



Issue #17
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School Newsletter

Special Points of Interest **Same-day notification of unexplained student absences**

Our school will now text you as soon as practical on the day if your student is not at school and you haven't notified the school as to why. If you are notified by the school that your student is away without a reason, please reply to the text or phone the School on 59852363. Please remember it is your responsibility to contact us to provide an explanation for your student's absence from school, and where possible, please inform us in advance of upcoming absences.

Important Dates

Wednesday 27/6

Yr 5/6 History Tour

Friday 29/6

Last Day of Term 2 – 2:30pm finish

Monday 16/7

First Day Term 3

Friday 20/7

NAIDOC IncurSION

Monday 23/7, Tuesday 24/7/ Wednesday 25/7

Parent-Teacher Meetings

Tuesday 24/7

Divisional Netball

Friday 27/7

Divisional Soccer

National Tree Day

Wednesday 8/8

House Athletics Yr 3-6

Wednesday 15/8

Science Expo

From the Principal's Desk *Jackie Annable*

What a busy time we have had lately at Rye Primary School!

Events and Excursions: The Year 5s returned last week from a very exciting, if somewhat chilly camp at Sovereign Hill. I have heard nothing but good comments from teachers and students alike. It really is a wonderful learning experience to be able to go back in time and actually participate in a lifestyle long gone. One student told me he got into trouble for writing with his left hand and another told me about how the children were segregated into different social classes and how the curriculum was different depending on your station in life.

The preps had an exciting time recently, when their day consisted of all things pirate. They dressed up and their activities were themed to suit the event. We had some very cute pirates and one disturbingly scary teacher pirate who somehow had managed to acquire a beard over night!

Our instrumental music students have also recently returned from their music camp where they participated over 3 days with students and tutors from several local schools, learning a total of twelve pieces which they performed last Friday night at a concert in Eastbourne Primary School hall.

Sport: Congratulations to our soccer and netball teams who won the lightning premierships and are going forward to the Divisional level. Also congratulations to Kate, Lucas and Charlie who ran in the Divisional cross country. All three performed really well with Kate winning her race, Lucas coming 17th and Charlie 30th. These are great achievements as all the runners had already qualified in local heats so were the best from each area.

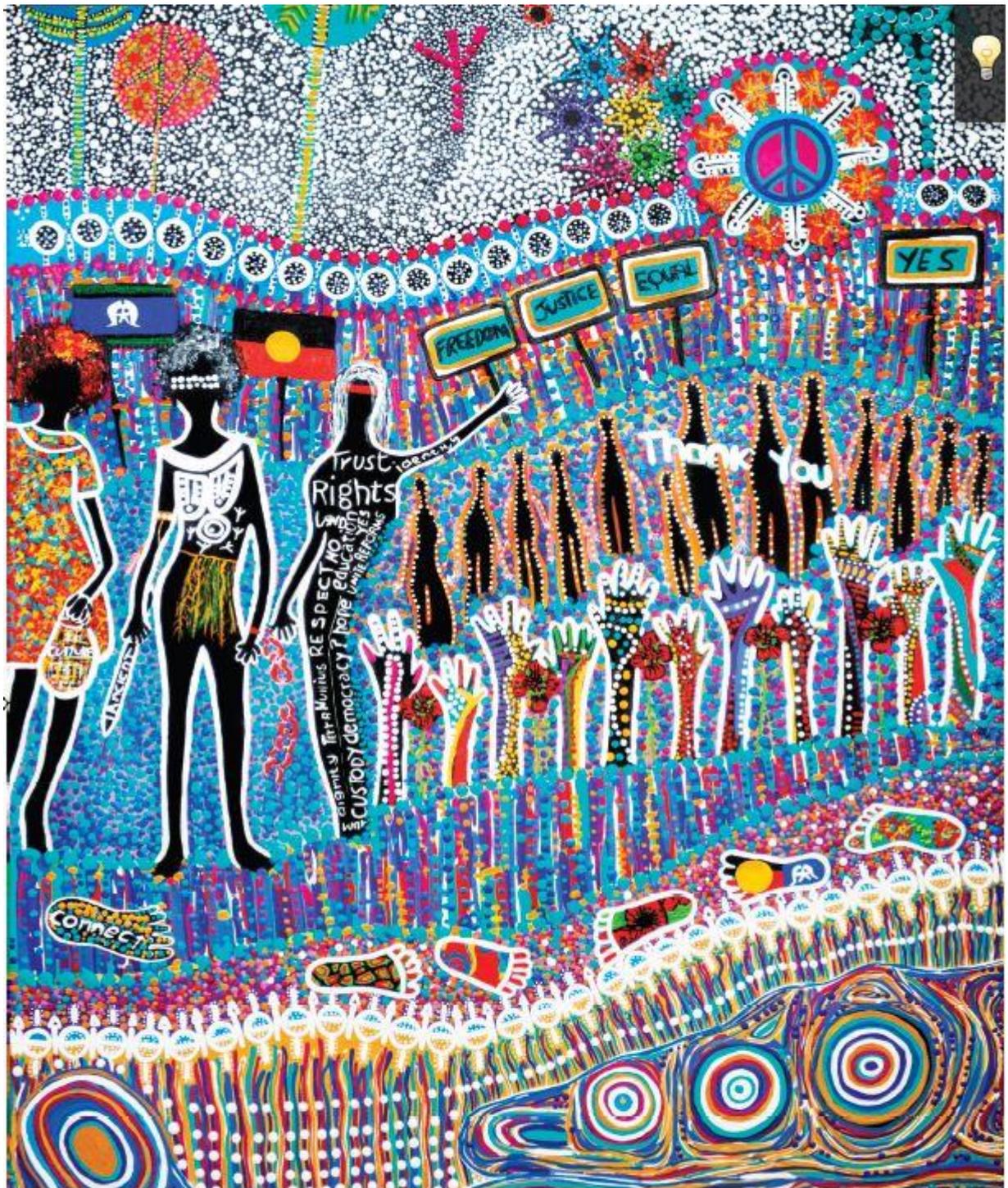
FlexiBuzz: It was highlighted to me on Wednesday, when the year 5 campers were returning to school, the importance of all families, if at all possible, downloading the free, FlexiBuzz app onto a phone, iPad or other electrical device. The campers' return was significantly delayed due to an accident on the freeway, which caused a massive traffic jam. We FlexiBuzzed out this information so families weren't waiting at school for over an hour. The other thing that I noted was that some people have FlexiBuzz but missed the updated information so weren't receiving the messages. Out of school hours, this is the only way we can communicate with you, so please consider installing this communication tool.

