**IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

Monday 13th April is a Curriculum day. Staff will be working on our whole school writing program. This is the first day of Term 2.

**No students are required at school on this day.**

Dear Parents and Friends

I can hardly believe this is my last newsletter for Term 1. This term has gone so fast!

**School Council:**

Last night we farewelled some School Councillors including Bec Closter who has been our president for the last four years, Tracey Riley, our ever efficient secretary, Narelle Rainsbury and Deb Jordan. I would like to acknowledge all the hard work put in by each of these people and thank them for their significant contribution to Rye Primary School. I would also like to welcome our new members and thank those who are continuing.

School councils play a key role in Victorian government schools. Participating as a school council member is a rewarding and challenging experience. The school council supports me, as principal, to provide the best possible educational outcomes for students. If you are interesting in volunteer opportunities at Rye Primary School, please come and talk to me or to Tina Coumbe, our assistant principal.

**New Staff:**

I would like to welcome Ishka Cowling to our staff. Ishka has been appointed to an educational support position in the school.

**Multiage Cultural Diversity Day:**

Our special multi-age day to celebrate Harmony Day was a fabulous success. A huge thank you to all staff and community members and especially the organising team for putting together an event that allowed the students to participate in such a rich, multi-cultural experience.
Curriculum Day:

Our second curriculum day for 2015 will be on 13\textsuperscript{th} April. This is the first day of Term 2. Students will not be required at school on this day. The staff will be spending the day developing skills and expertise around the teaching of writing.

School Events:

It has been a very busy time at Rye Primary School recently. The 1/2s and the 4s have visited the Briars, the 6s recently had a very successful camp at Lorne. Yachting is proving to be very successful with the year 6 students and the Date with Dad event had huge support. Earlier in the week, Tina Coumbe ran a parent helpers course and I was delighted to see so many parents wanting to upskill and volunteer their time to support our students.

Easter Raffle:

Don’t forget to get your raffle tickets back before we draw the Easter raffle at Assembly on Monday afternoon. There are lots of yummy eggs, bunnies and chocolates waiting to be eaten! A big thank you to everyone who donated to our raffle prize pool.

May I finish by wishing everyone a safe and happy holiday. I look forward to seeing well rested and eager students back at school on 14\textsuperscript{th} April.

Jackie Annable, Principal

IMPORTANT MESSAGE

We have a number of students who need access to the disabled parking area. If you do not have a permit to park in this area please do not park in these car parks, even just to quickly drop off children.

The safety of our students is very important and we have students that need to use these spaces to ensure their safety.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY
20\textsuperscript{th} March – Whole School Harmony Day
24\textsuperscript{th} March – Grade 6 Sailing
13\textsuperscript{th} April – Curriculum Day, No students are required at school on this day.
14\textsuperscript{th} April – First Day of Term 2
A message from School Council

Please be advised that as per our Parent payments and program policy - any payments for camps that have not been received 7 days prior, and excursions by the due date; will result in children not being able to attend. This is due to OH&S and numbers of teachers and adults being required to attend based on numbers of children attending. Thank you for your understanding. Please contact the office if there is ever any assistance required in regards to this. We would like all children to attend and will assist where possible.

Performing Arts News

Neighbour Day 2015. This Sunday the Choir will be singing at Eastbourne Primary School as we celebrate being a community and connecting with our neighbours. The Senior Choir will be performing at 1:20PM on the stage. We are singing Hold Back the River, Ipharadisi, Che Che Kooley, Duck Dance, Epanay and Lean On Me.

YouTube of the Week
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0D2o8F2MOu!
This amazing looking PVC instrument sounds incredible! The grade 3-6 students looked at riffs in music this Term. – I wonder if they will recognise any riffs or melodies from these songs that are played. I wonder if we could get one of these instruments here in the Peace Garden.

