



Term 1: Issue 1

3 February 2014

DATES TO REMEMBER	
Term	
3.2.14	Kindergarten students start school
4.2.14	K-6 Swimming Carnival at Granville Pool
20.2.14	P&C Meeting – 7pm in the Library
21.2.14	Welcome BBQ for Parents and Students - 5-7pm, Preschool – Year 6

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Welcome back to Rydalmere Public School for another fantastic year of quality teaching and learning. Thank you to the staff, students and parents for such a warm welcome to me as your Principal. I feel absolutely privileged to be in this position and look forward to working closely with you all as the year progresses. I would like to Thank Mrs Mandy Ryan for her dedication as the Relieving Principal and for ensuring the hand-over to me was smooth. She has done a fabulous job and I look forward to working in partnership with her to continue the wonderful traditions and programs that exist at Rydalmere Public School.

How lovely it is to see all students in their full school uniform. Many students are 'donning' our new uniform, and I must say, it looks very smart!! Thank you to Maryanne, Rita, Daniella and Yvette who have worked tirelessly in our Uniform Shop, ensuring all families have access to our new uniform.

WELCOME KINDERGARTEN:

How exciting it was to welcome our 2014 Kindergarten students this morning. They all look so grown up in their uniform with their school bags on their back!! There was not a tear in sight (from our students....perhaps from the Mums and Dads though!!) as our brave students entered the classroom, ready for the adventures that lie ahead.

I spent some time with Kindergarten in the morning and middle sessions and they were settled and happy as Mrs Aldred facilitated learning activities. I saw Kindergarten students writing a sentence, drawing a picture of themselves, counting and enjoying a story. I would like to thank our Stage 3 buddies who have assisted our Kindergarten students settle into school, also assisting them at recess and lunch. These buddies will continue in their role for the next few weeks. We have included some pictures of Kindergarten.

The Link Newsletter

This fortnight all students will be bringing home a hardcopy of 'The Link' Newsletter. Normally, our newsletter is sent electronically, as well as being available on our website at. From Week 4 onwards, we will provide an electronic copy only, unless requested otherwise.

Canteen Competition

All students at Rydalmere Public School will be participating in a competition to have their artwork featured in our new look canteen. Students will receive information in class about this during the week.

Newspaper – Parramatta Advertiser

Today we were lucky enough to have The Parramatta Advertiser visit us. Please keep an eye out for the addition this Wednesday 5th February. If any parents would like to donate their copy featuring Rydalmere Public School, please hand it in to the office.

New Bell Times

Our school bell times for 2014 are as follows:

8:45 – morning play

9:00 – Morning Learning session

11:00 – Recess

11:30 – Middle Learning session

1:00 – Eating Time

1:15 – Lunch Play

1:45 – Afternoon Learning Session

3:00 – End of School Day

Back to School Tips

Getting Enough Sleep

The first weeks of school are very tiring for us all, so it is important to ensure that children go to bed at an appropriate time. Ensuring your child is in bed early each night enables them to have the energy to be at school every day.

Being On Time

School starts at 9am every day. All children should be at school at least 10 minutes before the 9 am bell. Teachers are on duty from 8:30am so children should not arrive before this time. From 8:45am, morning play is permitted until the 9am learning bell. Many instructions are given at the very beginning of each day. By arriving late, your child is missing this important information and interrupts their learning and the learning of other students. In the event that your child arrives after the 9am bell, please ensure they check-in at the office for a late note.

