



**THE LINK**

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DATES TO REMEMBER	
<b>Term 2</b>	
<b>6 &amp; 9.5.14</b>	P&C Mother's Day Stall
<b>13.5.14</b>	NAPLAN – Year 3 & Year 5
<b>14.5.14</b>	NAPLAN – Year 3 & Year 5
<b>15.5.14</b>	NAPLAN – Year 3 & Year 5
<b>15.5.14</b>	P&C Meeting in the Library
<b>20.5.14</b>	Zone Cross Country

### From the Principal

Welcome back to Term 2! At the end of Term 1, we farewelled Mrs Moloney and Mrs Ewings. We welcome Mrs Camporeale to our school as a member of our Office staff. A separate note went home last week outlining our staffing changes. We have lots of exciting learning planned for this term, with new technology to be integrated into every classroom.

#### ***Preschool Assessment and Rating***

In Week 9 of Term 1, our Preschool had our official Assessment and Rating with a representative from the Department of Education and Communities. This is an assessment that all early childhood services from preschool, to family daycare, to long daycare and even Before and After School Care services are required to have. The assessor visited us for 2 days where she observed preschool interactions, teaching programs and interviewed staff to assess us across seven Quality Areas. The result of this could have been that we were given one of the following ratings:

- Working Towards
- Meeting
- Exceeding.

On the last day of Term 1, we received our rating. I am so proud to be able to report to the community that our Preschool is rated as:

## ***EXCEEDING NATIONAL STANDARDS***



### ***Easter Hat Parade and P&C Easter Raffle***

Our annual Easter Hat Parade was held on the last day of Term 1. Thank you to all of the families who assisted their child in designing a hat for the day. Thank you also to Year 6 who painted faces so beautifully!! Our first Easter Raffle proved to be an outstanding success, with 26 Easter prizes. Over \$600 was raised by the students. Thank you to Mrs Ly and Mrs Thompson for coordinating the raffle!!

### ***NAPLAN 2014 – Years 3 & 5***

The 2014 NAPLAN program for Year 3 and 5 students will commence on Tuesday 13th May. The first assessment will be Language Conventions, followed by the Writing assessment. On Wednesday 14th May, students will complete the Reading assessment and on Thursday 15th May, the Numeracy assessment. Any student who is absent for any particular NAPLAN test is entitled to a catch-up day on Friday 16th May.

### ***Gymnastics Program 2014***

The 2014 Gymnastics program commenced on Friday and will run each Friday during Term 2. The Gymnastics program is conducted by an accredited gymnastics educator and covers various aspects of the NSW Personal Development, Health and Physical Education syllabus. I was able to see some class groups participating in their Gymnastics lesson, and all students looked like they were having an absolute 'ball'!! We look forward to all our students participating in this exciting and physically active school initiative.

### ***Mother's Day Stall***

The P&C will be holding a Mother's Day stall on Tuesday 6th May & Friday 9<sup>th</sup> May. Each class will be given an opportunity to visit the stall and purchase Mother's Day gifts. The P&C will take gifts to our Preschool for both our 2-day and 3-day preschool groups purchase a gift for their Mum.

### ***2014 School Cross Country Carnival***

Our Cross Country carnival will be held on Friday 9th May at our school. Children in Kindergarten to Year 2 (except 8 year olds in Year 2) will participate in their part of the carnival at 10:30am, running one lap of our oval. Children aged 8 – 10 years of age will run a 2000m course and 11-12 year old students will run a 3000m course. It will be a great day for the whole school and we encourage parents to join us on the day.

### ***Opportunity Class (OC) Applications 2014***

The 2015 Opportunity Class (OC) placement test will be held on Wednesday 23rd July 2014. OC classes are a strategy used by the Department of Education and Communities to cater for the learning needs of gifted and talented students in Years 5 and 6.

This year, OC applications need to be completed online. Online applications opened on Monday 28th April and will close on Friday 16th May 2014. Parents seeking Opportunity Class placement for Year 5 entry in 2014 are required to submit an application by Friday 16th May 2014. Parents seeking opportunity class placement for students in 2015 will be able to apply for up to two schools of their choice.

