The Link

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Term 4 : Issue 15 **14 October 2013**

DATES TO REMEMBER	
Term 4	
16.10.13	Kindergarten Orientation Morning
16.10.13	Pre-school Orientation Afternoon – 3 Day group - 2014
17.10.13	P&C Meeting in the Library – **7pm**
23.10.13	Pre-school Orientation Afternoon – 2 Day group - 2014
24.10.13	"Mini Kindy" transition day - 10-11am
31.10.13	"Mini Kindy" transition day - 10-11am
1.11.13	Ladies Market Night – **5-8pm**
7.11.13	"Mini Kindy" transition day - 10-11am
14.11.13	"Mini Kindy" transition day - 10-11am
29.11.13	School Disco
4.12.12	High School Orientation Day
10.12.13	Presentation Day – Ermington Community Hall – 10am
12.12.13	Year 6 Farewell
17.12.13	Fun Day – Class Parties
18.12.13	Last Day for students for the year

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

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Welcome back to school for Term Four. This will be an exciting term with many events both large and small. You note from the calendar of events that we have many things planned.

Orientation to Kindergarten begins this Wednesday, followed by the Kindy transition program every Thursday from 24th October for four weeks. Mrs Aldred has worked hard to prepare a program to induct the children into the life of kindergarten and "Big School". We look forward to seeing you there, if you are a member of the community already, we would encourage you to mention this program to your friends if they have school aged children. Your recommendations are the most effective way to share the word about the excellence found at Rydalmere Public School.

Naplan results. The children from Years Three and Five will have received their **NAPLAN result today**. I would like to congratulate them for their excellent results. Naplan is one of the pieces of information that the school uses to track the performance of the school against past performance and similar schools, but it is only one of the measures we use to judge individual performance in literacy and numeracy. It is the attitude of the school that parents and students should not put great emphasis on the results of Naplan but that it should be judged alongside the reports given every semester. Overall, we have seen an improvement in results in numeracy and literacy in Year Three. We have also seen significant growth in students' results, comparing the same students when they were in Year Three to this year in Year Five. All students should be congratulated. A fuller analysis of the results will be in the Annual School Report and the "MySchool" website.

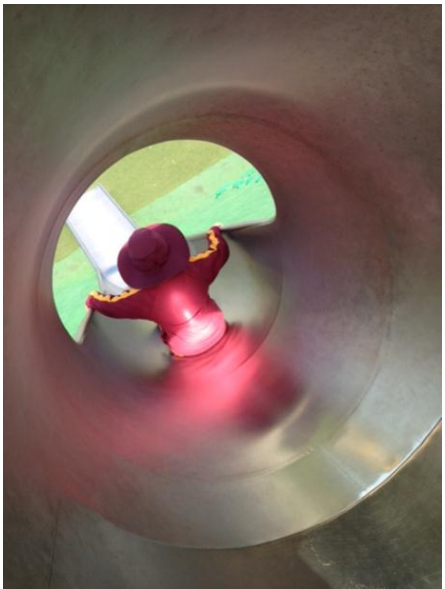
Teacher Professional Development. The Teachers are continuing to train in the deeper aspects of Focus on Reading, the core literacy strategy of the school. This will entail working after school on some Monday afternoons and one Saturday. Other training will be in the new English Curriculum, Science and the transition from Preschool to Kindergarten. We are presently conducting a program on the teaching of numeracy, which will continue next year.

We are having **a Disco** on 29 Nov. Thank you to the P&C for arranging this fun event. See the P&C report below. We are also having a **Ladies Market Night** on 1 November. Please get behind this event and bring your lady friends.

Parents are reminded that they will receive the school report for this semester on the 6th of December, the Presentation Day will be the 10th of December and the last day for students, will be Wednesday 18th December.

Uniform News. We are very pleased to tell you that we have been able to complete the process of creating the new uniform for the school and have made the first order. At the last meeting of the P&C an example of the uniform was presented and received positively. A complete example will be available soon to show to the new Kindergarten parents and, at the same time, to show to the rest of the school. A full announcement note is being produced to launch the new uniform and the accompanying new motif. I look forward to sending that out to you as soon as the example is available.

PBL Rewards Day



At the end of term three, all students attended the **PBL rewards day**. This day reminds us that the students of Rydalmere Public School are well behaved and considerate students, who encapsulate our values of being a safe responsible learner who belongs. The day was great. The children and some teachers and parents played all day on various activities at the park. Activities were rotated so that a variety of experiences were provided, and interspersed by breaks for food and drink. My observation was that everyone had a great time and came home tired from enjoying themselves so much. Followers of our "Twitter" feed received as it happened pictures of our activities and could see the fun that we were all having. I would encourage all parents to join "Twitter" and follow the school to receive these current school updates. Just search for Rydalmere PS and there we are.

