



The Link

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DATES TO REMEMBER	
Term 3	
10 – 21.9.12	Special swimming scheme K-6: Ryde Aquatic Centre
12.9.12	Regional Athletics Carnival – details to be advised
Term 4	Advance Notice of Term 4 Excursions:
25.10.12	K-2 Taronga Zoo // Yrs 3-6 - Old Government House and Elizabeth Farm, Parramatta

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Naplan Results

Parents of year three and five will have received the results from the Naplan testing, completed in May, this afternoon. I would like to congratulate the students, supported by the teachers and parents, for their hard work in achieving these results. I have great pleasure and pride in sharing the general results with you. Before I do, however, I wish to mention that this test is a support to the school to check how it is addressing the needs of the students generally, and as a support to teachers in their daily work. They know your child very well and use a variety of mechanisms to assess their learning. This test is just one day, one test in the year.

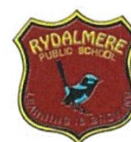
In year five, the students as a group, achieved at or above the national average in all areas of reading, writing, language conventions and numeracy. Writing deserves a specific mention, as it is a band above the average. 77% of students were in the top three bands, which indicates significant growth when compared with their results in year three. Another area of significant growth is in spelling and grammar where there were pleasing improvements.

In year three, the students as a group were successful in achieving above the national average in writing, and grammar and punctuation, and near to the average in reading, spelling, and numeracy. In writing, like the year fives, the students were a band higher than the national average. 100% of students achieved band 3 or above. 94% of students were in the upper four bands for grammar. All other results were very pleasing.

On the whole, we can say that the programs that we have in place and the significant investment in literacy and numeracy training and resources, and the subsequent implementation in the classrooms, have had a significant impact on the achievements of the students in this snapshot test. Rydalmere is a school where students are supported effectively to achieve great outcomes.

I would like to congratulate the students and teachers again, both present and those who are recently on leave or have moved to other schools, for this achievement, as it continues to confirm to me that when we have high expectations of our students, they will rise to meet them.

A full analysis of the results can be read in the Annual School Report out at the end of the year.



Preschool Parents

The following link will take you to a government website where you can gather information regarding Kindergarten in 2013. You may find the information helpful in the lead-up to your child's entry into kindergarten.

<http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/development/what-happens-in-kindergarten>

Measles – Information for school communities

Sydney is currently experiencing an outbreak of measles which began in April 2012 and is centred in the South Western Sydney and Western Sydney regions. Many of the cases have been high school students, with a smaller number in primary school. There is potential for the measles outbreak to spread further given young people have large social networks both within and outside of school.

NSW Health advises that measles is a serious viral illness that mainly affects unvaccinated children, teenagers, young adults, and babies too young to be vaccinated. Measles is highly infectious and can easily spread through the air.

Immunisation is effective in preventing the disease. In Australia, infants and young children are vaccinated with measles-mumps-rubella vaccine at 12 months and 4 years of age. People who are at risk of measles include:

- Infants <12 months who are too young to have been routinely vaccinated
- Older children who have not received 2 doses of measles-containing vaccine
- Adults born during or after 1966 who have not received 2 doses of measles-containing vaccine and haven't had measles infection in the past.

Immunising older siblings and non-immune adults will help prevent the spread of infection to infants who are too young to be vaccinated and who are at risk of severe disease.

The first sign of measles is a high fever which usually begins about 10 to 12 days after exposure to a person with measles (range 7-18 days). A runny nose, cough, red and watery eyes (conjunctivitis), and small white spots inside the cheeks can develop in the initial stage. The rash appears around 14 days after exposure, usually starting on the face and upper neck and spreading over the body, hands and feet. The rash lasts for 4-7 days.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

People with measles are usually infectious from just before the symptoms begin until four days after the rash appears. If you have had contact with someone who has had measles and develop a fever, runny nose, cough, red and watery eyes, it may be measles and seek medical advice.

If you suspect measles, see your doctor, clinic or hospital. It is important to ring before your consultation so you can be seen as soon as possible and arrangements can be made to avoid contact with other patients in the waiting room who may be susceptible to measles.

A person with measles should remain at home until four days after the rash appears to reduce the possibility of spreading it to other people.

