



# School Newsletter

Issue #1  
7<sup>th</sup> February 2023

## Important Dates

**Tuesdays -6/2, 13/2, 20/2  
27/2, 5/3**

YR6 Sailing Program

**Wednesday 7/2**

Foundation Assessments

**Wednesday 14/2**

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Toddler & Pre-School Story

Time returns – 9:30am-

10:15am

**Friday 15/2**

Whole School Assembly

**Monday 19/2, Tuesday**

**20/2, Wednesday 21/2**

Parent Teacher conferences

**Friday 16/2**

YR3-6 Swim Tryouts – YAWA

12pm-2pm

**Friday 1/3**

School Photo Day

**Friday 1/3**

District Swimming

**Monday 4/3**

YR3-6 House Athletics -

Mornington

**Monday 11/3**

**LABOUR DAY PUBLIC**

**HOLIDAY**

**Toddler & Pre-School  
Story time  
is presented by  
Val Smith in our school  
library every Wednesday  
9:30-10:15am.  
Please sign in at the  
office.**

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

Welcome back to the 2024 school year! We hope everyone was able to enjoy the holiday period and shared some special time with family and friends.

It was great to see all the smiling faces of students as they returned last week and settled into their new year levels and classrooms. Everyone looked very excited for the adventures ahead with their teachers and friends.

The excitement levels hit a peak on Thursday when our new Foundation level students began their primary school education at Rye Primary School. The excitement was matched by an amazing positive vibe from the students, parents, carers, grandparents, siblings, and friends who came along to share the milestone at the beginning of the day. Congratulations to the Foundation students for an amazing first 2 days!

Our 2024 staff team welcomes Madison Ritchie (Year 1), Clair Goetz (Year 4), Michael Toovey (Year 6), Charlotte Furlong (ES) and Alisha Wolstenholme (ES) to our school community. Additionally, we have a couple of important milestones to celebrate in our staff team - Congratulations to Michaela Sutton (now Michaela East) who was recently married to the wonderful Keiren and congratulations also to Emma White (Kerr) who will be getting married this coming weekend - very exciting times at Rye PS!

This year will no doubt be an action packed one for all students across the school. As well as academic and social development, we look forward to students engaging in camps, excursions, sporting events, whole school events, open afternoons, and special occasions. Please keep an eye on the calendar and your Compass updates for information about future events.

Our first assembly is on February 16<sup>th</sup>, and we will be presenting our School Captains and Leaders with their badges for 2024. Parent-Teacher meetings will be held across February 19<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>, information regarding this and the booking system will be sent out very soon.

## From the Principal's Desk cont'd...

### **Child Safety @ Rye Primary School**

The Victorian Government and Department of Education has Child Safe Standards in place to increase the safety of children and young people. The regulatory framework that was implemented at the beginning of 2023 further assists schools and school communities in maintaining and promoting child safety. Rye Primary School has a range of policies, processes, and strategies in place, these can be found on our website and include:

- Child Safety and Wellbeing Policy
- Child Safety Code of Conduct
- Child Safe Standard Risk Register
- Student Engagement and Wellbeing Policy
- Bullying Prevention Policy
- Volunteers Policy
- Digital Learning Policy
- New computers!

If you have any questions regarding any of this information, please contact Lauren Eagles or myself.

Finally, our new Computers for the STEM ICT room arrived and were installed before the beginning of the new school year ready for student use on day one. The new fleet are bigger, better, and faster than before to ensure maximum accessible for our students during their specialist sessions with Mr Campbell. Thank you to the St John's Community Giving committee of St John's Anglican Church and the Smith family for their contributions to get this upgrade project over the line.

Have a great week,  
Lachie Featherston



# S.T.R.I.V.E

Rye Primary School is excited to be partnering with The Resilience Project in 2024.

The Resilience Project is committed to teaching positive mental health strategies to prevent mental ill-health and build young people's capacity to deal with adversity.

Staff and students will engage in weekly lessons during 2024 around the key principles of Gratitude, Empathy, Mindfulness (GEM), and Emotional Literacy to build resilience.

Check out their website for more information:

<https://theresilienceproject.com.au>

And check out the TRP @ HOME; a place filled with inspiration and activities for the whole family, to help improve your wellbeing and build resilience.



RESILIENCE  
PROJECT



<https://theresilienceproject.com.au/at-home/home-2023/>

**FEBRUARY  
2024**

**RYE PRIMARY SCHOOL**



Welcome back to ART in 2024! It has been so nice seeing all the friendly faces back in the art room. We have all been drawing tiny versions of these faces to make a Rye Primary School version of Where's Wally. Make sure to come and have a look and see if you can find your child's face when it is finished.