Martin Naylor
Principal

LIBRARY

We are currently assessing library stock prior to the annual stock take being done.
If you have any books at home, please return them immediately. If you know that your child has lost or damaged a book, please contact the school to pay for a replacement.
Borrowing will cease in Week 6 of term.

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Parents – Friends – Community

Welcome back everyone! It seems like we all needed a break away from the usual routine ☺ Please take a few minutes to read about the upcoming events for term four.

Ladies Market Night – Friday 1st November

With less than 3 weeks away, the Ladies Market night has come around so quickly – hope you have this event marked off in your diaries. If you have any questions about this evening or **are able to help in any way**, please see the organisers – Michelle and Dorothy.

Next Ladies Market Night Meeting and Update – Friday 18th October

Everyone is welcome to attend the update meetings.
These will be held:
- this **Friday 18th October at 3pm and then on the following Friday 25th October at 3pm.**
There will also be a **brief meeting on the morning of the Market Night – Friday 1st November** prior to setting up. If you are unable to attend and have some ideas/suggestions, please let either Michelle or Dorothy know.

Canteen

The canteen is open:
Wednesdays: Canteen is open for sandwiches, hot food and snacks.
Thursdays: The year 6 students are selling ice-creams in the canteen.
Fridays: Every 2nd Friday for sandwiches, hot food and snacks. **Open Friday 25th October/ 8th and 22nd November/ 6th December.**

We would love to get the canteen opened more often so i**f you can spare an hour or two please see Jenny Mercer** (Canteen Co-ordinator) or give her a call on 0419299784. Jenny is Aliyah's Mum in Year 5 ☺

Term 4 disco - Friday 29th November and Christmas stalls in December…….more information in the next Link and look out for a flyer coming home in the next few weeks.

School Banking - **School banking day is Wednesday**. Melissa Ball (Lachlan's Mum from Year One) is co-ordinating school banking.

Our next get-together - Thursday 17th October 2013

Join us in the Library this Thursday 17th October at 7pm. Come for a chat and have some input into what is being planned for the time ahead ☺

Uniform Shop - open on Fridays

When you need some uniforms, come and see Yvette on **Fridays mornings from 8:50am - 9:15am** (just down the corridor from the front desk in the office building). If you're unable to make it on Friday, you can leave your order with the office staff or see Rita Cottam.

Courses run by Parramatta Mission: please see attached flyers for information on these courses.

Have a good week ☺

Parramatta City Council
Media Release
11 October 2013

Park opening celebrates local history

Families are invited to celebrate the opening of a new park and children's playground in Rosehill, Biplane Park, with a free family fun day between 10am and 12pm on Saturday 19 October.

Lord Mayor of Parramatta Cr John Chedid will officially open the new playground, which has been named in honour of the first powered biplane flight in NSW at nearby Rosehill Racecourse on 25 April 1910. The historic flight was undertaken by the great magician Harry Houdini.

"To honour Harry Houdini, we'll have a special performance from a magician and a paper aeroplane-making workshop with prizes to be won for the best fly-off," Cr Chedid said.

"This great new park includes beautiful landscaping, picnic shelter, a circular dinky track and a fantastic biplane-themed playground set atop a mini runway.

"The new children's dinky track also connects with the regional bikeway, allowing families to come to the event by bicycle," Cr Chedid said.

"Biplane Park is a fantastic place for children to explore, while discovering more about the history of the area," Cr Chedid said.

Other activities include face painting, balloon twisting, a petting zoo and free sausage sizzle.

COMMUNITY NEWS

ZUMBA® fitness

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.

Homework Group/ Parent Support Group

Need help assisting your children to complete their homework? Like most parents, helping your children to complete their homework can sometimes be challenging. So why not register for our Homework Group for your child/children.

The lead facilitator will be supporting your children to complete their homework on a weekly basis, in a safe, supportive and encouraging environment.

Details:

Location: Rydalmere Public School (Library)

When: Tuesday from 3-4pm.

First session will take place on the 4th Feb 2014

Contact: Nada on 0448 825 219 for registration

The LDC's Term 4 seminar is coming up. This seminar will be relevant for teachers, parents and health professionals. A registration form is attached (please fax/post/email to the office) or you can register online next term: www.ldc.org.au

Sleep Deprivation in Children & Teenagers:
How parents and teachers can recognise it and what they can do to help

Presented by Dr Chris Seton - Paediatric & Adolescent Sleep Physician

Tuesday 12 November 10am - 12pm (including question time), Parramatta Leagues Club

Cheers,
Wendy
LDC Office

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Thursday 3.00-3.45/ 3.45-4.30
NEW SATURDAY LESSONS starting 24th August
Saturday 9.00-9.45/ 9.45-10.30
10.30-11.15 /11.15-12.00

Tennis racquets are provided and can be purchased at lesson. Beginners, intermediate and advanced students all welcome.
Court Location: Dundas Public School, Calder Road Dundas 2117.
For bookings & enquiries, call Lauren any time on 0410439943.

