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**Term 4: Issue 2**

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<b>DATES TO REMEMBER</b>	
<b>Term 4</b>	
<b>29.10.14</b>	Mini Kindy 2015 Session 2 – Literacy 10:00am – 11:00am (Parents & Children)
<b>31.10.14</b>	Community Hub: Parent Computer Course 1pm – 3pm
<b>31.10.14</b>	P&C Halloween School Disco
<b>05.11.14</b>	Mini Kindy 2015 Session 3 – Numeracy 10:00am – 11:00am (Parents & Children)
<b>12.11.14</b>	Mini Kindy 2015 Session 4 – What do I Pack in my School Bag? 11:30am – 12:30pm (Parents & Children)
<b>17.11.14</b>	Selective High School Year 7 - 2016 – Online Applications close
<b>9.12.14</b>	Presentation Day
<b>11.12.14</b>	Year 6 Formal

### **From the Principal**

#### ***School Planning 2015-17***

Our next cycle of planning for 2015-17 is well underway at Rydalmere PS. After extensive surveying of students and staff, coupled with presentations and discussions at our last two P&C meetings, a survey has been designed for you to voice your opinion on our strategic directions for the next few years.

We require three strategic directions - one for each of the following areas:

- 1 - staff
- 2 - learning environment and
- 3 - our school community.

Please complete the survey - we value your opinion. <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/87VMBWV>

We will continue this consultation with you, our school community, throughout Term 4 to ensure the directions we take reflect your voice. This process is about achieving the best for your children, and making the great things we do at RPS even better!!

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### ***2016 Selective High School Applications***

The 2016 Selective High School placement test will be held on Thursday 12th March 2015. Selective High Schools are a strategy used by the Department of Education and Communities to cater for the learning needs of gifted and talented students transitioning from Year 6 into high school. Application for 2016, Year 7 Enrolment in a Selective High School is available online (a note was sent home to all Year 5 students with this information) and this closes on Monday 17th November, 2014. Please ensure any applications are completed online by the closing date as *late applications for Selective High Schools 2016 will not be accepted.* The following link will connect you to the application process:

[www.schools.nsw.edu.au/shsplacement](http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/shsplacement)

### ***OSHC Tender***

I am pleased to announce that the tender for our Out of School Hours Care service was awarded to Primary OSHCare, led by Suzanne Blythin. Primary OSHCare will commence their licence on the first day of Term 1, 2015. We will have information packs and enrolment forms for our service ready very soon, as well as a parent information session coming up.

### ***Good Food Workshops***

On Monday 13<sup>th</sup> October, we were lucky enough to have the Red Cross visit to do a 'Good Food' workshop with students from Years 3-6. The workshop involved an information session on healthy eating and the food groups, as well as some interactive floor activities. All students were then able to make their own healthy sandwich on wholemeal bread.....and eat them!! I would like to thank our Community Hub Leader, Margarita Diaz, for organising this for our students.



### Grandparent's Day

Last Monday we held our Grandparent's Day celebrations. This was a wonderful celebration organised by our Community Hub Leader, Margarita Diaz, and was supported by a grant we received from Council of the Ageing (COTA). Thank you to Mrs Diaz and all of our students and families who contributed stories about their Grandparents. Each family received a book as a keepsake of this event. We had a wonderful turnout of Grandparents and Parents for this event. A feature this year was the High-Tea that was organised, completed with musical accompaniment from Serena's grandmother. We even made it into the newspaper again!! You can access the article on page 7 of your Parramatta Sun paper or online via the following link: <http://www.parramattasun.com.au/story/2642603/rydalmere-pupils-talk-through-generations/?cs=1497>



*Bek Zadow*

Principal

ASSEMBLY AWARDS: 17th October 2014	
Safe Award	Imran N, Kory P, Elizabeth T, Rummin V
Respectful Award	Atia A, Aaeesha E, Lachlan B, Hayzam N
Learner Award	Maria, Sejin O, Madison F, Michael G

## What's Happening in 5/6Z?

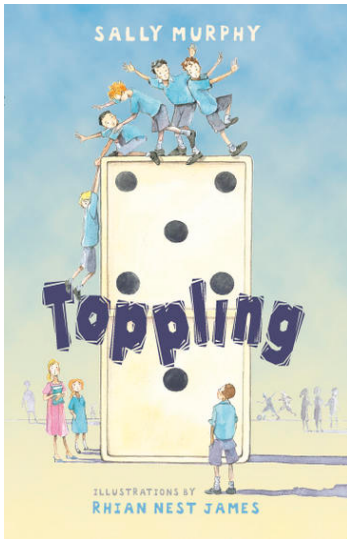
5/6ZG have been reading the verse novel *Toppling* by Sally Murphy.

We have been learning about how to read and write verse poetry, and the effect of verses on the reader.

First we wrote descriptive poems about our friends.

Then we used our sense of smell to write an evocative verse about a familiar place.

We hope you enjoy reading our work!



Life can be really boring  
but at least I have my friend  
–Max.

