Welcome back to Term 2. I hope everyone had a great break over Easter.

Term 2 Calendar: On Monday we sent out this Term’s calendar. If for any reason, you missed out on one, please contact the office for a copy.

Assembly: This term we are trying out some new ideas at assembly. The most important change for you to note is that it will be fortnightly on a Thursday afternoon instead of a Monday. Assembly starts next week. Please come along if you can. We love to share our assemblies with parents and friends.

Uniform: As the weather begins to cool it is timely to remind everyone to ensure jumpers, beanies etc are clearly named. At this time of year these items often get taken off later in the day and left behind on the oval or the basketball court. Named items can easily be reunited with their owners. Please also ensure that students wear the correct school uniform. Please support us by ensuring tights and beanies are in the school colours and that the regulation school jumper is worn. Hoodies are not part of the school uniform so please do not send them to school. If you are struggling to kit out your children please come and talk to me or to Lachlan Featherstone, our Assistant Principal, so we can try to help out.

Attendance: Well done to the students who achieved a high level of attendance last term. It is very important that students attend school every day unless there is a very good reason for them not to. Obviously if a child is ill they need to be at home but I strongly encourage you to ensure children attend if at all possible. Later in this newsletter you will find some absence facts which are quite thought provoking.

Emergency Procedures: Over the next couple of weeks we will be practising our various emergency procedures. On Wednesday we had a lock down drill. It went very well with students acting calmly and responsibly. Soon we will have onsite and off site evacuations.

Cross Country: Our School Cross Country event will take place on Wednesday, 27th April. Notices will be coming out soon about this event. Please note this event was missed when the calendar was published so please add it. Competing students are invited to wear their House colours on the day. Please ensure though that students wear suitable shoes for running and that costumes aren’t going to impede participation.

Dance-a-thon: Our Dance-a-thon will take place on Wednesday, 4th May. Information and sponsorship forms will be available this week. We have some amazing prizes for top fundraisers and for spot prizes and lucky draws.

Open Night: Our whole school Open Night will take place on Wednesday 18th May. Please keep this night free and come along as a Family and join in the fun.

Prep enrolments for 2017: Enquiries about 2017 prep enrolments have already started to come in. If you have a child due to start next year or you know of someone who has, please contact the office to arrange a tour. Our prep information night will be held on the same night as the Whole School Open Night, Wednesday, 18th May.
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Art Exhibition: We have been offered the opportunity to display some of our students’ art work in public spaces in Rye. The first exhibition space is in the Bendigo Bank on Point Nepean Road.

Students will not be identified on the art works.

If you do not wish your child’s artwork to be considered for this exhibition, please send a letter to me via the School office.

I am looking forward to showcasing some of our students’ talents in the local community.

Sport: Congratulations to Finn and Jesse from grade 5/6 who today tried out for the Peninsula Division Football Team. Both boys have been selected for the team and will try out for the Southern Metropolitan Team on May 16th. Well done boys and good luck in the next round.

Regards,
Jackie Annable

Art News

There are lots of new projects happening in the Art room this term!

We are in need of any donations from families or the community for a weaving art wheel project. We need any wool, long strips of fabric, twine and old bike wheels. Please bring any of these items to the office.

If there are any parents, grandparent or other community members that would like to help out in the art room or take home materials to cut up and prepare we are very happy to hear from you. Please come and see me in the Art room and feel welcome to come and see all the lovely art that is being done by our amazing students. All volunteers onsite during the school day require a volunteers working with children certificate.

Keep creating.
Ishka

Free to Good

Please contact the office to arrange pickup.

Performing Arts News:

Instrumental Music News

There are still opportunities to learn an instrument from any of our fantastic music tutors at Rye PS. Lessons can take place during school hours or an afterschool time that is suitable. We also offer trumpet, trombone, flute, clarinet and saxophone instruments to hire from the school at competitive rates. See Miss Parker if you’re interested in learning an instrument.

