



School Newsletter

Issue #4
20th March 2024

Important Dates

Wednesday 13/3 –

Tuesday 25/3

NAPLAN

Friday 22/3

Whole School Assembly
9am

Thursday 28/3

Last Day of Term 1 –
2:30pm finish.

Friday 29/3

Good Friday

Monday 15/4

First Day Term 2

Thursday 18/4

Year 3&4 Moonlit
Sanctuary excursion

Wednesday 24/4

Summer Lightning Prems
Year 5&6

Thursday 25/4

ANZAC Day

Friday 26/4

House Cross Country Year
3-6

Monday 29/4–Friday 3/5

Year 2&3 + 1/2A Swim
Program

**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*

NAPLAN

Over the past week our Year 3 and 5 students have been participating in the NAPLAN testing. So far, our students have completed Writing, Reading and Language Conventions. This week they will finish the assessment period with Numeracy. I am very proud of the positive attitude all students have approached the tests with. Testing and assessment is a very normal part of our teaching and learning cycle to check student understanding and ensure we are stretching and supporting all students. NAPLAN assessments will provide our school and staff an additional data set to analyse and guide future actions.

Fathering Project

It was great to see the huge turnout (in some very nice, bright shirts!) at our first Fathering Project event for 2024- Summer Games! We thoroughly enjoyed seeing families enjoying their time together and celebrating the importance of fathers and father figures in a child's life. We hope that dads were able to connect with other dads as well. There will be future dads only events this year, which will be a wonderful opportunity for dads to attend. Thank you to Emma Kerr and Gareth Trim for their organisational work and our staff team that assisted in running the activities.

Swimming

Congratulations to our super swimmers Reef Richardson, Misha Wettenhall, Sunday Huddle, Molly Waterson, Sadie Gullery, Lola Mammone, and Blake Hill who represented Rye Primary School at the Divisional Swimming Carnival held at YAWA. There were some very solid results for all students, including Reef placing 2nd in breaststroke and Misha competing in freestyle, finishing in first place, and progressing through to the regional carnival - Congratulations Misha!

Easter Raffle

Thank you to all the students and families that have sold and returned raffle tickets. We really appreciate your efforts and look forward to drawing the raffle, announcing the winners and our final fundraising total in the last week of term. The majority of funds raised will be put towards school related projects, with a portion contributed to Billie Faggetter's fundraising efforts at the Mother's Day classic supporting the fight against breast and ovarian cancer.

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

Peace Garden

Many of you will be aware of the work that has been occurring in the area known as the Peace Garden. Our most recent update includes the construction of the two tier stage / seating area for Year Level meetings and special events. We look forward to some additional planting occurring prior to our annual Bunjil's Nest ceremony that will take place on the final day of term for our Foundation students and other students new to RPS. Future work will include some additional picnic tables, ground surface work and planting.

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



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EMPATHY

Working on empathy helps us to identify, understand and feel what another person is feeling. When we show empathy, or we do something kind for someone else our brain releases oxytocin. This leads to increasing our self-esteem/confidence, energy levels, positivity, and overall happiness.

Whole Family Activity: Kindness Challenge

As a family, choose an act of kindness from the list below that you would like to do for a family friend. Each family member can select one to commit to, or you can choose to do one together.

- Cook them something delicious like a cake, hot bread or cookies
- Write a note to put in their letterbox thanking them for being a great friend
- Design them a Thank You card
- Give a friend some flowers
- Offer to do a job for a friend, like wash their car
- Offer to take a pet for a walk
- Invite them on a walk
- Recommend one of your favourite books to borrow and read
- Ask them if they need anything from the shops next time you go and buy groceries
- Say hello next time you see them and ask them how their day is going.

Feel free to do more than one and spread the kindness even further!

Report back to each other and share how your acts of kindness were received, and how doing them made you feel.

Family Habit Builder:

Every night at dinner, have each person thank another family member for something they've done or said today, or give another family member a compliment.

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/>



Sport News

Division Swimming

On Tuesday 12th March, we had 7 students represent Rye Primary School at the Division Swimming Carnival at YAWA. Congratulations to the following students:

Lola Mammone, Sadie Gullery, Molly Waterson,
Sunday Huddle- 4th girls relay

Sadie Gullery- 4th Backstroke, 4th Breaststroke

Blake Hill- 3rd Freestyle, 5th Backstroke

Reef Richardson- 4th Freestyle, 2nd Breaststroke

Misha Wettenhall- 1st Freestyle, 3rd Breaststroke



Good luck to Misha Wettenhall who will swim in the 50m Freestyle at the Regional Swimming Carnival on Wednesday 27th March!

