



THE LINK

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DATES TO REMEMBER	
Term 2	
16 & 17.6.14	ICAS Writing & Spelling
19.06.14	P&C Meeting 6:30pm in Library
26.06.14	Sausage Sizzle – Year 6 fundraiser - Students need to pre-order
27.06.14	Preschool closed for cleaning
27.06.14	Reports home & last day of school for Term 2
15.07.14	Tuesday – students return for Term 3

From the Principal

I can't believe that this is our final Link for Term 2 already!! It has been a busy two weeks since our last Link and it just keeps getting busier as our term comes to a close!! This school term finishes on June 27. Term 3 commences for students on Tuesday 15 July. I wish all of our families a happy and safe holiday break.

Reports

All teachers have been in the process of writing a report for each student in their class over the past month. Hours of work go into creating these documents for your child, and we have an emphasis on making sure these are a meaningful document for students and parents/carers. I would like to thank all of our teachers for their thorough work and effort they put into each comment they write. This year, our reports take on a new format. These changes will be presented at this week's P&C Meeting on Thursday 19 June at 6:30pm in the Library. I encourage you all to come along to hear about how we have made school reports a valuable learning tool for your child.



Soccer

The excitement and tension are building.....balls have been flying.....talk about boots.....talk about playing the width of the field..... The World Cup is coming to RPS!! Well not quite, but it is our small school version of the World Cup!! On Thursday 26 June, Rydalmere will play our first game of soccer against Mt Keira PS, as a part of the Small Schools PSSA Knockout Competition. Please come along and support our team. Kick-off is at 11am sharp on our school oval and Preschool-Year 6 will be cheering us on. It'd be great to have as many parents and community members there as well. Come along and join in the exciting atmosphere.....and enjoy a sausage sizzle afterwards. Please note – all students must pre-order their Soccer Sausage Sizzle Meal but there will be extra there on the day for parents and community members to buy.

Sporting Champions

I would like to congratulate two of our students on their outstanding sporting efforts and achievements. On Wednesday 11 June, Kelsey (Yr6) represented our school and Parramatta/Merrylands PSSA at the Sydney West Cross Country Carnival. Kelsey completed the course in 55th position for her age division (out of over 100 runners) which is a fantastic result. On Thursday 12 June, Michael (Yr5) competed for a place in the Sydney-West Rugby Union team. Michael had already attended a number of trials prior to get selected in this squad. Michael missed out on making the team by the skin of his teeth! He is excited about trying out for the team again next year. To make it that far is a fabulous result! I know that all of us at Rydalmere PS are very proud of both of you for your achievements, and for the way you so proudly represented our school. Well done!!

Yr 6 Fundraiser

Thank you to all of our students and their families who supported our first Year 6 fundraiser for the year – Biscuit Making. The Cola was a flurry at recess with biscuits, icing, lollies and sprinkles all the go!! Our pre-schoolers enjoyed the mayhem and joy of biscuit making just before school recess in the preschool.

Year 5 & 6 worked exceptionally well in teams, with Year 6 acting as mentors to our Year 5 students, to make this fun event a success. At the conclusion, they made a further 200 biscuits (our left overs) and sold these at the end of the day to our lovely families during pick-up time. In total, your support helped us to raise \$170!! WHAT AN OUTSTANDING RESULT!! This money will go towards the Year 6 Farewell.

XOs are coming!!

In Term 1 & 2 I presented information to the P&C (and in previous Links) that all staff have been undertaking training in the use of XO laptop computers so that we could purchase one for every student in our school. We have now completed our training and we should see our XO laptops arrive before the holidays. (XOs are a laptop that has a swivel screen, can be used as a tablet device, and has built in speakers, microphone and camera. Your child will be able to save their work to a USB and bring it home to show you!!). The laptops remain the property of the school, but each child will have one assigned to them to use as their own at school each year. Once our programs are up and running with the XOs in full swing, we will have an open day for you to come along and see how we use these in class.

Kindergarten Enrolment for 2015

Do you have a child who is turning 5 before July 31 in 2015? If so, NOW is the time to enrol your child at our wonderful school. Alternatively if you have neighbours and friends within our local area, please encourage them to enrol now. As we now provide every student in our school with their own designated XO (laptop) computer for the year, it is vital we know how many new students we will be getting so that we can have these ready to go at the start of 2015 for all new students. Please get enrolment forms from the office or download online and return to our office.

