



The Link

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DATES TO REMEMBER	
Term 3	
20 – 24.8.12	BOOK WEEK
21.8.12	Eid celebration lunch
22.8.12	“Celebrating the Arts” rehearsal: 10:00am–2:00pm – Northmead High School
23.8.12	Book Fair: Library - 12:00pm
24.8.12	Zone Athletics (track) Carnival – good luck to all our competitors
29.8.12	Field of Mars excursion – Year 2 Fathers’ Day stall
30.8.12	Tree Planting Day – Years 1 and 2 Fathers’ Day stall – 2-day preschool + Year 2
10.9.12	“Celebrating the Arts” evening performance: Parramatta Riverside Theatres
10 – 21.9.12	Special swimming scheme K-6: Ryde Aquatic Centre
12.9.12	Regional Athletics Carnival – details to be advised

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Great Aussie Bush Camp



Early in the morning on 6 August, students, teachers and their parents waited for the bus to arrive, anticipating the three days away in the bush. Eyes sparkled, children chatted and teachers completed the final preparations. Mrs Ryan called the students to the bus and it was loaded ready to go. The adventure had begun!

Activities provided included high ropes and flying fox; giant swing; dual flying fox; flashlight night adventures called “commando”; sand dune exploration; orienteering and archery.

We had great fun in the mud on the commando course; it was challenging and really scary in the dark. Everyone won at the sand castle competition.

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A SELECTION OF PHOTOS FROM "THE GREAT AUSSIE BUSH CAMP"



The sand dunes were really cooooooooool..... We could explore in the sand dunes



Orienteering in the bush

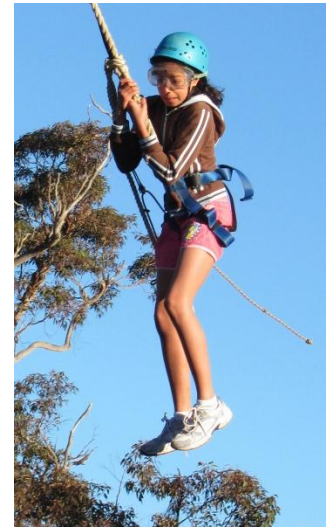


Kitted up and ready for action!



The dual flying fox was "massive!"





The water was freezing!

*The giant swing made you feel
.....as if you were flying*



The activities helped you overcome your fears

Even the teachers had a go!



Eid

With Ramadan coming to an end, members of our community are celebrating. We will be noting this important event by holding a special food day – tomorrow at lunch time. Our students have been offered the opportunity of ordering a special lunch pack for this occasion.

Book Week

Is everyone ready?

Our book parade will be held on Thursday with everyone dressing up as book characters. Are you ready?

We are also holding a Book Fair, where you can buy book for the Library or for your children at home. On Tuesday, the children will bring home their wish list to enable you to make a good choice for them or the school. Please come and join us and support your children's education.

Swimming

If parents intend for their children to be involved in our swimming program, you will have to hurry to secure your place. Please see the office to pay for your child. Childhood drownings are at worrying levels, and we encourage you to teach your children to swim as young as possible.

Martin Naylor

Principal

ASSEMBLY AWARDS: 18 August 2012

Merit Awards	Lewis S, Madison F, Madeena A, Nour D, Tomoka T.
Homework Awards	Caden B, Bilal S, Ella B.
Sport Awards	Will C, Olivia P, Ryan M, Hayzam N, Stephanie G.
PBL	Thomas B, Connor S, Robert L, Suzanne F, Alia A.

OTHER NEWS

Banking

School banking day is Tuesday
Don't forget to bring your money and bank book each Tuesday and put it in the money deposit box outside the Admin building.



Dr Shoe

On-site shoe sales:
8:30 – 9:30am on **Friday 31 August**
For enquiries or to arrange a free home fitting, contact Max on 0404 912 838



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
Cost \$10 per class
Classes start 6th April.

..... See over for P&C News



Rydalmere Public School

Parents - Friends - Community

Fundraising

- **Special Food Day for 'Eid' - Tuesday 21st August**

We hope all the children enjoy the delicious food which will be prepared for this "Eid" day. Thank you to all the Mothers and Carers who are involved in preparing for this day.

- **Book Parade Day - Thursday 23rd August**

Don't forget your children's book week parade costumes/dress up. This afternoon event is staged as part of Literacy and Numeracy Week and all family members are welcome. There will also be a time to purchase a book at the library and the option of donating it to the school. We will have an afternoon tea with a cuppa to enjoy too. Please see school flyer for details.

- **Father's Day Stall - Wednesday 29th August**

As we are approaching Father's Day, a gift stall will be available in the community room for children to buy dad or grandad a gift (on Wednesday 29th August). These will range from \$2 to \$5. Any gifts left over will be sold on the Friday of that week (31st August). More details coming soon :)

- **Bunnings BBQ: Fun day!**

If you didn't get a chance to take part in the last Bunnings BBQ, we have another one scheduled for Saturday 27th October - so slot it in your diaries now :) It was a fun time together - looking forward to the next one!

- **Raffle Tickets - in conjunction with Rydalmere Football Club**

All raffle ticket books (sold or unsold) with funds raised must be returned to the school office by Wednesday 12th September. This has been a positive opportunity for us to raise some additional funds for our school and also gain further exposure in our local community. Our school will receive 50% of the money made from the tickets we sell. Thank you to everyone who has been willing and able to sell these tickets :)

- **Entertainment Books**

You should have received a flyer for requesting Entertainment Books. If you didn't or have misplaced your copy and would like to order one or more of these money saving books, please see Ann McCredden or the office staff.

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 Rita Cottam know. Thanks!

Second Hand Uniforms

If you missed the second hand uniform sale last Thursday, and would like to know if there are any second hand uniforms available for your children, please see Yvette on Thursday Mornings at the Uniform Shop.

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.

Thursday Morning Cuppa and Chat

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

Next Meeting - Thursday 23rd August

Join us in the Library on Thursday 23rd Aug at 7pm to chat about what's happening at school and what the parents and carers are up to.

