



# The Link

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DATES TO REMEMBER	
<b>Term 3</b>	
<b>7.9.12</b>	"Footy Colours" charity fund-raising day – gold coin donation
<b>8.9.12</b>	Election day BBQ & cake stall Working bee – chicken coop clean-up
<b>10.9.12</b>	"Celebrating the Arts" evening performance: Parramatta Riverside Theatres
<b>10 – 21.9.12</b>	Special swimming scheme K-6: Ryde Aquatic Centre
<b>12.9.12</b>	Regional Athletics Carnival – details to be advised
<b>Term 4</b>	<b>Advance Notice of Term 4 Excursions:</b>
<b>25.10.12</b>	<b>K-2</b> Taronga Zoo // <b>Yrs 3-6</b> - Old Government House and Elizabeth Farm, Parramatta

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

### iPad Project

The teachers and I would like to announce to the school that, with the financial support of the P&C and local businesses Position Partners Pty Ltd, Harvey Norman Auburn, Arlco Pty Ltd and Rydalmere Central Bowling Club, we have purchased ten iPads for use in the classroom. Initially, the iPads will be used in two classrooms, year 1 and year 5/6, as an action learning project. Next year, they will become available to more classes. We are very excited about this development and we would like to extend our thanks to the P&C and the local businesses. There is now an opportunity for companies where you work to make a donation to this admirable cause. If you so desire, please come to the Office and we will give you a letter to give to your company or business. The cost to the business is \$370 for the purchase of one iPad. I would like to quote from an email from Jason Curtis, NSW Operations Manager of Position Partners: *"...From our point of view, it is refreshing to see that your school is willing to embrace technology and we believe that the use of iPads will result in a positive outcome for your students."* This is reflective of those who have contributed.



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## Zone Athletics

Children who were successful at the school athletics carnival in achieving the specified qualifying times, went with Mrs Ryan to the Zone athletics carnival to represent the school. Congratulations to all those who competed; we are very proud of your efforts. Thank you to parents who came and supported our group, particularly to Mrs Tulip who acted as team manager.



Boy Zone competitors were: Jayden C, Joshua S, Oscar P, Michael G, Lachlan N, Patrick R, David E, Andrew K, Mackenzie A, Daniel J and William O.

Girl Zone competitors were: Kelsey A, Alison M, Alisa A, Rebecca C, Ulita W, Alia A, Maria N, and Marjan S.

## Book Character Parade – Book Week 2012

A great deal of fun was had, as you can see from the following photos.



The amount raised for the school by parents and friends through purchasing books at the book fair was over \$600 which we redeemed by way of free books for the library. Thank you very much for your generosity.

*Martin Naylor*

**Principal**

## Enviro Expo

Last Wednesday the students from 2M presented a chicken workshop to eight other schools at the Field of Mars Environmental Education Centre. They were divided into two groups and while one group presented their information on keeping chickens at school, the other group visited other workshops, learning about solar cars, doing a bush walk and building a bird house along with some other interesting activities. Each group presented twice and were very enthusiastic and engaging in the delivery of information to the visiting students. The chicken that accompanied us was well behaved and loved the attention from all the visiting students. I would like to extend a special thank you to Mrs Sover for coming with us and helping out on the day.

*Mrs Moloney*





## Year 1 & 2 Tree Planting Excursion

On Thursday 30 August Year one and two students were excited to be involved in the “100 Schools Planting Program”. The Western Sydney Parklands, in partnership with The Great Eastern Ranges initiative provided one of very few opportunities in Australia to conserve a major concentration of Australia’s plants and animals and protect them against the impacts of climate change.



The children really enjoyed planting 200 trees for the stage 4 planting site at Abbotsbury. The children’s contribution aids breeding of native animals and helps to protect the environment from pests and weeds. Once the new plants get established, they will provide the protection needed for frogs, lizards and snakes. This vegetation corridor will also have a knock-on effect with the creeks. The vegetation will help clean the water over time which will in turn eventually see the environment flourish with native flora and fauna.



### Accident on John Street – 27 March 2012

An unfortunate accident involving a family from school and a car, occurred in John Street on 27 March 2012 around 3:20pm. The family is asking if anyone was a witness to the accident. If someone did happen to see what occurred, please give your name and contact details to the school office and we will pass those on to the family.





