



The Link

A fortnightly publication of Rydalmere Public School

DATES TO REMEMBER	
Term 1	
4.2.13	Kindergarten and 3-day Preschool students commence
8.2.13	Gymnastics Lessons commence in the hall
11.2.13	Meet the Teacher Night
13.2.13	Swimming Carnival at Granville Pool
14.2.13	P&C Meeting in the Library
8.3.13	2-day Preschool and Sports Captains Photos
12.3.13	Whole School Photos
19.3.13	Harmony Day
28.3.13	Easter Hat Parade

Please note that this is a special edition and the Link will come as usual on the even weeks of the term.

Welcome.

Welcome to school for 2013. It was terrific to see the enthusiastic faces of your children as they came through the school gate on Wednesday. I have never seen so many new shoes in all my life. We assembled in the hall and, with great excitement, the classes and class teachers were announced. The list of teachers and their classes are provided below. At this time every year, we are informed about the life decisions of families which have led them to move houses and, therefore, schools. Some students leave and some arrive unannounced. This may lead to changes in the structures of classes or the total number of classes and we

will know this in a couple of weeks.



Mrs Kushturian began this year as the School Office Manager and we welcome her to her new position this year. Mrs Ewings is the temporary School Administrative Officer for term one.

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I would like to welcome all the **new students and families** into the school. These families are: Kahwaji, Lee, Pursey, Waterfield, Thompson, Fourro-Huggett, Lin, Xia, Gonzales and Men.

I would also like to welcome back **Mrs Martelli**, who is a long term teacher of the school and known to many of you, but who has been on leave for a year. She is thrilled to be taking Yr 3/4. She knows or has taught many of the students of her new class previously and she was warmly welcomed back by them on Wednesday.

Those families and students who attended our preschool will now that **Mrs Finlayson** took some leave over the last two years and was the three day program teacher. We are very happy that she is back full time this year. She will be working with Mrs McKay and they form a great team. Mrs Green the two day program teacher is now working throughout the school, one day a week.

Changes to the school structure meant that two temporary teachers had to leave last year. At the conclusion of the year we reluctantly said farewell to Mrs Shearer and to Mrs Bales. We will see them throughout the year, however, as casual teachers.

2013 Classes

K/1 Mrs Aldred

1/2 Mrs Moloney

3/4 Mrs Martelli,(Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday) and Mr Naylor, (Thursday and Friday)

4/5/6 Mrs Ryan

Library and English as a Second Language teacher – Mrs Brady

Science in K/1, 1/2, 4,5,6 – Mrs Green

Learning and Assistance – Mrs McDonald

Preschool – Mrs Finlayson and Mrs McKay

You will note that the Kindy children are starting next Monday to allow **Best Start** testing to be conducted by Mrs Aldred. This allows us to get a clear picture of the skills and knowledge of the children and to program accordingly. Thank you to all the Kindergarten parents who have made alternative arrangement for their children this week.

Mrs McDonald is keen to maintain her group of volunteers to work with the children on **MultiLit** and to recruit new people to the work. If you have some time to volunteer in the interests of the children who need extra support in their reading and comprehension, please contact the Office.

We are really looking forward to working with your children and have **many things planned**. From Friday 8th we will be beginning Gymnastics in the hall. On February 13th we will be having our annual Swimming Carnival and later the Zone Swimming for those who make the required times. Please fill out the forms included and return them to the Office. We are all looking forward to Harmony Day, tentatively planned for Tuesday March 19th and to the Easter Hat Parade planned for March 28th.

I would like to give long term advice that we will be once again going on a senior **school camp** in term three, dates to be confirmed. As a result of the manner that the limited number of Year Threes who attended conducted themselves, we are pleased to announce that the camp will be open to all students from Year Three, Four, Five and Six. We are very much encouraging all students to attend. It will be at “The Great Aussie Bush Camp”, the venue from last year, which offers a broad variety of educational experiences catering for all the students across the age range, in a safe and challenging atmosphere. Please ask a student who attended last year if you wish to to help with judging whether your child should attend. The cost will be up to \$250.

On 11th February we would like to invite you to a **MEET THE TEACHER** night where you have the opportunity to meet the teacher/teachers of your child and hear about some of the things that will happen in the year. We would love to have everyone come on the night, as we know that when your child knows that you are interested in his/her education and values it, the child values it as well.

You may have seen some **work being completed in the school** over the past few days. Workmen are presently completing the repainting of Mrs McDonald’s Learning and Assistance room. In combination with the new roof, the room will be warm, inviting and dry. The other work is the remediation of the termite damage in the Preschool Office. The room has been stripped out, all affected timbers replaced and new walls and windows installed. These works are all part of the process of keeping our school in good condition so that the wonderful teaching and learning that is going on is complimented by beautiful surroundings.



Fine softfall was delivered for the playground and the Preschool.

This newsletter is being provided to you in paper form at the beginning of the year because there are some additional forms that need filling out and returning to the office. It will also be provided as an email to those who have subscribed and to those who have the iPhone App. We are encouraging all parents to obtain the iPhone App or the smart phone App when it is available or subscribe to the email mailing list, so that we reduce the amount of paper use in the newsletter process and the cost to the school of production. Please go to the website to subscribe. For those who do not have the facilities to receive the newsletter electronically, a request for a paper copy can be made at the office.

In this group of forms you will find the following:

- Permission to publish
- Swimming Carnival Note and permission slip
- Gymnastics Note and permission slip
- Emergency Contact Card
- Soccer and Scouts.