



Issue #23  
27<sup>th</sup> August 2019

# School Newsletter

## Important Dates

### **Wednesday 28/8**

Father's Day Stall  
RPS Instrumental Music  
Night

### **Friday 30/8**

POP Transition – Session 1

### **Monday 2/9**

Whole School Assembly –  
2.30pm

### **Wednesday 4/9**

District Athletics

### **Thursday 5/9**

YR5/6 Swimming Program

### **Friday 6/9**

POP Transition – Session 2

### **Monday 9/9-Wednesday 11/9**

YR5 Sovereign Hill Camp

### **Thursday 12/9-Friday 13/9 – YR3 Briars Camp**

### **Thursday 12/9**

YR5/6 Swimming Program  
Kids Teaching Kids

### **Friday 13/9**

POP Transition – Session 3

### **Wednesday 18/9**

YR5 Turn the Tide  
Incursion

### **Friday 20/9**

Footy Day  
Last Day Term 3 – 2:30pm  
finish

**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*

Another great week at Rye Primary School started with our Book Week Parade, followed by the launch event for our brilliant art room mural and finished with bright blue skies for our Athletics Day held on Friday. The launch event for the mural didn't quite have the blue skies but the warmth and colour in the mural, awesome performance by our Drum Beat girls, 'True Colours' sung by our choir and hearing from the students involved in the mural outshone and lifted the gloomy skies. We are very grateful for the Mornington Peninsula Shire Youth Focused Services contribution to our school and look forward to further developing this partnership. Thank you to Ishka Pluckrose and Lauren Johansson for their work on this project.

At the School House Athletics, our grade 3-6s competed well in the track events, testing themselves and having a go. Fancy dress and students achieving personal bests aside, a highlight was a brilliant parent support we received at the event. Events such as the Athletics Day cannot go ahead without the help from our exceptional parent community - thank you to everyone who was able to come along. Thank you also to Mr Campbell and our teaching staff from grade 3-6 that planned and ran the day.

Student attendance at school is an area we need to improve on. Our data is not great in this area although the reporting and explanations for absences has improved. Our families do like to take holidays throughout the school year and although this is wonderful family time, it does impact student learning. Please communicate with us if you have holidays planned. We will provide your child with a small work pack of essentials to practise during their holiday. The aim of this is to maintain learning whilst they are absent from school and to compliment the other learning experiences they may be having at their holiday destination. In 2018, we had 30% of our students absent for 20 days or more, this needs to be significantly improved.

It was with great excitement that we launched into our Bike Mechanical Pilot Program on Thursday. We have 20 students from grade 5 & 6 participating in a weekly program run by volunteers from the Point Nepean Men's Shed focused on developing bike mechanical skills. The program was very successful in its first week and we look forward to it growing over the coming weeks.

## **From the Principal's Desk continued** *Lachie Featherston*

Finally, we are beginning to plan class structures and lists for 2020. Our students will be surveyed for classmates they would like to be placed with. Any requests regarding your child's placement that may affect their learning or wellbeing should be put into writing and handed into the Administration Office by the end of term. Please understand that considerations will be looked at, but there are no guarantees of any requests being fulfilled. Our staff know our students very well and we have a process for creating the best conditions for students learning and interpersonal relationships.

Have a great week,

Lachie Featherston  
Acting Principal

## **RYE PRIMARY SCHOOLS RANDOM ACT OF KINDNESS**

This week I could have picked several random acts of kindness from our YR3-6 Athletics Day. When I visited the students at Truemans Road oval I was so impressed by the acts of sportsmanship, especially by this weeks' nomination – Tom Hannaford. Tom had completed his 400m race and volunteered to run with another student who was still completing the race. Thank you Tom for your incredible act of kindness.

Have a great week!

Lauren Eagles  
Acting Assistant Principal

## **RANDOM ACT OF KINDNESS 2019 WALL OF FAME**

**Term 3 Week 2: Zesos**

**Term 3 Week 3: Karinda**

**Term 3 Week 4: Thato**

**Term 3 Week 5: Brooklyn**

**Term 3 Week 6: Bedford**

**Term 3 Week 7: Tom**

## **Rye Primary School Instrumental Music Night**

All parents and families are invited to Rye Primary Schools' Instrumental Music Night on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> August, starting at 5PM in the School Hall.

