Acting Principal’s Report

Student Incident
This week we had an incident involving one of our students on their way to school. As such, we would like to promote conversation between parents and your children about being safe and staying safe. A great way to have the conversation is encouraging them to follow the 3 R’s: Recognise, React, Report. Included in this edition of the newsletter is further information of the 3 R’s.

Special Assembly
We will be having a special assembly on the last day of term (Thursday 24th March) to celebrate our school values and draw the Easter Raffle. The assembly will begin at 1.30pm and conclude at 2.15pm in the Hall. Parents are welcome to attend.

Last Day of Term 1
Please note the time of student dismissal on Thursday 24th March is 2.30pm. Students will be dismissed from their classrooms as per normal. Due to the early finish our lunchtime will be moved to 12.30pm.

School Council
The school council elections for 2016 have been completed and the Annual General Meeting held.
A big thankyou to the outgoing members of school council. Their efforts, contributions and support have been very much appreciated. The school councillors elected for 2016 are - Ben Fahey, Andrew Race, Jackie Salter, Amanda Robertson & Lauren Humphries. Congratulations to those elected and thankyou to all candidates for their interest in becoming an active part of our school council.

Thankyou
I would like to thank the students, staff and families who have warmly welcomed me into the Rye Primary School community. It has been a very enjoyable start to my time at Rye PS and I’ve enjoyed interacting with the many students and parents who have introduced themselves or said hello in passing. I look forward to continuing to be a part of the school and contribute to its growth and development throughout Term 2. Please feel free to contact me at any time needed. My office is in the administration area beside Mrs Annable’s office.

On behalf of Rye Primary School staff, I would like to congratulate our Preps on completing their first term of Primary School and wish everyone a safe and enjoyable Easter holiday period.

Lachie Featherston - Acting Assistant Principal

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY
22 March – Harmony Day
23 March – Yr 5/6 Summer Lightning Premierships
24 March – Yr ¾ Community Exploration Excursion
Yr 6 Sailing Program
Last Day of Term 1, 2.30pm finish
11 April – First Day of Term 2.

PARENTS’ CLUB NEWS
Hello everyone, our PFA has taken on a bit of a change. We have a new leadership committee, and a new name to start 2016. I would like to thank Joanna Cross who has stepped down
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from President after 3 years in the position, and I would like to welcome our new committee:
Rebecca Hildebrand - President
Sarah Race - Vice President
Cathy Macdougall - Treasurer
Jess McNielley - Secretary

We would also like extend an open invitation to all members of our School Community who would like to come along and join in our meetings. Our next formal get together is on Monday the 18th of April at 9am, usually held in the staffroom. The aims of our "2016 Parents’ Club" are:

* To encourage the participation of all parents in the life of the school and the education of their children
* To provide opportunities for parents to get to know each other and to be informed about their child’s school
* To work in co-operation with the School Council and the Principal
* To raise funds for the benefit of the School

Everyone is welcome, we wish to make Fundraising FUN. We don’t exclude anyone who wishes to participate in any capacity, whether it is attending meetings, helping out on our fundraising days, meeting new parents or volunteering for our Bunnings Sausage Sizzle/cake stall later in the year. If you would like more information, please contact the school administration office.

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

Easter Raffle tickets are due back to the office by Monday 21st March. The raffle will be drawn at assembly on Thursday the 24th March. Do pop in and see all the fantastic prizes on offer.

We are still collecting Easter egg donations until Friday the 18th March; remember there is a prize for the Class that brings in the most amounts of eggs!!

Thank you!!
Rebecca Hildebrand - President
"Rye Primary School Parents’ Club"
THINGS TO REMEMBER

When visiting friends or playing sports it's important to remember your personal safety. Here are some safety tips to remember:

**TELL SOMEONE**
- Where you are going
- What time you will be home
- Who you are with
- If you change your plans

If you are late or change your plans, call your parents or carer and let them know.

Always travel with a friend.

**REACT**

If you feel worried, confused, or upset you need to REACT:

- Run
- Help! Help!
- Scream
- Ring for help, your parents or police
- It's ok to say "help" if you feel unsafe or unsure.

**RECOGNISE**

Our bodies tell us when we don't feel safe through our **BODY CODES**

- Butterflies in your tummy
- Heart pounding
- Wobbly knees
- Sweaty palms
- Crying

**REPORT**

This is really important safety message.

The most likely person to help is one who can keep you safe and who can make a situation safer for you.

"I CAN GET HELP"

Create a safety network of adults and friends who you know will listen to you, believe you, and help you.

- School Principal
- Grandparents
- Auntie or Uncle
- Police

**TEACHER**: If you are not getting the help you need to keep trying until you do.