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Important Dates

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

YR6 Sailing Program

Monday 19/2, Tuesday 20/2, Wednesday 21/2

Parent Teacher conferences

Friday 1/3

School Photo Day

Friday1/3

District Swimming

Monday 4/3

YR3-6 House Athletics - Mornington

Monday 11/3 LABOUR DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY

Thursday 27/3
Last Day of Term 1

Friday 28/3
Good Friday

Monday 15/4
First Day Term 2

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

School Captains and Leaders

Our Year 6 School Captains and Leaders have officially received their leadership badge at last week's assembly. Sam Groth MP was on hand to assist with the presentation and had some very kind words of encouragement and guidance for our students.

We are very proud of every student that applied for positions and particularly those that went through the process for School Captain. Our Captains and leaders are expected to provide leadership to fellow students and demonstrate a caring and supportive manner at all times. They will have a range of roles and tasks to complete throughout the year and are very important for the culture and functionality of our wonderful school. I look forward to seeing them grow and develop their leadership skills throughout the year.

Our 2024 School Captains and Leaders are:

School Captains	Blake H	Alice J
House Captains- Stingrays	Isabelle T	Lachie B
House Captains- Sharks	Maxi M	Novi-Lee T
House Captains- Dolphins	Zeke W	Hunter S
House Captains- Whales	Freddy F	Molly W
Environmental Leaders	Misha W	Madi
Visual Arts Leaders	Sunday H	Vai P
STRIVE Leaders	Archie W	Frances D
STEM Leaders	Pim R	Fabian R
Numeracy Leaders	Kai C	Harlan A-S
Literacy Leaders	Dylan L	India A
Flag Bearer / Bike Shed	Finn K	





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

School Council 2024

The nomination period for the electoral process for the elections of the School Councillors for 2024 will commence on Wednesday 21.02.23. Below is an outline of the process and timeline along with further information about school council and its role within Rye Primary School.

I would like to acknowledge the work of the 2023 School Council as they have been a very supportive and proactive group of parents and staff that are invested in the positive progress of Rye Primary School. Thank you to School Council President Kirsty Taylor, Vice President Kirsty Williams, Treasurer Kristen Trotter, and Secretary Caitlin Beattie for their work as role bearers within school council.

Membership

Our School Council consists of 8 elected parent members, 4 elected members of staff and the Principal as well as 2 optional community members.

Term of Office

The terms of office for school council is 2 years.

Retiring School Councillors

The following members will be retiring from school council at the end of the month: Jane Dickenson, Kirsty Taylor, Kirsten Trotter, Caitlin Beattie & Nova Riordan.

All retiring members are eligible for re-election.

Positions Available

This year we have 4 Parent positions available and 2 staff positions available.

Timeline for Elections

Wednesday 21 st February	Call for nominations. Nomination forms are available at the office and must be returned to the office.	
Wednesday 28 th February	Nominations close 4.00pm	
Monday 4 th March	Nominations displayed at School and election held if required.	
Tuesday 12 th March	Close of Ballot and votes counted	
Wednesday 20 th March	School Council AGM & School Council Meeting	

What is a school council and what does it do?

All government schools in Victoria have a school council. They are legally constituted bodies that are given powers to set the broad direction of a school, in accordance with Ministerial Order 1280 Constitution of Government School Councils, and the Education and Training Reform Act 2006. In doing this, a school council may directly influence the quality of education for students.

Who is on the school council?

For most primary school councils, there are several possible categories of membership:

A mandated elected parent member category

More than one-third of the total members must be from this category. Department employees can be parent members at their child's school providing that they are not engaged in work at the school.

A mandated elected school employee member category

Members of this category make up no more than one-third of membership. The principal of the school is automatically one of these members.

An optional community member category

Members are co-opted by a decision of the council because of their special skills, interests or experience. Department employees are not eligible to be community members.

A small number of school councils have **nominee members**.

For all schools with a Year 7 and above cohort, there is an additional category of membership:

A mandated elected student member category, two positions.

Generally, the term of office for all members is two years. The term of office of half the members expires each year, creating vacancies for the annual school council elections.

Have a great week, Lachie Featherston

Have you recently moved? Changed jobs?

Do you have a new email or phone number?

Please ensure your details are current – you can email your new details to:

rye.ps@education.vic.gov.au



S.T.R.I.V.E

GRATITUDE

Working on gratitude helps us to be thankful and appreciate what we have in our lives, rather than focusing on what we don't have or what we want. When we practise being grateful, we start to scan the world to look for positives – this only takes 21 days! Practising gratitude every day increases our levels of energy, and helps us to feel happier and more focused, determined, and optimistic. It even helps us have better sleep, lowers levels of anxiety and depression and we are less likely to get sick. So many benefits – let's all try to be grateful for the things and people in our lives every day!

