PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

It is lovely to be back at Rye Primary after my two weeks leave. I would like to say a big thank you to Renee Kennedy who acted as principal in my absence and also to all staff who stepped up and supported Renee while she was here.

I had a wonderful visit to India where I was part of a group representing Australia, raising awareness about positive outcomes for people with disabilities. If you are interested in hearing more please come and ask me. I am more than happy to tell you all about it and bombard you with photos. One thing I will share is my experiences visiting some schools in Delhi. It was quite confronting to see how poorly resourced many of the schools are. I expected in a country as ICT savvy as India that all students would have easy access to ICT resources but this was certainly not always the case. We are fortunate indeed to live in Australia and be able to offer our children the educational and social opportunities available here.

Book Week: Book week was a great success. Thank you to students, staff and parents for all your hard work putting together costumes, enthusiastically participating and sharing your joy of reading. A special big thank you to Chantal Bradley, Michelle Venturin and Sharon Jackson for coordinating the week’s activities. Students had a wonderful time at Monday’s book week assembly and costume parade. They enjoyed sharing reading during book week reading hours and were excited to meet a real, live children’s author. A new activity this year was the Rye Primary book swap ably organised by our Library leaders, Amelia and Molly. What a great opportunity to share preloved treasures with friends and introduce them to new authors and genres.

Another book week activity was our wonderful book fair. Thank you to Mauyra Marsh, Maureen Stephen and Sharon Jackson and all the wonderful staff who supported them. We were able to purchase $1000.00 worth of new books for our library. Thank you to everyone who participated. I hope you enjoy your new books.

Fathers’ Day stall: We had a very successful Fathers’ Day stall on Thursday. A big thank you to the PFA volunteers for their work planning, organising and running the event. We are always keen to welcome new volunteers to PFA. Please speak to me if you are interested in being part of this great group of people. Also a huge thank you to the local businesses and parents who donated...
prizes for our amazing raffle.

**ES Month:** August was ES (Education support) month. I am sure you will join me in thanking all our aides and office staff for the amazing contribution they make to Rye Primary School.

**Sport:** We have just completed the athletics trial in preparations for the athletics session. Thank you to our sports teachers and the 5/6 teachers and aides for organising the trials. A huge amount of planning and work goes into ensuring students are offered opportunities to try out for interschool competitions. The event was run as a House competition and there was a great team feeling amongst the students. Although not everyone comes out on top on the day, all students are encouraged to participate and support each other to be the best they can be. We always welcome parent helpers on the day and I thank those who managed to come along.

The grade 4 swimming program is well underway. The students have enjoyed their lessons so far and are progressing well.

**Performing Arts:** Early next term we have our whole school performance, “The Day the Alphabet went Missing.” Mrs Parker has worked hard with senior students to cast the lead roles and rehearsals are underway across the school. We are keen to hold a raffle with profits going towards the performance expenses. Look out for a letter asking for donations towards the raffle prizes. Donations are greatly appreciated.

**Art:** Walker learning has come to the art room for the P-2 students. Mr Campbell is in the process of setting up workstations offering students a variety of activities and exposing them to a range of media.

**Around the Grades:** This week I have very much enjoyed reading letters from grade 3 students who decided to write to me as part of their learning about the persuasive text genre. The students have been trying to influence my decisions around all manner of school based topics. Their arguments were very well thought out and presented and I have already had a number of conversations with staff about some of the suggestions.

Grades 3-6 have been working on Social Justice issues this term. I have been quite moved by some of the insightful conversations I have heard around the grades and by some of the work generated by the students.

I was also very impressed recently by a conversation I overheard as I walked past the staffroom. A group of 5/6 students working with volunteer, Scott Annable, were discussing how they could introduce competition without conflict into the games they were designing. This level of deep thinking is what we want our students to achieve and I thank Scott for being able to encourage it in such a fun and creative manner.

The grade 5/6 students have been involved in the Rye beach patrol where they have helped clean up our foreshore. Congratulations to Laura who has been granted permission to stencil council rubbish bins with a message about keeping Rye clean.

I am continually amazed by the level of deep thinking and creativity I witness on a daily basis in our Prep to 2 classrooms. During Investigative Learning sessions, students are allowed to follow their passions while skilful teachers are on hand to encourage deeper thinking and extend the learning. Each student works at his or her individual level and goals set are personal to that child’s learning needs.
Rye Primary School goes to the Market

On Saturday representatives from Rye Primary School got up very early in order to set up a stall at the Rye market. We offered free Investigative Learning experiences with a Fathers’ Day flare to students from age 4-8. It was a great way to meet our local community and we all enjoyed good conversations with both children and adults. The stall proved very popular and we intend to make it a regular event for a while, allowing us to showcase different parts of the school. If you happen to be market shopping on the first Saturday of the month, please pop in to say hello. We are easy to spot with our big red gazebo. A huge thank you to the prep team, Helen Mitchell, Olivia Takacs and Alyssa Kent, and to Tina Coumbe and Maureen Stephen. Also thanks to my husband, John who came along to do all our heavy lifting and helped us set up and take down the stall. All these people worked very hard organising the event as well as giving up their time on Saturday morning.

Enrolments: Enrolments are well underway for 2016. Please, if you intend to enrol and have yet to do so, contact the office as soon as possible to arrange a tour or to collect an enrolment pack. We are well into our prep 2016 transition program already but still have one more session to go next Friday at 2.30pm. Even if you are still undecided about which school best suits your child’s needs, come along and experience a genuine Prep classroom experience. Tours are available too by contacting the school office.

