



# The Link

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## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

First Semester is coming to a close; reports have been prepared and interviews have been conducted; children have been anticipating the end of the school term and looking forward eagerly to the holidays; and teachers have been looking forward to a short break before preparing for the new semester. I would like to congratulate the students on the quality of their work this semester, their enthusiasm for their learning and their care for fellow students and teachers. We are all looking forward to next term for what it will bring: more sun, more outside activities, camp for the senior students, athletics carnival, Education Week and Kindergarten Open Day, Book Week and Numeracy and Literacy Week, food fun days, and Creative Art celebrations, to name a few. There is much to look forward to next term.

I would like to thank the parents for their support for in-school events and for community activities this semester. The P&C has been very active and will continue to be so as they plan for the many community activities this coming semester. Fund-raising activities are in full swing and will yield valuable amounts of money for educational projects in the school. Research has found that the educational outcomes for students are greatly increased according to the amount of parent involvement at the school. I would encourage all parents to look for ways to get involved in the school life of your children. We will work to find ways for you to make strong and purposeful connections.

I continue to be amazed by the expertise and dedication of the teachers at Rydalmere. There is a great willingness and openness to reflect on current teaching practice and to find ways to adapt to the challenges of teaching and learning with children of the 21st century. I am sure you will join me in thanking them for their work this semester.



As part of our efforts to attract students into kindergarten for 2013, pictures of some of our beautiful 2012 kindergarten children were taken last week. We hope to use them on postcards to promote our school.

Kind regards,

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## No Stopping Zone

This is a timely message to parents who drive their children to school each day. Some parents are being inconsiderate of the danger caused by parking in “no stopping” zones. These zones are in place to protect the children of our school while they walk to school. I am sure that parents would not knowingly put our children in danger but lack of thought is achieving just that. **NO STOPPING means NO STOPPING.** This includes parking over the entrance to the staff carpark or crossing the pathway at the carpark entrance. You should also be informed that the ranger will be patrolling and will be taking photographs of offending vehicles. The fine is substantial.

## Library Help

We are looking for some help in the Library to re-sort the shelves and bring the collection into better order for semester two. The task would require a few people for one or two hours, any day but Tuesday. Please contact the office to volunteer.

## Garden Help

You will notice that the school vegetable garden has once again come to life! The soil has been prepared and on Friday, with the help of Bunnings, planting has begun. We would like to invite a community member, who has a green thumb, to assist us in the maintenance of the garden. While the children and their class teachers will care for their spaces, we need someone who can oversee the whole area to ensure the success of the project. If there is anyone, mother, father, grandmother or grandfather, who has a small amount of time to give to this task, please contact the office. This may be a good way to contribute to the education of your loved ones and have fun in the garden as well.

## Thursday Breakfast

We have all enjoyed the breakfasts that Rita from Parramatta Mission has provided every Thursday morning. The children look forward to the warm toast and drink each Thursday and Rita's sunny and welcoming personality. Due to changes in the needs of schools in our area and in the funding available, Rita will be offering breakfast at school on Thursday every fortnight rather than each week. The first breakfast will be held in week two – Thursday 26 July.

## Visit by Regional Director, David Phipps





## Community Information Booklet – “Neighbourhoods Connecting”

A number of Rydalmere students recently contributed to the community booklet. *Neighbourhoods Connecting*. This was a joint project coordinated by IDEA, the Interagency of the Dundas Ermington Area and Parramatta City Council's Community Capacity Team. Students taking part in the project included Zohal Q, Ulita W, Stephanie G, Mack A, Shakiya S, Shaiq A, Mana N and Rebecca C. All contributors received recognition for their efforts.



## School Holiday Activities – Winter

Grab your winter woollies and head out to Parramatta these school holidays. Parramatta City Council's July program of events are guaranteed to offer hours of fun for the whole family. The guide is crammed with fun and free activities just for you! Parramatta Artists Studios presents 2 workshops as part of the program including:

### ***Drum It Up - Tuesday 10 July***

Get hands-on and explore beats and rhythms in an energetic African drumming workshop with musician Richard Petkovic. Experience playing an instrument or reading music not required.

