



## Important Reminders about Students' Wellbeing and Safety.

*I am taking a different approach to my page this time as there are some very important safety and wellbeing issues I want to remind everyone about.*

### Supervision Times – Before and After School:

Rye Primary School students are supervised in the yard before school from 8.30am. A number of students are being dropped off significantly earlier than this. I understand this often happens so parents can get to work on time, however prior to 8.30am students are not under adult supervision in the yard.

To support you in ensuring your child is safe we offer breakfast club from 8.15am on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday mornings and Before School Care, run by Camp Australia, is available every morning from 7am.

After school, children are supervised from 3.15pm -3.30pm. After School Care, again run by Camp Australia, is available until 6.30pm.

For more information and to register for the Before and After School Care programs please go to [www.campaustralia.com.au](http://www.campaustralia.com.au) or call 1300 105 343.

**Community Use of School Facilities:** I am very happy that parents and children choose to use our school facilities after school and on the weekends and holidays, however I ask that outside supervision hours parents are active in supervising their children. It can only take a moment of inattention for an accident to happen. I have noticed a number of our students at school

at the weekends unsupervised. This worries me, as should there be an accident, nobody is here to support them. After school, some parents choose to stay around allowing their children to play together and giving parents the opportunity for a catch up. I love to see this community time but I ask that you be mindful that children, including pre-schoolers and teenagers as well as our students need to be closely watched.

**Attendance:** You will read later in this newsletter about new attendance incentives which have been designed after consultation with students to encourage our students to be at school regularly. Obviously, students who are sick need to be at home recouping but other than that we ask that you send your children to school. Frequent absences impact on learning causing gaps to develop which means that student cannot move forward with learning, as they haven't the basic scaffolds they need.

Frequent absences also impact on children's ability to make and sustain friendships. Children who are frequently away miss out on the daily interactions, making their eventual return to school more difficult as they are "out of the loop."

**Punctuality:** I understand that occasionally we sleep in or something unexpected comes up which makes it unavoidable that children arrive late to school. Having said that, children who are late to school often find it difficult to settle into the classroom as they have missed instructions, the teacher is unable to stop the lesson to greet them and they may feel awkward or anxious about being "in the spotlight."

## RYE PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

For the best start to your child's day please have them at school by the time the music starts at 8.45am. Learning officially begins at 8.50am, and students are expected to be in their classes at this time. The benefits are that your child has a chance to transition into student-mode as well as develop positive life-long habits of punctuality. They get extra free play time with their friends before the bell, and they don't have to worry about interrupting their teacher and classmates if they're late. Let's give them the best start every day, because a great start affects their whole day.

**Prep Transition:** Finally, children who are starting school next year will have the best possible start if they attend transition which starts **THIS FRIDAY, 18<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST**. If you have not yet enrolled your child for prep 2018, please come and see our friendly office staff.

*At Rye Primary School, we care deeply about our students and try very hard to ensure they are safe and happy. Please help us to help them.*

Kind regards,

Jackie Annable

Principal

### **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

18<sup>th</sup> August – POP (Preparing our Preps) Program, 2.30pm.

21<sup>st</sup> August – Character Dress up day

21<sup>st</sup>-25<sup>th</sup> August – Book Week & Book Fair

31<sup>st</sup> August – Fathers' Day Stall

4<sup>th</sup> September – Fathers' Day Breakfast

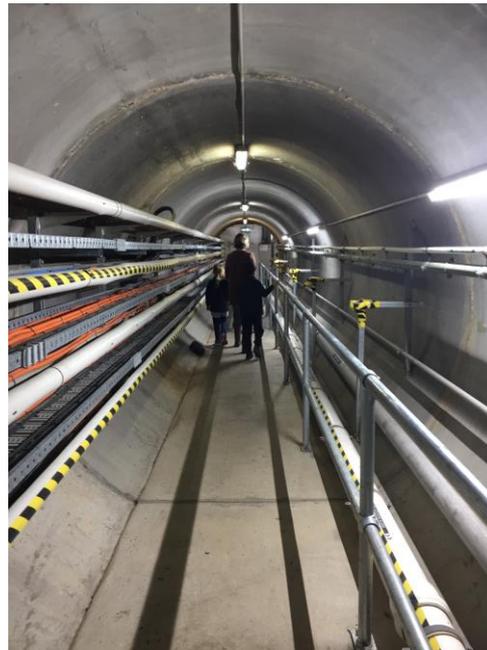
4<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> September – Grade 5 Sovereign Hill Camp



**Don't forget to collect your Earn & Learn stickers from Safeway.** We have a box in

the office for your stickers.

