

5/6 Newsletter

As you are all aware, due to strong northerly winds and severe weather warnings, the Grade 5 students had their water safety excursions postponed. These activities have now been held over until term 4 when the weather is warm once again.

The Grade 6 students also had two of their sailing days held over due to wind warnings, these days will be held over until December when we also have an end of year bbq and sailing day with the yacht club.

These water safety programs are the culmination of years of similar programs held each year during your students schooling at Rye Primary. In grade 1 and 2 the students begin their water safety program with developing an understanding of water activities, boogie boards and general safety in and around the beach environment. In year 3 and 4 the students have swimming lessons at the Colchester Swimming Pool. As we live on a Peninsula surrounded on three sides by water, we feel it is of vital importance that students develop an understanding of water safety.

Multi age day – The Grade 5/6 teachers selected New Zealand and Japan as their Multi-age day countries. The students all took part in various activities throughout the school and those that came up to the 5/6 area completed either a face mask in ‘New Zealand’ or an inkblot cherry blossom painting in ‘Japan’. Japan also had the benefit of Sensei Wayne teaching the students about Hanami (the cherry blossom festival) in Japan, and instructions on how to count to 10. We would like to thank Sensei Wayne for his involvement with the day, and also thank the student leaders of each of the groups for doing a very good job in escorting their groups around the school to various classes.

Congratulations to all students for taking part in the Summer Lightning Premierhips on Wednesday. On this day various sporting events were hosted in various schools. The Volleystar teams had a good day, within their heats the Rye Asteroids came 2nd, the Rye Brumbies came 1st and the Rye Challengers lost their last game by 1 point. The boys’ softball team won one game and lost two, whilst the girls’ softball team, with only 4 players, were there for the fun. Well done too to the girls’ and boys’ basketball teams who won a couple of games each, and to the cricket team for a job well done. A very big thank you to all parents and teachers who attended on the day and helped with the various teams.

We have been asked to remind parents that students are not to be in the school yard before 8.45, and once they are in the yard their bikes, scooters and skateboards need to be put in the Bike shed. Students may not ride these devices in the yard, but must walk their bike or scooter, and carry their skateboard to the shed. Any students arriving prior to 8.45 will be directed to Outside School Hours Care at a cost to their parents.

Scholarship applications are now available for Rosebud Secondary College and are due to be returned by Friday May 8th.

We wish everyone a safe holiday and look forward to seeing you all on Tuesday April 14 for the beginning of Term 2.

Year 5/6 Team – Sandi Emile, Captyn Dowell, Deb Jordan, Scott Mackie.

Important Dates

- End of Term 1 – Friday March 27 @ 2.30pm.
- **Start of Term 2 – Tuesday April 14** (Monday April 13 – curriculum day)
- Dromana Secondary College Open Night – Wednesday April 22 at 7pm.
- Rosebud Secondary College Open Night – Monday April 28 at 7pm.



HOMEWORK

We have designed our homework tasks to support the students in their learning, targeting areas where we think the students need most assistance. We would expect students to be spending approximately 30 minutes (at the most) a night to complete these activities.

For homework this term we will expect all students to be **reading** at least five nights a week, practising their **spelling** words (in order to receive at least 18/20 on their spelling test) and times tables and continuing to use the **Mathletics** Program. Students have been asked to write their nightly reading into their diary and parents or carers are to sign the diary prior to its being handed in each Monday morning.

If students are not completing their assigned tasks they will be asked to attend a lunch time support group on Monday to complete their homework. Could you please support your children to ensure that their diary is returned to school each Friday and Homework each Monday.