



# School Newsletter

Issue #3  
6<sup>th</sup> March 2024

## Important Dates

### Friday 8/3

Whole School Assembly  
9am

### Tuesday - 12/3

YR6 Sailing Program –  
make up day.

### Monday 11/3

**LABOUR DAY PUBLIC  
HOLIDAY**

### Wednesday 13/3 –

### Tuesday 25/3

NAPLAN

### Thursday 14/3

The Fathering Project

### Thursday 28/3

Last Day of Term 1

### Friday 29/3

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*

As communicated in the last newsletter, we were proud to announce the Year 6 Leaders for 2024. Unfortunately, an error meant that two of our amazing leaders were left out of the newsletter and as a result I would like to introduce them to everyone now: Congratulations to our 2024 Performing Arts Leaders- Lily Taylor and Jada Williams!! Lily and Jada are very excited to be the Performing Arts Leaders and have already been very proactive in seeking the gift of feedback from students to improve the music we play on the PA system to signal for students to move to class. Enjoy the new tunes everyone!

### School Review

Our School Review is underway with our Validation Day and Field Workday being completed. Both days have been a very valuable process as we review our teaching and learning practices, documentation, processes, and policies, along with our learning outcome and wellbeing data. Lesson observations and focus groups held with teachers, education support staff, parents and students have provided critical insight to assist the review panel in establishing goals for the next 4-year cycle. A great deal of preparation and effort has been placed in the review process and I thank everyone that has been involved thus far. Our final day will be held in a several weeks' time, and we look forward to celebrating the many successes that have been identified, as well as establishing our learning and wellbeing goals and targets.

### NAPLAN

NAPLAN for students in Years 3 and 5 begins on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March. Students will be participating in Writing, Reading, Language Conventions and Numeracy assessments over a two-week period. Students in these year levels are confident and prepared; we look forward to students demonstrating their learning capabilities as they do each day and through routine assessments that occur in schools on a regular basis. Good luck to all students involved.

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

### **Parking / Drop Off / Pick Up**

A friendly reminder for everyone to be school community minded during the traffic pressure points at drop off and pick up. Areas of concern that have been brought to my attention include double parking, over staying time in the 'Kiss and Go' areas, parking close on the median garden in the slip lane, parking close to the Lyons Street crossing and students crossing the road without looking or between cars.

Please exercise safety and patience during these daily peak times to ensure all students can travel safely to and from school. It is important that families and students use the supervised school crossings on Lyons and Collingwood Street. Thank you for your support with this matter.

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](mailto:rye.ps@education.vic.gov.au)



RYE PRIMARY SCHOOL PRESENTS

# SUMMER

*Fun @ Rye*



Gold coin  
donation

**DIG OUT YOUR SUMMER THREADS AND  
JOIN US FOR STACKS OF FAMILY FUN  
ACTIVITIES!**

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

Register At:



Scan with  
your phone

# Sport News

## District Swimming

Last Friday, 24 students represented Rye PS at the District Swimming Carnival at YAWA. It was a day filled with great racing and every student who swam should be incredibly proud of their efforts. Congratulations to the following students who qualified for the Division Swimming Carnival to be held on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> March.

Blake Hill- 2nd Freestyle, 2nd Backstroke

Misha Wettenhall- 1st Freestyle, 2nd Breaststroke

Reef Richardson- 2nd Freestyle, 1st Breaststroke

Molly Waterson- 2nd Freestyle, 2nd Freestyle Relay

Sadie Gullery- 2nd Backstroke, 2nd Breaststroke, 2nd Freestyle Relay

Sunday Huddle- 2nd Freestyle Relay

Lola Mammone- 2nd Freestyle Relay

## House Athletics

Our annual 3-6 House Athletics was held last Monday at the Mornington Athletics Track. Students competed in a range of events including Long Jump, Triple Jump, 100m Sprint, Hurdles, Shot Put and Discus.

Congratulations to all students who participated on the day and a big thank you to all the teachers and helpers for running each event





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# ART NEWS

## FOUNDATION

Our barraeemal pictures are finished. Ask your child if they can remember what happens in Manameet. Students are even learning a little song to perform to Aunty Fay at the end of the term.



## YEARS 1 & 2

We have been looking at works by David Hockney and learning how to show movement in our people and the water. I think the students have done a fantastic job!



Years 3-6 self-portraits inspired by Romero Britto and Mulga the Artist. Can you tell who the two on the canvases are? We will begin adding paint and posca detail in the next few weeks.

KATIE WETTENHALL

## STEM TERM 1 2024 MARCH

Hello everyone,

All our Year levels are making good progress in STEM for Term 1. This month we are focusing on coding, keyboard skills, insects, and pollution. All our students are very enthusiastic and have been excited to get into a more focused approach to science and technology.

Our Foundation students have been working hard on the fine motor skills and eye coordination required to operate a keyboard and have adapted to a range of technology challenges. Some of our preps have also been learning about the basics of the coding program Scratch and have utilised the iPads to create characters and backgrounds.