Staffing: We have a few teachers taking leave early next term. If your child's class is affected, you will receive a letter this week to let you know who will be taking the class. I too will be taking some long service leave the first two weeks of Term 3. In my absence, Lachie Featherston, will be acting principal.

Reports/ Parent teacher meetings: A letter went out last week explaining the new reporting format. I would like to remind everyone to ensure they book in for a parent teacher meeting in week 2 of Term 3. These meetings go hand and hand with the report and it is very important that you attend.

Have a good week.

Regards,
Jackie Annable
Principal



Artwork: amagga-woman Anita Chen-Hogg

NAIDOC Week 2018

BECAUSE OF HER, WE CAN!

NAIDOC Week 2018 celebrates the remarkable contributions that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women have made and continue to make – to our communities, our families, our rich history and to our nation.

The artwork portrays the courage and resilience of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women. From the ripples of fresh water and salt water, across the travel pathways and song lines of our traditional lands and skies.

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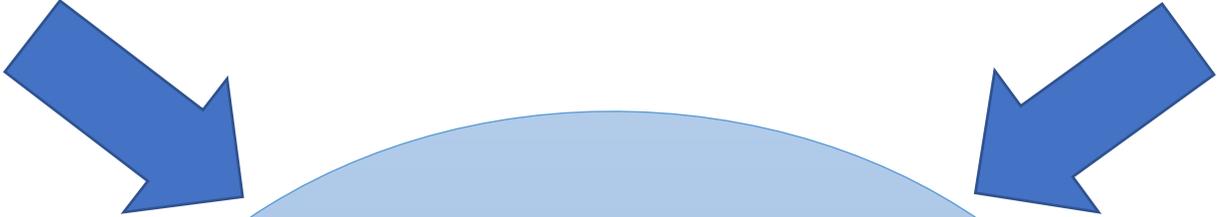


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ENROLMENTS

Our enrolments for 2019 close on 29th June, the end of this week.

If you have yet to enrol a child, please do so this week.



ATTENDANCE:

Just a reminder, it is really important that you let us know, in writing, if your child is away from school. There are slips at the office that you can fill in for short term absences. For longer term absences, please send a letter to the principal, Jackie Annable, requesting the leave as then we can organise suitable work for your child to do while away from school. As much notice as possible is appreciated to allow the teachers to prepare the work. Please be mindful when taking longer leaves of absence, that although undoubtedly children learn a lot from travelling, it is very likely that they will fall behind on their school work and it is not uncommon that when they return, they experience difficulty reconnecting with their peers.