



The Link

A fortnightly publication of Rydalmere Public School

Term 2: Issue 7

DATES TO REMEMBER	
Term 2	
21.5.13	ICAS Computer
22.5.13	Zone Cross Country
29.5.13	Celebrating the Arts Rehearsal (Years 3-6)
4.6.13	Nutrition Magician (P/S –Year 2)
5.6.13	ICAS Science
9.6.13	Bunnings BBQ at Lidcombe Bunnings
17.6.13	ICAS Writing
18.6 & 21.6.13	Pre-School Vision Testing
18.6.13	ICAS Spelling
21.6.13	Reports go home
24.6.13	Parent/ Teacher Interviews

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Naplan

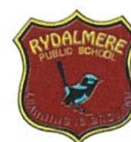
On Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday last week the children in Years Three and Five sat the Naplan tests. I was very pleased with the attitude that all students approached these days of testing. While some were anxious in the mornings, they settled down quickly with the support of their teachers, and made their best efforts to demonstrate what they know and can do. We wish to emphasise to parents that these tests are only indicative of the children's progress and we do not rely on it to tell us the whole story of your child's progress. Teachers will know your child through in-class work and testing and so can judge expertly the needs of your child. The results will come out later in the year. For last year's results, you can access the My School website on : <http://www.myschool.edu.au/>. I would draw your attention to the growth in our student's results over the last two years.

I would like to thank the students from Years Four and Six, who did not have to sit the tests, for their cooperation and goodwill during this period.

Numeracy Project

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Phone: 9638 1568 Email: rydalmere-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au
Fax: 9898 0161 Web: www.rydalmere-p.schools.nsw.edu.au



I would like to inform all parents that the school has been selected to participate in a Federal Partnership Project in Numeracy. A small amount of money has been dedicated to supporting the school to further the work that has been done in Numeracy over the last two years. Data has been gathered to determine our focus, and students will be interviewed regarding their experience of Numeracy at Rydalmere. The target group is the whole school. Teachers will work together to develop lessons and units of work, in line with the new national curriculum and the needs of the 21st century learner, to improve the outcomes of students in Numeracy. We believe that the additional work required by staff to implement this project will benefit all students of Rydalmere Public School and we are grateful for the opportunity to participate.

School Crossing Parking

It is a matter of great concern that some parents are parking inappropriately and illegally adjacent to the crossing. **This puts all students in danger.** There is no excuse for this practice. Please be warned that Council Rangers come by and photograph offenders and send you a hefty fine.

While it is not the schools business how parents conduct themselves in their cars, it has come to our attention that some of our lovely children are being placed in the front seat to journey home. This is a dangerous practice and breaks a number of road rules that were introduced to improve the safety of children in cars. Our concern is the safe transportation of our children. Please make it your priority too.

Change of School Banking Day

Please be informed that School Banking has changed to Wednesday.

First Semester Reports and Interviews

I would like to inform parents that reports regarding the progress of your child will be distributed on Friday 21st June. We invite you to make an interview time for the following week on Monday 24th June from 1.45pm until 6.00 pm where you may ask questions or share information/concerns regarding your child. A note will go out soon, upon which you can indicate your preferred times. Interview times will be managed on a first returned first served basis. Teachers may contact you directly to ask you to come. This is to ensure that parents are fully informed about their child. We regard these meetings as team meetings, where a picture of your child is built and shared so that we have a mutual understanding of the needs of your child. We look forward to seeing you there.

Uniforms

It is important that all children are in school uniform each day. As I examined the uniform throughout the school, it became apparent that a range of variations have developed and so it is very confusing for parents when a request for children to be in uniform is made by the school. To help with bringing consistency to our present uniform I have provided pictures below and descriptions to assist parents.

Please do not mix and match the uniform, Summer and Winter, or Daily Uniform and Sports Uniform. Sports uniform is to be worn each Friday only. Please examine your uniforms for fit, cleanliness and repair. Please note that if children find that they are cold or are at risk of being cold, warm "under clothing" may be worn, but they should not be of a length or fit that they can be seen under normal circumstances.

If you have difficulty complying with the uniform requirements, please come and see the office. Thank you for your support.

Winter School Uniform:



Girls Winter Uniform

School Jacket
Yellow School Shirt/Blouse or skivvy (Discouraged)
School Tunic
Grey Tights
Black School Shoes

Alternatives For Girls

Maroon Slacks instead of the Tunic



Boys Winter Uniform

School Jacket
Grey Shirt with Maroon collar
Grey Trousers/Shorts
Black School Shoes

Alternative for boys

Gold School Skivvy (Discouraged but allowed)

- **Maroon Track pants are not part of the daily uniform but can be worn only on Fridays over their shorts.**
- **Grey Slacks worn with the Tunic is not part of the uniform.**



Sports uniform is to be worn each Friday only unless advised otherwise.

