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PRINCIPAL'S PAGE

Community

At Rye Primary School we often talk about building the community but who is our community? To my mind the Rye Primary School community includes students, staff, families, volunteers, local community organisations and anyone else who joins with us in making the school a safer, happier and richer place for our children.

We are very lucky at Rye Primary School to have positive role models from our community providing rich experiences for our children. We have people who help in classrooms, in our literacy support programs, in the library, at breakfast club, through Scientist in Schools program and with sport and camps. We have local groups who provide food and financial support and of course our wonderful historical society who is right here on the premises in the Old School House. Having these people around our school means we can offer experiences outside what can be offered by the staff. We thank these people and encourage them to continue in partnership with us.

I have said in the past that I believe children are best served if the school and the families work together. I strongly encourage parents, if they are able, to volunteer at the school. We have a variety of opportunities available – classroom helpers, Parent Club, School Council to name just a few and I am always open to hearing of other ways you might like to offer something to our children. I encourage you too if you have a question, suggestion or concern to speak to

someone about it. The class teacher may be the best person initially however it could be the office staff or Lachlan, Lesley or myself.

Below I have included a little bit of background information on the leadership team. Over the next few newsletters, I will introduce the various teams throughout the school.

Jackie Annable

Principal

I was born and grew up in Northern Ireland. It was an interesting place to grow up as it was during the troubles there. Having said that I was lucky enough to live in a small, seaside village where the most exciting thing that happened was when a bus got jammed under the low bridge at the entrance to the village.

My first job was in a boarding school. Classes went from 9am to 5.30pm every day except Wednesday when we finished at 12.30pm and did sport all afternoon. Sport for a whole afternoon – cool? Yes, it was but we made up the time by also having school on a Saturday morning from 9am to 12.30pm.

My next job was also in a boarding school this time in England. After a few years there I decided to do an overseas exchange and that's how I ended up in Australia. What started out as a 12 month exchange ended up a permanent arrangement as I met my husband at the school I did the exchange to. Two children, a son and a daughter, completed our family.

In Australia I have worked in a number of Primary Schools mostly in and around the Mornington Peninsula. In 2007 and 2008 I was seconded to the regional office of the department of Education to work in School Improvement. This allowed me to visit lots of schools and see what great things

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were happening around the Region.

After my stint in the regional office I became an assistant principal and then principal and have been privileged to be here at Rye for the last couple of years. I am passionate about my job and will always make decisions based on what is in the best interests of the students.

Outside school, I enjoy reading, travelling, taking Scruffy to the beach and spending time with my family and friends.

Lachie Featherston

Assistant Principal

I have fond memories of primary and high school, most of them connected to physical education or sport. Although I enjoyed the classroom work and had great teachers, I loved being active. Perhaps if I was student at school now, I'd love it even more in the classroom due to the way education has evolved. My love of all things sport and outdoors led me to studying Primary Education and Physical Education at University. During uni I got to work at various schools in the western suburbs which was very different to life in the south east. Once I completed my degree I picked up teaching jobs in the classroom and physical education. Over that time I developed a keen interest in curriculum and pedagogy as well as leadership experience. I was very excited to gain the position as Assistant Principal at Rye PS in 2016 and look forward to contributing to Rye Primary School's future.

Outside of school I love spending time with my wife and 2-year-old daughter and our golden cocker spaniel, Lucy. We enjoy going camping and doing a range of things with our extended family & friends. My passion for sport and the outdoors has never changed. I grew up playing footy and tennis and these days enjoy cycling, golf, running and playing with my daughter. One of my greatest sporting achievements was competing an Ironman in 2014. It was an enormous challenge and took a lot of dedication, training and determination. I love watching sport nearly as much as playing it and I'll watch just about

anything but top of the list is always the Mighty Hawks!

Lesley O'Hanlon

Curriculum Director

From the moment I started primary school I knew that I wanted to be a teacher. My first job was at a three teacher school at Cobains (via Sale). From there I transferred to Noble Park Primary before moving to the Peninsula where I worked at two other local schools before being lucky enough to gain a position at Rye.

I was born at Oakleigh Hospital, went to Oakleigh Kindergarten, Oakleigh State School and Oakleigh High. We were heavily involved with the Oakleigh Districts Football Club. My father has lived in Oakleigh all his life; my parents and sister still do. Growing up we were always involved in local clubs and activities. I believe community is important – both for what you gain and what you give back. Since moving to Rye when I got married, our three sons have attended Rye Pre-school, Rye Primary and a local secondary college. They played footy at Rye Football Club and they go surfing at the Rye back beaches. Even though they all now work or attend university in Melbourne they come home nearly every weekend – there is a strong connection to the Peninsula people and way-of-life that draws them home.

