



Principal's Page

Welcome to our second newsletter for 2015.

Beach Programs:

Finally the good weather has arrived and just in time. Last week the students from grades 1 and 2 enjoyed participating in the water safety program at the beach. A variety of activities were offered to develop water awareness. The students all had a great time and I thoroughly enjoyed my time with them (My visit just happened to coincide with a particularly pleasant, sunny afternoon!) Thank you to all the teachers and parents involved in making this program happen and particularly to Tracey Riley who volunteered her time for the entirety of the program.

Our grade 6 students have also been at the beach. They have been lucky enough to go sailing. Living close to the beach we take water safety seriously. All students from Grade 1 upwards have some form of water safety element in their curriculum. A big thank you to Cheryl and her team of teachers and helpers for the magnificent job they do.

Swimming:

A number of our students participated in swimming trials at Rosebud pool in the hope of being selected to compete at District level. Mr. Campbell reported that all students tried their hardest and were a credit to their parents and our school.

Peace Garden:

The good weather has also encouraged our Peace Garden to produce fruit and vegetables. Please have a look in the produce basket at the office if you would like

to have some beautiful, fresh produce. All we ask is a donation so we can buy more seeds and seedlings. The spring onions are finished but we have plums and cherry tomatoes available at the moment. If you are interested in being involved in the Peace Garden we have a very active group of parents and teachers who meet, plan and work to constantly improve this valuable curriculum resource. Gaynor English in Grade 3 is the teacher who leads this group. Please see her for more information.



Volunteering:

Other ways you can become involved with your children's learning are by offering to help in the classroom, joining the Parents and Friends Association, joining School Council, volunteering to help out on excursions, camps and by attending our working bees and community events. I was delighted to welcome some new parents to the PFA this week. School Council nominations are available at the office and we will shortly be offering parent helper training. Please be aware that you will require a volunteer working with children certificate to help out in any activity involving the students. If you are interested in any of these opportunities please come and speak to Maureen in the office and she will happily point you in the direction of who can help you.

Community Event:

Our next community event is on **Friday 27th February**. From 2.30 - 5.30pm we will be holding a **Clean Up Rye Primary School event**. This is to support Clean Up Australia which is the following day. We are keen for our students to understand that the environment is everyone's responsibility so we would love to have as many parents and friends as possible join us in making our school grounds and buildings cleaner, smarter and safer. The Rye Lions Club have offered a free sausage sizzle to round off the event so we ask that you let the office know how many family members will be in attendance for catering purposes. All students will be involved from 2.30 to 3.15 and are very welcome to stay on after that time if accompanied by a parent.

Curriculum:

We have had a very energetic start to the year with exciting learning going on across all year levels. The Junior school team have been working very hard to further develop our Walker learning model and have become a very close knit group, sharing ideas and resources long afterschool is over. In the grades 3-6 our new Interact program has had a big impact with students becoming very engaged in Inquiry based units of work. The grade 6 students are getting very excited as they will be leaving in less than two weeks for Surf Camp. Our specialists have also been working hard to deliver quality programs. I was lucky enough to be invited by Miss Parker to the choir try outs last week. I was amazed at how many students were interested in being part of the choir and were prepared to commit to working hard. I thought they sounded amazing already so I am really looking forward to seeing how they develop over time. Students who play an instrument also have the opportunity to join a school band.

In the art room students have had the opportunity to participate in a postcard design competition. The winners of this competition

will have their designs published as Rye Primary School postcards.

At Rye Primary School our aim is to cater for the needs of all students. We offer extra support in literacy which is now happening in our new literacy and support centre. We also offer a range of programs such as speech, mindfulness and ABA therapy to students and families. Shortly we will be able to offer some occupational therapy assistance too. Our clubs program runs at lunch time offering alternatives to outside play.

Date with Dad:

On Thursday, 5th March we will be running our Date with Dad night from 6-8pm. This is a great opportunity for Dads to connect with their sons and daughters. They are even allowed to tell Dad jokes and share special time and PIZZA.