## **GRADE 1/2 MT MARTHA TREATMENT PLANT EXCURSION.**



### **Peace Garden and Sandpit**

We have achieved another stage in improvement of our outdoor spaces. Last Friday we the wonderful staff from Bunnings donated 100 plants and helped plant them in the Peace Garden with Grade 1/2 Smith. We also had a new sandpit built, a new path installed and crushed rock toppings spread in the peace garden. On Saturday we had some awesome Rye PS families invest time in spreading mulch on the new garden beds and students spreading sand in the new sandpit.

A huge thankyou to Kyle from Clarrie Jennings & Sons for providing the crushed rock, sand and mulch, Alyce and the Bunnings Rosebud Team for the plants and concrete, Emma & Laura for helping with planting and the Worrall, Pentland, Findlay and Eagles Families for their time and hard work in the school yard. A final thankyou to Ethan, Ricky and Bailey for spreading the sand, great job guys!

Mr Featherston

## BOOK WEEK CHARACTER DRESS-UP

Monday 21<sup>st</sup> August

## **WHAT BOOK CHARACTER WILL YOU DRESS UP AS?**



### NO ASSEMBLY ON THURSDAY

This Book Week assembly will replace the usual assembly on 24/8/17

### FATHERS' DAY STALL- HELP WANTED!

31st August - 8am-2pm

Hi Big People,

Volunteer opportunities are now open.

Shifts 8-9, 9-11, 11-1, 1-2.30

Please go to the following web address to find the signup sheet

<https://www.volunteersignup.org/AH4TH>

To sign up, just follow the instructions on the page.

It only takes a few seconds to do.

Thank you for volunteering!

### NEXT MEETING

Our next Parents' Club meeting is on Monday the 11th of September at 9.00am in the staff room.

We'll be talking Bunnings BBQ tactics and our Christmas Picnic game plan!

The Parents' Club is open to all parents of Rye Primary School, so please feel free to come along, I promise we don't bite!

Cheers

Sarah

### RYE PRIMARY SCHOOL SWIM SQUAD

Rye Primary School Swim Squad is running again this term on Thursday mornings between 7.45am and 8.15am at Peninsula Swimming and Aquatic Centre, Colchester Road, Rosebud.

The children in our squad need to have at least Level 4 swimming ability. They will be trained in stroke technique, endurance and racing procedures.

The cost for squad for this term has been reduced to \$30 for the remaining seven sessions. Parents need to arrange transport to and from the pool for their children. Please fill in a form at the school office or see Lauren Eagles or Lesley O'Hanlon with any questions.



### LET'S FIX 3941 CAMPAIGN

Rye Community Group Alliance (RCGA) is having a Let's Fix 3941 (Rye and Tootgarook) Campaign from Monday 21 August to Monday 18 September 2017. Please let us know what's broken, what needs to be removed (eg graffiti, rubbish, tree branches) , made safe, cleaned, mown, trimmed, cleared... you get the picture!

Working together as a community we can make sure Rye and Tootgarook are the best maintained towns in the Mornington Peninsula Shire 😊😊

All you have to do when you see something that needs attention is just email:

[ryeactiongrp@gmail.com](mailto:ryeactiongrp@gmail.com) with the details and the location - photos are okay too.

Please get involved & let family and friends know. We will let you know the outcome

**Attendance.**

Do you wish for your child:

- Good social development?
- Healthy sense of responsibility?
- Ability to commit to themselves and others?
- Academic growth?

Research shows that these are achievable through regular attendance at school (Managing School Attendance, 2003/4 Report).

A 'day off' may not seem a big deal, but new things are taught at school every day. That means every day your child is not there they are missing new information. That information may be foundational and so affect the rest of their week, month, year or lifetime.

To reduce children asking for a 'day off', make those home-days less appealing. Ban electronics, movies and junk food. Avoid visiting fun places. If they say they're bored, don't try to fix this. Sometimes we can create a pattern without even realising it. Education may be a right in Australia but it is a privilege universally. Give your child the best chance at future success by valuing their education. Strive to achieve to be at school every day.

**New Incentive Program for the rest of Term 3**

On Monday we rolled out a new Incentive Program to encourage more students to come to school more often. If your child attends 100% of the time or more than they normally do, they will be rewarded with a coupon each fortnight. The coupon entitles them to one of the following: Bouncy Ball, Anzac Biscuit, Rainbow Scratch Board, Mini Muffin, or a Frozen Fruit Stick, to be collected from the canteen. Their attendance will be based on their previous attendance each fortnight. On the last day of term, students with consistent attendance improvement, and/or 100% attendance, will be rewarded with a Movie and Popcorn. We are doing this because we value student's attendance, we value their future opportunities and we value the effort our staff put in to educating your child. Please show us you value it too through your child's attendance.

(Exemptions for the new Incentive Program: medical certificate absenteeism and school-based programs)