# ART NEWS

## **What's happening this term?**

**Foundation** - Building upon the fundamental skills of drawing and painting. Exploring line, shape and colour.

**Years one and two** - Look out for some David Hockney inspired swimming self-portraits.

**Years three and four** - Romero Britto inspired agamographs.

**Years five and six** - Mulga the Artist inspired self-portraits on canvas.

**In other exciting news, we received a creative grant last year from the Mornington Peninsula Shire to create a small mural on the art room wall. The senior students will be involved in the design process and Trent Downie will help to make it all happen!**

**KATIE WETTENHALL**

## Performing Arts News

### Choir

We are due to start Choir rehearsals in a few weeks' time. Depending on numbers, we may start running two ensembles this year. A junior (years F – 2) and a Senior Choir (years 3 - 6). [Keep an eye out for the first rehearsal.](#)

### School Band

The Rye Primary School Band were fantastic last year and performed on many occasions at school. I look forward to starting strong with our singers, guitarists, keys, and new percussionists in Term 2 (TBD). **Mick Vincent** – we can't thank you enough for all your hard work & many hours you've spent with Rye Primary School Band. **Mr Gardner, Miss Katie** too – we thank you so very much for all the help in making us sound great!

**Musical parents:** please contact me if you are able to help in any way with our School Band. You must have a current working with children check and be available for a quick induction meeting with school leadership.

### Instrumental Music Lessons 2024

Please contact Miss Parker if you would like to learn an instrument at Rye Primary School. We have new teachers to the school taking guitar and drum lessons, starting soon. We also offer many instruments for hire at Rye Primary School including trumpets, flutes, clarinets, saxophones and trombones. I can get you in touch with a local teacher on these instruments if you choose to hire any one of these from our school.

**In 2024, we will offer lessons in:**

- Drums
- Guitar
- Keyboard/piano

### Music Camp Documentary

It was a privilege to sit at Rosebud Cinemas late last year and watch this documentary all about the amazing Peninsula Music Camp. See link below as it has been released on YouTube for all to enjoy. Also – follow the link to view our concert from June last year which was a special night, enjoyed by our 13 campers and their families.



“At age 11 students receiving instrumental tuition had significantly higher scores in English, reading, writing and mathematics. This was also the case at age 16 for English, English literature and mathematics.”

Baker, D., Hallam, S., & Rogers, K. (2023). Does learning to play an instrument have an impact on change in attainment from age 11 to 16?. *British Journal of Music Education*.



### Bigger Better Brains

See poster for link to a short YouTube video on how playing a musical instrument impacts our brains.

### Recorder Club

If you are interested in taking part of recorder club at lunchtime, I will offer this to the Year 2s, 3s and 4s. Please email me or get in touch as soon as possible. This will be a club that requires regular home practise so make sure your family are on board 😊

[Natalie.parker@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:Natalie.parker@education.vic.gov.au)

# STEM TERM 1 2024

Hello everyone,

What a great start we have made in STEM for 2024. This semester we are focusing on natural resources and technology and all our students have been excited to get into the computer lab. Our amazing Foundation students have been very impressive and have adapted to a range of technology challenges. They have been coordinating the mouse and learning more about the keyboard through the GCompris set of games.

Year 1/2's have been investigating natural resources. They have also been working on the differences between renewable and non-renewable resources.

Year 3/4's have been working on pollution and the ways the natural environment has been affected by human activity.

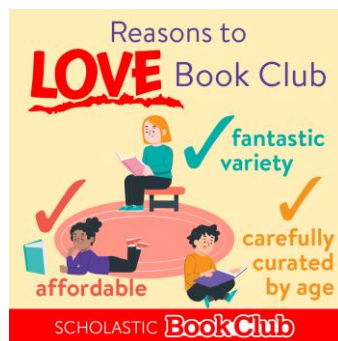
The 5/6's have been watching an on-line safety series #Gameon which deals with cyberbullying, gaming, password security and online friendships through social media. They will also complete an investigate into the topic of electricity.

Well done to all students for your start to STEM for 2024.

Mr Campbell 😊



## BOOK CLUB ISSUE 1



**Book Club orders via Scholastic website – Parent LOOP**

**Orders close Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> February 2023**



# RAP UPDATE

6th February 2024

If you are interested in what we have been doing at Rye P.S. and want to discuss how we are embedding First Nations Culture into our practices and curriculum please see your child's classroom teacher or Katie Wettenhall.

