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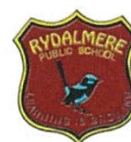
DATES TO REMEMBER	
<i>Term 2</i>	
5.6.13	ICAS Science
9.6.13	Bunnings BBQ at Bunnings, Lidcombe
17.6.13	ICAS Writing
18.6 & 21.6.13	Pre-School Vision Testing
18.6.13	ICAS Spelling
21.6.13	Reports go home
24.6.13	Parent/ Teacher Interviews
26.6.13	Last day of term – 3 day Preschool
28.6.13	Last day of term – 2 day Preschool and Years K-6
16.7.13 (Tues)	Students return for Term 3 – K-6 and 3 day Preschool
25.7.13 (Thur)	Athletics Carnival
29.7-2.8.13	Education Week

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Zone Cross Country

The Zone Cross Country was held at Parramatta Park in excellent weather with 27 of our students participating. All students performed very well giving their utmost to run the course in their best time. They were supported by a number of parents who attended and variously, stepped in as manager when I was called away, returned to school to supplement the zone public address system with our own, or called out encouragement to all children from our school who participated.

The children were well behaved and were a credit to the school. They were able to entertain themselves with games they creatively made up on the spot while awaiting their race or after competing. While no one was able to come in the top eight places to earn a spot in the next level competition, we came fourth from a group of seventeen schools based on the size of our school and our performance on the day. Congratulations to all for their efforts. We would like to give a special thank you to Mrs Ryan, who was the announcer for the carnival.





New Australian Curriculum

You may have seen in the news or current affairs programs mention of a New Australian Curriculum. Parents should be aware that a new national curriculum has been designed and is currently being put in place in schools in the next few years. Rydalmere Public School has already begun this process as indicated in previous newsletters and will be trialling new units of work based on the new English curriculum during the second half of the year. Some work is also being done in Mathematics as part of our Numeracy Project announced last week. Part of the new curriculum is the development of 21st century learning skills. A comment by a visiting recently retired Principal was that she thought that we were ahead of many schools in the implementation of our ICT Futures plan which ensures that we have technology that is readily at hand for students to use in their learning or to demonstrate their learning. We continue to look for ways to enhance the learning of students and tap into sources of support from our broader community. If the company that you work for would like to donate to the school to enable the purchase of information and communication technology, please see me in the office and I will arrange for a letter to be provided to support your request. Over the past year we received approximately \$5000 worth of computers and Wi-Fi equipment.

Parent contributions

We are very pleased that parents have sent their contributions into the school promptly. We are encouraging parents who have not done so yet, to please put the money in an envelope and put it in the Office wall as soon as possible. This money is vital in providing educational resources to the children of the school.

Pre School for 2014

We would like to remind all parents, who are intending to enrol their children in preschool for 2014, to do so at their earliest convenience. We give preference to families already at the school and by enrolling now it gives us an idea of the number of places available for other members of the community. Thank you.

Kindergarten 2014

We have received a good response from the advertising of places for 2014 on the front sign, however, there are more places available. If you intend to enrol your child in the school for 2014 Kindergarten class or you know others who may be encouraged to do so too, please visit the office for the school enrolment forms. Your endorsement of our school as a wonderful place to be is the most powerful vehicle for school promotion that we have.

Uniform

Thank you to all those parents who have made special efforts to put or keep their children in uniform this winter season. Unfortunately, some parents are not sending their children in the correct uniform. Parent surveys last year revealed that other members of our local community have a poor view of our uniform or mistake it for the uniform of other schools. Being in correct uniform is a way of demonstrating pride in our school. Please support us by wearing the uniform correctly in this way. Teachers will be sending reminders home to parents to emphasise the need to have their children in the correct uniform. Please ensure that all uniform items, particularly those purchased recently, have names in them. While the children are prone to leaving them about, the teachers and I place great emphasis on asking children to place their jackets in their bags when they take them off. We also return homeless, unnamed uniforms to the office uniform box. For those who have difficulty keeping their children in uniform for financial reasons, we have a supply of second hand uniforms, or parents can ask for financial assistance from the school.

Martin Naylor

Principal

PREMIER'S SPORTING CHALLENGE

Once again this year our school has registered to be part of the Premier's Sporting Challenge. This program is designed to raise awareness of the importance of regular fitness. The students from Preschool to Year 6 are involved in the daily activities. Each day of the week students participate in a range of fitness activities for 20 minutes. These activities include dancing as a whole school under the COLA, tabloid rotational activities in Peer Support groups, cross country running practice and skill based fitness appropriate for each stage of development.





Rydalmere Public School

Parents - Friends - Community

Hi everyone. We have many fundraising opportunities coming up in the next few weeks of this term so please take advantage of these where possible ☺

Fundraising opportunities

Bunnings BBQ – Sunday 9th June

This is a really fun day!!! There are still some spots for people to come along and help out and enjoy an hour or two with other parents/carers and the surrounding local community.

Please talk to Wendy or Rita to find out what times you can help.

The money raised from this BBQ will be put toward the cost of transport for the year 3-6 camp. 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. ☺

Entertainment Books

Over the last few years, we have offered the Sydney North or West Entertainment Books for you to purchase as a fundraising opportunity for our school and we will do so again this year.

