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DATES TO REMEMBER	
Term 4	
27.11.14	Triple P Parenting Course
02.12.14	OSHCare information afternoon for parents
9.12.14	Presentation Day
10.12.14	3 Day Pre School - Last day – Party Day
11.12.14	Year 6 Formal
12.12.14	2 Day Pre School – Last Day
12.12.14	Party Day P-6
17.12.14	Last day of school for students

From the Principal

We've done it AGAIN!!

For the fifth time this year, our school has made it into the media for another outstanding achievement. This time, it is because our 5/6 class won an academic mathematics challenge over a number of other competitive local schools.

Our Year 5 & 6 students were the winners of the Cumberland High School Rich Maths Challenge. We worked for 5-6 weeks putting together a joint class submission. We linked this with our government unit where we ran a full preferential voting process to elect 11 out of 26 sport activities for the day. The students had to work out area measurements, equipment requirements, write a procedure for each activity, work out the costings of prizes, calculate how to divide 310 students from 7 schools into groups, organise a group rotation for 22 groups as well as a scoring formula for each activity.

Based on our academic submission we won over the following schools:

- Rydalmere East PS
- Yates Avenue PS
- Oatlands PS
- Carlingford PS
- Burnside PS and
- Carlingford West PS!!!!!!

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From the Principal

This was judged by Year 9 students at Cumberland HS, Maths & PE Teachers and the Principal. Not only did they run OUR Gala Day, we also received a plaque and a \$100 Dymocks voucher.

Our sporting ability also shone through today as our Year 6 students walked away as overall winners of the 22 team Gala Day. They all received a soccer ball, a drink bottle and a wrist band.

This is a significant academic achievement for our students – one they should be extremely proud of!! We appeared in the Parramatta Sun on Thursday 20th November. Please see the article below.

News

Schools unite for sports day

By Jade Wittmann

GIVEN an equipment list and the task to create an activities program for the inaugural gala day at Cumberland High School, its 330 primary school visitors had a ball.

The year 5 pupils from six of Cumberland's feeder primary schools are part of the new community of schools known as Cumberland Community Connections – which includes Oatlands, Carlingford and Rydalmere public schools.

They submitted their plans to year 9 pupils who created a marking criteria and chose the most time-efficient and well-planned proposal for the day.

Rydalmere Public School pupils came up with the winning plan which included soccer, tennis, newcombe ball, a water pistol challenge they created and other games played on rotation.

"We decided no team would play each other twice," said Wil, 11. "It felt good when everyone took out the equipment to set up – I thought we'd won."

His peer Nigeen said players were split into 24 teams named after nutritious foods. These included the Cosmic Cap-sicums, Apple iPhones and



Game on: Carlingford Public School pupil Josh Pledge played captain ball with his peers at the Cumberland Community Connections gala day.

Picture: Natalie Roberts

Western Sydney Watermelons.

Teacher Melissa Gallace said pupils' maths skills were tested by the task as they measured the oval and worked out how many activities they could fit into the area.

"They've definitely got to build on their organisation and team-work skills, working with other students to put together an effective project," she said.

"They had to think in an abstract way to picture how the day would run. It was a challenge and I'm so proud they came together and worked effectively to produce this.

"Communication to organise the day was a big thing." Cumberland High School principal Mechel Pikoulas said this took the form of two video conferences with the year 9 students and use of education social media site Edmodo for pupils to continue planning and ask questions of the older students.

"We created an ongoing dialogue through the technology," she said. "It's the first time we've designed a rich task as a community of schools."

That's OUR Wil Reece!!

This is the plaque we won!!



From the Principal

Election of School Captains and Prefects

On Friday our Year 5 candidates presented high quality election speeches to our school. All of the candidates put an enormous amount of effort into these and should feel really proud of this achievement. Later this week we will announce who the school leaders will be in 2015, but not their position (this surprise will be announced at our Presentation Day Assembly).

Year 6 Mini-Fair

Thank you to everyone who supported our Year 6 Mini-Fair. It was a very hot day, but was enjoyed all the same. I would like to thank the Year 5 and 6 students for their organisation of the event. In total, we made a profit of \$235 which will go towards the Year 6 Farewell and school gift.

Surveys

Thank you to all of our families who have completed our online evaluation surveys. For those who have yet to do this, our surveys will be open for another week. Please have your say and make your voice heard.

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

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

Primary OSHCare Information Afternoon

As you are all aware, Rydalmere PS will have its very own Before and After School Care facility in 2015. Information packages have been sent home and Vacation Care information is located in the office. As an additional source of information, Primary OSHCare will be providing an information afternoon on Tuesday 2 December for any interested families. This will happen under the COLA from 2:30pm onwards and you are all welcome to attend.

If you've never considered using a service such as this, perhaps now is the time? Imagine being able to do the weekly shopping without the children. You could book them in one afternoon each week, knowing that they will be cared for and able to participate in fun after school activities, while you complete the jobs you need to.

