



**THE LINK**

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**Term 4: Issue 3**

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| <b>DATES TO REMEMBER</b> |   |
|--------------------------|---|
| <b>Term 4</b>            |   |
| <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>12.11.14</b>          | Cool Kids Concert   |
| <b>13.11.14</b>          | Catch up Orientation Day for Pre-School 2015  |
| <b>17.11.14</b>          | Selective High School Year 7 - 2016 – Online Applications close                                     |
| <b>9.12.14</b>           | Presentation Day  |
| <b>10.12.14</b>          | 3 Day Pre School - Last day   |
| <b>11.12.14</b>          | Year 6 Formal   |
| <b>12.12.14</b>          | 2 Day Pre School – Last Day   |

### **From the Principal**

#### ***Vacation Care***

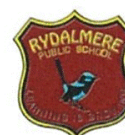
Students of Rydalmere PS will be able to access Vacation Care this coming holidays with the provider of our new OOSH service, Primary OSHCare. As our service will not begin until 2015, this will be accessed at Parramatta East Public School (a short 4 minute drive from our school). If you are interested in this service, please collect an enrolment form from the office.

#### ***Respect at school and at home***

At Rydalmere PS, our students are ***“Safe, Respectful learners who belong”***. We use this language with our students in the classroom and playground daily. Research shows that when schools and students’ home use a common language, that’s when we achieve optimum success. This framework of words with associated behaviours may be useful to you at home. Our continued success with positive behaviours at Rydalmere PS reflect that we are achieving the core of this statement.

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### ***Surveys***

Thank you to the community members who have responded to the survey link sent out in our last edition of 'The Link'. Please find attached two more links for our 2014 school evaluations. We value your input and appreciate you spending two minutes on each to give us feedback.

School Culture survey: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/5QQ8L6D>

Technology Survey: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/5SSCTDX>

### ***Football Award***

Congratulations to our very own Michael Geddes who has won a prestigious sporting award. Michael was awarded Junior Player of the Year for Dundas Shamrocks J.R.L.F.C as voted for by all trainers and coaches of the club. This is the third year in a row that Michael has won this award!! What an OUTSTANDING achievement!!



***Michael is pictured with his award and Curtis Sironen of the Wests Tigers.***

### ***Music Count Us In***

Last week, we participated in 'Music Count Us In' with more than 500,000 other students across Australia. We used our connected classroom to connect to Parliament House for the live link up so we could join in all of the festivities of this event. For the past term we have been learning the song for this year titled 'Paint Me a Song', and we performed this with gusto during the live link-up. All students and teachers enjoyed this event, and we are looking forward to this in 2015.



## From the Principal

### ***Election of School Captains and Prefects***

This Term, Year 5 students who would like to nominate for a school leadership position will prepare Election speeches at home and present these to all students and teachers in the school during a special assembly. Students who are elected as a school captain or school prefect are given opportunities throughout Year 6 to:

- welcome visitors to the school;
- be a student representative in whole school decision making processes;
- organise and set up the fortnightly school assembly equipment;
- present whole school concerts and functions to the wider school community;
- represent the school when invited to local community events.

The table below indicates the number of school captains and prefects the school has according to whole school enrolment numbers.

| <b>Total school enrolment<br/>(No. of students)</b> | <b>Number of School Captains</b> | <b>Number of School Prefects</b> |
|---|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Less than 80 student K-6                            | Two captains                     | No prefects                      |
| Between 80 and 140 students                         | Two captains                     | Two prefects                     |
| More than 140 students                              | Two captains                     | Four prefects                    |

Students wishing to nominate for a leadership position must:

- Prepare a speech of no more than a minute.
- Notify Mrs Zadow of your intention to nominate by speaking with her before Friday 14<sup>th</sup> November.
- Prepare a speech on – What a leader should be, how they will fulfil the role, and some personal qualities they have to help them to do this.
- Have their speech ready for our election assembly which is to be held on Friday of Week 7 (21<sup>st</sup> November).

