

School Newsletter

Important Dates

Monday 27/5 – Friday 31/5 – RECONCILIATION WEEK

Monday 27/5 – Friday 31/5 - DENTAL VAN VISIT

Monday 27/5

Prep Moonlit Excursion

Monday 27/5

Whole School Assembly
2:30pm

Thursday 30/5 - *DATE CHANGED*

District Cross Country

Friday 7/6

Curriculum Day - student free day

Monday 10/6

Queen's Birthday Public Holiday

Wednesday 12/6,

Thursday 13/6, & Friday 14/6

Music Camp

Monday 17/6

YR 5/6 Somers Day

Friday 21/6

YR 5 Turn the Tide Excursion

Wednesday 26/6

YR 5/6 Winter Lightning Premierships

Friday 28/6

Last day Term 2 – 2:30pm finish

From the Principal's Desk *Lachie Featherston*

Reconciliation Week

We recognise and celebrate National Reconciliation Week this week at Rye Primary School. Students will be participating in activities and conversations throughout the week focused on learning about our shared histories, cultures, and achievements, and to explore how each of us can contribute to achieving reconciliation in Australia. The theme for this year's NRW is Grounded in Truth / Walk Together with Courage. At the heart of reconciliation is the relationship between the broader Australian community and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. To foster positive race relations, our relationship must be grounded in a foundation of truth. It was great to see our students speak at assembly about what reconciliation means to them.

The Sir Doug Nicholls Round in the AFL coincides with NRW and is a good vehicle for engaging in a conversation with your child about Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture. I encourage you to do a bit of research into Sir Doug Nicholls and speak with your child about his achievements.

Education Week

We finished up our education week celebrations last Friday with our future careers dress up day. It was brilliant to see students dressed in a broad range of potential careers including police, builders, plumbers, singers, sports people, a cardiovascular surgeon, vets, artists, a high school PE teacher and even a junior Ange Johnston! Well done to all students for their efforts throughout the week.

Playground Building Works

Exciting news! Our main playground will be being resurfaced with a rubberised soft fall surface in the fall zones and surrounded by green synthetic turf around the outside. The project is funded through the Department of Education Inclusive Schools Grants.

Work will begin on June 3rd. During this time, the main playground will not be accessible to anyone except the company completing the work. The playground will be out of action until just after the mid-year holidays but will be awesome when it is completed. We will also be aiming to have sections of the playground repainted and freshened up.

Gates

The two gates at the back of the school (Bowen Street) will be locked between 9.15am – 2.30pm. Visitors will not be able to access the school via these gates during the day. All visitors to the school outside of 'drop off' and 'pick up' times are to report to the main administration office. Thank you for your co-operation and support with this.



This week the preps have continued mixing colours like the true artists they are! Let me assure you, they have been wearing art smocks. They just have a special skill at still managing to get paint in strange places so I apologise for any extra washing.



The 1/2s have created a masterpiece inspired by the world's most famous glass artist, Dale Chihuly! What an inspiring man, who thought that team work was such an important thing. It was wonderful to see the students work like a super team of artists and create a truly magnificent chandelier.

The 3/4s have been doing clay for the past two weeks. For many this was their first time using clay and it was very exciting to be able to show them something new. They picked up skills very quickly and their clay looms will be fired in the kiln as soon as they are dry.

The 5/6s are working on posters for the expo, which is next week! This is for the 5/6s only. Please have a chat with your child about their project and make sure they are on track to be finished by next Thursday the 6th of June.

Katie Wettenhall





SRC UPDATE:

Rye Foreshore Re-vegetation

On Wednesday 22nd all the S.R.C.s and Environmental Leaders walked down to the Rye Foreshore. First, we looked at some weeds and native plants. We also tried some Indigenous bush tucker food. Did you know at the Rye Foreshore there is a 'rain garden' which filters the storm water before it goes into Port Phillip Bay?

Later on, we walked a bit more and pulled out some weeds. We wore vests, gloves and glasses and used metal tools to dig out the weeds. After a while, we started planting Indigenous plants to help protect the dunes. We dug a hole, put in water and jelly crystals, then put in the plant and buried it with dirt. We also made little gates made out of bamboo and cardboard to guard our plants.

We all enjoyed it and hope to do it again soon!

Sophie and Elena

Year 3/4 SRC Members





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Joining as one voice to benefit the Rye Community

The Student Representative Council
Rye Primary School
Collingwood Street
Rye 3941
Sent via email

26 May 2019

Dear Bonita and Caleb,

I am writing on behalf of the Rye Community Group Alliance to thank you and members of the Student Representative Council for the excellent contribution you all made to help beautify Rye town beach foreshore.

