



# The Link

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DATES TO REMEMBER	
<b>Term 2</b>	
<b>17.5.12</b>	<b>P &amp; C Meeting 7 pm</b>
<b>15-16-17.5.12</b>	<b>NAPLAN</b> (National Assessment Program on Literacy and Numeracy ) testing – Years 3 & 5
<b>23.5.12</b>	<b>Zone Cross-country</b> athletics carnival – details to be advised
<b>22.5.12</b>	<b>ICAS Computer Skills</b>
<b>30.5.12</b>	<b>Celebrating the Arts rehearsal – Northmead HS</b>
<b>Thursdays</b>	<b>Dance2bfit</b>

## Building our School

Parents may be surprised to know that the best way for our school to grow and be nourished by continuing enrolments is the views and opinions of the parent body when they speak about our school. I would encourage parents to speak to your neighbours about the progress that your child is making, the conditions at the school including our information technology resources, the welcome that you receive when you come to school as a community member or support person and any interesting programs that you know of at the school such as the chickens, the veggie gardens, Peer Support, the preschool opportunities, Multilit, and our strong work in numeracy and literacy. My experience at Rydalmere is one of a rich, supportive and nourishing environment. I hope that you have had a similar experience and that you are willing to share this with the local community.

If your experience is not a positive one, I would ask that you make an appointment with me and we will address these issues.

## Naplan Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

This week year three and five students are sitting down to the Naplan Tests. These tests are a snapshot of the learning that has taken place over a number of years and is a way for the school to measure the progress of children at our school. This information is not the only information that is used at Rydalmere. Information is gathered during the year via assessment tasks, in addition to the professional judgement of each teacher. By putting all of this information together, we form a clear view of how the school is performing against our school targets and how individual students are progressing. This informs our teaching each day. We report this information to you via the school report and interviews in the middle of the year and the report at the end of the year. Parents should be aware that they can ask for an interview to speak about the progress of their child at a time convenient to you and your child's class teacher.

Our students have been well prepared for this and we wish the students all the best on each day.



Congratulations to Daniela Podmore who has won \$1500 for the purchase of sports equipment and other educational items for the school. Daniela entered the competition on the Channel 7 Morning show and was successful in winning the runner up prize. Thank you to Daniela for helping the school in this way.

### **Dance 2b Fit**

The Dance2bFit. program is going well with all students attending as this is their sport for the Term. If you have not paid as yet please pay now.

### **P&C Messages**

On the following page you will see a number of initiatives being undertaken by the P&C. Please consider getting behind these worthy ventures and giving them the support they need, as all students benefit from these endeavours.

*Martin Naylor*

**Principal**

### **School Cross Country**

All students in Years 2-6 competed in the cross country at Rydalmere Park last Wednesday 9 May. Students had been practicing each day on the school oval leading up to the event. It was fantastic to see the enthusiasm of all students who entered the race. Children who are turning 8, 9 or 10 years old this year ran 2 kilometres and children who are turning 11, 12 and 13 years this year ran 3 kilometres.

**A big thank you to all the parents who supported the event and helped out on the day at various spots around the track. Your continued support makes this a great community event.**

Students who have been selected to represent our school at the **Zone Cross Country next Wednesday 23 May** have been notified. These students need to return their permission notes and money to school by Friday 18 May.

*Mandy Ryan*

Cross Country Co-ordinator

### **School Banking**

#### **Tuesdays**

#### **Tomorrow is banking day!**

Remember to bring in your money for school banking.

If you need to start banking, please see the school office or leave a note for Mrs Ewings.

### **Assembly Awards: 11 May 2012**

<b>Merit Certificates:</b>	W Cottam, M Sparrow, E Thompson, C Rassoli, S Ansari
<b>Homework Awards:</b>	Y-J Park, M Franklin, E Paine, M Safie, M Nikolic
<b>Sports Awards:</b>	K Oakey, A Fatile, J Sover, S Nabouche, M Apps-Tulip
<b>PBL:</b>	B Baser, C Spurdle, M Ahmadzai, D Karkourian, M Phalaklang



# Rydalmere Public School

## Parents - Friends - Community

### Fundraising

#### • Bunnings BBQ: Sunday 17th June

Time is getting closer for our BBQ at Bunnings Lidcombe. This will help to raise money to support the purchase of educational resources for the school, so an hour or two of your time on this day would be greatly appreciated by all.

To get in early for your choice of time, please see Wendy Tulip or feel free to give her a call on 0418256270. Wendy has a roster for the day and allocations will be between 9am—4pm.

#### • Mother's Day Stall—Thanks!

Thanks to all who helped with the Mother's Day Stall. Lots of gifts were bought by the children - we hope that you enjoyed the gifts and enjoyed your Mother's Day. An update on how much was raised for our school will be in the next newsletter :)

#### Uniform Shop — We have a new Co-ordinator—Welcome Yvette!

Thanks so much to Yvette Beemsterboer who has offered to look after the Uniform Shop. Yvette will be 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

We still need your help!!! If anyone is available on Friday morning for about 1/2 hour before school to help take lunch orders at the canteen (or any other times) you would be serving a beneficial purpose. Please chat to Michelle Bolliger. If you're able to help out with crunch + sip please see Maryanne Thompson.