Further information about measles can be found on the NSW Ministry of Health website at:

<http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/factsheets/infectious/measles.html>

Kind regards,

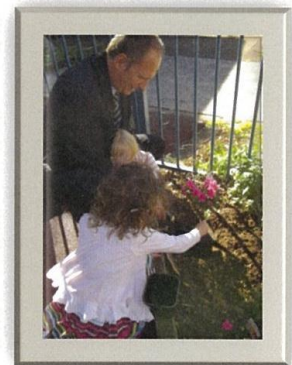
Martin Naylor

Principal

ASSEMBLY AWARDS: 14 September 2012	
Merit Awards	Caleb S, Olivia P, Hyein L, Rummin V, Mack A.
Homework Awards	Amelia T, Dominic M, Emily P, Pat Ryan, Teresa L.
Sport Awards	Bulut B, Madison F, Elsbeth J, Diana K, Ulita W.
PBL	Young Jin P, Adam F, Erin M, Joanne R, Rebecca C.
Premier's Sport Award	Darcy J, Madison F, Jayden C, Kelsey A, Lucy M.

WELCOME IN SPRING IN PRESCHOOL

During the first week of September the children and their families bought into Preschool flowering plants to put in our garden. The garden will now be a mass of beautiful flowers all through Spring and into Summer. The children will continue to look after the flowers watering them and watching as they bloom.



Holiday Activities – “Kids in the Park”

Sydney Olympic Park’s biggest school holiday program returns this spring from 22 September - 7 October with over 50 activities to keep the kids active, outdoors and entertained. A range of activities are free or under \$20, making it affordable to discover Sydney’s most exciting playground these holidays.

Full details can be found at www.kidsinthepark.com.au or by ringing 9714 7888

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS



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.



Ermington United Sports & Recreation Club

Netball

Registration Day

13th October, 2012

Cowells Lane, Ermington

Tennis Courts, Clubhouse

10am - 1pm

For players turning 7 in 2013 and older

New Players welcome

Email: netball@ermingtonunited.com.au

Phone: Tracy: 0415 618 977

Visit: www.ermingtonunited.com.au



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A positive and caring learning environment
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Information Mornings for Year 7 2014

To assist parents, two Information Mornings will be held in the School for those interested in the 2014 Year 7 selective intake.

Friday 21 September 2012 9.30am – 11.00am
Monday 8 October 2012 9.30am – 11.00am

Please telephone the School on **9489 1077**
for more information or contact us at:
normanhurb-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au OR
www.normanhurb-h.schools.nsw.edu.au



Rydalmere Public School

Parents - Friends - Community

Fundraising

- **Local Govt. Election Day BBQ morning and Cake Stall - What an achievement!**

Thank you to all who helped at the BBQ and cake stall on election day. We had lots of cakes — thanks to all who donated cakes and slices. Funds raised for our school exceeded \$750. Great result. Thanks Wendy for organising all aspects of the day. And thanks to all who assisted with some work to the chicken coop — thanks to Ann for co-ordinating this.

- **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! Wendy will have a roster when we return from school holidays so get in early for the time slot that suits you,

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

If you still have any raffle ticket books (sold or unsold) with funds raised please return them to the school office Today!!!. 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 :) We will let you know in the next Link how much we were all able to raise.

Woolworths earn and learn stickers and Coles school sports vouchers

A very big THANK YOU to all of you for collecting and contributing so many stickers and vouchers as part of the woolworths and coles school promotions. It has been a huge effort from all. Well done everyone! A big thank you to Maryanne Thompson (and Elizabeth) for gathering, counting and submitting all the stickers and vouchers also. We now await and see what our school receives as a result of all your efforts :)

Treasurer's Position - Rydalmere P&C Association - Upcoming vacancy

It is with much disappointment that in October we say Goodbye to Allie Becker and her family who are moving to another country. Allie has been a wonderful asset to our parent body here at Rydalmere and we are all sad to see her go (more about that next time though)! As a result, we will have a Treasurer's position vacant and we would like to have someone take over the position at the first meeting in October. If you would like to make this kind of contribution to our parent body or know someone that may, please come and see Rita Cottam or Allie Becker and we would be happy to chat more about it with you. It's a great way to be involved and know what's happening in your school.

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.

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 - This week - Thursday 20th September

Join us in the Library this Thursday (20th Sept) at 7pm to chat about what's happening at school and what the parents and carers are up to.