I have always tried to be part of the local community through being on committees at pre-school, school and the football club. For eight years now, a group of friends, have organised the Annual 'Women of Rye' Charity lunch. The goals of this event are to build community spirit, empower local women and raise money for worthwhile charities. This year we are raising funds for the new Wellness Pavilion at Rosebud Secondary College.

In my spare time, I love reading, walking, swimming, watching football, eating out and going to the beach.

Have a great week!

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- 3rd March – School Photos
- 3rd March – Clean Up Australia
- 7th March – Grade 6 Sailing Program
- 13th March Labour Day Public Holiday
- 14th March – Grade 6 Sailing Program

SCHOOL PHOTO DAY TIMETABLE

** Please don't be late for School as we are not able to retake the class photo's.

- 9.00am – Prep Mitchell
- 9.10am – Prep Findlay
- 9.20am – Prep Berndt
- 9.30am – 1/2 Emile
- 9.40 am – 1/2 Johnston
- 9.50am – 1/2 Bainbridge/Leeder
- 10.00am – 1/2 Smith
- 10.10am – 1/2 Beattie
- 10.20am – 3/4 Dowell
- 11.00am – 3/4 McCormick/Parker
- 11.10am – 3/4 Fry
- 11.20am – 3/4 Jordan
- 11.30am – 5/6 Everitt
- 11.40am – 5/6 Eagles
- 11.50am – 5/6 Carter
- 12.00am – 5/6 English
- 12.10am – 5/6 Paffett



GRADES 1/2 WATER SAFETY 2017

Another year has gone by for our Water Safety Program for the Grades 1/2. This year will not go down as one of the best years in terms of weather and water quality but we managed to get 4 days of water activities, fun and learning. Students participated in basic body movement activities and had a great time learning how to use surfboards, paddle boards, life jackets, masks and some competitive sand activities. This week students will be having one more session during class time that will reinforce basic water safety skills and procedures to make up the fifth session of the program. We would like to thank parents for their patience and understanding during the rescheduling of the make-up days.





DISTRICT SWIMMING SPORTS

What a fantastic day we had at the district swimming sports on Wednesday 1st March! An amazing 22 students represented our school, displaying brilliant sportsmanship and performances.

Congratulations to the following students who will now represent our school at the Division level in their events:

Jack Stoneham – 1st 10 year boys butterfly, Harry Lucas – 2nd 11 year boys freestyle and backstroke, Jack Lucas – 2nd 12 year freestyle and Peter White – 1st 12 year butterfly.

Our relay teams also performed wonderfully well, showing that the dedication of our students who attend swim squad every Thursday morning before school is paying off! Congratulations to the 11 year old boys and girls team that finished 3rd in the district. Our 12 year old boys and open boy's

medley relay also came 3rd in the district! What a fantastic achievement!

A big thank you to Chantal Bradley for coming along on the day to help poolside. Also a huge thanks to the wonderful Neville and Mr Smith for driving the students on our school bus.

Before we wrap up another successful swim carnival, we would like to thank Lucas Hickson, who stepped in at the last minute to replace Jett, who couldn't swim due to sickness (we missed you Jett) so our 11 year boys could swim their relay. Lucas walked away with a 3rd place ribbon! Well done to all students who swam at the district carnival, you should all be extremely proud of your achievement and dedication to swimming!

Lauren Eagles

THE MUSIC PLAYS ON

Rosebud Secondary has a proud history of success in the performing arts. One aspect of this has been the instrumental music performance groups over many decades, including the college swing band, also previously known as the South Coast Big Band.

Last year a number of past and present students and music teachers of RSC decided to establish a music ensemble to perform across the Mornington Peninsula, providing an opportunity for former students to enjoy music-making as well as aspirational training and mentoring for current music students of the college. This not-for-profit community based enterprise is known as the '**Swing It Again**' **BIG BAND**.

You can enjoy an evening of great entertainment and dancing at **Rye RSL on Friday 17th March**, with 'Swing It Again' featuring vocalist Sam Hafey-Bagg. School staff, parents and friends of instrumental music programs on the southern peninsula are invited to be a part of the band's first gig for 2017.

Bookings can be made through **Rye RSL Bistro/Restaurant on 5985 8488**. We look forward to entertaining you with this talented band of musicians who have all been associated with school instrumental music across the southern peninsula.



'SWING IT AGAIN' BIG BAND

*15-piece ensemble at Rye RSL
playing Swing, Soul and Pop-Rock classics*

Friday 17th March

Enjoy a great night out . . .

BISTRO MEALS from 6pm

BAND & DANCING 8pm



BOOKINGS: 5985 8488

Normal Bistro Menu & Prices / No Door Charge