Session 1: 9:00 – 10:30am (9-12years)

Session 2: 11:30 – 1:00pm (5-8years)

Venue: Parramatta Artists Studios, 45 Hunter Street, Parramatta

Cost: \$8 per child

### ***Walk & Weave - Thursday 12 July***

Artist Kerrie Kenton leads an exciting walking tour exploring Lake Parramatta's indigenous plants followed by a fun weaving workshop using plant material. Presented by Parramatta Artists Studios as part of NAIDOC activities.

Session 1: 10:00 – 12:00am (9-12 years)

Session 2: 1:00 – 2:30pm (5-8 years)

Venue: Lake Parramatta, 28 Bourke Street, North Parramatta

Cost: \$8 per child

Parents are welcome to stay for the program with their child/children.

## School Holiday Creative Writing Courses at Sydney Olympic Park

*TheWritingWorkshop helps young writers build confidence, take pride in work, develop creativity, improve literacy, increase general braininess and have a lot of fun. TheWritingWorkshop is Australia's leading creative writing workshop for children.*

These school holidays we will present nine exciting and thought-provoking creative writing courses for young people from 6 to 15 years old across a wide range of genres and creative writing interests and for all skill levels.

All TheWritingWorkshop's courses are conducted by published writers. Recent surveys of parents record **100% satisfaction** (source: Sydney Olympic Park Authority, Oct 2010 and Oct 2011).



### **Winter holidays creative writing courses**

- Saturday 30th June 10am - 3.30pm: **Write Your Own Book** for 8-13 year olds.
- Sunday 1st July 10am - 3.30pm: **Humour Writing** workshop for 9-14 year olds.
- Monday 2nd July 10am - 3.30pm: **Fabulous Beasts** creative writing course for 8-13 year olds.
- Tuesday 3rd July 10am - 3.30pm: **Write the Nearly True Story of My Life** for 8-13 year olds.
- Wednesday 4th July - Friday 6th July for 6-9 year olds, 10am - 12 noon each day: **Kids in the Park** creative writing workshop
- Wednesday 4th July - Friday 6th July for 8-12 year olds, 12.30-2.30pm each day: **Kids in the Park** creative writing workshop
- Saturday 7th July 2012 10am - 1pm **Selective Schools test preparation**
- Saturday 7th July 2012 2pm - 5pm: **Poetry** workshop for 9-14 year-olds.
- Sunday 8th July 10am - 3.30pm: **Skilled Young Writers** workshop for 10-15 year olds.

For more information, booking forms and costs, please visit [www.writingworkshop.com.au](http://www.writingworkshop.com.au), telephone 0468 543 933 or email [writingw@writingworkshop.com.au](mailto:writingw@writingworkshop.com.au).

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### **Sydney Olympic Park – Holiday Activities**

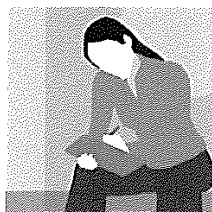
A wide range of fun holiday activities are being offered by Sydney Olympic Park including free AFL clinics, archery, gymnastics, circus skills, orienteering and swimming lessons, to name just a few. To see the full list of activities and obtain details, go to [www.kidsinthepark.com.au](http://www.kidsinthepark.com.au) or phone 9714 7888.

### **SEMESTER 2 PARENT COURSES**



## **Free help with reading, writing, spelling, maths and computer skills for adults at Meadowbank College of TAFE**

**Semester 2 enrolment day:  
27 June, 2012, from 12:00 to 7 pm.  
Come to block R, level 1, room R 1.7 at  
Meadowbank TAFE.**



Our 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 teachers are friendly and  
the teaching is relaxed and informal.  
We have day and evening classes.

For more information call Lee on 9942-3801 or  
**The Literacy/Numeracy Centre 9942-3567**

# Parenting Programs

## Child & Adolescent Parenting

Northern Sydney Local Health District

(Phone: 9887 5830)



**NEW**

### Tuning in to Kids 5wks/2.5hrs

Help your child develop emotional intelligence, manage emotions & deal with conflict.