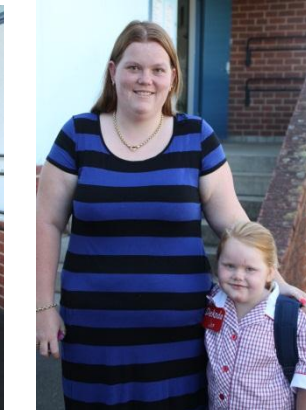
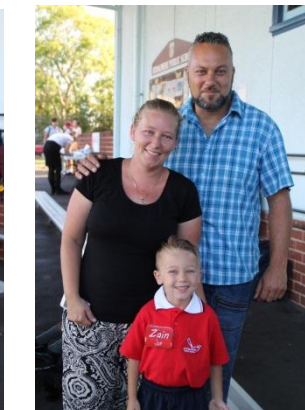
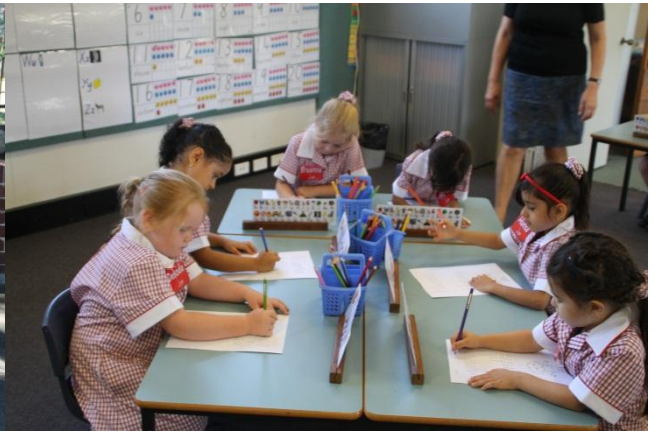
House Captains

Congratulations to our new Sports Captains for 2014:

<u>Macarthur</u>	Captain – Haylie H	Vice-Captain – Jake S
<u>Blaxland</u>	Captain – David E	Vice-Captain – Pat R
<u>Schaeffer</u>	Captain – Aliyah M	Vice-Captain – Summa R

Bek Zadow

Principal



Scholastic Book Club

This year we are again running Bookclub at Rydalmere Public School. The children have the opportunity to purchase books from the Scholastic Book Club at very reasonable prices. We usually have two brochures per term and these are sent home with your child.

Our school benefits when you make a purchase in the following ways:

Reward Points

The school receives reward points for each book purchased and these are accumulated during the year. With these points the school can obtain classroom essentials eg. maths games, large books for classroom reading and even electrical goods like CD players.

Bonus Coupons

The school receives bonus coupons for the purchases made each month. These coupons can be used by the classroom teachers to purchase books from the brochures to assist reading in the classroom. These coupons are valid for up to 12 months.

Through book club your children have the opportunity to purchase good quality reading material at very reasonable prices (books are available each month from as little as \$1.00) and every purchase contributes to the school receiving extra educational supplies.

Thank you for your continued support of this worthwhile program.

Volunteers needed for the Multilit Reading Program.

Can you spare as little as 30 minutes a week to work one-to-one with students in Yr 2 and above??

Mrs Robyn McDonald, our Learning and Support Teacher, co-ordinates a reading program called Multilit (Making Up Lost Time In Literacy) a well-researched program which was created at Macquarie University.

Multilit involves intensive, systematic instruction in phonics and word attack skills, sight word recognition and supported book reading in a one-to-one context.

Training and support will be given to new volunteers – unfortunately it is not possible to bring toddlers when volunteering unless they can play quietly and not disturb the students who are doing the program.

Please contact the school or see Mrs McDonald on Mondays, Tuesdays or Thursdays (until 12.30) when she is at Rydalmere PS.

NEW UNIFORM

It has been brought to our attention that the new polo shirts may run if washed in Hot or Warm water.

It is recommended to wash them in Cold Water only.

Welcome back everyone and a very warm welcome to our new parents and carers. We hope you were able to enjoy a relaxing break and are refreshed and ready for 2014 ☺ Here are a few items of interest and some dates for events to mark in your diaries or on your calendar for Term One.

Upcoming events for Term One

- ❖ Welcome BBQ and Disco – Friday 21st February from 5pm - 7pm
Preschool to Year 6
This is a great opportunity to meet new people and just “catch up”.
Please mark this date down (More details to be sent home soon)
- ❖ Fruit Box Drive – Mid Term One

Canteen

Great news..... the Canteen will be open every Friday as well as every Wednesday ☺

Each week the canteen is open:

Wednesdays: Canteen is open for sandwiches, hot food and snacks.

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

Fridays: Canteen is open for sandwiches, hot food and snacks.

