



Principals Report

Can you believe we are in to May already! This term is flying along so fast!

Gallipoli Oak Tree: Last Friday we had a fabulous opportunity to commemorate the 100 year anniversary of the Gallipoli landing. Rye Primary School was given a little oak tree which had been grown from an acorn from an oak tree brought from Gallipoli. The tree was planted at the front of the school by 5 students who are direct descendants of diggers who went to World War 1 from Rye. After the tree planting we had an assembly in the hall. The School leaders and the choir led us with readings, songs, and the National Anthem in a beautiful remembrance with a lovely contribution of a poem from Talia. I was extremely proud to be principal of Rye Primary School as I can honestly say every single student in the hall engaged with the commemoration and demonstrated great respect through their behaviour. Many of our visitors commented on the students behaviour in a very positive way. A big thank you to Mrs Berndt for organising this event and to the many other staff who contributed to the event.

ANZAC day: The following day I went to the Rye ANZAC Day march and service at the RSL. A large number of our students met at the pier and marched as part of the ANZAC Day parade to the RSL. Our students stood respectfully during the rather drizzly service and indeed made significant contributions. Again I received

much good feedback from the community about our students. Thank you to all students and families who attended this event.

School Council Training: On Wednesday night some members of our new School Council attended training organised through the Department of Education and Training. It was held in Frankston and lasted until 9pm so a big thank you to those who gave up their evening to attend.

Mobile Electronic Devices: It appears some students are bringing phones, ipads, ipods etc to school. It is not a great idea to have these devices at school as they are at risk of being lost or damaged. If your child really needs a phone at school to ensure safety travelling to and from school, it should be handed into the office on arrival in the morning and should be collected after the dismissal. Any devices found in the classrooms will be removed to the office for safekeeping and parents will be contacted to collect them.

School Review: Our school review is coming up very soon, 14th May. Today at 9am, we had a parent forum in order to receive feedback from a representative selection of the community. A random sample of parents was electronically generated and those families along with School Councillors were invited to attend. Gill Wright, a local principal, lead the forum and will report the collated data to the school. Students, represented by the Student Representative Council and School Leaders, have been given

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opportunities to analyse data and give feedback and of course staff have analysed in depth a wide range of data. The conversations have been very interesting with much deep thinking and rigorous conversation. I, along with the leadership team, met with the reviewer, Anne Nicholls last Wednesday. We had a very interesting day, showing her our school and discussing our findings to date. Anne will return on 14th May for the actual review day. On this day we will review our practice to date against our previous strategic plan and start the process of setting goals and preparing to write our new plan.

Professional Learning: A large group of staff is about to embark on professional learning on Autism Spectrum Disorder. Teachers and Aides have volunteered their time to further develop their skills and understandings. This professional learning involves around 20 hours of individual study as well as a number of face to face sessions with the tutor. I have previously completed this course and I can recommend it. I found the information very practical and easy to transfer into my teaching. Last Monday, I was out of the school all day completing my new principal training program. I am very fortunate to have been allocated an excellent mentor from within the principal class who regularly challenges my thinking and encourages me in my leadership journey. I have loved being part of this program as it has helped me to build collegiate relationships and has focussed me firmly on refining and defining my visions and goals for Rye Primary School.

Regards,
Jackie Annable

Principal

REMEMBER US

As I saw them march out on that dusty road,
I knew it was time to say my prayers.
I saw them on their horses, carrying the load.
The only thing they had to say was, "Remember us!"

The night fell and I started to wonder,
Had they got to camp safely
Or had the other team already plundered?
There was one thing I could not forget.

REMEMBER US.

A few years later they started to come back,
But only some.
Families' hearts started to crack,
And as he came up to me
He had one question to ask,
"Did you remember us?"



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Thursday 7th May – Mothers' Day Stall and Raffle.

20th May – Open night.

Performing Arts News

Senior Choir

Thank-you to all those dedicated students for your efforts on ANZAC Day. You represented our school wonderfully, singing *Lest We Forget* and the Anthem.

School Band

We have an excursion planned for Monday 18th May. We will be heading to Sorrento PS to play in a cluster Band together. Parents are invited to a concert at 2:30pm at Sorrento Primary School. Songs to practise are *Bunyip Blues*, *Oh When the Saints*, *Mickey Mouse*

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March and Smoke on the Water. Permission notes will be out soon.

The *Southern Peninsula Music Camp* is coming up in June. Interested students please see Miss Parker.