Parents of students currently enrolled in a NSW public school with access to the internet, a printer and their own email address (not the student's) should apply for opportunity class placement online by going through the URL: [www.schools.nsw.edu.au/ocplacement](http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/ocplacement)

### ***Our School App is LIVE!!***

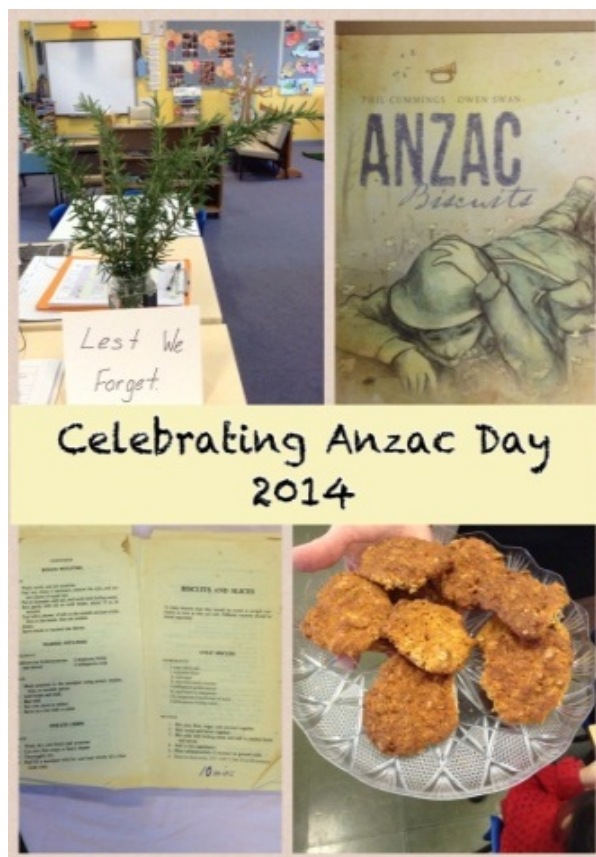
I encourage all families to download our FREE school App. This will enable us to keep you updated on all things at RPS. It allows you to submit an absence note for your child, and many more functions. I will send home a separate information sheet detailing these.



*Bek Zadow*  
Principal

### Preschool News

Many thanks to the families who joined us last term for the Easter hat parade. The children enjoyed making hats and participating in the parade as part of the whole school. Congratulations to all our raffle prize winners.



Last week the children participated in Anzac Day experiences such as stories, cooking and a sensory experience with rosemary.



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



After studying the unit 'Who Will Buy?' in Term 1, students had to create a 3D replica of an imaginary or real product. Students created terrific 3D products using a variety of different materials. Thanks to all the parents and students of 2/3/4M



# Free Sewing Group



**When:**

**Every Wednesday**  
*During Term 1, 2014*

**Time:**

**9-10:30am**

**Where:**

**Art Room (Next to the  
Parent and Community  
Room)**

**Who:**

**Parents of students from  
Playgroup, Preschool or  
Primary school who are  
interested to learn or  
develop their skills in  
sewing. No prior  
experience required**

- Learn how to sew, cut patterns and take measurements to make garments

- Develop friendships with other women from your community

- Gain information and support related to parenting and your child's development

**Contact:**

**Sarah (Rydalmere Community Hub Leader) 9638 1568**  
[Sarah.nassereddin@connect.asn.au](mailto:Sarah.nassereddin@connect.asn.au)

**Fariba (Fashion Design, Sewing Teacher) 0433311852**



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### Fundraising in Term 2

The P&C annual Mothers Day Stall will be on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> May and Friday 9<sup>th</sup> May, which is Week 2 of Term 2.

Students from Pre-school through to Year 6 have the opportunity to purchase an inexpensive but valuable gift for their mother, grandmother or career, on the Tuesday and the Friday when their class visits the stall. Parents are invited to have a look and purchase items, for themselves or someone special, on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> May after all classes have visited the stall.

Gifts range in price from \$1.00 to \$5.00.

Please support the stall by giving your children some money to purchase that special gift.

If anyone can help out at the stall on Tuesday or Friday please let Wendy Tulip (Kelsey's mum) or Michelle Ly (Cynthia and Jacquelyn's mum) know. Thank you

### Also in Term 2

- Entertainment Books

### Canteen

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](http://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.

