FROM THE PRINCIPAL
Life at Rye Primary School is always busy and this fortnight has been no exception!

2016 Preps: Tina, Philippa and I have been very busy taking 2016 prep students and their parents on tours of the school. It has been lovely meeting all these beautiful children. Although we are only in Term 2 enrolments are already coming in so if you have a child due to start next year we would love to hear from you. Our POP program (Preparing our Preps) will be running in Term 3 so it is important that we know about you so we can send you an invitation.

Reports: If you have noticed a few black circles under the eyes of the teachers recently it is because they have been putting in long hours writing student reports. Although your report will look similar to previous ones we have been working hard to ensure the content you receive is personalised to your child. Later in this newsletter, you will be able to read about this in more detail. We look forward to hearing your thoughts. To that end we will be seeking feedback next term.

Peace Garden: The Peace Garden is in the process of undergoing a transformation to make it more useful as a learning space. It will continue to be an area for quiet play but we are working on ways to extend its use to complement learning. A big thank you to the Peace Garden committee for all the work members have put into this project. A special big thanks to Fiona and Danny Twil and Miranda Gillespie who have managed to get several local businesses involved who are donating and installing artificial turf to half the garden to provide an area for the students to sit. Thank you to Bunnings and Fraser Gehrig for supplying the turf, to Maw Civil for doing all the prep work for the instillation and to the Peace garden committee members who have arranged to turn out next weekend, 20th June, to help out.

I Sea I Care: Our four I Sea I Care ambassadors attended a workshop recently where they learned how to teach other students about our beautiful marine environment. This week they have started running lessons in the Junior School. I am very impressed with the organisational skills they have demonstrated and the passion for the marine environment they are sharing with the younger students.

Professional Learning: A number of staff members have been attending professional learning sessions recently. Tina, Captyn and Kiah went to hear Nadia Walker talk about ways to differentiate learning in the mathematics classroom and Lesley, Philippa, Sandi and Olivia heard Lane Clark discussing how to promote a culture of thinking in our classrooms. I attended a School Leaders Bootcamp led by Adam Voigt to develop my leadership “toolbox”. Fortunately no runners were required and I wasn’t expected to drop and give 10 push ups!
RYE PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER
Next week the leadership team will be attending a two day workshop on Growth Coaching. The skills we learn we be used to enhance our curriculum leadership across the school.

Curriculum Day: Talking about curriculum, our Curriculum Day in Term 3 will be on Monday, 20th July. This will be a pupil free day. On that day the staff will be working on the recommendations that evolved from our recent school review.

Library: The library will now be open on a Friday afternoon from 3.15 to 3.45 and we invite parents to come with their children to choose a book to read at home.

Sport: Well done to all our Senior School students for their efforts and sportsmanship on Wednesday at the Winter Lightning Premiership. Special congratulations to our soccer and netball players who won their sections.

School Photos: As four class teachers were away at professional learning on the school photo day, our resident photographer, Tina, has taken a photo of them with their grades which we will be sending out shortly as a little addition to the official photos.

Staffing: A huge congratulations to Tina Coumbe, our assistant principal, who has been offered the position of Acting Principal of Crib Point Primary School for Term three. We will miss her but this is an amazing opportunity for her to step into the “big shoes” and also learn from another school. We wish her all the very best and look forward to welcoming her back in Term four.

Kind regards,
Jackie Annable

MID-YEAR STUDENT REPORTS
Mid-year student reports will be sent home on Thursday 25th June. Teachers have been using a range of assessments throughout the semester to make judgments about student progress and individual strengths and weaknesses. Progress is measured against the expected learning standards for each year level.

Although Rye Primary School trialled some new assessment and reporting software this year, your child’s report will look similar to previous reports. An A to E scale showing progress is still used to chart progress and there are still four comment sections.

However in seeking to develop whole-school approaches across a range of programs and practices we have reviewed each section of the report with the aim of making the written comments clearer in terms of the type information they provide.

The four sections and the information they provide are as follows:

1. Achievement - what was learned and how well
2. Areas for improvement/future learning – where further assistance or extension is needed
3. What the school will do to support your child - what support or extension will be provided
4. What you can do at home – how parents can become involved and work in partnership with the school to support the areas for improvement or future learning
This term the grade 4 students have been focused on Sustainability. They have used the computers to create fantastic brochures on Australia’s National Parks. The students have investigated oil spills and the effect this has on the surrounding environment and marine life and they have written a persuasive letter stating their opinions and supporting arguments in regards to oil spills. Students changed the colour of a white rose with food dye in the water and discovered the importance of conducting a fair test. Students have been on an excursion to the Coolart Wetlands and Homestead and were very excited to learn in the outdoor environment.

Students have been using their Writer’s Notebook to record their thoughts about a variety of topics. Here are some examples:

2Sustain (Song)

Can we save our animals?
Can we save at least a few species?
Please, as I’m singing, animals are dying,
It’s quite frightening!

Please, oh please, may you leave the animals alone,
In their separate homes.

Why don’t people understand that we are animals too?
Or am I the only one who sees it this way?
Surely no...

Please, oh please, may you leave the animals alone,
In their separate homes.

By Scarlett

Dromana Secondary College
Year 6 students who will be going to Dromana Secondary College and want to apply for a Scholarship will need to have all their paper work handed into the College by June 12th.
Prep Australian Early Development Census (AEDC)

Playing our part to build a national picture of child health

Rye Primary School, along with thousands of others across the country will be taking part in the Australian Early Development Census (AEDC) this year.