District Tennis

Well done to Solamon O'Hanlon who competed at the recent District Tennis Carnival at the Rosebud Tennis Club. Solamon played 3 tough singles matches against some great quality local tennis players and should be very proud of his effort.



Term 2

We have a busy term 2 of sport coming up:

- Grade 5/6 Summer Lightning Prem- 24th April
- Grade 3-6 House Cross Country- 26th April
- Junior school Fun Run- 26th April
- District Cross Country (selected students)- 8th May
- Division Cross Country (selected students)- 29th May
- Boys Netball/Girls Football (selected students)- 5th June
- Winter Lightning Prem- 26th June

MARCH 2024

RYE PRIMARY SCHOOL



ART NEWS



INCURSION with Trent Downie

A big thank you to Trent for coming in and speaking with our year six students about his art journey and gathering ideas for a mural on the art room wall.

We can't wait to see how he incorporates these ideas into a design that promotes our STRIVE values and positive connections within our school.

Thanks to the Mornington Peninsula Shire for funding this project. Hopefully we will see the wall transform in the next few weeks.

Artwork

There are some beautiful pieces of art being produced in the art room this term. Some projects will carry on into next term due to the term being so short and missing a few days. All work will remain at school this year in preparation for our art show in term 3.

KATIE WETTENHALL

RAP UPDATE

18th March 2024



BUNDJIL'S NEST CEREMONY 2024

With Aunty Fay Stuart-Muir

In recognition of the traditional land custodians and to welcome people into our community we are inviting all of our new students and staff members to add a personalised stick to Bundjil's Nest in the Peace Garden.

Please collect a stick from home and bring it into school by this Friday 22nd March.

Our ceremony will be held on *Thursday 28th March* in the Peace Garden at 1pm with special guest, Boonwurrung Elder Aunty Fay Stuart-Muir.



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.

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Reconciliation in Education



STEM TERM 1 2024 - MARCH

Hello everyone,

All Year levels are nearing the end of their unit in STEM for Term 1. We are continuing to focus on coding and computer skills, insects, and pollution; with the inclusion of bees and digital diagrams using the iPad. Students have been excited to get into the amazing world of bees and have been using touchscreen technology to create insects.

Our Foundation students have been working on using the arrow keys and space bar to navigate objects in a game setting. Some of our preps have also been learning about the basics of the program Scratch and have utilised the iPads to create basic pictures of minibeasts.

Year 1/2's have been inquiring into the amazing world of bees. They have also been learning about the unique physical structures and behaviour of these incredibly important creatures.

Year 3/4's have been working on pollution and they are inquiring into the ways the natural environment has been negatively impacted by fossil fuels.

The 5/6's have been looking into pollution, but with a greater focus on the problem of micro plastics. Our Year 6's are also continuing work on bike mechanics with wonderful support from Jim and the Men's Shed.

Well done to all students for great progress in STEM for Term 1.

Mr Campbell 😊



Performing Arts News - Week 8

Choir

ANZAC Day is coming up on Thursday 25th April. We have again been invited to participate with the special ceremony at the Rye RSL. This begins with the *March of Remembrance* at Rye Pier at midday. Choir have been asked to perform the National Anthem and another song which will be practised at rehearsals. Information for families regarding ANZAC Day will be sent home prior to the holidays.

Recorder Club

We had a very special guest pop into recorder club last Thursday. Christine, one of our piano teachers showed us a lot of different size instruments which when played together, creates a *consort of recorders*. See the beautiful bass recorder below.



Cultural Diversity Week

Students are currently learning lots of traditional songs and dance from various cultures around the world. Please ask if your child can sing you a song from another time, culture or place, or our whole-school song *Wavin' Flag* by K'Naan. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=i7RJITCLUCs&list=RD7RJITCLUCs&start_radio=1

Harmony Week runs from 18th – 24th March, 2024 and coincides with other significant days such as The International Day of Happiness & World Storytelling Day on March 20th as well as the International Day of Action Against Bullying & Violence.



WE'RE PROUD TO CELEBRATE THE DIVERSITY OF OUR COMMUNITY

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HARMONY WEEK

Acknowledgement Song:

Many students have been asking to practise this song at home. Click on the link below to access our

Rye Primary School Acknowledgment Song:

<https://youtu.be/284fKA3fJEQ>

"Playing music is one of the most challenging tasks for the human brain because it involves many cognitive processes simultaneously."