#### Thursday Morning Cuppa and Chat

What a great time to take a break, relax with other parents and friends and enjoy a cuppa and chit chat. Every Thursday Morning 9am - Parents and Friends Community Room.

#### Meeting - Thursday 17th May

Come and join us to chat about what's happening at school and what the parents and carers are up to - this Thursday at 7pm in the School Library. Hope to see you there

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## **Are you interested in developing skills to enable you to help someone with their English?**

**Meadowbank TAFE is offering a free 5 week training session to give you skills for tutoring small groups or individuals in English.**

**The classes will begin on Tuesday 29 May from 10am- 1pm. They will run for 5 consecutive Tuesdays at Meadowbank TAFE.**

**For more information please**

**Phone Deborah Hilder 9942 3572 or**

**Email [deborah.hilder@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:deborah.hilder@det.nsw.edu.au)**



# IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR SCHOOL PARENTS



## NEW ASSISTANCE FOR FAMILIES

The Federal Government is providing new cash payments to help families with cost of living pressures.

### New Schoolkids bonus

- » Parents will receive \$410 for each child in primary school and \$820 for each child in high school.
- » Paid automatically in two instalments to families before the start of Term 1 and Term 3.
- » It will replace the Education Tax Refund from 1 January 2013.
- » The full amount of the ETR will be automatically paid to eligible parents next month.

### New \$600 increases to family payments

- » 9,000 local families will receive an increase of up to \$600 a year in their Family Tax Benefit Part A payments from 1 July 2013.
- » Families receiving the maximum rate or part of the maximum rate of FTB Part A with two or more children will receive an extra \$600 a year, or an extra \$300 a year if they have one child.
- » Families receiving the base rate of FTB Part A with two or more children will receive an extra \$200 a year, or an extra \$100 a year if they have one child.

### Extra money to help with the bills

- » Vital assistance will be delivered to 7,170 local single parents, young people and the unemployed to help with the costs of essential services like electricity, gas and water.
- » Singles will receive \$210 while couples will receive \$350.
- » The lump sum payments will be paid twice yearly in March and September - \$105 per instalment for singles and \$87.50 per instalment for each person who is a member of a couple.

### 18 Weeks paid parental leave

- » The Federal Government has introduced Australia's first national Paid Parental Leave scheme.
- » Paid Parental Leave gives local parents the financial security to take time off work to spend with their newborn.
- » The scheme gives eligible working parents up to 18 weeks paid parental leave at the rate of the National Minimum Wage, currently around \$590 per week.

### 50% Childcare rebate up To \$7,500 per child

- » The Federal Government has increased the childcare rebate to cover 50% of your costs.
- » This is not means tested.
- » You can now receive the rebate either monthly, fortnightly, quarterly or yearly.

### More support for families with teenagers

- » The cost of raising children does not fall as children get older.
- » This year we delivered a boost to Family Tax Benefit Part A of up to \$4,200 for eligible local families with teenagers aged 16-19, if their child stays in school or vocational training.
- » This boost will help about 3,200 local families over the next five years with the cost of raising older teenagers, and it will encourage teenagers to stay in school.



## WANT MORE INFORMATION ?

Contact your local MP Julie Owens or visit [www.australia.gov.au/householdassistance](http://www.australia.gov.au/householdassistance) to find out how your family stands to benefit from these new payments.

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**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 [jk.bates@hotmail.com](mailto:jk.bates@hotmail.com)

Cost \$10 per class

Classes start 6<sup>th</sup> April.



**Healthy • Active • Happy • Kids**

Go4Fun® is a **FREE** eight week healthy lifestyle program for children to become fitter, healthier and happier. The program is fun and interactive and supports 7 – 13 year old children and their families to adopt a long lasting and healthy approach to living.

Go4Fun® Ermington will begin **Term 2, 2012**. Sessions will run every **Tuesday & Thursday, 4pm – 6pm** for eight weeks.

**BOOK NOW! PLACES ARE LIMITED!**

To register your family or for more information

Call: **1800 780 900**

Visit: [au.mendcentral.org](http://au.mendcentral.org)



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## ADULT LITERACY CLASSES

*are now being held at Rydalmere Public School*



Free help with reading, writing, spelling, maths and computer skills are now available to adults in a relaxed and supportive environment.

Our free classes are for adults who want to start with the basics

- ❖ To return to work
- ❖ To get a job
- ❖ To start a new course
- ❖ To become more confident
- ❖ To help children with their schoolwork

Our classes meet on **Wednesdays and Fridays**, from **10.00 am – 12 noon** during the school terms, in the **Administration Centre** of Rydalmere Public School.

**A new class begins on Wednesday, 22 February, 2012**

You must be an Australian citizen or permanent resident.

Phone or SMS Helen (teacher) on 0412771244