This event is for all students who learn an instrument, are school band students, or are Junior School, Middle School 3/4, and Senior School 5/6 Choir students.

Gold coin donation upon entry.  
Tea & Coffee available.

# ART NEWS



We have been busy creating lots of things in the art room over the past few weeks. The preps have been drawing some beautiful insects based on the book *Heads and Tails* from Book Week. These will be displayed as part of the production set design. Yes! Production is upon us! Miss Parker has been very busy writing the script and auditioning students. As part of the art program over the next few weeks the students will be making props and decorations for the production linking to our units of work.

The grade 1/2 students completed their animal sculptures made from grass, wire and wool. Ask them if they remember what the clever group of Aboriginal women who make these are called. Clue: Tjanpi D.... W....



Check out the clay masks the grade 5/6s have made! This image greeted me last week as I emptied the kiln and it just made my day. What a talented bunch of students we have here at Rye Primary School. I am looking forward to installing these in the school garden for all to admire.

Lastly the 3/4s have been working on the most beautiful mixed media pictures and learning about Nathan Patterson, a famous

Indigenous former AFL player and artist. We would like to invite parents and friends to a mini exhibition on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> September from 3:15 until 4pm. The mural they have been working on will also be completed for all to see! This will be aimed at showcasing the 3/4s work but all are welcome.

*Katie Wettenhall*



Hi there from Rye OSHC,

Just a few bits of business to let you know about.

- 1- Bookings are now open for the School Holiday Program, which has the theme **Back in Time.** There will be **3** excursions this holiday, 2 normal and one SUPER all day excursion. It is important to book in early as we need to know numbers so that the correct amount of staff can be rostered on and, we need to ensure that the program has enough people to be viable. So please look at our website or talk to our educators if you have any questions.
- 2- A brief run down on what we have been doing this term. We have had fun looking at Dragons, making them out of paper and clay. We are busy creating Father's Day gifts and cards and had a great time over book week, and we celebrated NAIDOC week.
- 3- TheirCare Customer Survey - Thank you to all the families that responded to our recent customer survey. Over 500 of you took the time to let us know your thoughts and the feedback provides critical insight into what we do right and areas we can improve.

We asked your opinion on educator engagement, resources used in the service, service presentation, level of fun and our holiday programs. Overall, we rated at or above 90% positive satisfaction for each area which is really encouraging. Less than 1% of responses were 'not happy' about our efforts and 9% of families thought we could do better and provided some useful suggestions and reminders of what you want.

Some of the things you reminded us you want to see at service included:

- A formal greeting makes you feel welcome
- You like to see a range of activities that include outdoor play and structured activities
- To include activities aimed at the older children in the service who have different needs to younger children
- Spaces must be clean but also warm and welcoming (by including examples of artwork created by your children)
- Educators should be actively engaged in play with your children

We received feedback on our holiday program as well, with suggestions and requests for more excursions and making excursions longer in duration. Some families also wanted more structured activities in addition to the main excursion or incursion planned. We have already taken this feedback on board and added a 'Super Excursion' to our Spring holiday program at most services. We have also provided visibility in our holiday program material of other planned activities that will keep children engaged for the whole day and so you know what to expect.

We always welcome input, whether that is collected in surveys, passed on to our team members at service or calling our customer support team. Our focus is on providing the best service to your children and families so if there is something, we can do to make your experience better please let us know.

- 4- We still do not have a mobile phone to call as yet, we have had to return our mobile to head office to be updated. If you call our number, you will be redirected to head office.

Cheers

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# UPCOMING EVENTS

YR5/6 Swimming Program  
Thursdays 5/9, 12/9, & 19/9

## BE THE CHANGE!

### Rye Primary School Production

Save the Date: **Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> October** and **Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> October**



YR3 Briars  
Camp

YR5  
Sovereign  
Hill Camp

POP Transition  
Program – Friday's  
30/8, 6/9, & 13/9