*Bek Zadow*

**Principal**

### **ASSEMBLY AWARDS: 31st October 2014**

|                         |   |
|-------------------------|---|
| <b>Safe Award</b>       | Faisal S, Alieta M, Caden B, Michelle S |
| <b>Respectful Award</b> | Hilal S, Ahmed R, Emily P, David E      |
| <b>Learner Award</b>    | Yusra N, Paige P, Bilal S, Kelsey A-T   |

## What's Happening in 2/3/4M?

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2/3/4M is studying the work of the Spanish artist, Joan Miró [pronounced: WAHN-Me-ROH]. He was a painter, sculptor, ceramicist, print maker and designer. His artworks are considered to be abstract and surreal.

The students are focussing on his more bold and colourful artworks. To paint in the Surrealist style, the students were told not to think about it and just paint! Surrealist artists believed that working in this free style would unlock the unconscious mind. This is why the paintings have a dream-like feeling about them.





## Pre-School News

Last week Preschool and Playgroup enjoyed a visit from RedSee the Read-a-saurus and Annemarie from Parramatta Library. We enjoyed listening to some wonderful stories, singing songs and playing instruments. Annemarie told us how important it was to read a book every day. After the stories we all enjoyed a hug with RedSee.



**Paint Parra  
Red  
Monday 3rd  
November**

**A visit from  
Redsee the  
ReadaSaurus**





**Health**  
Western Sydney  
Local Health District

## **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.**



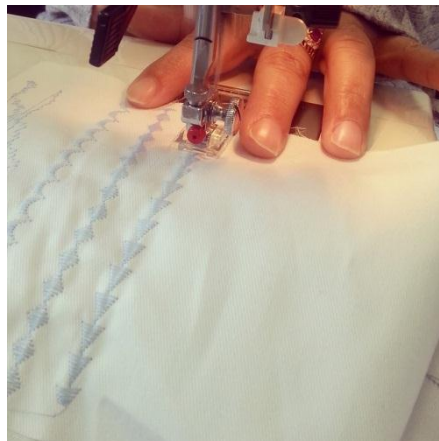


## Rydalmere Community Hub Update:

-Our project '**Art, Sewing and Craft for Social Innovation**' submitted by **Rydalmere Multicultural Sewing Group** has been chosen by Parramatta Council to be part of PARRAMATCH, a crowdfunding initiative. Please SUPPORT us and SHARE our links. More information about the campaign at:

[http://startsomegood.com/Venture/rydalmere\\_multicultural\\_arts\\_and\\_crafts\\_space/Campaigns/Show/art\\_and\\_crafts\\_for\\_social\\_cohesion](http://startsomegood.com/Venture/rydalmere_multicultural_arts_and_crafts_space/Campaigns/Show/art_and_crafts_for_social_cohesion)

Yes, it is a race and there is limited time to make your contribution count!



-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!

- Rydalmere Multicultural **Cooking Club**: "**Let's Get Cooking**" is meeting this Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> November at 9.15 am. The theme for November is food from Afghanistan. On Wednesday we will learn to cook Kashk Badejam, a delicious eggplant dip. In our last session we learnt how to make Gulab Jamun and Shahi Tukra, both from Pakistan. This is a fantastic opportunity to make new friends, learn new recipes, gain a variety of cultural knowledge, and eat delicious food.





## Community Hub News

**-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!



**-Rydalmere English as a Second Language Group** is aimed at beginners of English language. We meet every fortnight, on Wednesday from 9.15 pm to 10.15 pm. Our next session is Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> November. Please register soon as places are limited.

**-Rydalmere Playgroup:** Last Monday 03<sup>rd</sup> November, we had the visit from Redsee the Readasaurus, from Parramatta Library. We sang and read to our heart's content. Rydalmere Playgroup meets every Monday from 9.30 to 11.30 at Rydalmere Preschool. An advice from Redsee: Read to your child from birth. Happy reading!



