It’s beginning to look a lot like Christmas........... (as the song says!)

The office is all decorated as are classrooms and the staffroom. The Performing Arts department is very busy fulfilling engagements out in the community. Today the band performed beautifully at Sorrento Lodge and our students will represent us in the next couple of weeks at the Rye Community Carols on the foreshore, at the Instrumental Concert and of course at our own Carols on the Oval.

Please check in the newsletter for information around dates, times and venues. We would love you to join us where you can to support our students and celebrate the end of the school year.

Other areas of the school have been busy too. Today was our Billy Cart Derby. There are photos already on display in the admin block of the building day and I am sure photos of the big event will follow soon. The Billy Cart Derby is the culmination of the Grade 3 and 4 Technology Unit of study. The students have had the opportunity to learn through exploration supported by staff and parent expertise while having a great deal of fun along the way.

Photos from the Grade 5 camp are also on display in the same corridor so if you get a chance, take a wander down to see them. The camp was a fantastic success. The students came back excited (if somewhat tired.) I would like to acknowledge the amazing effort put in by the staff and the wonderful parent helpers who attended and made it possible for our Grade 5 students to have this wonderful experience. Next week our Grade 6 students are heading off to the surf camp at Lorne. I’m not sure who is more excited, the students or Mr. Wettenhall.

Next week the Grade 6 students have their BBQ and sailing day at Rye Yacht club. We really appreciate the support of the Yacht Club members with this event.

On Tuesday we had our Grade 6 Graduation dinner and ceremony. It was a wonderful night and the students looked gorgeous and performed beautifully.

Mrs Coumbe has organised a “Kick in a Can” event. To support Food for All, an organisation which has helped some of our families in the past, we are asking you to bring a can of food or other non-perishable food item. The grade that donates the most items will win a surprise treat. Students are invited to bring along their donations to their classrooms.

Next year our specialist areas will be Music, PE and Visual Arts. ICT and Library will be taken by class teachers. We are building our supply of mini ipads for next year so classes will have access to class sets of laptops, ipads and the computer lab.

Our grade structure for 2015 has been decided. We will have three Prep grades, five 1/2 grades, three grade 3s, three grade 4s and four grade 5/6s. This structure has been carefully considered to best utilise teachers’ expertise and passions and to maximise the resources available in the school. Actual placement of staff and students is still being finalised and you will be notified soon.

Our 2015 prep information night is next Wednesday, 10th December. If you have a prep student starting next year we look forward to seeing you then.

Thank you to everyone who has already returned their 2015 booklist. The last date for returning them is Friday 12th, December.
RYE PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

There will be some staffing changes next year. Sadly we have to say goodbye to some staff but we also need to congratulate them on new appointments. Brendan Smith will be leaving us to take up a position at Monterey Secondary College, Sophia Grant will be at Bittern and Angus Wettenhall has accepted a Leading Teacher position at Red Hill Consolidated. I thank all these staff for their contributions to Rye Primary School and wish them all the best in their futures. I am sure some of you will want to catch up to say your own personal thank yous over the next couple of weeks.

The PFA is running a fantastic raffle. You will already have received some tickets to sell. More tickets are available from the office. The draw will be on the Rye Primary School Carols night (Tuesday, 16th December) so make sure you have returned your ticket stubs and money before then. We have some great prizes including an ipad mini and a Surface RT tablet.

Regards,

Jackie Annable
Principal, Rye Primary School

Updated Notice to Families re Book Packs and Compulsory Essential Items for 2015
Thank you to all those families for returning your child/ren’s Booklist 2015.

2015 Preps Book Packs prepaid have been distributed and we have had almost a 99% returned rate which ensures that each child starts the year with the correct educational materials as determined by the classroom teachers.

2015 Prep Uniform Scholarships: 6 Preps families who had prepaid in full their book packs for next year have been awarded a $50.00 voucher to assist with cost for their children’ uniforms next year.
Thank you to Beleza Uniform suppliers for this generous donation.

2015 Book Packs Years 1-6 Families who have not returned their 2015 student requests may miss out as we can only retain the required number as per these returned book packs order forms submitted to the office.

Special Offer to 2015 Years 1-6: prepaid book packs in full by 12/12/2014 – 2 draws for these students to have the opportunity to obtain by way of a Credit Note towards 2015 Camps and Events - not redeemable for cash.

Parent who would still like to pre pay the book pack 2015, please consider the following options. thereby avoiding the rush on January 23rd 2015 (collection day).

Option 1: Pay by EFTPOS, Bpay or in cash prior to the end of the school year (Thursday Dec 18th 2014.)

Option 2: BPay in January 2015 at least 5 days prior to collection day (Friday Jan 23rd 2015.)