Girls – School sports shirt and maroon shorts or skirt, School jacket and tracksuit pants if cold. Hat.

Boys – School sports shirt and maroon shorts, School jacket and tracksuit pants if cold. Hat.

Martin Naylor Principal

ASSEMBLY AWARDS: [insert date]	
Safe Award	Hilal S, Olivia P, Barin S, Emily M
Respectful Award	SuJin P, Thomas B, Elizabeth T, Mack A
Learner Award	Layla W, Lewis S, Georgia R, Patrick R

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.

MUIRFIELD HIGH SCHOOL CAR BOOT SALE

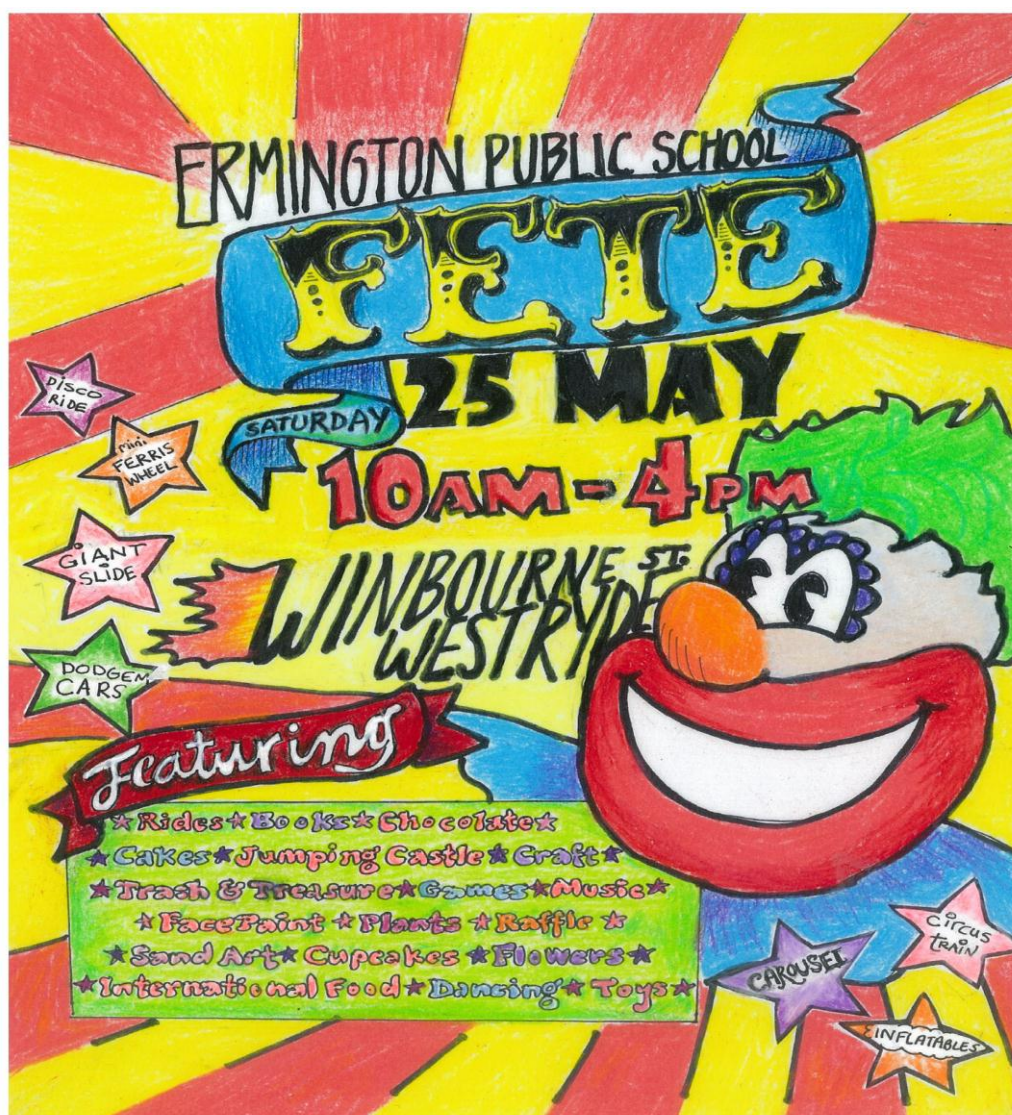
25th May 2013

Stall holders wanted

Ring or email Karin: 0425 354

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kgrant@hydroinnovations.com.au