If you have any questions or you can spare an hour or two to help out in the canteen please see Jenny Mercer (Canteen Co-ordinator) or give her a call on 0419299784. Jenny is Aliyah's Mum in Year 6 ☺

Aussie Farmers Direct

Reminder: If you are an Aussie Farmers Direct customer and haven't yet linked your account to our P&C charity, please support our school by going on-line to: aussiefarmers.com.au/linkmyaccount and have your customer number and the name of our group – “Rydalmere Public School Parent's Association” ready to enter.

School Banking

School banking day is Wednesday. Melissa Ball (Lachlan in Year Two and Hamish in Kindy) is co-ordinating school banking.

New Uniform

Wow! It has been wonderful to see so many children and carers embracing the new uniform – it looks great!! Well done everyone!!

Due to this high demand initially, we have run a little low on certain sizes in our stock range and also on backpacks.....but we have promptly ordered more stock of which some is arriving very soon. Some items may take a little while longer. So please be patient and we will do the best we can from our end to get more stock as quickly as possible.

You are able to place your order if you like and receive the items when they arrive. If you have any questions please see Maryanne Thompson who is more than happy to assist ☺ For anyone still requiring some items of the previous uniform we still have items in stock so please see Maryanne.

Uniform Shop

In Term One, Maryanne will be opening the uniform shop every Friday **from 8:50am - 9:15am** (just down the corridor from the front desk in the office building). If you require any uniforms, please come and see Maryanne then. If you are unable to make it at that time, please organise another time that suits you both.

Just a reminder.....

Your newly elected P&C Executive Committee and Supporting Roles

Please make them welcome and have a chat to them when you can.

President: Natasha Benson (Alyssa in Yr 1 and Sabrina in Kindy)

Vice President: Kylie Ewings (David in Year 6)

Secretary and
Fundraising
Co-ordinator: Wendy Tulip (Kelsey in Year 6)

Treasurer: Daniela Marafioti (Olivia in Year 3)

Parent Members: Paula Britz (Gabriel in Kindy)
Nichole Roberts (Aaeesha in Year 2 and Zain in Kindy)

Canteen
Co-ordinator: Jenny Mercer (Aliyah in Year 6)

Uniform Shop
Co-ordinator: Maryanne Thompson (Elizabeth in Year 4 and Amelia in Year 2)

Our next meeting will be held on Thursday 20th February 2014

Come along and meet the new members on Thursday 20th February at 7pm in the Library and be involved in planning and chatting about the year ahead.

Have a great week ☺

Play Netball

Looking for players aged 7 to 12 years

Practice is at Meadowbank Park
5-6pm on Thursdays.

Saturday morning games at
Brush Farm for 10 and under
Meadowbank Park for 11-12 yrs

Register online NOW
as there are limited places left:

www.cometsnetball.com.au

Call Debbie on **0414 256 864** or
E:
president@carlingfordcomets.com.au

Be quick to secure your place
COMETS NETBALL CLUB

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 4th Feb 2014

Contact: Nada on **0448 825 219** for registration



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Health
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Registration Day Sunday 2nd February 2014

Where: Cowells Lane Tennis Courts
Cowells Lane, Ermington
(cnr Fitzgerald Road)

When: 10:00am — 2:00pm

**FREE SAUSAGE
SIZZLE BBQ at
12:00pm**

ALL AGES, GENDER AND SKILL LEVELS WELCOME

Under 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 & 11 (non competitive, small sided football)
Competition grades: Under 12 - 21, All Ages Seniors and Over 35's
Ladies and girls (own competition played on Sundays)

COME JOIN A FAMILY FRIENDLY ORIENTATED CLUB

For further information please contact
Anne Van Uden: 0413 928 126 (Registrar)
Joseph Moses: 0414 641 641 (President)
Peter Panas: 0422 089 434 (Vice President)

Registration Day Procedure

New players must provide proof of age on the day (birth certificate, passport or drivers license only accepted), as an ID photo will be taken.

**PENALTY SHOOT-
OUT AGAINST
PARENTS**

**FREE FUN TENNIS
(BYO racquet if possible)**

Expressions of interest to join our club can be made to the Registrar via email at registrar.soccer@ermingtonunited.com.au