The AEDC measures five key areas of development in children during their first year of full-time school to build a national picture of health and wellbeing. Since 2009, the census results have helped communities, schools and governments plan services and target support for children and families.

Teachers are trained to assess each child and answer questions. Children don’t need to be present so no class time is missed, and parents/carers don’t need to supply schools with any new information for the census. Teachers’ individual assessments are then analysed by the AEDC and reported as anonymous groups of children in the final report.

The parents of our Prep children would have received a school letter containing information about the process including details about confidentiality and privacy. Participation in the AEDC is voluntary. Parents/carers don’t need to take any action unless they choose not to include their children in the census.

The AEDC is a great opportunity for everyone including parents, local communities, schools and other agencies to work together to bring long-lasting benefits to children and their families.

To find out more about the census and how communities are using the data to help children and families visit the AEDC website.

SCHOOL HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES

Mornington Peninsula Shire Youth Services Team will be hosting its ‘Winter School Holiday Program’ these school holidays. Activities are open to all young people that reside or go to school on the Mornington Peninsula aged 10 to 17 years. These holidays will include activities based from Shed 11, Hastings Youth Centre and a range of excursions. All activities hosted at Shed 11 are free with no bookings required although we do require completed consent forms.

Excursions during the Winter School Holiday Program include a day trip to Mt Baw Baw for tobogganing and snow play, an indoor sports day with basketball, soccer, volleyball and more and a trip to the Australian Shark and Ray Centre to Feed the Sharks. Bookings are essential for these exciting excursions. Visit www.mpys.com.au for more details on how to book or call 5950 1666. Registrations open Monday 1 June and close Friday 12 June.

Shed 11, Hastings Youth Centre is located at 11 Marine Parade, Hastings and will be open daily from 10 am - 5 pm (closed for lunch between 12.30pm and 1pm).

For more information visit: www.mpys.com.au; www.facebook.com/mornpenyouth or call 5950 1666

PERFORMING ARTS NEWS

BAND

Band students attended a combined Cluster Band workshop and concert with Sorrento Primary School on Monday 18th May to celebrate Education Week. Students were fantastic and all enjoyed learning together and making great music. We also have our Annual Music Camp coming up for 3 days in June at the Briars Camp, Mt Martha, where over 100 students from several Mornington Peninsula schools gather to learn, rehearse their instruments and of course have fun!
Celebration Assembly

Thanks to the extra students that helped our ‘Bandies’ to play *Hall of Fame* by The Script. What a fantastic sound we made and it really ended a brilliant Assembly of sharing our learning together. Thanks to all reporters on the scene, especially news anchors Hamish and Casey for bringing us the learning headlines at Rye Primary School! Also a special mention to the lovely ladies who told a few jokes and entertained us all, hopefully it was worth being late to the Bingo Hall!

Quote of the Week

Camps, Sports & Excursions Fund (CSEF)

Every Victorian child should have access to the world of learning opportunities that exist beyond the classroom. The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund will ensure that no student will miss out on the opportunity to join their classmates for important, educational and fun activities.

School **camps** provide children with inspiring experiences in the great outdoors, **excursions** encourage a deeper understanding of how the world works and **sports** teach teamwork, discipline and leadership. All are part of a healthy curriculum.

CSEF will be provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. The allowance will be paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions, or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

The annual CSEF amount per student will be:

- $125 for primary school students
- $225 for secondary school students.

**How to Apply**

Contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

**Closing Date**

You should lodge a CSEF application form at the school by 26 June 2015.

For more information about the CSEF visit www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

All applications need to have a copy of your current Health Care Card. Please drop into the office and they will kindly copy it for you.

Rye Primary School Canteen.

Our School Canteen is open on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Menus are available from the office.
**ROSEBUD STORE**

**TERM 2 SCHOOL HOLIDAYS TRADING HOURS**

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*Normal Trading Hours:  Mon to Fri 9am to 4:30pm, Closed Sat & Sun*
Student Wellbeing – Giving and Receiving Compliments

Why learn this skill?
People enjoy being with others who appreciate the nice things about them and give compliments. People who receive compliments gracefully make the person who gave the compliment feel good about their message. Receiving compliments gracefully shows people you value yourself. Compliments are not just about clothes and appearance. More importantly they are used to appreciate what people do well or what they achieve.

Giving Compliments

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| • Look for something about a person you genuinely like or appreciate  
• Make eye contact and smile  
• Say what it is you like | • Don’t give a compliment that is not true  
• Don’t give too many compliments |

Receiving Compliments

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| • Wait till the person finishes giving you the compliment  
• Make eye contact and smile  
• Say ‘thank you’ and perhaps add a positive comment like, ‘I’ve worked hard.’ | • Don’t laugh or say something silly  
• Don’t look away  
• Don’t say something that suggests they’re wrong like, ‘No it’s not good.’ |

Reference: Friendly Kids, Friendly Classrooms

Philippa Morrison  
Assistant Principal
Rye Primary School Holiday Club
Lyons Street Rye VIC 3941
0424 456 592 (07:30-18:00)

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* Daily Requirements: Children must bring their own lunch and refreshments (no nuts please) wet weather gear, art smock and suitable clothing for an active and sunsmart day.
* An afternoon fruit snack will be provided.