District Cross Country

The District Cross Country was held this week at Trumans Road Reserve. Over 200 children from 10 local school ran either 2km or 3km depending on their age group. The grade 3 and 4 students that participated all ran 2km.

This was the first time Grade 3 students have been able to compete at the district level. As it turned out, it was a great decision as Tex finished 5th in the 8,9 & 10 year old boys race and will go through to the next stage which will be held in Hastings in two weeks.

It was Kate from Grade 4 who stole the show though. She took off at lightning speed in her race and a spectator was heard scoffing and suggesting that “I doubt she’ll be able to keep that pace up for the whole race.” She proved him wrong in the end and lead from start to finish. She even had time to stop halfway through and tie her shoelaces.

Kate, Tex and 5 students from the senior school will now be representing our district at the Division Cross Country in 2 weeks time.

Reading & Maths Groups

The middle school has been running reading and maths groups this year. This means that most students are not being taught both reading and maths by their regular classroom teacher. Most students in the area have two or three teachers for the different subjects. It is a system that has been very successful at Rye Primary School, and one which the students find enjoyable and engaging.

The teachers have started writing the Semester One reports and would like to inform the parents/guardians that your child’s maths report will be written by their maths teacher and their reading report will be written by their reading teacher. The rest of the comments will be written by their classroom teacher.

Writing

For the next two weeks, middle school students will be learning about procedural writing. The children have already written their first piece of procedural writing which described how to make a sandwich. Some great examples of procedural writing are recipes. This might be a good opportunity for children to learn how to bake a cake or some cookies with a grown up at home.
Mapping an exploration

As part of our topic this term (Looking forward and looking back), student have been learning about explorers throughout history. One of the tasks they have completed involved drawing an old fashioned map which included lines of latitude and longitude. They then used these lines to create instructions which could be used to guide a boat around their map. These projects were displayed in our area on open night.