



The Link

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DATES TO REMEMBER

| Term 4 | |
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| 5.11 – 10.12.12 | AFL Clinic – Mondays (after school) |
| 14.11.12 | Kindergarten Transition – “What do I pack in my school bag?” 11:30am-12:45pm Artist-in-residence, David Capra, working with 3/4B and 5/6R |
| 20.11.12 | Captains and Prefects elections |
| 10.12.12 | Public Speaking Competition – whole school Last day of AFL clinic |
| 11.12.12 | Presentation Morning: Ermington Community Hall (details to be advised) |
| 12.12.12 | Spelling Bee: Years 1-6 |
| 13.12.12 | Year 6 Farewell |
| 18.12.12 | Christmas Fun Day – Class Parties |
| 19.12.12 | Talent Quest – whole school |

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Ladies Market Night

Congratulations to Dorothy Kushturian, our school administrative officer and school administrative manager on Fridays, and Michelle Bolliger, our parent volunteer extraordinaire, and their volunteer helpers, for a wonderful Ladies Market Night. I was able to attend in my capacity as drinks assistant where I got a very good view of the dedication and hard work that was required to bring the night off. I also saw the many meetings taking place weeks before the event and Dorothy and Michelle dealing with the many enquiries each week. Towards the end of the night I walked around the grounds speaking to the store holders and asked how things went for them. All of them made positive comments about the night and I have since been informed that many have rebooked for next year! I am sure that all who attended and had such a great time would join me in congratulating Michelle and Dorothy. Planning has already begun for next year!

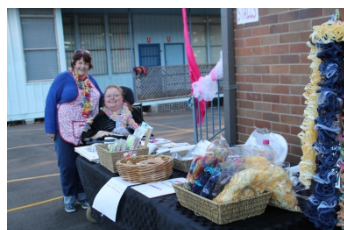


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More action from our Ladies' Market Night



Kindly Orientation

Kindly Orientation is going well with the children who will be with us next year, and their parents or carers, experiencing some of the activities that they will be involved in next year. Senior students have been supporting them, as is our tradition, forming strong relationships that last for many years. If you have a friend or associate who has not made arrangements for 2013 kindergarten, please invite them to contact the school, as we have a small number of places left at this time. They are filling fast!

Enrolments

We are a relatively mobile community as people add to their family and leave the area to find larger accommodation, or move interstate or overseas, as some have done so this year. We wish all those who have been part of our community well for the future and hope that they visit some time to tell of their adventures. We have also welcomed new children and their families to our community as well. We hope that they feel welcome and at home in our school. Rydalmere Public School has the advantage of being a close community and that means that all the children are well known to the teachers and by many of the parents. We are able to respond quickly to the needs of the students and put into place strategies to enhance their learning. We are very pleased by the progress of the students and we look forward to the last weeks of the year where the annual rituals will bring the year to a close. The benefits of being at Rydalmere Public School are greatly enhanced by telling others about the school and encouraging them to visit or enquire about enrolment. You and your children are our best advertisement.

Steering Group

We are working hard to respond to the information provided by parents recently regarding the views that the local community hold of our school. We have made connections with the University of Western Sydney and we have made contact with designers who might assist us with exploring the symbols, designs and colours that represent Rydalmere Public School, in the past, the present and for the future. At the same time we are continuing to look for opportunities to broaden our contact with the community. A recent contact with our commercial community has once again revealed a great willingness to support the school. You may also have noticed that the school is being used by Health NSW for a fitness initiative.

New Roof

It was discovered during the year that some moisture was getting into "F" block. We were able to get the DEC to agree to replace the roof, and so, in a short time, work will start on the removal of the tiles and the replacement of them with colour bond sheeting. This represents further renovations to the school, keeping it up to date with the requirements of a modern school. Classes affected will be accommodated in other classrooms as required.

Library

All library books should now be returned to the school so that the annual stock take can take place. If you have any books at home, please return them immediately. If you know that your child has lost or damaged a book, please contact the school to pay for a replacement. There will be no further borrowing this year.

Artist in Residence

Years 3/4B and 5/6R will participate in a special program mentioned earlier in the year, where an artist, David Capra, will work with students to develop a piece of artwork. We are excited and look forward to his arrival this week.

Martin Naylor

Principal



VISION SCREENING CLINICS

It is important to identify eye problems early before children start school.

If your child is 4 - 5 years old you can make an appointment for a free vision test in your area.

Bookings are being taken until Friday 21st December 2012 or from Monday 7th January 2013 (M-F 8.30am – 12.30pm)

Clinics will be held up until December 2012 and will be available in the last week of school holidays in January and again in April 2013.

