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DATES TO REMEMBER	
Term	
31.10.13	"Mini Kindy" transition day - Literacy Session - 10am-11am
1.11.13	Ladies Market Night – 5-8pm
7.11.13	P&C Morning Tea for Mr Naylor – 9:15am. All Parents and Carers are welcome.
7.11.13	"Mini Kindy" transition day – Numeracy Session - 10am-11am
8.11.13	School Assembly to farewell Mr Naylor – 2:15pm. Parents are welcome to come.
14.11.13	1-2-3 Magic & Emotion Coaching Parent Course, 10am-12 noon at school.
14.11.13	"Mini Kindy" transition day – What do I pack in my School bag? - 11:30am-12:45pm
21.11.13	P&C Meeting in the Library – 7pm
29.11.13	School Disco 5 – 7pm
4.12.13	High School Orientation Day
5.12.13	P&C Annual General Meeting + General Meeting in the Library – 7pm
10.12.13	Presentation Day – Ermington Community Hall – 10am
11&13.12.13	Christmas Stall at school
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

This is my last newsletter for Rydalmere Public School and it is with some melancholy that I write here. You will all have received my letter to parents and, if you haven't, please look in your child's bag. In that letter I outlined what I believe are many of the achievements of the last two years and that I am sure the achievements will stand over time. I am pleased to have a strong group of teachers here at Rydalmere PS and so I am able to confidently hand the reins to Mandy Ryan, who will serve as Acting Principal, and to Helen Moloney as Relieving Assistant Principal.

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You may know that the Kindergarten have begun their orientation program for entry 2014. A group of parents gathered on Wednesday 16th to hear from Mrs Ryan, Mrs Aldred and Mrs Cottam regarding the activities within the school. On Thursday 24th, the children who are commencing kindy next year began the program. This will run every Thursday for four weeks and is an important process of assisting students to understand how "big school" works. They have met their buddies and have engaged in many fun activities so far. I would like to thank Mrs Aldred for organising and leading this program.

In Teacher Professional Learning these two weeks, the teachers have been working on the numeracy project, spent Saturday 26th at school furthering their Focus on Reading training and this week will spend a day working together on the implementation of the new English curriculum. It has been my pleasure to lead this group of dedicated teachers.

We are now engaging in planning for 2014 around staffing and classes, curriculum, and sport.

As this is my last newsletter, I would like to wish all the parents of Rydalmere Public School all the best for the future and the children, every success in their studies. My last word to the students...be curious...

Martin Naylor
Principal

ACADEMICALLY GIFTED CLASS

This year three Year 6 students attended an Academically Gifted class every Monday for Terms 2 and 3. The students - Maria, Rebecca and Zohal, attended the class each Monday for a full day of extension activities based on environmental research. The class consisted of 25 students who had been selected to attend from schools across Western Sydney region.

Students worked with their teacher, Mr Sierra, to explore sustainability issues on a global scale. The students used 21st Century communication tools and research methods to investigate their own environmental issue.

Last week, Mrs Ryan attended a celebration day where all the students in the class presented their research projects to their peers, school principals and the Parramatta Schools' director, Ms Karen Bryant. It was evident from the students' presentations that they were very passionate about their research tasks. Below are photos of the students during their presentations.

Congratulations to Maria, Rebecca and Zohal who showed great enthusiasm and diligence during their six months of attending the Academically Gifted class.



CREATIVE LEARNING IN 4/5/6R

This term 4/5/6R have embarked on mini research assignments. Each week students are asked to research an Australian icon and present their information in a creative way. Students have researched the history of the Sydney Harbour Bridge, celebrated Vegemite's 90th birthday, explored the wonders of the Great Barrier Reef and this week they are making their own board games for the famous Norman Lindsay children's classic *The Magic Pudding*.

BUSH FIRE DISASTER FUNDRAISING

Last Thursday all students were encouraged to wear blue clothes and a crazy hat for mufti and donate a gold coin to help raise funds for the Blue Mountains Bush Fire Disaster. The playground was a sea of blue and the crazy hats looked fantastic! Our school raised \$315.00 as a donation to the Salvation Army. Thank you to all the families who sent a donation to this worthy cause.



New Sports Equipment for the Students

Thank you to Olivia from 1/2M and her family for entering a competition on Channel 7's Morning Show. Olivia won the *Tennis Hot Shots* competition and as part of the prize the school was given money to spend on sporting equipment. Olivia under the direction of Mrs Moloney, selected new soccer balls, basketballs, netballs, Frisbees, skipping ropes, and hoops that will be put in our new storage shed for the children to access at lunch times. There was also some equipment ordered for fitness sessions and class sport sessions which the children will benefit from throughout their time at Rydalmere.

Thanks again to Olivia and her family, we will get many hours of enjoyment out of your generous contribution.



LIBRARY NEWS

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.



Rydalmere Public School

Parents - Friends - Community

Where is this term going?!?.....can't believe we are in week 4 already!! Our end of year events are fast approaching. Please remind yourselves of these and write them in your diaries ☺

THIS WEEK

Ladies Market Night – Friday 1st November

This Friday evening - Ladies Market night

If you haven't yet invited a friend or two...please do so now. It's only four nights away. Come along and support your school. And if you can please **help in any way** (setting up, during the night or packing up) please see the organisers – Michelle and Dorothy or you can let Maryanne Thompson know.

