

School Newsletter

Important Dates

**Tuesday 25/2, & 3/3,
 10/3**

YR6 Sailing Program

Wednesday 26/2

Prep Assessment Days – by appointment

Wednesday 26/2

District Swimming Carnival

**Thursday 27/2, 5/3,
 12/3, 19/3**

Swim Squad 7:45am – 8:15am

Wednesday 26/2

District Swimming Carnival – selected students

**Friday 6/3, 13/3, Monday
 16/3, Friday 27/3**

Year 3/4 Swim Safety Program

Monday 2/3

Whole School Assembly – 2:30pm

Thursday 5/3

School Photo Day

Monday 9/3

LABOUR DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY

Monday 16/3

Whole School Assembly – 2:30pm

Wednesday 18/3

School Athletics Carnival YR3-6

**Toddler & Pre-School
 Story time
 Is presented by
 Val Smith in our school
 library every
 Wednesday
 10:00-10:45am.
 Please sign in at the
 office.**

From the Principal's Desk *Lachie Featherston*

New Bus

It is with great excitement that I introduce you to our new bus!

We have been working towards getting a bus to replace our previous one which although was still in great condition, became too old to meet compliance for student transport use. A lot of time and effort has gone into researching and securing a suitable vehicle for the school's needs. With the assistance of our super volunteer, Neville Gardham, the new bus rolled into our garage very late last year. Recently, it has been getting some love from Neville in the form of a cut & polish, a detail clean, and some minor maintenance items resolved. Neville has been committing a lot of time and effort to making sure the bus is spic and span and ready to hit the roads - thank you Neville!

The bus went out on its first official run last week when it was used for transporting grade 3/4 students to swimming lessons as a part of our swimming program.



Attendance

Lauren and I attended a professional learning session this week focused on school attendance. This was a great opportunity to analyse our school data and develop a plan for improvement. Lauren expands on this further in her report; please take the time to read this. We will continue to provide information via the newsletter and to individual families in the coming weeks.

Have a great week,
 Lachie Featherston

From the Assistant Principal's Desk *Lauren Eagles*

EVERY DAY, EVERY STUDENT

Mr Featherston and I were lucky enough to embark on some new learning this Monday 24th February with other schools from the Peninsula. We were reminded of the importance of school attendance and the unfortunate declining nature of student attendance across the State.

SCHOOL IS MUCH BETTER WHEN THE STUDENTS ARE HERE!

Missing only one day a fortnight is the same as missing four whole weeks of school a year.

From Prep to Year 12, that adds up to 1.5 years of school! Your friends and your teachers notice when you are away and wonder if you are OK.

Right now, being at school is the most important thing you need to do for your future. School helps you build good habits for later on in life. School is not just literacy and numeracy but you are also learning about how to work with other people and solve problems.

Being an adult probably seems far away but we know that young people who attend school more frequently have better outcomes after school too. They have better job opportunities and are generally healthier. Being at school really does make a difference!

EVERY STUDENT – EVERY DAY! WE ARE RYE PRIMARY!

RYE PRIMARY SCHOOLS RANDOM ACT OF KINDNESS

This week our random act of kindness is dedicated to a group of students. Last Wednesday 19th February Mr Murfett and Miss Polizzi, along with our super bus driver Neville and I headed down to the Peninsula Swimming and Aquatic centre in Rosebud for our School Swimming Carnival. We had 36 wonderful swimmers from years 3 to 6 try out for our district swim team. All of the students who tried out for the swim team displayed not only a particular talent for swimming, but also a talent for sportsmanship and participation. The students' support of each other was outstanding, no matter where they finished, every student was cheered to the finish! A particular highlight was when the entire pool was chanting for Jordan who came in 3rd place in backstroke! At Rye PS, we encourage all students to give it a go and take a risk! Well done to the swim team and do not forget our swim squad on Thursday mornings if you are a level 4 swimmer and above.

"Be kind whenever possible. It is always possible."

Lauren Eagles
Acting Assistant Principal

RANDOM ACT OF KINDNESS 2020 WALL OF FAME

Term 1 Week 2: Phoenix

Term 1 Week 3: Veronica and Riley

Term 1 Week 4: Stella

Term 1 Week 5: Swim Team

After School Book Borrowing

Sail Away on a Summer Reading Adventure

Drop in with family and borrow a book

Every Thursday 3.00 pm – 3.45pm



If you have had any change of details such as new address, phone number, Medicare Card number, etc., could you please notify the Administration Office in writing or ask for a Change of Details form.



Hello and a belated welcome back to all the artists of Rye Primary School. Check out the beautiful mural that decorates the art room! Every child in the school drew a self-portrait to be displayed for the year celebrating our unique personalities and abilities. Above are the faces from grade 1, 2, 3 & 4 students. Keep your eyes peeled for the rest in the coming weeks.

FOUNDATION



We have had fun making marks with paint and learning about the primary colours. I'm sorry if some children came home covered in blue paint. They had a ball!

MURALS

The 3/4s are doing clay at the moment and have created some beautiful sea creatures. Some of these will be used for a ocean themed mural to keep making our school beautiful and reminding us all to look after our oceans.



If anyone has any suggestions of artwork they would like to see around the school this year please feel free to come and visit me. I'm always open to feedback and ideas from the students and school community.