Fraehon, M., Schweizer, O., & Dagle, F. (2019). Comparing the effects of rhythm-based music training and pitch-based musical training on executive functions in preschoolers. *Frontiers in Integrative Neuroscience*.





GO WILD THESE SCHOOL HOLIDAYS!

JUNIOR KEEPER CLUB



ENVIRONMENTAL ACTIVITIES, ANIMAL ENCOUNTERS AND NATIVE ANIMAL CARE

Includes feeding animals, food prep and animal enrichment activities.
Learn about our animals, their conservation and the environment.
For ages 7-14 years.

WEEK ONE - Tuesday 2nd - Friday 5th April | WEEK TWO - Monday 8th - Friday 12th April
Cost: \$99.00 per day | Small groups of 16 | 9:00am start - 2:00pm finish

>> Inclusive Keeper Club

Thursday 11th April | 2:00pm start - 4:30pm finish | Cost \$99 per day. Price includes one caregiver for each child.

The Inclusive Keeper Club program provides an opportunity for children who love animals but are unable to attend our mainstream Keeper Club program due to specialised learning or physical needs, and who may require additional support from a parent, guardian or carer. For ages 9-18 years.



Moonlit Sanctuary Wildlife Park
550 Tyabb-Tooradin Rd, Pearcedale | Phone 5978 7935
www.moonlit sanctuary.com.au
Open daily between 10am and 4pm.




School Holiday Program



TUESDAY 9 APRIL & WEDNESDAY 10 APRIL 2024
11AM-12:30PM (AGES FROM 8-14 YEARS)

Horse riding exercises and fun activities to help young people navigate life's challenges

**Riding
Grooming
Feeding
Team work & bonding**

Book/Enquiries:
info@racinghearts.com.au / 0452 045 046
Price: \$300 for 2 days which can be claimed through NDIS packages
Lakelands, 82 Bittern-Dromana Rd,
Balnarring

NET SET GO

When: Term 2 - 17th April, 2024
Where: Rye Primary School
Time: 3:30pm
How do I register? ryenetballclub@gmail.com
Who should register: Everyone! Ideal for Preps to Grade 1.






RYE NETBALL CLUB

Born 2013 - 2016
Our U9s and U11s are looking for TWO more super stars to join our Saturday teams!

We play at Truemans Road, Tootgarook on Saturday mornings! We train on Wednesday afternoons at the Rye Netball Courts

Contact: Chantelle ryenetballclub@gmail.com



STAY INFORMED. STAY CONNECTED.

HARMONY WEEK

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Celebrate Harmony Day in our Library with special storytimes, craft and our Harmony Day Bookmark competition.

Find us at Mornington Peninsula Shire's Multicultural Festival. Saturday March 16, 11am-3pm at Mornington Park Pavilion.

LOTE4Kids is an App that provides thousands of picture books in over 60+ World Languages, to allow kids to enjoy books and learn language through the magic of storytelling.

ourlibrary.mornpen.vic.gov.au/LOTE

The  **LOTE4Kids** App

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Learn a New Skill!

Use your Library Membership to upskill! Suitable for all ages. Access a tips, course and videos about a huge range of topics including: Essay Writing, IT skills, Parenting and Computer Coding.

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Intergenerational Art


Come along and be creative at our Intergenerational Art Program. Held at Rosebud, Mornington and Hastings Libraries. Suitable for ages 7-13.




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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.



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AVAILABLE APPOINTMENTS SPEECH AND OT

We have immediate availability for speech and OT support on some days and times. Once families have appointments, we will move them to more convenient times when they become available.



THRIVE PROGRAM KEY WORKERS

We know that some families need a little more support to move through the therapy space effectively. We have highly trained Thrive coordinators in place to support families as needed along the way.

SUPPORTS FOR PARENTS PSYCHOTHERAPISTS

We are running a two program specifically targeted to support parents. This is all about the Parent's emotional health and resilience. Our programs are running continually. We also have two counsellors to support parents on a one to one basis

SUPPORT WORKERS THE PEN PLUS WAY

We have Support Workers who work with clients to support the development of their goals. Our Support workers are strategic, supportive, and goal-focused.



Speech | OT | Psychology | Social Work | Teachers | AHA | Support Workers |

Rye 2024 Classic

Show Cars & Bikes

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LIVE MUSIC!

EASTER SATURDAY 30TH MARCH

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

TICKETS FOR EXHIBITORS AVAILABLE AT WWW.RYEFOOTBALLCLUB.COM.AU
ENQUIRES - IAN BAKER - M: 0414 855 810



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.



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

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

Learn the Drums!