Jackie Annable, Principal
SPORTS NEWS

Congratulations to the Rye Under 11 Boys Football team who won their Grand final on Saturday. It was a really close game that was won in extra time.

A big congratulations to Finn who won the Inter League football award and Jessie who was awarded 3rd place.

Book Week – Character Dress Up day
DATES FOR YOUR DIARY
9th September – District Athletics
16th -18th September – Grade 3 Somers Camp.
18th September – Last Day Term 3 (2.30pm finish)
5th October – First Day Term 4
DROMANA DRIVE IN

A provocative and breathtaking wakeup call - a cross continental cinematic journey, that explores our cosmic origins and our future as a species.

PLANETARY

Stunning imagery from NASA Apollo missions with visions of the Milky Way, Buddhist monasteries in the Himalayas, and the cacophonous sounds of downtown Tokyo and Manhattan, with intimate interviews from renowned experts including astronauts Ron Garan and Mae Jemison (the first African American woman in space), celebrated environmentalist Bill McKibben, National Book Award winner Barry Lopez, anthropologist Wade Davis, to National Geographic Explorer Elizabeth Lindsey, and Head of the Tibetan Buddhist Kagyu school, the 17th Karmapa.

Where: Dromana 3 Drive-In

When: Friday 18 September 2015. 6.30pm for 7pm Showtime.

This is a unique opportunity to view a provocative and stunning visual exploration of our world. It is the only screening of Planetary in Australia - what better way to view the stunning photography than on the giant screens at Dromana, in full digital resolution.

Following the screening, we will host a Q&A session where students will have a chance to ask questions of the Panel -

**Federal Environment Minister, Hon Greg Hunt,** 
**David Speller from Sustainability Victoria,** 
**Author & Filmmaker Sheree Maris.**

This is a rare opportunity to engage with experts in a variety of fields - Have some topical questions ready!

Price: $11 per student - including Q&A and Tea/Coffee/Softdrink. Group bookings - please discuss.

Viewing options:
- As a school group - Bus/Minibus transport - view from bus or deckchairs in grass area.
- Parent transport - view from car.

Please contact Paul Whitaker on 0414 314025 or Email drivein.net.au by 28 August to discuss a special price for school groups.

The screening will only proceed if we receive sufficient bookings.

See preview http://weareplanetary.com/
### Rye Primary School

**Lyons Street Rye VIC 3941**

**0424 456 592 (07:30-18:00)**

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| **Monday 21 September 2015**  | $53.88 | **City Scape Designer**  
Ever wondered what it would be like to design your own town? Well now is your chance to create your own metropolis! |
| **Tuesday 22 September 2015**  | $68.88 | **Passport - around the globe**  
How many natural wonders of the world can you name? Join us to celebrate some of the natural wonders that make up our extraordinary planet. |
| **Wednesday 23 September 2015** | $68.88 | **World Art**  
Discover the colours of the world as we uncover arts and crafts from some amazing countries! |
| **Thursday 24 September 2015** | $78.88 | **Gem's Animals Adventure**  
Gem is going on an Animal Adventure today and we're all invited! Please arrive by 8:45am. |
| **Friday 25 September 2015**   | $53.88 | **Ocean to Ice**  
Be careful not to get lost amongst the penguin colonies, because today we are going to Antarctica! |
| **Monday 28 September 2015**   | $53.88 | **Earth Meets Science**  
Ever wondered how the Earth works? Never fear because today there's lots to discover when Earth meets science! |
| **Tuesday 29 September 2015**  | $68.88 | **Jetset - let's go!**  
Have your map and GPS at the ready, because today we are globe trotting around the world - stopping off at some iconic landmarks along the way. |
| **Wednesday 30 September 2015** | $78.88 | **Oddball Adventure**  
Today we learn all about a special fun-loving and cheeky dog who plays one big role in protecting an endangered colony of penguins. Please arrive by 8:45am. Bus Departs 9:15am. |
| **Thursday 1 October 2015**    | $69.88 | **Safari Adventure**  
Keep your binoculars handy - a safari adventure awaits! |
| **Friday 2 October 2015**      |        | **No program** |


Daily Requirements: Children must bring their own lunch and refreshments (no nut products please), wet weather gear, art smock, and suitable clothing for active and sunny days. An afternoon snack will be provided.
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Do you want to turn terror times into terrific times?

Are you yelling more often? Kids driving you crazy? Want to find ways to deal with temper tantrums?

A workshop for parents and carers of children age 0 to 5 years to chat about why little kids behave the way they do and helpful ideas to get through the challenges of parenting little people.

Who for? Parents, carers and grandparents of babies, toddlers and pre-schoolers

Morning tea provided Receive Certificate of Participation
FREE (Bookings are essential)

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To Book: Or for further information please call Barbara on 9781 6787 or 0458 750 754
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FREE WORKSHOP
ARE YOU A PARENT OR CARER OF A CHILD AGE 5 – 12 YEARS?
Join us in a 3 week program to chat about tips, strategies and solutions to:

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- Dealing with anger (theirs and yours)
- Handling sibling rivalry
- Setting routines
- Discipline that works
- Yelling less and smiling more

DATE: Tuesdays, 13, 20, 27 October 2015
TIME: 9.30 – 11.30 am
VENUE: Rosebud Library - Community Room
        McDowell Street Rosebud
COST: Free Bookings are essential

Chat about topics of your choice in a safe, supportive place

Morning tea provided

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