Did you know that all families are entitled to the childcare rebate which gets you a minimum discount of 50% of the fees you pay. Many families at Rydalmere may be entitled to more of a rebate, right up to 100%. This is based on family income.



Bek Zadov

Principal

ASSEMBLY AWARDS: 14th November 2014	
Safe Award	Aamir N, Ailin Z, Amelia T, Merjan O
Respectful Award	Hamish B, Aida Z, Sam R, Ryan M
Learner Award	Sabrina B, Anna L, Thomas S-H, Summar R

SPORT FOR 1/2R

This term 1/2R has practised their cricket skills.
We have been bowling under arm and over arm as well as
batting short and long strokes.



Cricket is fun!

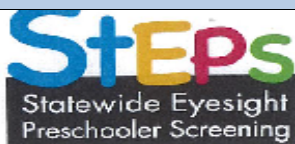
I like to bat the ball as far as
I can hit it!

Cricket is cool!



I am throwing the ball
overarm.





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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 19th December 2014 or from Monday 12th 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.



Library News

It's Library Stocktake time again, so there will be no more borrowing this year.

Could all students please return all library books to the library as soon as possible.

If you have problems finding books, please contact the librarian.

Thank you

Mrs C. Brady

Teacher Librarian



ARTS, CRAFT AND SEWING FOR SOCIAL INNOVATION

http://startsomegood.com/Venture/rydalmere_multicultural_arts_and_crafts_space/Campaigns/Show/art_and_crafts_for_social_cohesion

With your support, a free Art and Craft Program could:

- Break social and educational barriers,
- Support NESB families and make them feel welcomed in the community,
- Enhance parents' emotional wellbeing and sense of belonging, and
- Offer opportunities for learning new skills that maybe could lead to future employment.

We have only 12 days to go. We are closer to our tipping point. Could you help the school and the community achieve this important goal?



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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 th , 20 th , 27 th November & 4th 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





Committee's message

The P&C AGM is being held on Thursday 4th December at 6:30 in the library. All committee positions will be available for nomination. Everyone is welcome to attend the meeting and all current financial members are invited to nominate and vote for next years committee positions and major fundraising events. If you would like to get involved or just want to know more about what the P&C do, speak to the current members.

President – Kylie Ewings

Vice President – Nichole Roberts

Vice President – Jo-Anne Fourro

Secretary – Wendy Tulips

Treasurer – Daniella Marafioti

Canteen Coordinator – Jenny Mercer

Uniform Coordinator – Maryanne Thompson

Fundraising Coordinator – Nichole Roberts

A brief outline of what each position involves is below, for more information see one of the current committee members or go to pandc.org.au

President

P&C objectives are achieved, ensure P&C is involved in decision making of the school, welcome new members and ensuring all members have fair participation, adhere to constitution, act as P&C spokesperson, set up lines of communication with the principal, signature on P&C bank accounts and chair meetings.

Vice President

To support the president in achieving the goals of the P&C.

Secretary

Prepare agenda for meetings, attend meetings and take minutes, monitor incoming correspondence and process outgoing correspondence as required, issues notices of meetings, maintain official P&C records including constitution, minutes and attendance book.

Treasurer

Receives and deposits money, maintains records, writes cheques and presents accounts. Responsible for all funds held by the P&C and ensures they are openly and properly accounted for. Signatory on P&C accounts. Prepare statement of financial position to be presented to auditor, inc those of sub committees. Prepare monthly statements for presenting to P&C meetings.



School banking

School banking is on Wednesdays. Melissa Ball is the School Banking Coordinator, see her if you have any questions or to claim your reward.

Canteen

The painting is almost finished but we are still trying to get a new bench and cupboards donated to replace the ones that got water damaged.

Uniform shop

The uniform shop is open every Friday morning between 8:50 and 9:15. Avoid the rush at the beginning of next year and start thinking about your uniform needs now.

Fundraising

Our main fundraising goal this year is shelter and drainage for the oval. This will make the oval more versatile.

Upcoming events

Bunnings Cup Cake stall – Saturday 6th December

Christmas Raffle – Drawn Friday 12th December



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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.

Community News

2014-2015
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Your Alive and Local Event is to be held at ERIC PRIMROSE RESERVE on the 6 December , Your tickets are priced at \$15.00 per person, this includes Carnival Rides, Concert by Reece Mastin , The Collective, and three more young Australian artists.

These events are not marketed to the outside community and tickets can only be purchased online for each school. You are unable to attend the event unless you have a ticket that is registered to a school, or community group registered to the event.

Our Alive and Local Programme launches at Eric Primrose Reserve on December 6/12/2014.

TICKETS ON SALE MONDAY 24/11/2014 www.ticketebo.com.au/aliveandlocal

Security for these events is very high, and AISM Australian Investigations and Security Management are working closely with event organisers, Emergency Services to ensure that no prohibited substances are at the events. These events target the under 18's and their families.

For all tickets sold through your school there will be fundraising amount donated back to the school.