Thank you P&C

On behalf of all of our families, I would like to thank the P&C for agreeing to pay a \$35 subsidy per student who attends our 3-6 Canberra & Snow trip. This will make a huge difference to so many of our families.

Peer Support

Peer support has been running successfully this term each Friday afternoon. These sessions are led by pairs of Year 5 & 6 students, supervised by classroom teachers. All of our students look forward to this each week and I have enjoyed observing the sessions - watching our senior students flourish as leaders and our junior students enjoy the positive interactions that these sessions bring.

Blue Wren

We have introduced a new positive playground reward. Our students work so hard each day in class, earning blue and green wrens to achieve their ultimate Gold Wren and we would like to reward positive playground behaviour too. Students may be awarded a 'Special Blue Wren' when teachers on duty 'catch them being good' in the playground. At each assembly, one student will be drawn from the box and will receive a \$1 voucher to use at the canteen. Congratulations to our first two winners – Breanna (K) and Georgia (Yr4).

School App

It has come to our attention that some users of our school App on the android platform have not been receiving notifications. We have had this issue fixed but will need all android users to delete their current App, then reload it. You should then receive all of our push notifications.

Bek Zadow

Principal

ASSEMBLY AWARDS: 6th June 2014	
Safe Award	Cooper P, Aaesha E, Youngjin P, Hayzam N
Respectful Award	Zach, Paige P, Caden, Nigeen A
Learner Award	Umut B, Sujin P, Bilal, Jake S

K1A's Excursion To Calmsley City Farm

K1A have been studying the units of work, *Life on the Farm* and *Our Needs*. They have learnt about the types of animals found on farms. They have also been learning how the products from the farm affect our daily lives and meet our needs. The excursion to the farm gave the students a wonderful opportunity to get up close and learn about farmyard animals.



In the nursery the students were able to pet the baby animals.



Farmer Ryan gave K1A a tour of the farm and showed them how to milk a cow.



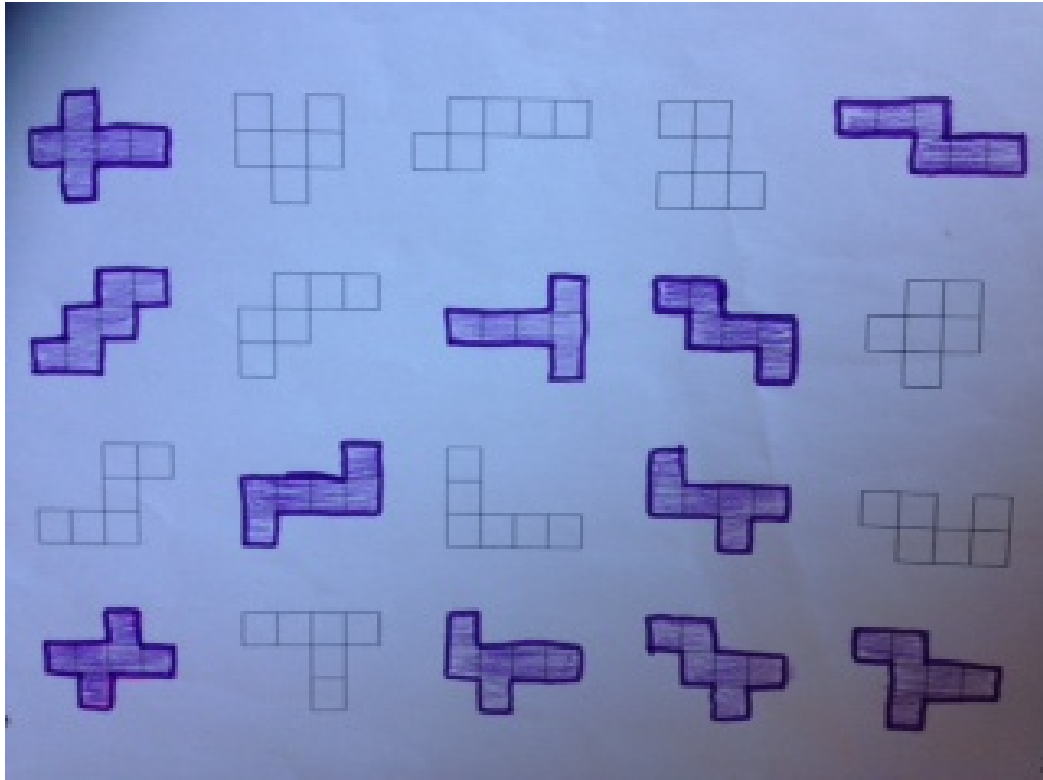
Atia and Hamish had fun learning how to crack a stock whip.



