

RYDALMERE

# Fresh look all round



New principal Bek Zadow with first-timers Gabriel, Arabella, Maria and Aamir proudly sporting their new uniforms.

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## SCHOOL'S NEW YEAR WELCOME TO NEW FACES

THERE were not many tears at Rydalmere Public School on Monday as the new class of kindergarten pupils started school.

While they were excited and raring to go, new principal Bek Zadow was also ready to start the year in her new school.

"It's just a beautiful school," she said.

"You walk in and feel

that warmth. All the projects line up with lots of things that I have done and it's the next step forward in my career."

Mrs Zadow has been teaching for 12 years across all primary ages and will continue at Rydalmere Public as a teaching principal.

"I'm really passionate

about getting the best for every student who walks through these gates," she said.

"Putting the best educational program and sports in place for all students is always at the core."

As well as a new principal and students, the school is also boasting a new uniform and logo this year.

In the update, the school is dispensing with the old grey and maroon uniforms.

The students will now be brightening up the school and surrounds in smart navy blue and red.

"It's stylish and comfortable clothing for the kids, so they can still do their sport in the uniform," Mrs Zadow said.

"The steering committee looked at ways to improve the school.

"They also updated our blue wren logo. It's to help the community recognise that we're here."

Mrs Zadow said the school, while small, offered everything the larger public schools do.

"We also have the pre-school on site and a community playgroup that's run by volunteers," she said.

## VOX pop

**BIANCA GHARIB SILVERWATER**

My daughter Arabella is second generation. It was such a great school and having such fond memories of coming to this school, I want her to have the same sort of experience. She's the first one at school, it's very nerve-racking to let her go into the real world.



**ANDY BALL Rydalmere**

We did all the orientation they had, but Hamish is an old hand, he's always brought the first (child) up (to the school). He's just ready to go. He was so itching to be here. He's been begging us for a year to go to big school.



**HODA ALI Rydalmere**

This is our third and fourth child - they're twins. Because we've got two already going to school and they went to preschool here, they were well prepared. We're happy with the school and how they do things.



**RACHAEL WYLIE Ermington**

This is my first child (in kindy). He went to preschool here, so that helped a lot. If he didn't have the routine it would have been very hard. He's been very excited, but it's emotional because it's every day.



**TRISTAL SHEEDY Ermington**

I have one in preschool and kindergarten this year. I came here, my sister came here, my brother is in the school at the moment, so it's a real family school. I was a bit teary. They've been your little mate every day and now they're no longer by your side.



Breanna, Sabrina and Arabella on their first day.



Maria and Gabriel arrive for kindy.



Bianca Gharib says goodbye to Arabella.

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