## Rydalmere Public School

# Parents - Friends - Community

### Fundraising

- **Footy Day / Mufti Day - Friday 7 September**

Come to school wearing your favourite football team colours (Gold Coin Donation). Students in Years 5/6 will be showing their artistic talents by cheerfully providing face painting for a small contribution. More details sent home this week.

- **Local Govt. Election Day BBQ & and Cake Stall - Saturday 8 September**

Parents and friends at Rydalmere Public School will be running a morning BBQ for people as they come through to vote this Saturday for the Local Govt. Elections. Your help for about one hour will be greatly appreciated. We will also have a cake stall available. Donations of cakes are very much needed. Please refer to note sent home for details and see Wendy Tulip for further information.

- **Working Bee - Chicken Coop - Saturday 8 September**

While the local govt. elections are on, we will be having a working bee to clean out the chicken coop and tidy up in and around it. Please see Ann McCredden if you are able to help out for a little while on the day :)

- **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 27 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 12 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 :)

### 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!

### 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 9:00am - Parents and Friends Community Room. Hope to see you there.

### Next Meeting - Thursday 20 September

Join us in the Library on Thursday 20 September at 7:00pm to chat about what's happening at school and what the parents and carers are up to.



## COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS



### **Colonial Kids Down at the Dairy**

Join in the *free* family fun day at Parramatta Park's convict built Dairy Cottage.

**When:** Sunday 9 September

**Time:** 11:00am to 3:00pm

**Where:** Dairy Cottage in Parramatta Park (near Parramatta Park Café)

**Convict Picnic Lunch:** pre-order from the Parramatta Park Café on T 9630 0144

**For further information:** 8833 5000

### **Rugby in the Park**

The Rugby Youth Foundation is inviting boys and girls aged 7-14 to attend the 'Rugby in the Park' program every Wednesday after school. Boys and girls are welcome to attend for fun modified (non-tackle) activities, ranging from skills and drills to modified games. All coaching sessions are FREE and available to ALL children of ALL abilities.

**Date:** Every Wednesday starting Wednesday 15th August 2012

**Time:** 3.30pm to 4.45pm

**Where:** Granville South High School Oval – (Can Enter off Excelsior St)

**Cost:** FREE

**RSVP:** Brad McCarroll; 0405121241; brad@mutualsport.com.au

### **Parramatta City Council's Bushcare's Major Day Out (9 Sep 2012)**

Parramatta City Council is holding a community Bushcare Workday on 9 September 2012, and this may be the perfect chance to give Bushcare a try to find out what it's all about.

**When:** Sunday 9 September 9am-12pm

**Where:** Third Settlement Reserve (cnr Edison Parade and Oakes Road WINSTON HILLS)

**What To Bring:** Drinking water, gardening gloves and all your family and friends!!

**What to Wear:** Closed-in sturdy shoes, hat, sunglasses, long pants and a long sleeved shirt

**Free BBQ Lunch Provided!!**

**Please RSVP by 2 September 2012 (for catering purposes) at**

[www.parramattabushcare.eventbrite.com](http://www.parramattabushcare.eventbrite.com)

### **Move, Play & Learn**

In the spring school holidays Parramatta City Council will be piloting 'Move, Play & Learn' for young pre school children. Move, Play & Learn is a fun and play-based program aiming to develop gross motor and movement skills in young children. The program will assist parents & carers on healthy and active lifestyles for their children and families. The facilitators will assist parents with games and activities that can be done at home to develop their child's fundamental movement skills. Information posters, booklets and resources will also be displayed for parents & carers to read and utilise. The program will also be a social opportunity for both parents and child, with a morning tea provided at the end of each program.

### **MELROSE PARK PUBLIC SCHOOL MARKET DAY**

Our annual Market Day will be held on Saturday, 27 October 2012 from 9.00am - 2.00pm. Come & browse through the market stalls or come & pick up a bargain at our second hand goods stall! Bring the family & enjoy the animal farm, pony rides, jumping castle & family activities. There will be a BBQ, sausage sizzle & cake stall so bring a blanket & picnic on our beautiful school grounds. There's plenty of parking so come & visit us at Melrose Park Public School, 110 Wharf Rd, West Ryde. - All welcome !