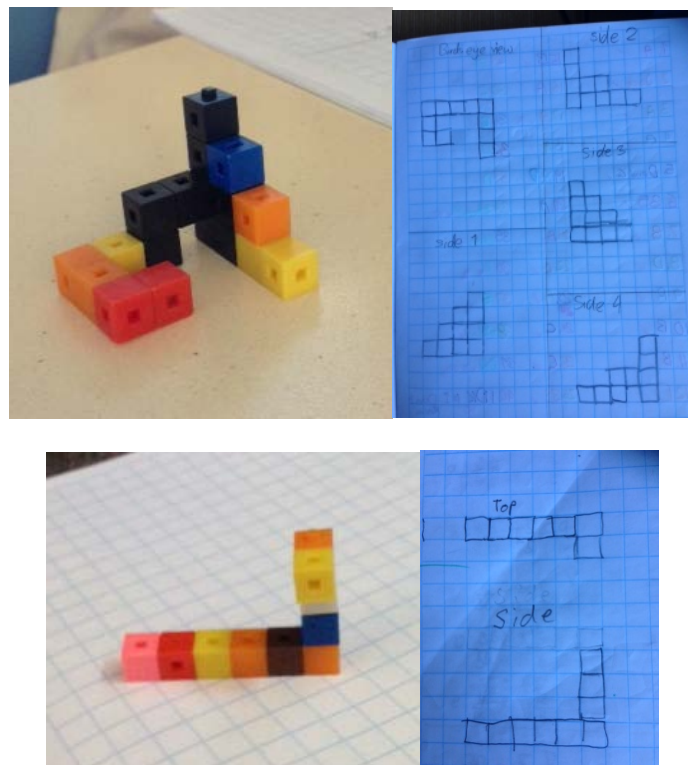
The students enjoyed watching and learning how the farmers shear the sheep. **IT WAS A FANTASTIC DAY!**