A note about Performing

Last Friday I had the privilege of playing the trumpet for *The Last Post*, for our special whole-school Assembly and ANZAC Tree Planting Ceremony. This is an important tune and it helps people to pause, reflect and remember. I was quite nervous in playing this because of the significance of its meaning (and the fact I usually have a few other musicians to play with). It is also a challenging piece; played only with the players lips (no valves are pressed as it is usually played on a bugle). There are many times in life when we will all feel stress or nerves: giving an oral presentation, sitting an exam, going for job interviews etc. As your teachers, we are constantly trying to put students in the spotlight and encourage you to have a go. Even if you get anxious or worried about performing, my advice is to take those nervous *butterflies in your tummy* and try to turn it into positive energy! You will get a valuable experience out of it and might even enjoy it!

In Class

The junior grades have been learning about imitation with Grades 1 and 2 students dancing as a *school of fish*. Older students have been acting: reading and improvising their own made up *News Reports* and making characters this week with only one piece of costume or prop. Senior grades have also looked at Reggae music as a genre. Grade 3/4s have been appreciating music through SQUILT (Super Quiet Un-Interrupted Listening Time).

Quote of the Week

"Ah, music," he said, wiping his eyes. "A magic beyond all we do here!" J.K. Rowling, *Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone*

YouTube Clip of the Week

Bobby McFerrin. The Power of the Pentatonic Scale <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ne6tB2KiZuk>

Don't forget to see Miss Parker if you are interested in learning a musical instrument at school.

Grade 1/2F Learning News!

Currently Grade 1/2F is learning to write exciting story openers for their narratives by using 'Wow Words' and 'Power Openers'. Check out some of their amazing work below. Well done to all students. We're very proud of your efforts!

Writing Stimulus: The Forest



It all started at a damp forest when I was dashing too fast and I got lost. I tried to find my way back but I was going further away and behind me was...

By Jackson

I was dashing through the terrifying forest and behind me was a vicious bear. The bear chased me, I screamed...

By Evie-Shae

One beautiful morning I was strolling through the enchanted forest when suddenly I stopped, there was a gigantic...

By Mayla

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One magical day a little fairy was flying through a lovely rainforest. She lost her pixie dust. Suddenly she heard a terrifying sound. The fairy was too scared to turn around...

By Charlotte

One day I was walking in the forest, I saw a big lake, I went closer to the lake, I fell in and what was in there??? A crocodile, "Arghhhhhh!!!!!!" I ran for my life. The crocodile was chasing after me.

By Dane

I was walking in the terrifying forest and I heard a grizzling sound. I slowly turned around and I screamed. I saw a horrifying bear. I quickly ran as fast as I could.

By Lucy

Ride2School Is Back For Term 2!

Hi everyone,

Ride to school is back and at a **BRAND NEW LOCATION!** We will be meeting opposite Shirlow Avenue, Rye (on the Nepean Highway). There is a small car park which provides a safe drop off area for students. We will be leaving at 8:15am sharp and enjoying a leisurely ride along the foreshore bike track and crossing at the lights opposite Rye Pier. Parents and family members are welcome to join in the fun.

We hope to see you all there!

Thanks,

Kiah Fry and Colleen Carter



RYE PRIMARY SCHOOL BREAKFAST CLUB

Our Breakfast club will now be running on a Monday and Tuesday morning at the Canteen.

PA NEWS

The Mothers' Day Stall is next **Thursday**. Please remember to send money and a plastic bag for purchases with your child. Gifts range from .50c to \$7. Thank you to everyone who has returned their raffle money and put their name down to assist with the stall. The roster is at the office – we need helpers for an hour or more from 8.45 to 1pm. Small children are welcome and it is a great way to meet other mums, dads and grandparents.

We still need donations for the raffle prizes and these can be left at the office. Helpers are needed on Wednesday 6th to help set up the stall. We will be in the hall from 2.30pm if you are able to help before school pick up.

Joanna Cross, PA President

Attention all Catholic Children in Grades 3 and 4! Classes for Catholic children for the Sacrament of Reconciliation will begin at St Joseph's School, Sorrento, on Wednesday 29th April at 3.45pm. If you are eligible can parents please contact the school on 5984 1291 or the Parish on 59844374 and leave their details. Please bring your child to the school office on the 29th April at 3.40pm.

Classes for the Sacrament of First Communion commence on Wednesday 27th May at 3.45pm at St Joseph's School. Further details can be obtained from 59844374 or ewhite@sjsorrento.catholic.edu.au

Classes run for one hour over three weeks for each Sacrament.



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ANNUAL CHARITY LUNCH

The Women of the Peninsula are invited to join us for an enjoyable lunch including entertainment, silent auction, raffle and more

SATURDAY MAY 23, 2015

**Main Sail Bar, Rye Hotel
From 1pm**

Tickets \$40

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