Quote of the Week

One good thing about music, when it hits- you feel no pain – Bob Marley

Sport Team Selection

Recently there have been some questions regarding selection of school teams for sporting events. At Rye Primary School there is a strong emphasis on participation and giving students a wide range of experiences so they have the opportunity to develop team and resilience skills and experience a range of sports and positions. This way we believe we are assisting students to be better prepared if they choose to pursue a particular sport in their secondary years.

When teams are selected a range of criteria is taken into account. Such things as skills and ability, performance, preferences, students’ needs, sportsmanship, participation and overall contribution to our school are all considered before final selection is announced.

Students who excel in sporting endeavours also have opportunities to participate in state representative teams. These opportunities offer students access to specialised coaching and expertise that supports development of their performance capabilities. Students who are eligible will meet age requirements, have a good knowledge of the sport, rules and a high standard of skill. Competitors should be playing in a current sporting competition or involved at a club level. Rye Primary School will be guided by the number of students each school in our District is allowed to send to trials. Local coaches may be approached to clarify any queries we may have. As these are not school based trials, parents are to accompany their child to the trial.

SPORTS NEWS

Well done to Sam and Tom who played in a District Tennis Tournament last Friday. Both of these boys play competition tennis on the weekend. Sam won enough games to go onto the next round. Tom narrowly missing out by only a few points. Thankyou to the boys’ parents who had to juggle day jobs as well as other commitments to get the boys to the tournament as well as having an adult supervise them all day. Good luck in the next round Sam.

Summer Lightning Premiership will be held on the last Wednesday of term. All teams need an adult to help with supervision. If
you are able to help could you please see one of the 5/6 teachers. No umpiring is required but perhaps some scoring.

The Committee and Management of The Dunes Gold Club is about to offer eight Golfing Scholarships to boys and girls who attend our school. This offer is free to Juniors, no green fees, no coaching fees and no cost for golf balls. The Club is seeking to attract students in the 5/6 area. Our school is the first school approached as the Dunes Golf Committee is interested in promoting golf to the local community. Coaching of students will be conducted by Mr David Good. If you are interested in applying please see Ms Cunningham. 

Thanks
Cheryl Cunningham

Date with Dad

Where: Rye Primary School Art room.

When: Wednesday’s during the school term 9.15am – 11.15am.

Come and catch up with other parents, babies and pre-school children. Indoor and out door play, craft activities and story time. Bring along a drink a piece of fruit to share. Tea and coffee facilities avaialble and don't forget to bring a hat.
Two evenings with Stephen Biddulph

Author, psychologist and retired family therapist Stephen Biddulph is one of Australia’s most respected parent educators. For 30 years he has given talks that make audiences laugh, cry, as well as better understand their children and teenagers.

Raising Girls: Wed 6 May 2015 7.30pm

This new talk covers girls at every age - from newborn to their twenties. You’ll hear stories about girls who have overcome tough situations and how you can help your daughter ‘grow wise, warm and strong’. Learn about the five stages of girlhood and the unique roles played by mums, dads, and sisters in girls’ lives. Discover how to give your daughter inner security, a feeling that the world is here to explore, confidence in friendship, and a sense of herself that goes beyond the trials of looks, fashion, or pleasing boys.

Tickets: $25 per adult
Special price for both evenings: $45 per adult
$14 from each ticket sold will assist in fundraising for Rosebud Secondary College’s ‘Wellness’ Program.

Please purchase tickets at
www.southernpeninsulartscentre.com

Raising Boys: Thurs 7 May 2015 7.30pm

Everyone who has boys is concerned for them. We want them to grow up safe, caring and positive about life. Come and hear from one of the world’s leading voices on the psychology of boys and men. Topics include: the three stages of boyhood, keeping the special qualities of boys; the importance of dads; testosterone; what to do if you’re a single mum; why boys love rough and tumble games; boys and household work; and much more!

FREE DANCE TIGHTS!
Mention this ad when you enrol for term 2 and receive a free pair of dance tights!