The weather was just perfect for digging out those invasive weedy gazanias and it was great to see the sacks filling up and the area being cleared. Taking the gazanias out made space to plant indigenous grasses that I am sure will thrive because you all planted them so carefully in their little bed of water crystals.

I hope you enjoyed the morning as much as Tess, Ben and I did and that you also learnt some interesting facts about nature. I may just have to invite all to come again. Of course, Ms Fry would be invited too!

Many thanks for all your efforts.

Yours sincerely,
Mechelle Cheers
Chair
Rye Community Group Alliance

Junior Ranger World Oceans Day



Make a difference this World Oceans Day! Join Parks Victoria Rangers in a beach litter clean up. Examine what litter we prevent ending up in Port Phillip Bay and our oceans and contribute data to a global citizen science project. Discover the impact of marine debris on Port Phillip Bay and marine life.

Please meet at Gunnamatta Ocean Beach, Fingal. Continue along Truemans road into the park and you will find your ranger in the second car park near the surf life saving club.

This activity is suitable for children aged 6-12, who must be accompanied by a parent or guardian aged 18 or over.

Sturdy footwear (no thongs or barefeet!), drinking water, hat, sunscreen and appropriate clothing are essential. Please bring gardening gloves or tongs for litter pick up.

Activities may be rescheduled, changed or cancelled due to adverse weather or for emergency response.



Where:

Mornington Peninsula National Park
Gunnamatta Ocean Beach, Mornington
Peninsula National Park.

[Location Map](#)

8 Jun 2019

9:00am-10:30am

Cost:

Free activity.

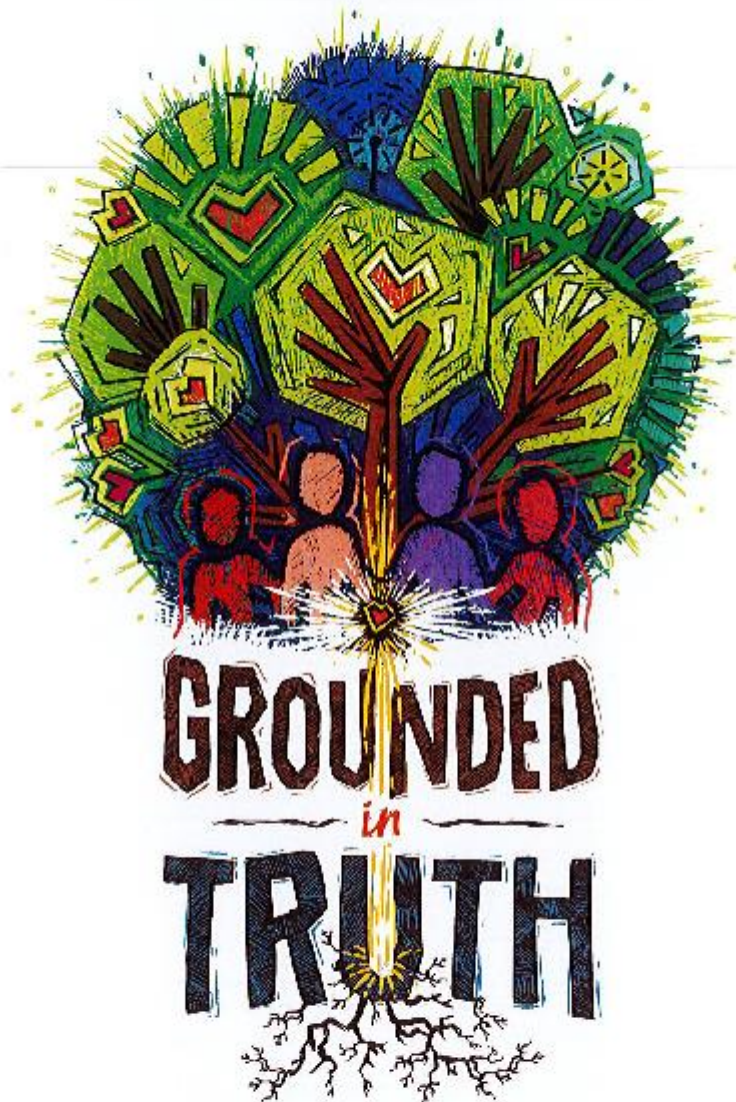
Booking Information:

[Book online](#)

<https://juniorrangers.com.au/whats-on/event/junior-ranger-world-oceans-day/>

NATIONAL RECONCILIATION WEEK 2019

27 MAY – 3 JUNE



WALK TOGETHER WITH COURAGE

To foster positive reconciliation, the relationship between Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and the broader community must be grounded in a foundation of truth. Whether you're engaging in challenging conversations or unlearning and relearning what you know, this journey requires all of us to walk together with courage.

Learn more at
reconciliation.org.au
#NRW2019