Rydalmere Public School

Parents - Friends - Community

Fundraising opportunities

Bunnings BBQ – Sunday 9th June

Our Bunnings BBQ at Lidcombe on Sunday 9th June is coming up very soon. This is a fun day and if you are able to help out for an hour or two on the day, please let Wendy or Rita know as soon as you can. As the P&C has agreed to pay for the cost of the bus taking the yr 3-6 children to camp this year, the money raised from this BBQ will be put toward that cost. Whether you have children attending the camp or not, this is an excellent opportunity for you to make a contribution by helping out on the day. ☺

Woolworths Earn and Learn

A reminder to pick up your stickers when you go shopping at Woolworths as part of the Earn and Learn program. This will help with getting as many resources for our school as we can. Place your stickers on the appropriate sheets from Woolies and place them in the Rydalmere Public School box either at the store or at the school office.

Mother's Day Stalls and Family Portraits

Thank you to all who participated in these two fundraising activities either by purchasing or helping out on the day. We will keep you informed as to how much was raised from each.

Canteen

Michelle Bolliger has been our committed and dedicated Canteen Co-ordinator for the last ten years. She has recently come to the decision that she is ready for a break. We thank Michelle for all her efforts and the admirable job she has done during this time. Michelle has handed over the reins to Jenny Mercer (Aliyah's Mum in Year 5). We welcome Jenny who has shown enthusiasm and interest in taking over this role ☺

Wednesdays: Canteen is open for hot food and snacks.

Thursdays: The year 6 students are selling ice-creams in the canteen.

Fridays: California rolls and sandwiches are available on Fridays. Orders for California rolls must be placed on the Thursday prior. Children will not be able to order these on the Friday.

If you have any queries related to canteen or would like to help out for an hour or two a week, please feel free to chat to Jenny Mercer (New Canteen Co-ordinator).

School Banking

Thank you to Melissa Ball (Lachlan's Mum from Year One) for offering to co-ordinate school banking. **The new school banking day is Wednesday.** Thank you also to Kylie Ewings who has been co-ordinating this for many years.

Our next get-together for this year - Thursday 20th June 2013

Join us in the Library on Thursday 20th June at 7pm. Come for a chat and have some input into what is being planned for the year ahead ☺

Uniform Shop

When you need some uniforms, come and see Yvette on Thursday mornings 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 Rita Cottam.

Have a good week everyone.....see you soon ☺



The Hills Sports High School Talented Sports Program GOLF TRIALS

Tuesday 21 May

1.00pm

Fox Hills Golf Club

Trials will be held by AAA Professional, NSW & Australian PGA member
Jamie Atkinson

Trial is by application only, application forms are available on the schools website: hillssporthigh.com.au or contact the school on 9622 7300.

The Hills Sports High School offers a world-class Talented Sports Program (TSP) designed to provide students who excel in particular sports with elite coaching and an academic framework that enables them to reach both their academic and sporting goals.



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 19th Feb 2013

Contact Sharlene on 0448 825 219 for registration

Or email

sharlene.pasqual@parramattamission.org.au



Are you interested in developing skills to enable you to help someone with their English?

Meadowbank TAFE is offering a free 5 week training session to give you skills for tutoring small groups or individuals in English.

The classes will begin on Tuesday 14 May from 10am- 1pm. They will run for 5 consecutive Tuesdays at Meadowbank TAFE.

For more information please
Email susan.mills2@del.nsw.edu.au
Phone 9942 3572

NSI delivers ASEP courses in partnership with the Department of Education and Communities. The ASEP is a Commonwealth Government Program. For more information about the ASEP, visit <http://www.immigration.gov.au/immigration/asep/asep-english.htm>

TAFE NSW – Northern Sydney Institute
Adult Migrant English Program (AMEP)
NSI PTO Provider Number 55011



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

Time: 10:30am-11:30am

Date: Starting 14th May, every Tuesday during the school term

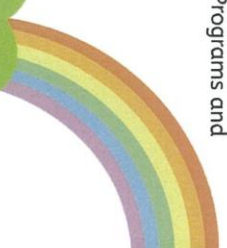
Location: Parramatta Town Hall, Church St.

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.

Bring your child along to ensure they are reaching their full potential and enjoy a free morning tea.

For more information please call the Recreation Programs and Services Team on 02 9806 5130.