### Uniform Shop

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.

## Our next meeting will be held on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> May

Come along and meet other parents, carers and friends on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> May at 7pm in the Library and be involved in planning and chatting about the year ahead.

Enjoy your week ☺

### Canteen Ice Cream Prices

(available on Thursdays)

Paddle pops \$1.30

Frozen yogurt \$1.30

Mini calipo \$1.00

Icy twist \$1.00

Ice cream tub \$1.00

Fruit stack \$1.00

Juices 50c

## Cool Kids Music Co. Music lessons held at school

For enrolment  
please call

**0457 668 742**

For lesson times  
please go to

[www.coolkidsmusic.com.au](http://www.coolkidsmusic.com.au)

Old 2<sup>nd</sup>-hand uniforms are being donated to Parramatta Rotary. Please bring any old uniforms to Maryanne who is collecting them. Thank you.

### ***School Banking***

Did you know that our school receives \$5 when a student makes their first ever School Banking deposit and 5% on every deposit made through the school (to a maximum of \$10 per individual deposit)?

Not only does School Banking teach our kids about saving and money management, it is also a great fundraiser for our school. If your child doesn't already have a bank account, why not pop into a Commonwealth Bank branch and open up a Youthsaver Account? Then all you need to do is send in their bank book to school each Wednesday with any deposit amount at all, even 20c! Then they can start collecting tokens and can trade them for some great rewards. Every deposit earns them a token and every 10 tokens earns them a reward, it's that easy. All children should have brought home an information pack already which contained rewards vouchers and some other information. If you have any questions at all, please feel free to come and ask me, I'm at school Thursday and Friday mornings and afternoons. My name is Melissa and I am mum to Lachlan (year 2) and Hamish (kindy). So, chat to your kids, find a savings goal (new toy, game etc) and get banking!

Melissa



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#### Pavecoat H<sub>2</sub>O

Nutech Paint has developed a revolutionary new water based penetrating concrete sealer, Pavecoat H<sub>2</sub>O. This single pack water-based acrylic concrete sealer has been developed to achieve excellent penetration and adhesion to concrete to overcome the problems associated with traditional organic solvents solutions based concrete sealer Pavecoat H<sub>2</sub>O is developed using NANO technology, rapid hardness development, good chemical resistance and excellent adhesion to concrete and masonry surfaces. Most importantly the sealer has low odour, non-toxicity and non-flammability characteristics.

Pavecoat H<sub>2</sub>O is cost effective and there is no need for solvent thinners or disposing of brushes and rollers. Unlike solvent based sealers that covers an area of 4m<sup>2</sup> per litre. Pavecoat H<sub>2</sub>O can be thinned with water and covers an area 6m<sup>2</sup> per litre. This equates to a cost saving of 33%. When cleaning up only use water to wash your tools. These tools can then be reused.



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## **“Let's Get Our Garden Started!”**

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Topic areas will include:

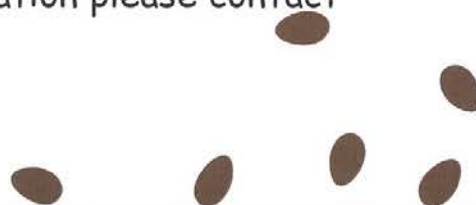
- **Parent Information Session**  
(Parents/carers only. Childcare available)
- **'Creative Composting'**
- **'We Love Worms'**
- **'Wonderful Water'**
- **'Growing our Garden'**



- VENUE:** Telopea Public School 'Edible Garden and Orchard' and  
Telopea 'Schools as Community Centre' (SaCC) Rooms
- DATE:** Five consecutive Mondays starting 19<sup>th</sup> May  
(19, 26 May, 2, 16 & 23 June)
- TIME:** 9:45am-11:15am
- CHILDCARE:** Free limited child care is available for siblings under three years.

### **REGISTRATION is essential!**

For further enquiries and registration please contact  
Pip Martins Telopea SaCC Facilitator.  
**Phone:** 9898 3448  
**Email:** [phillipa.martins@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:phillipa.martins@det.nsw.edu.au)







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