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!

## November Theme

### *Food from Afghanistan: Kashk Bademjan*

*Where: Rydalmere Public School*

**When: Wednesday 12<sup>nd</sup> November Time: 9.00 – 10.30 am**



To register and further information, please contact:

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RYDALMERE PUBLIC SCHOOL - COMMUNITY HUB

### **FREE** ENGLISH CLASSES FOR BEGINNERS !

**WHO:** For adults with basic spoken and written English.

**WHERE:** Rydalmere Public School  
Community Hub's Office.

**WHEN:** Every fortnight during Wednesday  
during Term 4, from 9.15 – 10.15 am

**SMALL GROUP OF MAXIMUM 4 STUDENTS –  
HURRY UP, ONLY TWO PLACES LEFT!**

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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

Margarita Diaz at Rydalmere Public School on 0434 198 236





## Rydalmere Public School

Parents and Citizens Association



With the end of year fast approaching and the P&C AGM on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> December, it is that time of year when P&C committee positions get elected and voted into position.

When many people think of P&C's and what they do the first thing that comes to mind is fundraising, but the P&C is *more than just raising money*. They play a vital role in raising awareness of the school in the local community, they organise social events, think **discos**, movie nights, welcome morning teas. When new families start at the school and at the beginning of the year the P&C help the families settle into the school and get familiar with the school routine. The P&C also manage the Canteen and the Uniform Shop.

The P&C plays a vital role in *supporting the teachers and students* while at the school. There are many initiatives that would not get off the ground if it was not for the P&C, **crunch and sip** for example.

Ever wondered what the money raised by the P&C is spent on. In previous years the P&C has funded a new shelter for the Pre School sandpit, they subsidise the cost of the school camp. The P&C are now focusing on fixing the drainage and shelter on the **oval** so that we can use our oval all year round. This should also have the added bonus of helping to raise awareness of the school in the local area because we will be able to have more *sporting events* on the oval.

The **Canteen** and **Uniform Shop** are managed by the P&C and we are able to keep the prices low due to the minimal costs associated with the locations being on school grounds and being run by volunteers. If there was no P&C the Canteen and Uniform Shop would have to be outsourced and that would increase prices and the money made from these would no longer be reinvested in the school through the P&C.

If you want to *get involved* in the P&C for 2015, you need to come to the November meeting and become a financial member (membership is only \$1)

Committee positions consist of

President

Vice President

Vice President

Secretary

Treasurer

Get involved and come along to the next meeting on **Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> November** in the Library.

## Community News



**THE WARRIORS FENCING CLUB**

CALL NOW TO BOOK  
YOUR FREE INTRODUCTORY  
LESSON

The Warriors Fencing Club is made up of several fencing club houses spread out accross Sydney, NSW.

The Warriors Fencing Club caters for children from 6 years upwards and is ideal for beginner students from 6 to 16 years of age. You will find more information on our locations and training times on our website [www.warriorsfencing.org.au](http://www.warriorsfencing.org.au)

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**FREE healthy lifestyle program for 7 – 13 year olds**

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More information Phone: 0415 618 977. Email:  
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[registrar.netball@ermingtonunited.com.au](mailto:registrar.netball@ermingtonunited.com.au)




*Carols by Candlelight at Old Government House, Parramatta (Parramatta Park)*

*Saturday 6 December 2014*

*Time: 7.00pm to 9.00pm Gates open 6.00pm*

*Start the festive season with a night of carols played by NSW Police Band. Enjoy Model Farms High School students as they sing favourite contemporary Christmas songs and enjoy a visit from Santa Claus.*

*Entry is via a gold coin and all funds raised go to support Old Government House and Experiment Farm Cottage (two of our most precious heritage properties)*

*There will be a sausage sizzle, candles, drinks and several Christmas Hampers as a raffle.*

*Please bring rugs or low chairs for seating at the front of Old Government House.*