Max loves Rugby League  
and touch  
and Oz Tag.  
He likes TV  
He likes cars  
but not FIFA.  
He likes art  
but not English.  
He has a dog  
and a cat  
two parents  
and a brother.  
He has an iPod  
and a computer  
he has a scooter  
and a skateboard.  
He's crazy  
and sporty  
and loyal  
and he's my best mate.

*By Michael Geddes*

School is fun  
but the best thing is when I get to see  
her –  
her meaning my friend Alison.  
Alison likes gymnastics  
and Danish Rounders  
and swimming.  
She likes fancy jewellery  
and picture books.  
She likes music  
but not maths.  
She likes art  
but not spelling.  
She has one sister  
but no brothers  
and an iPod 5  
and two parents  
and lots of make up.  
She's nice and she's shy  
and a little crazy sometimes.  
She's musical  
and friendly  
and helpful.  
She's the best  
the best friend ever.

*By Nigeen Ansari*

Golf courses smell  
like freshly cut grass  
and trees  
and sand  
and water  
and duck droppings  
and drinks and snacks  
in the clubhouse.

*By Wil Reece*

Old people's homes  
smell.  
They smell like soap  
and herbs  
and fresh flowers  
and ointment  
and eucalyptus.

*By Emily Mclean*

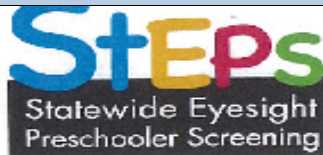
Home smells  
like delicious dinner  
and flowers  
and cat food  
and snacks  
and a freshly opened  
pack of pretzels.

*By Jasmine Smith*

The fish market smells  
like sea salt  
and boats  
and smelly fish  
and stinky squid  
and fishermen out at sea.

*By Oscar Phalaklang.*





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## VISION SCREENING CLINICS

**It is important to identify eye problems early before children start school.**

**If your child is 4 - 5 years old you can make an appointment for a free vision test in your area.**

**Bookings are being taken until Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2014 or from Monday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2015 (M-F 8.30am – 12.30pm)**

**Clinics will be held up until December 2014 and will be available in the last week of school holidays in January and again in April 2015.**

**For further information and/or details of clinics held please phone 9881 1213.**





## Rydalmere Community Hub Update:

-Our **Multicultural Sewing Group** is back for Term 4. This term we are learning to make a woman's shirt. Everyone is welcome to join, from all skill levels, every Friday from 9.00 am to 10.30 am.



- A Multicultural **Cooking Club: "Let's Get Cooking"** started last week at the school. The theme for October is "Food from Pakistan". We made delicious chapatis! This program will run every Wednesday from 9.15 to 10.30 am. Our next dish is Gulab Jamun. This a fantastic opportunity to make new friends, learn new recipes, gain a variety of cultural knowledge, and eat delicious food.

-Join our **Fitness Program!** We are offering low impact Fitness Classes every Wednesday and Friday, at the school Hall, from 9.15 am to 10.15 am. Join the fun!

-**Breakfast Club:** Join us every Monday, Wednesday and Friday, from 8.30 am to 8.55 am. Fruit Salad Fridays will be offered some weeks. Breakfast Club, like the movie, but with real, delicious and nutritious breakfast!



**-GRANDPARENTS DAY CELEBRATION:** We received great feedback! Comments have been very encouraging to continue engaging grandparents to school activities. Here are some:

*"Thank you for a great morning. The stories were nice, the food was yummy. It is great to see parents and grandparents welcomed at school events".*

*"Can we start a Rydalmere Grandparents Club? We could meet every month to support our grandchildren with some activities".*

*"The singing was lovely. Also, students reading Grandparents' history/stories was terrific".*

*"Please do it again!"*

*"This day really showed how much the children love their grandparents".*

**-Rydalmere Playgroup:** We have started a new literacy project. Playgroup families are now able to borrow books from our Playgroup library. Happy reading!



**-Rydalmere English as a Second Language Group** is aimed at beginners of English language. We meet every Friday afternoon, from 2.00 pm to 3.00 pm. Please register soon as places are limited.

ALL MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY ARE WELCOME TO PARTICIPATE IN THE RYDALMERE COMMUNITY HUB  
ACTIVITIES: MUMS, DADS, UNCLES, AUNTIES, COUSINS, GRANDPARENTS, NEIGHBOURS, ETC.

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## *Cooking Club*

'Let's Get Cooking' to make new friends, learn new recipes,  
expand our knowledge about different cultures and  
traditions, and eat delicious food!

### *October Theme* *Food from Pakistan*

*Where: Rydalmere Public School*

**When: Every Wednesday      Time: 9.00 am – 10.30 am**



To register and further information, please contact:

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Small changes,  
big differences.



## **FREE Triple P 0-12**

Positive Parenting Program gives you the tools to:

- Encourage behaviour you like from your child
- Deal positively and consistently with problem behaviour
- Take the stress out of parenting

**DATE:**      **Thursdays:**  
13<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup> November & 4<sup>th</sup> December 2014

**TIME:**      **1 pm – 3 pm**

**VENUE:**      **Rydalmere Public School**  
(397 Victoria Ln, Rydalmere)

For more information contact:

Biljana Kulic at Community Migrant Resource Centre on 9687 9901

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