Understanding IQ & Educational Assessments



Presenter: Andrew Greenfield

Child & Educational Psychologist

**Term 2
Seminar**

Tuesday 28th May 2013

www ldc org au

VENUE:

Parramatta Leagues Club
Sterling Room
13-15 O'Connell St, Parramatta

TIME:

Registration 9.30am
Presentation 10am - 12pm

COST:

Seminar Payment Only

\$30 Seminar - LDC Member
\$65 Seminar - Non LDC member

Seminar & Membership Offer

\$60 Seminar entry & NEW Individual m'ship (till 31 May 2014)
\$75 Seminar entry & NEW School m'ship (till 31 May 2014)

PARKING:

Free parking at the Club

When it comes to IQ and educational assessments (often referred to as psychometric assessments) there is a lot of misunderstanding about how these tools can be used and what information can be obtained from them. In this seminar, Andrew will try to answer some commonly asked questions about these tests and discuss how these assessment tools can be useful for both parents and teachers when investigating issues such as ADHD, Giftedness, Learning Difficulties, Nonverbal Learning Difficulties and other conditions. Andrew will discuss in detail what is involved in a psychometric assessment, what information should be gathered from them and how they should be interpreted by parents, teachers, school counsellors and other allied health professionals. With the new DSM-5 coming out in May 2013, Andrew will discuss the possible implications in relation to different diagnoses.

2 registrants @ member rates per Individual Membership
6 staff @ member rates per School/Organisation Membership
Register online @ www ldc org au **OR**

complete this form and send with payment to the LDC Office.

Seats are limited, **REGISTRATION & PAYMENT must be received by Tuesday 21st May**

Name: _____ School Name (if applicable): _____

Address: _____ Suburb: _____ Post Code: _____

Ph: _____ Email (**PRINT CLEARLY**): _____

Payment type (please tick)

GST FREE

TAX INVOICE

ABN 93 046 401 929

☐ Paypal OR credit card (go to www ldc org au)

☐ Cheque/Money order (Made out to "Learning Difficulties Coalition")

Post to: LDC Office, PO B0x 140, Westmead, 2145

☐ Direct Deposit (St George Bank, BSB 112 879, A/C No: 044 050 245)

Please insert your surname as the reference to verify payment

Payment amount (please tick)

Seminar Payment

☐ \$30 Seminar entry LDC Member

☐ \$65 Seminar entry Non LDC Member

Seminar & Membership Offer

☐ \$60 Seminar entry & NEW individual membership (until May 31, 2014)

☐ \$75 Seminar entry & NEW school membership (until May 31, 2014)

Refund of fees, less 30% administration, will be available up to 14 days prior to conference commencement. No cancellations accepted later than 14 days to conference. Substitute delegates welcomed at no extra charge.

Office Use Only

Date:	Receipt No:
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Contact:	Email Paid:

Parenting Programs

Child & Adolescent Parenting

WHAT'S ON IN TERM 2 - COURSES/WORKSHOPS FOR PARENTS/CARERS

Tuning in to Kids Course (3-10yrs)

Help your child develop emotional intelligence, manage emotions & deal with conflict.
Chatswood 5wks/2.5hrs (28/5-25/6, 7.00-9.30pm)

Triple P (Positive Parenting Program) Course (3-8yrs)

Strategies to encourage desirable behaviour and manage persistent misbehaviour.
Chatswood 7sessions over 8 wks - 5 group & 2 telephone (8/5-26/6)

Communicating with Kids Course (based on PET) (4-12 yrs)

Communication skills for building effective long term relationships with your children & family.
Chatswood 6 wks/2.5hrs (23/5 - 27/6, 7.00-9.30pm)

Communicating with Teens Course

Aims to increase your understanding of your adolescent's needs & behaviour with skills to relate to them.
Chatswood 5 wks/2.5hrs (20/5 -24/6, 7.00-9.30pm)

Toddlers Workshops (1-3yrs)

Series of 3 workshops on Discipline, Tucker & Toilet Training, Speech & Sleep
Cremorne 16/5-30/5 & Chatswood 5/6-19/6 (3 wks/2.5hrs (7.00-9.30pm)

Resilient Kids Workshop

Strategies to accept & express feelings, develop optimistic thinking & coping skills
Chatswood (21/5, 7.00-9.30pm)

Dealing with Teen's Backchat Workshop

Learn how to restore a respectful & positive relationship between you & your teenager
Chatswood (13/5, 7.00-9.30pm)

WORKSHOPS ON REQUEST - PHONE 9887 5830 (2-2.5 hours)

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| ★ Understanding Your Toddler/Discipline & Tantrums | ★ Transition to School |
| ★ Tucker without Tantrums/Toilet Training | ★ Transition to High School |
| ★ Speech & Language Development/Sleep | ★ Triple P (PPP) Seminar Series |
| ★ Older Sibling - New Baby | 1-12 years & Teens |
| ★ Bully Busting | ★ Dealing with Teen's Back Chat |
| ★ Resilient Kids | NEW ★ Grand Parenting |

Enquiries: Child & Adolescent Parenting 9887 5830

www.nscchhs.health.nsw.gov.au/caparenting.htm



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