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Principal's page

Welcome to the first Winter edition of the Rye Primary School newsletter and oh how the temperature has dropped!!!!

Please make sure your child comes to school adequately clad for the cold mornings. As the sun comes out later in the day, a lot of children are taking off their outer layers and quite a few garments are ending up in lost property, some of them very wet from lying in the yard overnight. Please check that the names on clothing items are still legible so we can return them to you (possibly dripping wet but at least intact!)

Prep enrolments: It has been a very busy time with many parents of prospective prep students coming to visit our school. The feedback we have received has been excellent with comments about how personalised the learning is, how great our classrooms and the grounds look and how friendly, supportive and welcoming the school is. Just today, a Mum spoke about the passion that she felt when talking to teachers and current parents.

If you still need to pick up an enrolment pack, please pop into the office and see Maureen. We are keen to finalise enrolments this term so we can start the process of preparing class and staff allocations for 2018.

Reporting: The end of semester reports will be distributed to families in the first week of Term 3. As a result of feedback from parents, they have been changed a little to reflect what you have asked to see. We will continue to seek feedback so please make use of the feedback link, which will be included in the report. There will be an opportunity to discuss your child's progress in the second week of Term 3. I strongly encourage you to take up this offer of a meeting as it allows you to ask questions and hear from your child's

teacher about their successes and next steps on the learning journey.

Sport: We have had some great sport events in the last couple of weeks.

Well done to our boys' netball and girls' football teams. The boys' A team made it to the final and the girls' team won their final. They go through to the District competition.

On Wednesday, I was lucky enough to attend the Division cross-country event at Hastings Foreshore. It was a beautiful, crisp winter day, just perfect for cross-country running. A huge congratulation to Layla, Morgan, Noah, Shae and Kate who represented Rye Primary School. They all gave 100% and I was very proud to witness their tenacity and courage. A special congratulation to Kate who won her race and will now compete at the District level later this month. We all wish her the very best.



New ipads: Last week Coralee Pratt, the executive director for the Bayside Peninsula area visited the school to present us with 5 ipads to be used to support our Japanese and Indonesian programs which are delivered by teachers from one of our local secondary colleges. It is a great transition opportunity for our children to link with teachers

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from the secondary college and this was recognised by the Department of Education in the gift of the 5 ipads. The ipads can, of course, be used in lots of other ways too, such as in the Investigative learning, coding activities in the classrooms and during coding club at lunchtime.



step. Next term our four leaders will embark on professional learning and action research to enhance their knowledge and that of their teams so that we continually strive to better the learning experiences of our students.

Excursions: The year 3 and 4 students had a great day yesterday at Point Nepean where they learned all about sustainability and the effects, both positive and negative that human habitation has had on this beautiful national park. I also heard through the grapevine that they all came back a little bit fitter after a very long walk!



Professional Learning Community

project: As I have mentioned in previous newsletters, we have been selected to be part of the first intake of the PLC project run by the Department of Education. Last week we had a visit from the coordinator of the project. She met with me, Lachie and our four PLC leaders who represent all areas of the school. We received very favourable feedback on the work we have currently in place to ensure the students at Rye Primary School receive learning opportunities that are at their individual points of need. Our professional learning teams meet every week to review each child's learning and plan their next



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Shopping Opportunity: On Tuesday, we will be hosting a school clothing pop up shop in the front foyer near the office. We have an extensive range of donated school clothing at very competitive prices. Come along and stock up on some spare uniform. Money raised through this venture will support the set up costs of designing some very trendy school socks. These will be available for sale in the future.



Performing Arts News

In Music classes recently students have been learning **Advance Australia Fair** in **Auslan**. It is exciting to see so many students engaged with this and it's great for their brain power too as it is learning another language. Here is the link if you would like to practise at home!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bFcT9ka8liE>

The grade 3s to 6s are learning the Ukulele in Music classes and are making good progress to playing some 4 chords pop and rock songs. Next step: whole class bands.

Music Camp

Next week seven of our band students will be heading to the Briars for the Southern Peninsula Music Camp. This is a highlight of our year for local music teachers and Rye Primary School is delighted to be a part of this experience. Students play with over 90 kids from other schools and learn 10 songs in 2 ½ days. If your child plays an instrument (even with outside school tutors) they may like to audition for our school band.

YouTube(s) of the Week:

This 12 year old girl is a legend! She's hoping to keep ventriloquism alive and the students have been inspired by her persistence and talent in classes this week. Check it out here:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rk_qLtk0m2c

I have to add this one here as well as it was just so inspirational to me. A woman who lost her hearing over a decade ago and yet she still makes such beautiful music for us all to enjoy!

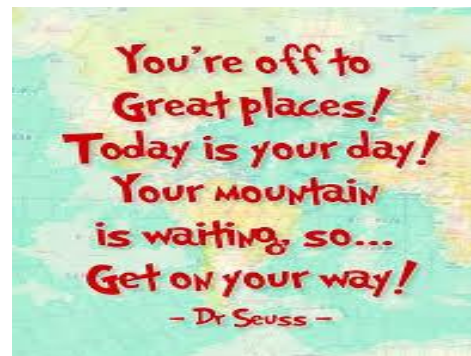
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=m9_rtzO3JfY

QUOTE of the Week:

“Music is ... A higher revelation than all Wisdom & Philosophy” — Ludwig Van Beethoven

Nat Parker

Positive Thought of the Fortnight:



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

12th June – Queens Birthday Public Holiday

14th – 16th June – Music Camp

30th June – Last Day of Term 2 (2.30pm Finish)

17th July – First Day of Term

Can you help?

We have a family who live in Rosebud who need help getting their child to school for the month of August. If you live in Rosebud and would be able to pick up an extra child on your way to school please contact the office on: 5985 2363.

The family are willing to help with petrol money.



THE RESILIENCE PROJECT

TEACHING YOUNG AUSTRALIANS TO BE

mentally healthy



PARENT/COMMUNITY

INFORMATION

NIGHT

Come along to our information night to learn more
about methods to support mental health and wellbeing



Thursday 22nd June

7.00pm

Rosebud Secondary College Theatre

245 Eastbourne Road, Rosebud

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