classes are crazy for hearing Pippi Longstocking, Mrs Jordan's class love Dr Dolittle and Mrs McCormick's class love hearing her read Danny the Champion of the World. Last fortnight our reading comprehension focus was finding the main idea and supporting details of a text while this upcoming fortnight's reading focus is on predicting events. When listening to your child's reading at home, you may want to ask them what the main idea is and how they know it or what do they think may happen next.

In Maths, we are revising place value with a strong focus on odd and even numbers. We will also begin a measurement unit on length. There are some fun Rob Vingerhoets place value activities included at the end of the newsletter that you may want to do with your child, enjoy! We also have some very enthusiastic mathematicians who take every opportunity to do Mathletics both at school and home, check out the leader board at the bottom of this page!

In writing, we are following the Seven Steps for Writing program and this fortnight we will be focusing on planning for success and using dynamic dialogue. Our sizzling starts and tightening tensions certainly had everyone coming up with some outrageous events for an engaging plot!

Our grade 3 and 4 information night will be held in Room 1 (Mrs Jordan's classroom) on Wednesday 28th March at 4:15pm. We will be giving a quick rundown of all the curriculum areas in grade 3 & 4 as well as giving you a brief overview of extra-curricular activities such as camps. All are welcome and encouraged to attend.

Swimming lessons will be held at the Colchester Rd pool. Students are encouraged to wear their bathers to school under their uniform. Don't forget to pack your towel, underwear, goggles if needed and bring a plastic bag for wet bathers. Onlookers are welcome and the lesson dates and times are in the upcoming events section.

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

Upcoming Events

Information Night:

Wednesday 28th March 4:15-4:45pm
Room 10 (Mrs Jordan's room)

Grade 3&4 Swimming:

Thursday 8th March
Tuesday 13th March
Thursday 15th March
Tuesday 20th March
Thursday 22nd March

Lesson times are:

3/4 Jordan 12:30-1:00pm
3/4 Dowell 1:00-1:30pm
3/4 McCormick 1:30-2:00pm
3/4 Everitt 2:00 - 2:30pm

School Photos:

Friday 16th March

Life Ed. Van:

Friday 2nd March: 3/4 Jordan, McCormick/Campbell, Dowell
Monday 5th March: 3/4 Everitt

MATHLETICS LEADER BOARD

Week 3

- 1: 2653 Bailey H
- 2: 2570 Grace H
- 3: 2358 Oliver W
- 4: 2190 Henry F

Week 4

- 1: 7732 Lachie M
- 2: 6984 Bailey H
- 3: 4735 Oscar W
- 4: 2840 Makavla M

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We are so grateful to 3 super boys who volunteered to clean up our school yard and seemed to have a lot of fun doing it. Well done Oscar, Oliver and Jack!



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.



I was born in Rosebud hospital and grew up in Blairgowrie, I went to Sorrento Primary School and Rosebud Secondary College. I had a lovely childhood on the Peninsula with Sorrento and Blairgowrie being a much quieter place to grow up than it is nowadays.

My lovely husband and I have 4 children between the ages of 17 and 15 with all attending Rye Primary School and like me Rosebud Secondary School. I have an American cocker spaniel called Leon who was a rescue dog whose owner couldn't keep him anymore. We gave him Valentine's Day as his birthday because we love him so much and wanted to celebrate every year on the day that's especially for love.

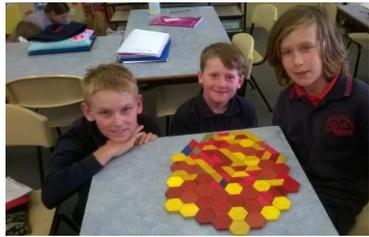
My hobbies are reading and sleeping. I enjoy reading anything and in the past I have worked as a librarian at Rye Primary School and loved it. I can sleep anyway anywhere and I love it. When I was younger and acting in local amateur theatre productions, I used to fall asleep at the director's feet and he'd have to wake me to deliver my lines.

I started primary school teaching later in life. I had been a volunteer helping adults who couldn't read and I knew that I wanted to get to the source of the problem and that was to teach children before they were faced with illiteracy as an adult. I became a classroom aide at Rye Primary School while I was undertaking my Masters in literature and from then became a qualified teacher.

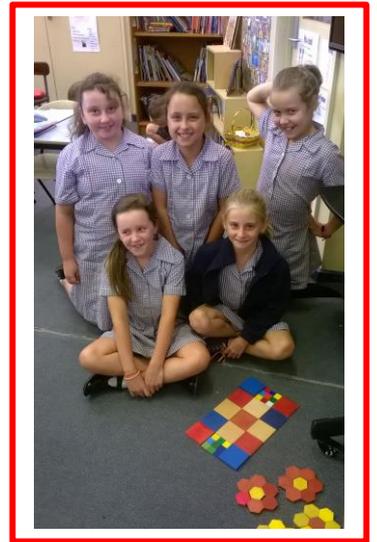
I have worked as an apple picker, a DJ and a receptionist and I even owned a bowling alley and indoor public pool. I believe you should follow your dreams and do whatever makes you happy. I think that everyone should be given the best opportunity to do whatever they are passionate about and education helps them reach their goals.



Miss Everitt's class had fun working as a team to create a narrative sizzling start and then they rotated around the room trying to improve on the last group's sizzling start. There were some terrific improvements!



Mrs Jordan's class loved the 2D shape activity that focused on creating tessellating patterns.



Our year 3 and 4 level newsletters are posted fortnightly on the school website. If you would like to receive the newsletter by email, please return the slip below so we can email you a copy. Don't forget to download the FlexiBuzz app to your mobile phone for all sorts of school reminders and notifications.

I would like to receive the newsletter via email.

My email address is _____

My child's name _____ and Class _____

Fun learning activities FOR HOME

PLACE VALUE

SNAP

Two players sit side-by-side and divide the cards evenly between themselves. At the same time, each player turns over one card. One player is assigned to turn over the number in the tens place; the other player turns over the number in the ones place. The player who calls out the correct number first gets to keep both cards. For example:

Player one is assigned to turn over the tens place card turns over a 5. Player two is assigned to turn over the ones place card turns over a 7. The first player to call out the number (57) gets to keep both cards. Play continues until one player has collected all of the cards. In the event of a tie (both players call out the number at the same time), players leave their cards in a "tie pile." This pile builds until one player gives a correct answer before the other. That player will take the two cards just turned over *plus* all of the cards in the tie pile.

VARIATION: Play with three cards and build numbers into the hundreds



PLACE VALUE

Just Gridding

Begin with the units/ones column.

Roll a die and everyone places the number rolled in the column. Students are now able to select where they place the next numbers rolled. They are told the objective is to finish with the largest number possible.

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PLACE VALUE

Millionaire Place Value

This is a place value game which can be played with a whole class. In pairs pupils draw 4 joined boxes in a horizontal line. Squared paper will help. The teacher has a standard pack of playing cards with the picture cards removed. The teacher shuffles them, turns the top card and calls out the number. The pupils must choose a box to write this number in. The teacher also does this in secret. The cards are turned and called until all four boxes are filled.

Pupils and teacher then display / say their number. Pupils who get a higher number than the teacher gets 5 points. Equal to the teacher gets 3 points. Lower than the teacher 1 point. The teacher gets 10 points if he / she beats all the pupils!

Note - a ten playing card is called as a zero.