Communication:

It has been brought to my attention that some people are unable to download the Tiqbiz app onto their phones so are unable to receive the newsletter that way. To try to save a few trees we are trying to find alternatives to hard copies of the newsletter. We used email last year but found that often emails bounced back if people changed their email address or their inboxes were full. We are now proposing that we will continue with Tiqbiz but we will also display the newsletter on the noticeboard attached to the hall wall. Our newsletter is also available on our website. We will display a sign when the newsletter is uploaded. If these options do not work for you and you would prefer a hard copy, please fill out the note below and return to Maureen in the office and we will ensure your child is given a copy of the newsletter to bring home. We usually give the youngest member of the family the notices so you will know whose bag to check! I hope you all have a happy fortnight until I next write to you.

Kind regards,
Jackie Annable, Principal



Student Name.....

Students Grade.....

Yes I would like to receive a hard copy of the Newsletter

Parent/Guardian Name.....

Back the River by James Bay and working on some songs from other countries as part of our Harmony Day celebrations in March.

BAND

Congratulations to the successful students who auditioned for Band last week. Rehearsals will be every second Wednesday in the Music Room. Any parents with some musical ability and a working with children check please see Miss Parker if you are available to help us make great music together.

Quote of the Week

“Music in the soul can be heard by the universe.” Lao Tzu

YouTube Clip of the Week <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4sMc-p19Flk>

Although not strictly *ballet*, this Chinese circus company mixes acrobatics with a ballet-inspired Swan Lake routine. The result - WOW!

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- 20th February – Year 6 Surf Camp full payment due.
- 24th February – Year 6 Sailing Program
- 25th February – Getting to know you, Parent Teacher Interviews.
- 2nd March – Year 6 Surf Camp
- 5th March – Date with Dad 6pm to 8pm
- 9th March – Labour Day Public

Don't forget to see Miss Parker if you are interested in learning a musical instrument at school.



Performing Arts News

Senior Choir

Last week we had sign-up weeks for our Senior Choir. We had over 70 interested students from grades 3 – 6, Senior Choir rehearsals will be held every 2nd Wednesday (odd weeks of Term). A letter for Choir students will be sent home next week.

We already have a performance scheduled at Neighbour Day on Sunday 22nd March. More details will follow. Choir will be practising *Hold*

PA Newsletter:

It was wonderful to have some new faces at our meeting on Monday. Our first fundraiser will be an Easter raffle. The grade which donates the most Easter eggs will be awarded a prize. The raffle will be drawn at assembly on Monday 23rd March.

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Please leave donations of Easter eggs/bunnies at the office. Raffle tickets will be sent home shortly – please check your child's bag.

Cheers, Joanna Cross, President



INTERESTED IN PLAYING BASEBALL? WE WANT YOU!

BONEO BASEBALL CLUB IS RECRUITING FOR 2015!
JOIN US FOR WHAT WILL BE ANOTHER GREAT YEAR
AND HOPEFULLY ANOTHER JUNIOR PREMIERSHIP
AT BONEO.

ALL AGES (8 YEARS AND ABOVE) & ABILITIES ARE WELCOME!

WHERE: *Braves Clubrooms. Olympic Park Oval, Besgrove Street Rosebud. MELWAYS 170 B4*

TRAINING: *Commences Wednesday 4th March 2015 from 4pm*

GAME DAYS: *Saturdays commencing 18th April 2015 from 8:00am (juniors) and 11am (seniors). Depends on team.*

COST: \$100 for Juniors, \$280 for Seniors (Contact for more info)

Come and Try Night on Wednesday 4th March from 4pm. Free BBQ!



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Important Changes to Opening Hours

Please note that we will be closing on Saturday's from Saturday 28 February 2015.

We will start Saturday trading again as of Saturday 11 April 2015.

Our opening hours are:

Monday to Friday 9.00am – 4.00pm

Attention all Catholic Children in Grades 5 and 6

Classes for the Sacrament of Confirmation will begin at St Joseph's School, Sorrento, on Wednesday 4th March at 3.45pm. If you are eligible can parents please contact the school on 59841291 or the Parish on 59844374 and leave their details. Please bring your child to the school office on the 4th March.

3941 Rye BeachPatrol has arrived!



We are a few locals who want to help prevent marine debris by removing litter from our beaches and foreshore, promoting litter awareness to the local community and visitors to Rye.

Registration Day
Sunday 15 February 2015

Rain, Hail
or Shine!

10am – 12pm

Come along to find out more, sign up, get your free 3941 Rye T-Shirt and clean up kit and join the litter pick up

Meet at the Rye Yacht Club car park
(2120 Point Nepean Road, Rye)

*Let's all work together to protect our precious marine life
and keep our Rye beaches beautiful!*