For further information and/or details of clinics held please phone 9881 1213.





Rydalmere Public School

Parents - Friends - Community

Fundraising

- **Christmas Stall and Carols Night/BBQ - Monday 17 December**

We will be having a Christmas stall during the day on Monday 17 December and the children will be able to buy some gifts for family and friends. Gifts will range from \$2 - \$5. In the evening, Parramatta City Brass Band will be performing our favourite Christmas Carols here at Rydalmere Public School and we will also have a BBQ on the night. If you would like to buy more gifts, you will have another chance to do so in the evening. Further information will be distributed as we get closer to the time.

- **Ladies Market Night - A great success!**

Thank you to everyone who came and supported our school at the inaugural Ladies Market Night. We had over 130 people walk through the gate anticipating what they could buy ☺ Thank you to Dorothy Kushturian and Michelle Bolliger for all their hard work in organising and co-ordinating the event. And thanks to all the volunteers who assisted in making this night a success. We will be able to tell you in the next Link the exact amount raised from the night.

- **Disco and Pizza night**

Funds raised totalled \$360. Thank you to all involved with this success.

Uniform Shop

Our very bubbly Uniform Shop Co-ordinator Yvette is available at the uniform shop every Thursday morning from 8:40am - 9:15am (just down the corridor from the front desk in the office building). If you're unable to make it on Thursday, you can leave your order with the office staff or see Tanya Olive or Rita Cottam.

Canteen / Crunch and Sip

Thank you to all who continuously help with Crunch and Sip and Canteen. If you have about 1/2 hour before school on Friday morning to help take lunch orders at the canteen (or any other times) please see Michelle Bolliger or Rita Cottam.

Library

We still need people to help organise the school library. The school staff are unable to tackle this task on their own due to many other teaching commitments. If you are able to help with this, please let the office staff or Mr Naylor know. Thanks!

Thursday Morning Cuppa and Chat

Come and enjoy a cuppa and chit chat with other parents and friends every Thursday Morning 9:00am - Parents and Friends Community Room. Hope to see you there.

Next Meeting - Thursday 15 November

Join us in the Library on Thursday 15 November at 7:00pm to chat about what's happening at school and what the parents and carers are up to. The following and final meeting for this year will be a morning meeting on the 6 December.



COMMUNITY NEWS



Attention Parents: Come and join the party!
Fitness for adults. Great cardio workout if you're looking to shed a few extra kilos, while toning up. No experience required, suits all levels of skill and fitness!
RYDALMERE PUBLIC SCHOOL HALL
6.30PM WEDNESDAY NIGHTS
CALL, TEXT OR EMAIL TO REGISTER
KAREN 0423 688 088 j.k.bates@hotmail.com
Cost \$10 per class
Classes start 6th April.

CARLINGFORD COMETS NETBALL CLUB

Register now to play netball in 2013!

Looking for players aged 7 to Senior

Practice is at Meadowbank Park
after 5:00pm on either Tuesday or Thursday

For more information -

Call: Debbie on 0414 256 864

Email: president@carlingfordcomets.com.au

Visit our website: www.carlingfordcomets.com.au



GIRL GUIDES
AUSTRALIA
NSW & ACT

West Ryde Girl Guides invite you to Come and Try Guides!

Friday 9 November 5.00pm-6.15pm

For girls aged 5-6 years



Guides enjoy cooking, craft, games, badges and making friends

West Ryde Guide Hall, Lions Park, West Ryde

Please call Louise on 9874 6977 to register for this free event

Or visit our website www.girlguides-nswact.org.au to find out more about Guides

AN INFORMATION EVENING FOR PARENTS AND PROFESSIONALS

To help children with behaviour, learning and socialisation difficulties reach their full potential.

The Auditorium, 16 Masons Drive, North Parramatta

14th November, 2012 7.00 to 9.00 pm

Admission \$20 Includes a copy of the book. (Sorry no credit card facilities)

www.difficultchildren.org - Phone: 02 9683 3664

Carols by Candlelight at Old Government House

Parramatta Park, Parramatta

Saturday 8 December 2012

Time: 7.00pm to 9.00pm - **Gates open** 6.00pm

Start the festive season with a night of carols played by NSW Railway Band

Enjoy performances from Northmead and Baulkham Hills High Schools and a visit from Santa Claus

Gold coin entry with all funds going to support Old Government House and Experiment Farm Cottage

Sausage sizzle, ice creams, candles, drinks and coffee for sale

Please bring rugs or low chairs for seating at the front of Old Government House.

Margaret Poole | Vice Chairperson / Events Manager

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