### Principal Report

#### Principals’ Conference;

On Thursday and Friday of this week, Tina Coumbe and I will be at the Mornington Peninsula Principal conference where we will have opportunities to listen to top class speakers and participate in valuable learning through a series of workshops. The conference also provides opportunities to meet with our colleagues and exchange and discuss ideas and knowledge.

#### Year of self-evaluation, review and planning

Rye Primary School is committed to continuous improvement, and to this end is guided by its four-year School Strategic Plan. The current 2012-2015 School Strategic Plan is due for review this year. It will be reviewed in accordance with the policies and procedures as determined by the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development (DEECD).

The review will require school staff, students and the wider community to reflect on achievements and strengths and identify areas where improvement is needed. Two peer principals and a school reviewer will assist us in the process of self-evaluation and help identify effective strategies for future improvement.

Throughout the process, discussions will be guided by the following questions:

1. **What are students learning?**
2. **How are students learning and how is the school supporting learning?**

The self-evaluation and review provide a meaningful information base from which the school community can develop its 2016-2019 Strategic Plan. Look out for more information about this process in future communications.

#### Grade 6 Surf Camp:

The grade 6 students had a wonderful time at Lorne camp. The sun shone and there were plenty of opportunities for fun and learning. Camp is a great opportunity for students to interact with their peers and teachers in a different environment. Often teachers comment on how they see a different side to students from the one that is presented in the classroom. A big thank you to the staff and parents who gave up their time to enable the camp to happen.

#### Clean Up Rye Primary School:

What an amazing evening we had last Friday when we supported Clean Up Australia Day by hosting our very own Clean Up Rye Primary School. We had close to 100 volunteers supporting our students to improve their school environment. Every student participated in the clean up at 2.30pm as the message we wanted to get across was that the environment is everyone's responsibility. A huge thank you to all the parents, children and staff who stayed after school to continue working on the many projects. Also we owe a
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great big thank you to the Rye Lions Club for providing all the hungry workers with a sausage and to the representatives from Rosebud/Rye Rotary Club and the staff of Ray White Real Estate who worked tirelessly. There was a great community spirit.

Clean Up Day photos;
Fresh Fruit and Vegetables;
Please check out our fresh produce for sale at the office. During the clean-up, a lot of work was completed in the Peace Garden including the harvesting of potatoes and tomatoes. We have quite a bountiful supply at the moment.

First Aid;
Many of our staff spent Tuesday evening bandaging each other and resuscitating dummies as part of level 2 first aid training. Thank you to the staff who volunteered their time so that students are able to access camps and excursions.

Thank you;
At Rye Primary School, we are very fortunate to have many people and organisations who support our students and the community. I would like to take this opportunity to celebrate the community organisations, businesses, and individuals who through the giving of their time, financial support, expertise and encouragement help us to make the experiences we offer to our students richer and more widely available.
Have a great long weekend
Jackie Annable

MESSAGES FROM TINA COUMBE
Just a gentle safety reminder.
Please don’t ride bikes, scooters or skateboard on the school grounds. We have had a number of little ones bowled over lately. Even if your child is being supervised by an adult, we know you will understand our request. Thank you.

Respecting our neighbours.
We have a number of students who have a great throw or kick and occasionally a ball may go over the fence into one of our neighbour’s houses. If this occurs, please just let the office know and we can talk to the neighbours about getting the balls back. Please respect our neighbours’ privacy and don’t approach them after hours.
Tina Coumbe, Assistant Principal

In grade 1/2 we have been writing letters. Nina wrote this letter to Mrs Berndt.

Dear Mrs Berndt,
When I grow up I am going to go to China to help save the Giant Pandas. I am also going to work at the Panda Kindergarten for about two or three years. Then I am going to go back to Australia and I am going to be a zoologist and travel around the world. I am also going to be a horse riding teacher and work with horses.
Love from Nina

PERFORMING ARTS NEWS

Senior Choir
We already have a performance scheduled at Neighbour Day on Sunday 22\textsuperscript{nd} March. More details will follow. Choir will be practising \textit{Hold Back the River} by James Bay and working on some songs from other countries as part of our Harmony Day celebrations on the 20\textsuperscript{th} March such as \textit{Humaylula}, \textit{Ipharadis} and \textit{Lean on Me}.

Quote of the Week
\textit{Music is well said to be the speech of angels.}
- Thomas Carlyle

You Tube Clip of the week.
\url{https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Q3oltpVa9fs}

Nigel Stanford – what a talented artist! This is a great look into the ‘science of sound’ and a look at cymatics.

Don’t forget to see Miss Parker if you are interested in learning a musical instrument at school.
PA Newsletter
The next PA meeting and AGM will be held on Monday 16th March at 2pm in the library. New members and small children are welcome. This committee is a great way to contribute a few hours of your time and help to raise extra funds which go towards educational aids for your children.

Raffle ticket monies are due back by Fri 20th March. The donations of eggs are coming in, a big thank you to everyone who has already sent Easter eggs to the school. Please leave your donations of eggs and bunnies in your classroom. Remember the class which collects the most, wins a prize!

The raffle will be drawn on Monday 23rd March at Assembly.
Joanna Cross, President