Year 1/2's have been investigating minibeasts. They have also been learning about the unique physical structures and behaviour of one of the largest groups of organisms on the planet: insects.

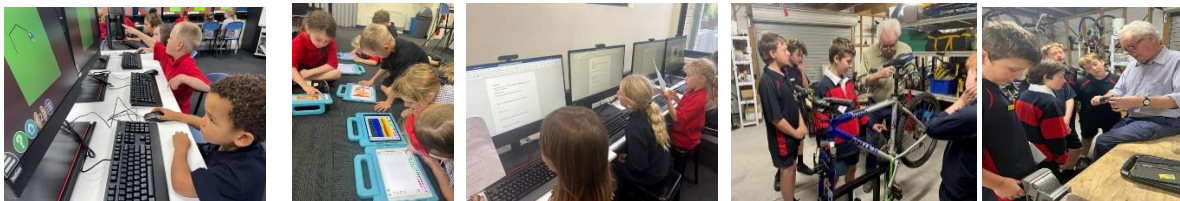
Year 3/4's have been working on pollution and this month they will inquire into the ways the natural environment has been affected.

Year 5/6's have also been learning about pollution, but with a greater focus on one of the biggest pollution problems in the world at the moment: plastic.

Some of our senior students have also been learning bike mechanic skills from Jim and volunteers from the wonderful Men's Shed organisation and these groups will continue to learn useful hands-on skills for the rest of Term 1.

Well done to all students for your hard work and progress in STEM for Term 1 2024.

Mr Campbell 😊





## Performing Arts News

### Instrumental Music Lessons

We still have available places in guitar and drums if you would like to take instrumental music lessons with our fantastic music tutors. Please contact Miss Parker or enquire through the Office. [Natalie.parker@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:Natalie.parker@education.vic.gov.au)

### Recorder Group



Wow! I have been *blown away* by the response to our recorder club which began in week 4. We began recorder club with an expectation that students will practise at home, so we thank you for your encouragement. Students must remember to use soft, warm air and cover the holes completely – otherwise it could make an awful squeaking sound!

Twenty students from Years 2-6 have taken up the opportunity to play the recorder at Rye Primary School. Recorder Club meets Thursdays at lunchtime.

“Music training in kindergarten can contribute substantially to the development of inhibition control and phonological processing.”

Bolduc, J. et al. (2020). The impact of music training on inhibition control, phonological processing, and motor skills in kindergartners: a randomized control trial. *Early Child Development and Care*.



### Introducing Lily & Jada!

Our **Performing Arts Leaders** for **2024** are enthusiastic, talented, and mature. They love the Performing Arts and look forward to their roles this year!!

# LUNCHTIME CLUBS

**Monday**  
 Junior choir - music room - Miss Parker and Mrs Sansome

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

**Thursday**  
 Recorder club music room - Miss Parker

Library Club - Mrs Kerr

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

**Tuesday**  
 Senior choir - music rm. Miss Parker & Mrs Sansome.

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

Library Club - Mrs Brueckner

**Friday**  
 Computer club- Mr Campbell

Disca Hall Mrs Jordan and Mrs Berndt -EVERYONE welcome.

**Wednesday**  
 Library club - Mrs Findlay

Prep play - Peace garden with Mrs Bradley.

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

  
**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.*






**Rye 2024 Classic**



## Show Cars & Bikes

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## LIVE MUSIC!


**EASTER SATURDAY 30<sup>TH</sup> MARCH**

**RJ ROWLEY RESERVE, MELBOURNE ROAD, RYE**  
**GATES OPEN 11AM**  
**TICKETS \$5 AT GATE**

TICKETS FOR EXHIBITORS AVAILABLE AT [WWW.RYEFOOTBALLCLUB.COM.AU](http://WWW.RYEFOOTBALLCLUB.COM.AU)  
 ENQUIRES - IAN BAKER - M: 0414 855 818




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.



**MORNINGTON PENINSULA DRUM LESSONS**

<https://www.morningtonpeninsuladrumlessons.com.au/>  
 Please contact Peter directly through his website or mobile: 0419 004 497

## Learn the Drums!





# RAP UPDATE

5th March 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.

**NARRAGUNAWALI**  
Reconciliation in Education

## WOMINDJEKA FESTIVAL

It was great to see some Rye families at the Womindjeka Festival in Balnarring on the weekend. What a beautiful way to celebrate First Nations Culture! Congratulations to Addison, Natalie, Shaylah, Errol, Aimee, Harvey and Darcie from foundation for showcasing their barraemal pictures at the festival.



## 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.

**Bundjil Nest Project**  
Conference  
bundjilnestconference@gmail.com

March 22nd & 23rd 2024  
Tickets on sale now

Use this code for the Bundjil Nest Project Conference: **CONF2024**

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