



The 3/4 Scoop!

Cross Country

The Rye Primary School cross country will be held next Wednesday (27/4/16). This event will involve all students from Grade 3 to Grade 6. We will be heading down to Rowley Reserve on Melbourne Road for this year's event. Children will race in their age groups, with 8, 9 and 10 year olds running 2 km and 11 and 12 year olds running 3 km. Your age group is determined by how old you have turned or will turn on your birthday this year (2016). For the 9-12 year olds the cross country will be a selection trial for the district cross country later in the year. However the 8 year olds will not be able to make it through to the District Cross Country until next year.

For some children, this will be the farthest they have ever run and will be quite hard for them. It would be good to have a talk with an adult about how you might feel during your race. The sport leaders have started a Cross Country Club every Tuesday morning at 8:30, this will be a good opportunity to get a bit of practise in before the big day.

Make sure you bring a good healthy lunch, a water bottle, running shoes, comfortable clothes for running in, a book (to read while you are waiting), sunscreen and a hat.

Parents and family members are welcome to come along and watch the races. If any parents would like to walk with us please let your child's class teacher know.

\$\$\$Money\$\$\$

The focus for our maths groups so far this term has been solving problems involving money. Children have been learning about Australian coins and banknotes as well as currencies from around the world. They have also been rounding off to the nearest 5c and calculating change.

ANZAC Day

Our topic this term is "Looking Forward and Looking Backwards". So far we have been learning about ANZAC Day and what life was like for the soldiers and nurses in the First World War. We have also been learning about explorers who travelled into uncharted parts of the world.

Absences

When children are sick it is important to stay home and rest, especially if they have a contagious disease. However when children are well they need to be attending school every day. Whenever a child is absent on a school day the office needs to be informed by a phone call or note from a parent/guardian giving the reason for the absence.

Late arrivals and early departures also need to be recorded at the front office, even if you are only a couple of minutes late.

Grade 3/4:
Rye Primary School

Term 2: Week 2

Newsletter Date:
April 22, 2016.

Important dates

- ☉ 25th April - ANZAC Day
- ☉ 27th April - RPS Cross Country
- ☉ 4th May - Dance-a-thon
- ☉ 10th-12th - May NAPLAN testing for grade 3 & 5
- ☉ 16th-20th - May Education week
- ☉ 13th June - Queen's Birthday Holiday
- ☉ The Grade 3 Camp to Somers and the Grade 4 Urban Camp will both be held in the last week of Term 3.
- ☉ Every Monday - Homework and Reading Diaries to be checked at school*

*Except public holiday, bring homework and reading diaries in on the Tuesday in that case.

NAPLAN

The NAPLAN test are coming up in May for Grade 3 and Grade 5 students. To help children prepare themselves we have attached some advice and strategies by Andrew Fuller who is an expert in preparing for tests and exams.

HARMONY DAY

**On Tuesday 22nd
March**
we celebrated
HARMONY DAY



COMMUNITY EXPLORATION:

On Thursday March 24th the students visited the oldest headstone in the cemetery (belonging to Elizabeth Bennett) and then walked to the Fire Station and then the Police Station where they discussed how these members of the community help us. Due to our long discussions we were unable to visit the Limeburner's kiln at the bottom of Whitecliffs. We walked instead to the Soldier Crab Mosaic and the students shared their ideas about the purpose of art in the community. Following this we had a leisurely lunch on the lawn by the Community Playground. The students then had an exploration of the playground itself before returning to the school.



We wish to thank our parent and grandparent helpers.