Pre - Ladies Market Night Meeting – Thursday 31st October (Morning)

There will be a **brief meeting on Thursday morning this week in the P&C Community Room**. If you are able to be there your attendance and assistance is appreciated.

Term 4 disco and BBQ - Friday 29th November 5pm to 7pm.

We would love to have everyone come along and celebrate all our achievements of 2013 with an end of year disco and BBQ. A chance for the students, parents and friends to start winding down to a well deserved break.

Christmas stalls – Wednesday 11th December and Friday 13th December

A great opportunity to buy those last minute gifts for family and friends.

More information about the Disco and Christmas stalls will be sent home soon.

Look out for the flyers in your children's bags ☺

Morning tea for Mr Naylor – Thursday 7th November 9:15am

As we are all aware, Mr Naylor will be moving on to Hornsby Heights Primary School at the end of week 5. Please come and join us on Thursday morning at 9:15am of the 7th November (next week) in the P&C Community Room to wish Mr Naylor all the best in his new role.

I would like to take this opportunity (prior to the morning tea) on behalf of the parents and carers at Rydalmere Public School to express our sincere thanks and appreciation for all the support Mr Naylor has given the parent body and students during his time here. Together we have managed to achieve a great deal. Mr Naylor has brought with him many worthwhile ideas and a range of experience in areas of education. We have valued his time with us and acknowledge the positive relationship he has built amongst the parents and community. Thank you Mr Naylor ☺

School Banking

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

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 8th and 22nd November
And Friday 6th December**

We would love to get the canteen opened more often so if **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 ☺

Our next get-together - Thursday 21st November 2013

Join us in the Library on Thursday 21st November at 7pm. Come for a chat and have some input into what is being planned for the time ahead ☺

Our final get-together for 2013 – Thursday 5th December 2013 Annual General Meeting (AGM) and General Meeting

Our Annual General Meeting will be held on Thursday 5th December at 7pm in the Library. This will be followed by the final general meeting for this year.

At the AGM, there will be a time for the Election of Office Bearers for the Parents and Citizens Committee. If you are interested in nominating for any of the positions or know someone that might be, please come along and be involved. All positions are up for re-election. Please refer to the note coming home with your children soon.

Uniform Shop Co-ordinator

You may have noticed a new face at the Uniform Shop with Yvette in the last week ☺ We welcome Maryanne Thompson as our New Uniform Shop Co-ordinator for next year.

Some of you will be aware that Yvette will no longer be at the school next year and so will not be able to continue in her role. Yvette has drawn on her noteworthy "know-how" and expertise and has done a huge amount of organising and co-ordinating of the uniforms since she started her role as Uniform Shop Co-ordinator and we appreciate the effort and enthusiasm she has put into it and continues to put into it. Thank you Yvette ☺

Uniform Shop - open on Fridays

When you need some uniforms, come and see Yvette and Maryanne 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 ☺

You're Invited..

Rydalmere Public School

Ladies Market Night

Friday 1 November 2013

5.00pm-8.00pm

Cost \$10 per person

This will be a wonderful opportunity to get together with family and friends for a child-free night of pre-Christmas shopping and fun.

Stalls range from handbags, clothing, arts, craft, jewellery, make-up, skin care, linen, food, arts, craft and many more.

Entry includes a raffle ticket for a lucky door prize, dessert and a glass of bubbly on arrival.

Due to alcohol being served on the premises, children are not permitted to attend.

Thank you

Entry will be via John Street, Rydalmere

COMMUNITY NEWS



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](tel:0448825219) for registration

PLAY TENNIS

Professional tennis coaching and training

Tennis promotes health and wellbeing, improves fitness and strength, positivity and an overall healthy mind and body.

Group Lessons

45 minutes

\$15 per lesson

Lesson Times

Monday 3.00-3.45/ 3.45-4.30

Thursday 3.00-3.45/ 3.45-4.30

NEW SATURDAY LESSONS starting 24th August

Saturday 9.00-9.45/ 9.45-10.30

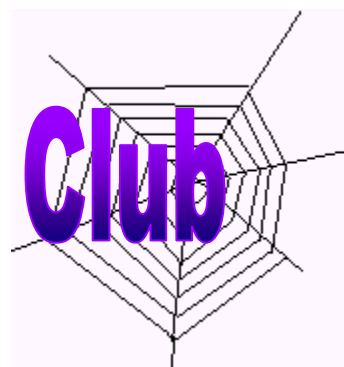
10.30-11.15 /11.15-12.00

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

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

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	Motivation without rewards
Listening to children	Meeting needs
Resolving conflict	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



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



Entering Employment Program

Are you looking for a new job?

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.



SOUTHERN CROSS CULTURAL EXCHANGE

TAKE HOME A BIG BROTHER OR BIG SISTER

Give your children the wonderful opportunity to have an international big brother or big sister by volunteering to host one of our exceptional international students. These students arrive in February 2014 for 3, 5 or 10 month programs in Australia. Our international students from France, Germany, Italy, Austria, Finland, Canada, U.S.A, Colombia, Mexico and Japan will live as a local, attend a local secondary school, arrive with their own spending money and comprehensive insurance cover – all arranged by Southern Cross Cultural Exchange. Visit us at www.scce.com.au, email scceaust@scce.com.au or call us toll free on **1800 500 501** to request our international student



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