**NARRAGUNNAWALI**  
Reconciliation in Education

## BUNDJIL'S NEST CEREMONY



We are excited to let you know that the Bundjil's Nest Ceremony will be celebrated on Thursday 28th March, the last day of this term. We have Aunty Fay Stuart-Muir coming to visit with our foundation and First Nations Student on this day. More information to come.

## SEASONS MURAL PROJECT

A small group of students are about to start a project that will include creating a collaborative artwork about the Boonwurrung Seasons. We aim to have this finished and displayed at the Womindjeka Festival in Balnarring on 2nd March. If any First Nations families or carers would like to be involved please come and see Katie.



BALNARRING PRESCHOOL PRESENTS

# .Womin Djeka.

Balnarring Ngargee

THIS IS AN ALCOHOL & DOG FREE EVENT

**SATURDAY 2ND MARCH 10AM - 5PM**

ENTRY BY DONATION • COMMUNITY FESTIVAL • FAMILY FRIENDLY  
HONOURING AND CELEBRATING FIRST PEOPLES CULTURES

**EMU PLAINS RESERVE, COOLART ROAD BALNARRING**

ENTERTAINMENT • FOOD STALLS • CRAFT STALLS • CULTURAL WORKSHOPS  
CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES • CARING FOR COUNTRY • LOCAL GATHERING PLACES

WELCOME TO COUNTRY 12 NOON

## MITCH TAMBO

BUMPY • CHARLIE NEEDS BRACES • ALF THE GREAT

WORKSHOPS STARTING FROM 10AM • YIDAKI MEDITATION  
CREATE A DILLY BAG • WAYAPA • OCHRE PAINTING  
WEAVING • STORY TELLING • INDIGENOUS GAMES  
MAKING BUSH ANIMALS • GRASS AND STRING DOLLS • GUIDED WALKS

ONSITE PARKING \$5 AND ENTRY BY DONATION  
FESTIVAL WILL BE RUN IN LINE WITH PUBLIC HEALTH ORDERS // ACCESSIBLE EVENT

FOR MORE DETAILS CONTACT:  
[womindjeka.balnarringngargee@gmail.com](mailto:womindjeka.balnarringngargee@gmail.com) | [facebook.com/8andj2018](https://www.facebook.com/8andj2018) | [instagram.com/womindjekabalnarring](https://www.instagram.com/womindjekabalnarring)

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Balnarring Ngargee

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THE 2024 FESTIVAL WELCOMES

# MITCH TAMBO

MARCH 2ND

We acknowledge Boom Warring people as the traditional custodians of the land on which the festival is being held and recognise the continuous relationships they have with the land, waters, sky, creatures and plants. We recognise the strength of First Peoples in maintaining their cultures over thousands of years. We pay our respects to Elders past and present. We welcome and acknowledge all First Peoples from across Australia. Please contact us if you require any support to access the festival.

FOR MORE DETAILS CONTACT:  
[womindjeka.balnarringngargee@gmail.com](mailto:womindjeka.balnarringngargee@gmail.com) | [facebook.com/8andj2018](https://www.facebook.com/8andj2018) | [instagram.com/womindjekabalnarring](https://www.instagram.com/womindjekabalnarring)

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# ROSEBUD HEART 2024

## Registrations Now Open

TAKE ADVANTAGE OF OUR EARLY BIRD PRICES UNTIL FEB 14

U5 - 7 Saturday Hub matches \$205.50\*

U8 - 11 Saturday matches \$224.50\*

U12 Saturday matches \$316.50\*

U13 + Sunday matches \$316.50\*

Senior Women TBC

REGISTRATION LINK IN COMMENTS

### All Enquiries Welcome

[info@rosebudheart.com.au](mailto:info@rosebudheart.com.au)

0409 373 263



## PRE SEASON OPEN TRAINING 2024

WEDNESDAY 7TH FEBRUARY, 2024

OPEN TRAINING SESSION FOR NEW AND OLD  
PLAYERS

ALL WELCOME TO COME AND TRY!

Rye Netball Courts  
4.30 PM - 6 PM



**RYE-SORRENTO  
WAVES**



**COME AND TRY  
FOOTY!**

# **UNDER 10'S FOOTY CLINIC**

**FEBRUARY 19TH - 4PM TO 5PM  
RYE FOOTBALL OVAL**

**WAVES PLAYERS AND COACHES  
WILL BE ATTENDING**

FOR ANY FURTHER INFORMATION, PLEASE  
GET IN TOUCH WITH US  
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Returning Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> February



# RYE PRIMARY SCHOOL TODDLER & PRE-SCHOOLER

# storytime



*Join Val Smith in our library for  
stories, music and craft.*

Wednesdays 9:30-10:15am

*Please sign in at the school office.*