Collection times are 8AM-2pm
Alternative collection dates and times of book packs must be prearranged with the business manager.
Mauyra Marsh
Business Manager
Rye Primary School

A message from School Council

Please all be advised that as per our Parent payments and program policy - any payments for camps that have not been received 7 days prior, and excursions by the due date; will result in children not being able to attend. This is due to OH & S and numbers of teachers and adults being required to attend based on numbers of children attending. Thank you for your understanding. Please contact the office if there is ever any assistance required in regards to this, we would like all children to attend and will assist where possible.

Kind Regards
Bec Closter, School Council President.

Library News

Book Club is now closed for the year. I would like to take this opportunity to thank our school community for supporting us by purchasing books
throughout the year. Some of you might not realise that with every purchase through Book Club, the school receives bonus points, which are accumulated and then used to receive new books for our wonderful library. So, a big thank you again to all.

As we only have 2 weeks left there will be no more borrowing. Could all library books please be returned ASAP. If parents and children could please search high and low (under beds, in wardrobes and who knows where), and in any nook and cranny that a book could possibly hide, that would be great. We all know they turn up in oddest of places sometimes.

Happy reading, Deb V

A BIG THANK YOU FROM THE PREPS.
The Prep Students and teachers would like to thank the following parents for helping make sandwiches for our Grandparents day.

Sam Sicuro
Jo Colles
Jackie Armstrong
Christine Lilias
Jo Cross-Payne

Also a big thank you to Sue and Claire from the Canteen, who made the delicious scones.

PA News

Our Xmas raffle is our final fundraiser for the year. Please check your child’s bag for raffle tickets. We also need donations of anything Christmassy for our raffle prizes – please leave donations at the office.

The first prize is an IPad Mini and second is a Tablet. The raffle will be drawn on Tuesday 16th December during our Christmas Carol and family picnic evening. The PA will be selling icy poles and raffle tickets on the night and needs volunteers to man the stall – please put your name down on the roster if you can spare half an hour of your time. All monies raised will go towards purchasing mini ipad for use in all of the grades.

Thank you for your support throughout the year and the PA wishes all families and wonderful Christmas and New Year.

Cheers Joanna Cross, PA President

Important Notice
As of next year we will no longer be emailing the Newsletter to parents, we will be sending the Newsletter via our App. Please download the free App so you will continue to get the Rye Primary School Newsletter.

Our Newsletter will also be available via our website: www.ryeps.vic.edu.au

We’re using an app to communicate with you.

We are now using an app to send instant messages, newsletters and notices. The tiqbiz app will keep our school loop parents fully informed and up-to-date with newsletters, notices, news and events. It’s easy to use and also has the benefit of helping reduce our paper consumption by printing less.

The first step is to download tiqbiz to your phone, tablet, computer… or all of them.

Important: Click ‘allow’ notifications when asked. This is to allow your school to send you important alert notices.

Once installed, follow the steps on the next page to tick on our school.
Find and tick our school

Log-in
Open tiqbiz and register/log-in.

Find our school
Click the 'Find' icon and type our school name into the search bar. You will now see our school boxes.

Tick on
Click on the grey tick beside our school box and any other boxes that apply to you.
When the tick turns green, you're connected.

Inbox
Click on the Inbox icon.
This is where you will receive our instant messages, newsletters, notices and calendar events.

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ANNUAL ATHLETIC CARNIVAL

RYE GIFT

FREE KIDS RIDES
FAMILY FUN DAY
RYE FOOTBALL GROUND
SATURDAY 10TH JANUARY

ADULTS $10 per head
Under 10 FREE
Program $2
Students and Pensioners $5
Contact Secretary Robin 6464 564 51

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Peninsula Cinemas
Family Fun Day

PENGUINS SUNDAY

at Ryeleigh Cinemas
Sunday 14th December 2014
10.30am activities begin, 11.30am feature presentation

Coloured Hair Dye
Lucky Dip
Coloured Sheets
Adventures
Theme park

For more information contact the cinema on 6090 1551
www.peninsulacinema.com.au
Rye Primary School

Christmas Carols and Picnic

Tuesday 16th December 2014

5pm until 7.00pm

Bring your own picnic and a rug and enjoy the students’ performances and participate in some community carol singing.

Photo with Santa

Free family photo with Santa will be available between 5pm and 5.30pm.

Students and visitors need to be seated at 5.30pm sharp.

Students will be seated with their teachers for the performance part of the evening. Afterwards, they may return to their families to share in the family picnic and join in the community carol singing.

Tickets for our Christmas Raffle will be on sale.

First Prize – ipad mini

Second Prize - Microsoft Surface RT Tablet

Icy poles will be available to purchase.

According to DEECD regulations this will be an alcohol free event.
1ST PRIZE IN THE CHRISTMAS RAFFLE IS APPLE IPAD MINI 16GB BLACK.

2ND PRIZE IS A MICROSOFT SURFACE RT TABLET.