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## Early Stage One Term 1 Parent Information

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

Welcome to another busy year at RPS. There are many things to look forward to this year, including: excursions and other special events. Whether you are returning to school after the holidays or you are new to our school, we want to make sure that you have all the relevant information you need to know in order for your child to have a smooth start to the academic year. We look forward to meeting all of you this term.

**Our Early Stage One Team this year is:**

KM – Miss Masmanidis

K/1C – Mrs Danieletto and Mrs Colotouros

We recognise the importance of parents and teachers working together to provide the best education for your child. If you have any questions, concerns or are willing to help out in any way, please feel free to make an appointment with your child's teacher at the office, or contact the school via email at [rydalmere-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:rydalmere-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au).

Whilst the start of the new school year is always busy, we hope you and your child are looking forward to the beginning of what we're sure will be a very exciting year ahead.

Regards,

**Mrs Townsend and Mrs Colotouros**

K-2 Assistant Principals



## Early Stage One Curriculum

The following is an outline of what students will be learning in Term 1, 2024.

Learning Area	Focus
<b>English</b>	Oral language and communication Phonological awareness Handwriting Vocabulary Print Conventions Phonic Knowledge Spelling Understanding and responding to literature
<b>Maths</b>	Representing Whole Number Combining and Separating Forming groups Data Two-dimensional shapes Length
<b>Geography</b>	Families
<b>Science</b>	The Changing Environment Digital Systems
<b>PDH</b>	What makes a school a safe and happy place? How can we move and be active with others? Gymnastics (school funded)
<b>PE</b>	
<b>Creative Arts</b>	Visual arts

Days for your diary:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	Library (K/1C & KM)	Gymnastics  Newsletter (even weeks)		10:00 am- Assembly (odd weeks) Sport K-2 Scripture 2:00pm – 2:30pm



## Rydalmere A-Z of Organisation

### Absences

All absences must be explained in writing, signed, and dated on your child's return to school. The absent notes can be posted in the mailbox near the administration building. Parents can also notify the school by using the Audiri App.

### Afternoon Dismissal

Students will be dismissed at 3:00 p.m. every day. Parents are welcome to come into the school grounds and meet their child at an agreed location between parent and child. Students will be dismissed from under the COLA by their class teacher. If your child attends After School Care, the workers meet the students under the COLA and sit on the silver seats near the library. **All students are to be picked up at 3:00 p.m.** If you are running late or need to arrange other arrangements regarding the pick up of your child, please ring the office to ensure the classroom teachers are advised preferably before 2:45 p.m.

### Birthdays

You are welcome to bring cupcakes to school to celebrate your child's birthday with the class. **No cakes that involve cutting should be brought and no birthday candles due to safety regulations.**

### Canteen

The canteen is currently open every Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Download the app **Qkr!** to order lunch and/or recess. **Orders must be in by 9:00 a.m.** Students are not permitted to buy directly from the canteen, all orders must be placed through the app. **Please do not send money to school with your child. Please follow our Audiri app to keep up to date with canteen news.**

### Hats

Students are required to wear a school hat at recess and lunch in order to play in the sun. If students do not have a hat they can still play under the COLA in the shade. Students are required to wear a hat for gymnastics (every Wednesday) and class sport (every Friday) as most activities are not under covered areas. Please label all hats with your child's name.

### Homework Task: Topic Talks

### Late / Early Arrival

If your child arrives at school after 9:00 a.m. you are required to go to the office to obtain a late note. If you wish to pick up your child early from school, you must obtain a note from the office before arriving at the classroom. **All parents must see the office first before going to their child's classroom during school hours.**

### Morning Arrival

Class time commences at 9:00 a.m. There will be a teacher on duty on the top playground from 8.30 a.m. Students will sit on the silver seats until 8:45 a.m. Students are allowed to play after the 8:45 a.m. bell. If you need to drop off your child before 8:30 a.m., our before and after-school service Squiggler is available.



## **Newsletter- 'The Link'**

The school newsletter is called 'The Link' and is distributed every even week via the school website <http://www.rydalmere-p.schools.nsw.edu.au> or on the school app. It is important to read this regularly as it has important dates and upcoming school events. Sign up to the **Audiri app** and follow us on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/rydalmereps/>.

## **Notes / Money**

All permission slips, payments and absent notes need to be given **directly to the office**. Payments can be posted in the letter box on the wall near the stairs of the administration block. Ensure all envelopes are clearly labelled with your child's name and class and the nature of the payment e.g., Book Club.

## **Time to talk to us**

If you need to speak to your child's teacher about their progress please feel free to make an **appointment** at a mutually convenient time. Appointments can be made through the office or through the class teacher directly.

## ***Early Stage One Team***