



The 3/4 Scoop!

Grade 3/4:
Rye Primary School

Term 4: Week 2

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October 28th 2016.

Billy Cart Build Day

In the last newsletter there was an error with the date of the billy cart building day.

It was stated that build day would be on the 11th of November, however the **build day** will actually be held on the **23rd of November.**

Sorry if this has confused or inconvenienced anyone.

Icy Poles

The queue at the Rye Primary School canteen has been enormous on nice sunny days this term. And what is everyone so eager to buy? Delicious, refreshing icy poles!

Unfortunately some of the kids were dropping the wrappers and the icy pole sticks around the yard. There were also children buying icy poles for their friends, which resulted in some children eating up to 4 or 5 icy poles in one play time.

So some rules were brought in to try to minimise these issues. Now children are only allowed to buy one icy pole at a time. They then have to eat their icy pole in the canteen area and dispose of the rubbish before they can go and play in the rest of the playground.

Billy Cart Uniforms

The Grade 3 and 4 students have been placed into billy cart teams. On Wednesday they came up with team names, designed their dream billy cart and created a team logo. Some interesting team names we have this year are: Team Thunder, The Pets, Ghostbusters and The Skull Crushers.

We also asked the teams to begin thinking about their team uniform. Each team will try to wear a matching uniform on race day. This could be as simple as wearing similar T-shirts and shorts. However some teams might wish to add accessories or think of something more creative.

Uniforms should be created from items that students and families already have. We don't expect anyone to buy new clothes or accessories for their uniforms.

Science

Our integrated unit this term is called Why? Why? Why? And is based around Science. In class we have been learning all about the Sun, the Earth and the Moon. We have also been looking at why different materials are used in different situations and what their properties are.

In the coming weeks we will be learning about recycling, chemistry, heat and forces. Some children might like to conduct scientific experiments at home and share the results with their grade.

Important dates

- ☺ 1/11 Melbourne Cup Day public holiday
- ☺ **23/11 Billy-Cart Building Day**
- ☺ 7/12 Billy-Cart Race Day
- ☺ 20/12 Last day of school for 2016
- ☺ Every Monday—Homework and Reading Diaries to be checked at school

Billy Cart Information

Hello Everyone,

This term the middle school students will be designing, building and racing billy-carts. They will be working in groups of four for this project and competing for the enormous "Billycart Championship" trophy located in the front office trophy cabinet.

It's part of a biennial tradition at Rye Primary school which corresponds with the design and technology learning area of the Victorian Curriculum.

Children should begin gathering materials that they can use to construct the "World's Best Billycart." Wheels are extremely important, some suggestions are: pram wheels, golf cart wheels, wheelie bin wheels and bike wheels. Some other items you could start collecting are timber, a seat, nuts, bolts, nails and screws which will be useful when actually constructing the cart.

In class children have started drawing up designs for both their "dream" billycart and the actual billy cart that the group will build using the materials they have collected.

On Wednesday, November 23rd, we will have a day dedicated to the construction of the billycarts. We will need lots of parent helpers and tools. It would be great if we could have a parent helper for each group. All groups should complete the construction of their carts on this day.

Groups will also design uniforms, flags, banners etc. to wear and support their team when they take part in the Billycart Derby on Wednesday, December 7th.

Good luck, start collecting those materials straight away.

Thank you,

Grade 3/4 teachers.