School Band

We will be having our first afterschool rehearsal next Wednesday, 20th April. Come prepared with your instrument, pencil and music books.

Southern Peninsula Music Camp

It’s on again in June this year and we have several places available for instrumental music students who want to attend the Southern Peninsula Music Camp at The Briars. During this amazing camp, we learn music and teamwork with over 90 students from neighbouring schools to create one giant musical ensemble over 3 days of fun! See Miss Parker if you are interested in attending.

YouTube Clip

Little Big Shots – some young musicians showing us How it’s done – WOW!

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=W5DsOx1gtfM&app=desktop

Quote

“The only truth is music.” Jack Kerouac

Thanks

Nat Parker

Parent Club News

Our next Parents Club meeting is on Monday 18th April at 9am in the staff room. We would like to extend a welcome to any parents who would like to come and see what we are all about.

Our Mothers’ Day stall will be held on Thursday 5th May. Gifts will range in price from .50c to $8.00. Any parents who would like to help out with the stall on the day, please fill out the roster in the front office. Raffle tickets will also be coming out in the next week for our Mothers’ Day raffle. We have some fantastic prizes on offer! We hope to see some new faces on Monday!

Thanks

Rebecca Hildebrand
Parent Club President
$1,000
FREE DENTAL FOR ELIGIBLE KIDS EVERY 2 YEARS

Funded by the Australian Government

The Child Dental Benefits Schedule (CDBS) is a government initiative providing $1,000 of free dental benefits to children aged 2 to 17 who meet the eligibility criteria. This $1,000 will be valid every two calendar years and continue until your child is over 17 years of age. The CDBS is means tested, subject to relevant government payments such as the family tax benefit part A.

To check your eligibility contact medicare or call our friendly team

www.ryefamilydental.com.au
Going to school every day is the single most important part of your child’s education. Students learn new things at school every day – missing school puts them behind.

**Why it’s important**

We all want our students to get a great education, and the building blocks for a great education begin with students coming to school each and every day. If students miss school regularly, they miss out on learning the fundamental skills that will set them up for success in the later years of school.

There is no safe number of days for missing school – each day a student misses puts them behind, and can affect their educational outcomes.

Each missed day is associated with progressively lower achievement in numeracy, writing and reading.

**Getting in early**

Attendance patterns are established early – a child regularly missing days in kindergarten or in the early years of school will often continue to miss classes in the later years, and receive lower test scores than their classmates. It’s vital that students go to school every day – even in the early years of primary school.

**What we can do**

The main reasons for absence are:

- **Sickness** – There are always times when students need to miss school, such as when they’re ill. It’s vital that they’re only away on the days they are genuinely sick, and setting good sleep patterns, eating well and exercising regularly can make a big difference.

- **“Day off”** – Think twice before letting your child have a “day off” as they could fall behind their classmates – every day counts.

- **Truancy** – This is when students choose not to go to school without their parent’s permission. There can be many reasons for truancy. The best way to address this is for schools and parents to work together.

If for any reason your child must miss school, there are things you can do with your school to ensure they don’t fall behind:

- Speak with your classroom teacher and find out what work your child needs to do to keep up.

- Develop an absence learning plan with your teacher and ensure your child completes the plan.

Remember, every day counts. If your child must miss school, speak with your classroom teacher as early as possible.

Openly communicating with your child’s school about all absences is a good way to prevent attendance issues being escalated to a School Attendance Officer. A School Attendance Officer is a Department of Education and Early Childhood Development Regional Director who has authority to follow up attendance issues. Attendance issues that are escalated can lead to an Infringement Notice.

If you’re having attendance issues with your child, please let your classroom teacher know so we can work together to get your child to school every day.

*For more information and resources to help address attendance issues, visit: [www.education.vic.gov.au/school/parents/behaviour/Pages/studentattendance.aspx](http://www.education.vic.gov.au/school/parents/behaviour/Pages/studentattendance.aspx)*)