Thanks, Katie Wettenhall

Performing Arts News *Miss Nat Parker*

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In Performing Arts this week we have had a busy time with the Grade 5/6 students all learning more about the 4-4 timing rock beat using body percussion and relating this to a drum kit. They have also been busy playing djembes and maintaining a rhythmic pattern in a 3 part song.

The preppies have been introduced to **Mo** the puppet who helps us to remember some expectations and rules in the Music Room – and they have been helping him with his manners. 😊

The grade 1/2 and 3/4 students will be looking at world music in readiness for our Harmony Day celebrations coming up in March.

The Choir started strong this week with a large combined rehearsal. We are keeping our choirs as a grade 3/4 (Middle School) and Grade 5/6 (Senior) Choir as there are so many students involved. Parents if you have musical experience or are a singer we would love your help for rehearsals or any upcoming performances. A Working with Children Check is a compulsory requirement to assist in school activities. Choirs will alternate weekly during Session 5.

School Band will rehearse fortnightly (alternating with Whole-School Assembly) during session 6 on Mondays.

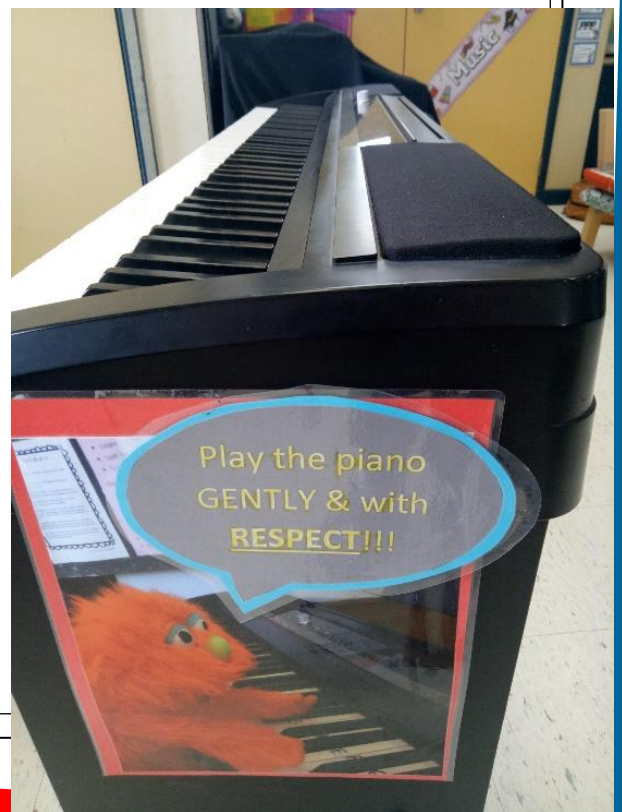
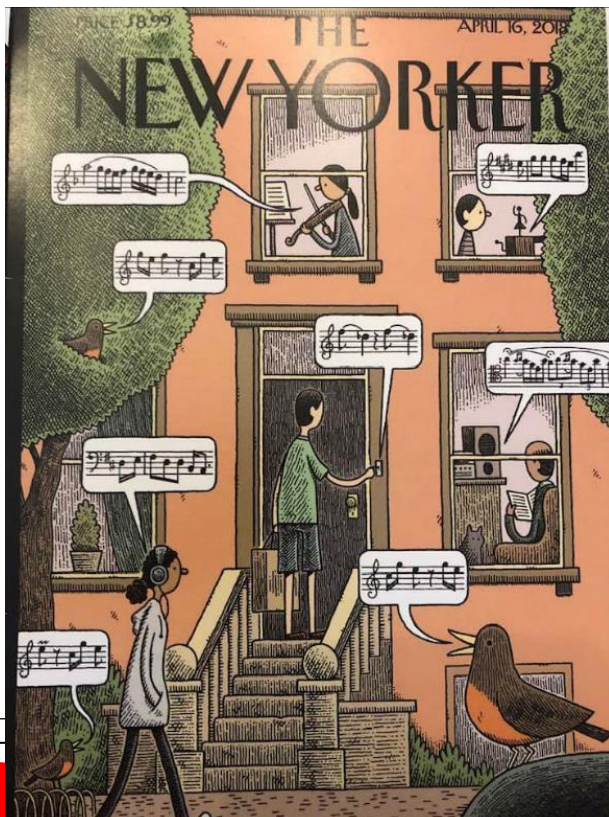
YouTube of the Week:

Check out these harmonies by great young singers! Our current Grade 4s performed the chorus of this song in our Production of *Be the Change* last year.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KL9qp0FNEzU>

Picture: *Music is all around us*

Picture: Mo the Cheeky puppet plays the piano...



Registration 2020



Registration for season 2020 on

Wed 26th Feb 4-5:30pm

**FREE sausage sizzle provided by Rye
Lions Club from 5:30pm**

All players and families welcome

EFTPOS available on the night

RJ Rowley Reserve, Rye

For more information please email

ryenetballclub@gmail

**We need
YOU!**



**RYE-SORRENTO
WAVES**



U/11 Girls Football

RYE/SORRENTO WAVES

Under 11 Girls wanted to join an all girls football league. We had a very fun and successful year last year but we are short on numbers this year as a lot of our team went up an age group

Registration days are
21st Feb from 4:30-6pm at Rye
football club
and
24th of Feb from 3:30-6pm at
Sorrento football club.



RYE/SORRENTO WAVES