Whole Family Activity:

Gratitude Scavenger Hunt

- As a family create a scavenger hunt list of things that make you happy or you are grateful for
- Something that makes you happy.
- Something you love to smell.
- Something you enjoy looking at.
- Something that is your favourite colour.
- Something you like in nature.
- Something that is useful for you.
- Each member of the family uses the list and has to find as many things as they can.
- You can hunt for things inside or outside, or both. You can hunt for real things, or you can also do this using magazines or pictures from the internet.
- After a set amount of time hunting, come back together, have a look at what each person collected and let them explain why they are grateful for each item.
- Family Habit Builder:
- Every night at dinner, have each person talk about their favourite thing about the day.

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.





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





RYE PRIMARY SCHOOL PRESENTS

Fun a Rys

Gold coin donation



14TH MARCH, 2024 | 4:30-5:30 PM



Sport News



Interschool Equestrian Competition

Last week, Alexis Ryrie competed in the first of this seasons Interschool Equestrian Competitions. Alexis competed in two disciplines and managed to finish second in both! Alexis finished the competition as Reserve Champion and has qualified for the State Championships later this year. Well done on this fantastic achievement Alexis!



School Swimming Trials

Last Friday, 73 students from years 3-6 participated in the annual swimming trials at YAWA. Students raced in Freestyle, Backstroke, Breaststroke and Butterfly over 50 metres in their respective age groups. It was fantastic to see everyone celebrate their personal achievements and even some personal bests! Well done to all students who competed and a special congratulations to those who will represent Rye Primary School at the District Carnival on Friday 1st March.







FEBRUARY 2023

RYE PRIMARY SCHOOL





ART NEWS

FOUNDATION

Students got a little messy mixing and making marks in paint. There were a lot of purple hands and big smiles for this lesson!

ART LEADERS
Welcome to the
wonderful art leaders for
2024, Sunday and Vai! I
look forward to working
with these two
enthusiastic and creative
students in the art room
this year.





KATIE WETTENHALL

RAP UPDATE

21st 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

PUBLISHED RAP!

Our Reconciliation Action Plan is once again published! This means that the Nurragunnawall team have looked at all the recorded 'actions,' or things we are doing at Rye P.S. to make our school a culturally safe place and given us the big tick of approval. This doesn't mean our work is done. We continue to seek knowledge and understanding and plan projects, celebrations of First Nations culture and learning opportunities for students and staff and.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT FOR EDUCATORS

If anyone is interested in learning about First Nations culture in an educational setting check out the Bundjil's Nest Project Conference, taking place on the 22nd and 23rd of March in Balnarring.





Monday

Junior choir music room. Miss Parker and Mrs Sansome

Running Club Gr5/6 Mr Gladman & Mr Gardner. Please meet outside hall.

Tuesday

Senior choir - music rm. Miss parker & Mrs Sansome.

Mathletics/Chess club (gr3-6)computer rm - Miss Hill

Library Club - Mrs Brueckner

Wednesday

Library club - Mrs Findlay

Prep play - Peace garden With Mrs Bradley.

Board games (grades 3-6) - rm 11. Miss Goetz

Thursday

Recorder club music room - Miss Parker

Library Club - Mrs Kerr

Basketball (Hall) gr 3-6 - Mr Murfett and Mr Trim



Friday

Computer club- Mr Compbell

Disco Hall Mrs Jordan and Mrs Berndt -EVERYONE Welcome.



Rye Primary School are pleased to partner with **Peter Moore** from Mornington Peninsula Drum Lessons. Peter will be at school every Friday for instrumental music tuition on the drum kit in the Music Room.



https://www.morningtonpeninsuladrumlessons.com.au/

Please contact Peter directly through his website or mobile: 0419 004 497

Learn the Drums!

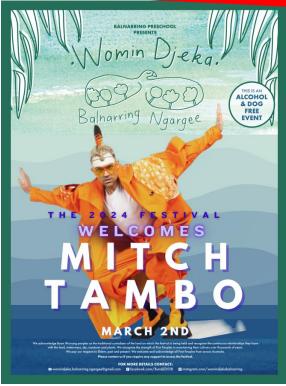


















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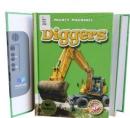
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Hastings, Mornington and Rosebud Libraries. ourlibrary.mornpen.vic.gov.au/art-program









VOX Books combines picture books and early chapter books with audio recordings that improve reading comprehension.

ourlibrary.mornpen.vic.gov.au/kids

Returning Wednesday 14th February



RYE PRIMARY SCHOOL TODDLER & PRE-SCHOOLER



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

Wednesdays 9:30-10:15am

Please sign in at the school office.