From the Principal
On behalf of all the staff I would like to wish everyone a very happy Christmas and a safe and peaceful break.

On a personal note I would like to thank everyone who has supported me in my first 6 months as Principal at Rye Primary School. A particular word of thanks goes to Tina my assistant principal who has supported me every day and has shared her knowledge and expertise freely with me. Equally I want to acknowledge Mauyra Marsh, our business manager and Maureen our lovely office manager for their unfailing assistance, encouragement and advice. I need to thank all the staff for their hard work and the parent volunteers and the whole community for welcoming me, helping me and supporting me. It is true when they say “it takes a community to raise a child.” What a great community we have here.

Important Dates

*Last day of Term 4 2014 is Friday 19th December. School finishes at 1.30pm

*Book collection day is Friday 23rd January 2015 8.00am – 2.00pm.

*First day of School for 2015 is Thursday 29th January.

Important Notice
As of next year we will no longer be emailing the Newsletter to parents, we will be sending the Newsletter via our App. Please download the free
Peace Garden Colouring Competition Winners.

Prep: Davide
Grade 1: Leander
Grade 2: Jamilla
Grade 3: Khara
Grade 4: Riley
Grade 5: Keely
Grade 6: Kanako

Congratulations to all our winners. You will find them displayed in the notice board outside the hall. The peace garden committee will catch up with you all in the New Year with your prizes.

Rye’s History

There are a number of Rye Primary Students with long family associations to the school and Rye community that are graduating from grade 6 and the Rye Historical Society wishes them all the very best for their journey to secondary school.

Jared Jackson claims the Cairns, Thompson and Russell Families in his heritage. Edward Russell was one of the areas earliest limeburners. In 1852 he was savaged by a horse whilst working for the Purves family of Tootgarook Station. Seeking medical attention he sought treatment at the newly formed Quarantine Station at The Heads where he met Mary Seaton, a survivor of the ill-fated ‘Ticonderoga’. The ship had lost 200 souls on the journey to Port Phillip, all dying from typhus. Edward and Mary went on to have nine children. Their daughter Johanna married James Thompson Cairns, Jared’s great, great, grandparents. Jared also claims heritage to one of the earliest land holders, the Purves family who settled the area in the 1840s.

Josh Kensley is a descendant of Dennis and Honnorah Sullivan who were one of the first four families who settled at The Heads. Their son, Patrick moved to Rye where he played an important role in the development of Rye. Josh also claims heritage to the Watson family, local fishermen and the Hill family. The Hills were prominent in local industries such as limeburning and woodcutting. Josh’s great, great grandparents were Lucy Hill and James Watson. Lucy and James’ son, Percy and his siblings attended Rye Primary during the 1920s.

Eloise Armstrong’s family came to Rye in the early 1950s. Her grandfather, John began Armstrong Electrics and her great Aunts, Bonnie, Alice and Heather were heavily involved with the guiding movement in the town from the mid 1950s through to the 1980s.

James Nevinson is the fifth generation of the Myers family to attend Rye Primary, the association extending back to about 1890. His family owned the land where the oval now stands and his great, great, great grandmother, Mary Myers, known as Granny Myers was well known for giving the school children apples and for becoming a marbles champion in her eighties when, during the 1940s, she would play contests in the school yard. The brother of James’ great, great grandfather Crawford (Doll) was Ernie Myers who was the only Rye born and bred man to give his life during World War 1.

Enjoy the Sun and the Beach