These books offer discount vouchers valued up to \$55,000 which can be used over the coming year. Vouchers for: major tourist attractions, entertainment venues and activities, as well as hotels, lots of local restaurants and cafes and even Buy One Get One Free vouchers for McDonalds and other take-away food outlets. A vast range of goods and services are offered also.

If you would like to purchase one, the cost is \$65. A percentage from the sales will go towards providing resources for numeracy to complement the new National Partnership for Numeracy.

Please leave your name and contact number at the Office if you would like to purchase one or more of these books. Ask your family and friends too. A flyer and order form will be distributed soon.

Family Portraits

Thank you to the families who supported this fund-raiser. The photographer returned on Thursday 30th May for everyone to collect their portraits. An example is on show on the school noticeboard.

This venture provided people with beautiful family photos, as well raising valuable funds for the school. Profit from this occasion was \$215.00. Monies will go towards much required maintenance of the school canteen.

Cadbury Fundraiser..... Coming soon

Look out for a note coming home soon with details about the Cadbury chocolates fundraising opportunity. We have had much success in the past with this, raising a significant amount of funds for our school.

We are also taking the opportunity to apply for a grant being offered by Cadbury to further improve our school. We will keep you informed on what this will involve. We would like to remind all parents and carers that as much as many of us love chocolate ☺ we hope that it is encouraged as a treat for our children rather than an everyday food or a lunch box idea. Be healthy and stay healthy ☺

Woolworths Earn and Learn

Please keep collecting those stickers when you go shopping at Woolworths as part of the Earn and Learn program. 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. The more stickers we collect the more resources for our school.

Canteen

Hi everyone, I'm Jenny Mercer the new canteen coordinator.

First I would like to thank Michelle for a great job she has done over the last 10 years and a big thank you for this great opportunity.

I would also like to thank all the parents that I know for their kind words and support.

As this is all new to me I would like you to feel free to come up to me (I don't bite) and give any suggestions that you might have, it will all be given consideration. Please think about volunteering in the canteen if you have some spare time as it would be great to see the canteen open some more.

Thanks everyone

Jenny

Wednesdays: Canteen is open for hot food and snacks.

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

Fridays: Unfortunately due to very low orders of sandwiches and California rolls we are unable to provide them at this stage. There is a limited supply of Hokkien Noodles and these will be available on Fridays while stocks last ☺ So get in quick.

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

A reminder that **the new school banking day is Wednesday**. Melissa Ball (Lachlan's Mum from Year One) is co-ordinating school banking.

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.

A good week to all.....see you around ☺





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 19th Feb 2013

Contact Sharlene on 0448 825 219 for registration

Or email

sharlene.pasqual@parramattamission.org.au

Is your child starting primary school in 2014?

If your child is starting primary school in 2014, you need to know about the **Schoolkids Bonus**. It is a new payment to help eligible families with the costs of primary and secondary school studies.

If you receive a family or income support payment, including Family Tax Benefit Part A, you may be eligible for up to **\$410 each year** for your child to help cover the costs of uniforms, stationery, sporting gear, school fees or excursions. Half is paid in January to help with back-to-school costs and half in July for ongoing costs. When your child moves into secondary school, the rate increases to \$820 per year, again with half paid in January and July.

Each November, Centrelink will write to Family Tax Benefit Part A customers whose child is likely to be starting primary school in the New Year and ask them to check and update their child's education details. If you're eligible, all you need to do is tell Centrelink when your child is starting primary school to activate the payment and it will continue to be paid into your bank account twice each year, for as long as you remain eligible.

Please note that children in preschool are not eligible as preschool is not part of formal primary education.

For more information, including the full eligibility criteria, visit **australia.gov.au/schoolkidsbonus**.

Information materials

A range of information materials are available on the Schoolkids Bonus website (refer to bottom right side of web page). Hard copies of the brochure and factsheet are available **free of charge** so please contact us if you would like copies sent to your preschool.

- **Schoolkids Bonus Brochure** – provides basic information about the Schoolkids Bonus
- **Schoolkids Bonus Factsheet** – provides more detailed information about the Schoolkids Bonus in a simple question and answer format
- **Schoolkids Bonus Pathfinder** – a simple flowchart to explain eligibility for the Schoolkids Bonus
- **Schoolkids Bonus Postcard** – a useful image to put on your preschool website or in your electronic newsletters as it contains the link to the Schoolkids Bonus website where parents can obtain more information.

**Help with reading, writing, spelling, maths and computer skills
for adults at Meadowbank Campus of TAFE**

**Enrolment day: Wednesday, 26 June, 2013,
from 12:00 to 7 pm.**

Come to block R, level 1, room R1.7 at Meadowbank TAFE.

Our classes are for adults who want to start with the basics

- To return to work
- To get a job
- To start a new course
- To become more confident
- To help children with their schoolwork



Our courses are **FREE** for Permanent Residents and Australian Citizens.
We have day and evening classes.

For more information call
The Literacy/Numeracy Centre 9942-3567

Move Play & Learn

FREE

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.



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 AMEP courses in line with the Department of Immigration and Citizenship. The AMEP is a Commonwealth Government Program. For more information visit the AMEP website <http://www.immi.gov.au/visas/entry/amel/amel-english.htm>

TAFE NSW – Northern Sydney Institute
Adult Migrant English Program (AMEP)
NSI PTO Provider Number 50011

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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