◆ Chatswood (21/8)

### Triple P (Positive Parenting Program)

Behaviour management program suitable for parents of children (3-8yrs). Clear strategies on how to encourage desirable behaviour and manage persistent misbehaviour.

(7wks/2.5 hrs - 4 group sessions/ two 1:1 phone sessions over 3 weeks, with final group session Wk 8)

◆ Chatswood (1/8)

### Communicating with Kids (based on PET)

6 week/2.5hrs course providing communication skills for building effective long term relationships with your children and other important people in your life. (Age group: 4-12 yrs)

◆ Chatswood (16/8)

### Communicating with Teens 5wks/2.5hrs

Aims to increase your understanding of your adolescent's needs & behaviour with skills to relate to them.

◆ Chatswood (20/8)

### Workshops for Parents (2.5 hours)

- ★ Understanding Your Toddler/Discipline & Tantrums at Chatswood (31/7) or Cremorne (6/9)
- ★ Tucker without Tantrums/Toilet Training at Chatswood (7/8) or Cremorne (13/9)
- ★ Speech & Language Development/Sleep at Chatswood (14/8) or Cremorne (20/9)
- ★ Bully Busting Workshop, at a school near you
- ★ Transition to School, at a school near you
- ★ Transition to High School, at a school near you
- ★ Triple P (PPP) Seminar Series (1-12 years) and (Teens)
- ★ Resilient Kids at Chatswood (29/8)
- ★ Teens Workshop Dealing with Teen's Back Chat at Chatswood (13/8)
- ★ NEW Grand Parenting Workshop (dates on request)

Workshops/Seminars available on request – to organise these or for details of those scheduled for this term, phone 9887-5830

**Term 3, 2012 Courses/Workshops begin from 31/7**

**Please phone for a brochure or information  
about the courses/workshops/seminars on 9887 5830**





## Rydalmere Public School

# Parents - Friends - Community

### Fundraising

- **Bunnings BBQ: Great day!**

The BBQ at Bunnings Lidcombe was enjoyed by all with a very worthwhile \$805 being raised for our school. Thank you to all the people who helped to make this day a success and to Wendy for all her organisation/co-ordination. Well done to all.

If you didn't get a chance to take part in this BBQ, we have another one scheduled for Saturday 27th October - so slot it in your diaries now :)

- **Raffle Tickets - Coming soon**

As well as a note going home with your child/children, we will be approaching people to help sell raffle tickets to assist in fundraising for the school. This raffle is in conjunction with Rydalmere Football Club. Our school will receive 50% of the money made from the tickets we sell. This is a positive opportunity for us to raise some funds for our school and also gain further exposure in our local community.

- **Woolworths Stickers and Coles Vouchers**

Please keep collecting the Woolworths Earn and Learn stickers and the Coles Sports for Schools vouchers. The more we collect the more educational resources and sporting equipment we will receive for our school. Woolworths sticker sheets can be obtained and returned via your child's classroom teacher. Coles vouchers can be placed directly into the clearly labelled box at the office.

### Library

The school library requires a significant degree of sorting out. 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 Rita Cottam know. Thanks!

### Uniform Shop

Our 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 have been helping with Crunch and Sip. We are still looking for helpers for Wednesday mornings!!! If anyone is available on Wednesday morning or for about 1/2 hour before school on Friday morning to help take lunch orders at the canteen (or any other times) please see Maryanne Thompson or Rita Cottam.

**Please Note:** 'Meal deals' will no longer be available for purchase at the Canteen.

### Thursday Morning Cuppa and Chat

Come and join other parents and friends for a cuppa and chit chat. Every Thursday Morning 9am - Parents and Friends Community Room.

### Next Meeting - Thursday 26th July

The first meeting in Term 3 will be held on Thursday 26th July at 7pm in the School Library to allow time to settle in to the term. Come and join us to chat about what's happening at school and what the parents and carers are up to. Hope to see you there.

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