Dundas Central Netball Club

"Fostering Young Ladies in Sport"

REGISTRATION DAY

U8's through to Seniors
Interested in Playing Netball in 2014

Players need to be 6 turning 7 in 2014
Registration - Wednesday Nov 6th - 3.15pm til 6.30pm
Dundas Public School Tennis Court – Calder Rd, Dundas

Contact: Melissa Arane – 0410 647 064

Creative Teaching-Dynamic Learning!

Limited spaces are now available for your child to take part in our fun and inspiring enrichment programs at the University of Technology Sydney (UTS). A range of full day workshops are being run across Literacy, Numeracy, Science and HSIE-based subjects for students who may seek extension in any of these areas.

Key features of the program include:

- The most qualified, experienced and passionate presenters
- Guaranteed student enjoyment
- Individual needs of all students catered for
- All sessions run at UTS campuses in state-of-the-art learning spaces
- Learning will take place in a hands-on, interactive environment

Further Details:

Year 3/4 and Year 5/6

Program Dates:

Saturday 15th June

Sunday 16th June

Saturday 19th October

Sunday 20th October

Time:

9:30am-3:30pm

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FOR MORE DETAILS

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Move Play & Learn

Back by popular demand!

Give your child the best start in life with Move, Play & Learn.

Date: Mondays during the school term (starting 14th October)

Location: Parramatta Town Hall, Church St.

Move, Play & Learn is a pre-school program for young children aged 18 months to 4 years, to assist with their physical and gross-motor skill development.

The structured program gives you and your child the opportunity to socialise with other young families, learn about healthy lifestyles and encourage active play and movement.

For session times and to register visit www.parracity.eventbrite.com.au

PARRAMATTA FUTURE GENERATION

A Guidance Approach to Discipline

Are you interested in a program that is going to assist you in managing your child's behaviour? That is easy to get to, goes for only 2 hours and for 6 short weeks? Then this is the program for you. In a guidance approach to discipline, I aim to teach parents how to use various methods that will reduce conflict between parents and children and that will help support your children in meeting their social and emotional needs.

Topics include:

- Choice of beliefs
- Listening to children
- Resolving conflict
- Motivation without rewards
- Meeting needs
- Applying solutions

Details:

Where: Telopea 'Schools as Community Centres Project'. (SaCC)

When:

Time: 1:00- 3:00pm

Contact: Rita on 0400 393 513 for registration

Parramatta Mission

1-2-3 MAGIC® & EMOTION COACHING PARENT COURSE

Learn to manage difficult behavior in children 2-12 years old

A three-session program for parents and carers
at **Rydalmere Public School**
John Street, Rydalmere
on **14th of November** at **10-12pm.**

Learn:

- ✓ How to discipline without arguing, yelling or smacking
- ✓ How to sort behaviour
- ✓ How to handle challenging and testing behaviours
- ✓ Choosing your strategy, the three choices
- ✓ Using emotion coaching to encourage good behaviour
- ✓ 7 tactics for encouraging good behaviour

Parents will receive:

- A 1-2-3 Magic & Emotion Coaching Parent Workbook

Registration

Register for this course contacting Rita Chemouni at **Parramatta Mission** on **0400393513**

What people are saying...

What a relief to come across a program that preserves the dignity of the child, maintains the self control of both the parent and the child and is actually easy to remember when memory is the first thing to go!

I realized quickly that the 1-2-3 Magic can be a magnificent preventative measure that any parent can use to avoid raising a child, who later down the line, needs excessive discipline or grows out of control

Who is running it?

The presenter for this course is Rita Chemouni who completed Parentshop's 1-2-3 Magic® & Emotion Coaching practitioner training in 2012.

For more information call Rita on 0400393513

• An end to the arguing and yelling! • It saved our lives • Simple, sane, effective

This course is being run by a Parentshop® licensed practitioner. www.parentshop.com.au

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or

Are you entering the workforce after some time off?

Why not join us in a NEW employment program.

The 'Entering Employment Program' will provide valuable information to help you secure employment. Learn the steps into designing an application cover letter and resume, gain practical skills for the interview process, learn techniques to stand out from the other applicants.

Date: Wednesday

Time: 1:00pm-2:30pm

Venue: Telopea 'Schools as Community Centres Project'. (SaCC)

Childcare: **FREE** childcare is available.

Register: **Nada Mohamed** (Family and Community Worker) Parramatta Mission

phone: 0448825219

Or

Pip Martins Telopea SaCC Facilitator

phone: 9898 3448

email: phillipa.martins@det.nsw.edu.au

Bookings are essential for this FREE course.

Afternoon Tea will be provided.

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