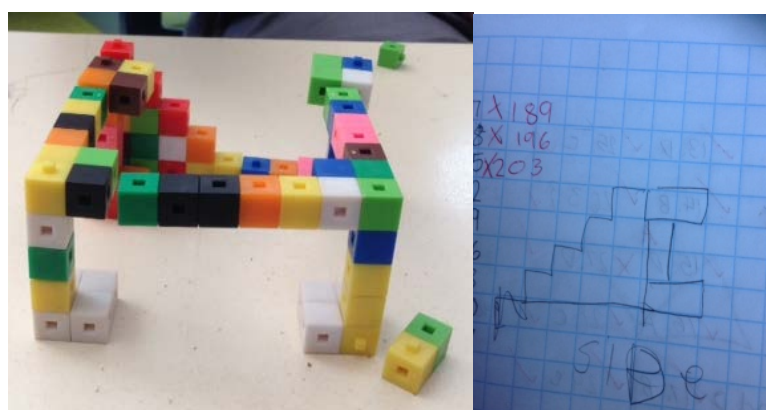
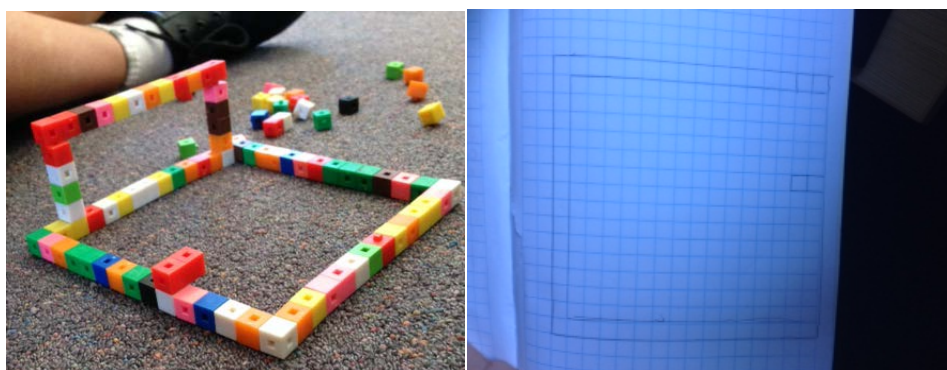
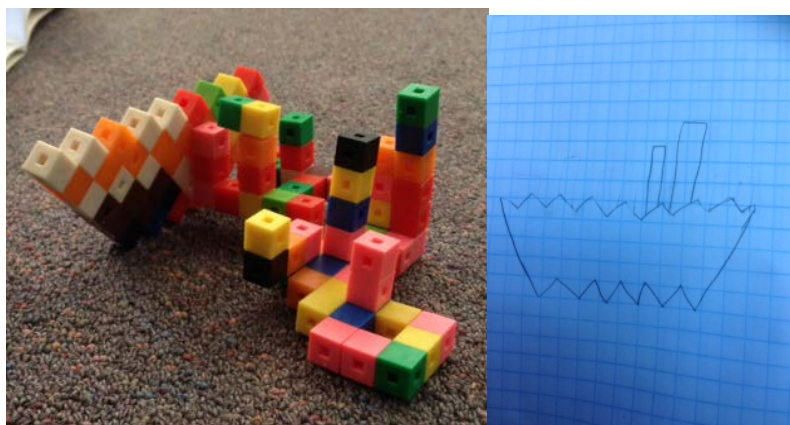
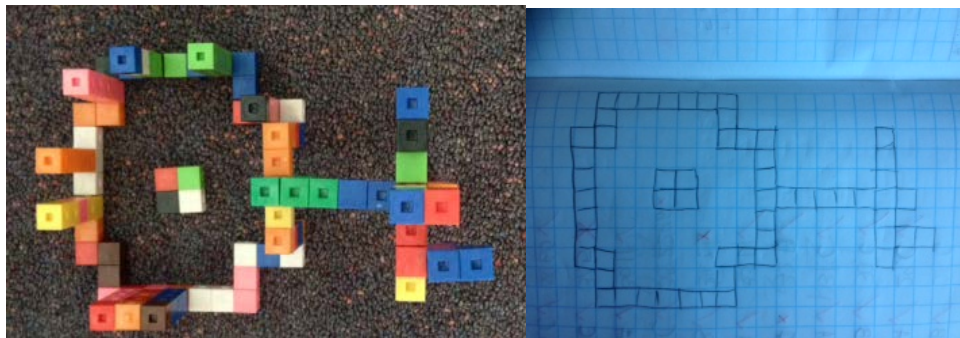
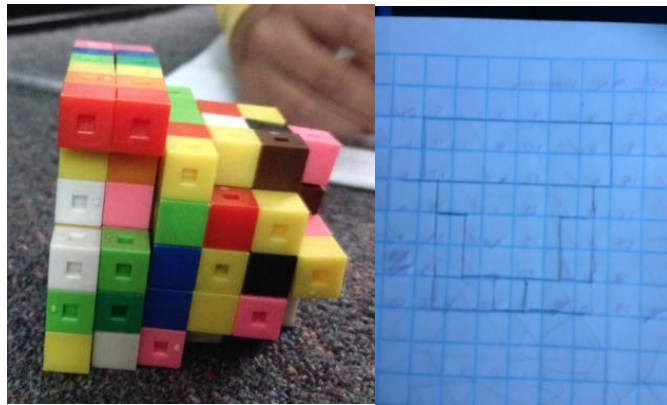
5/6ZG – The Master Builders!!

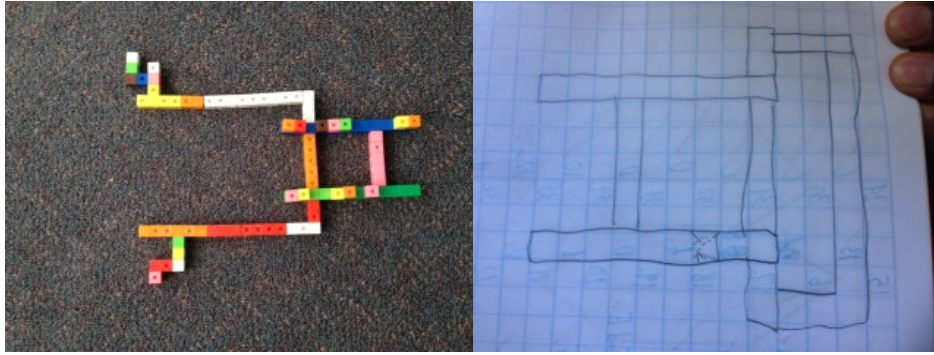
We've had a busy term, especially in Maths, where we have been investigating and building 3D objects. Mrs Zadow gave us the task of figuring out how many different nets there are to make a cube. We found 11!! Here is some of our work.



We then had to design and build a building using centicubes. We then drew our building from different views:



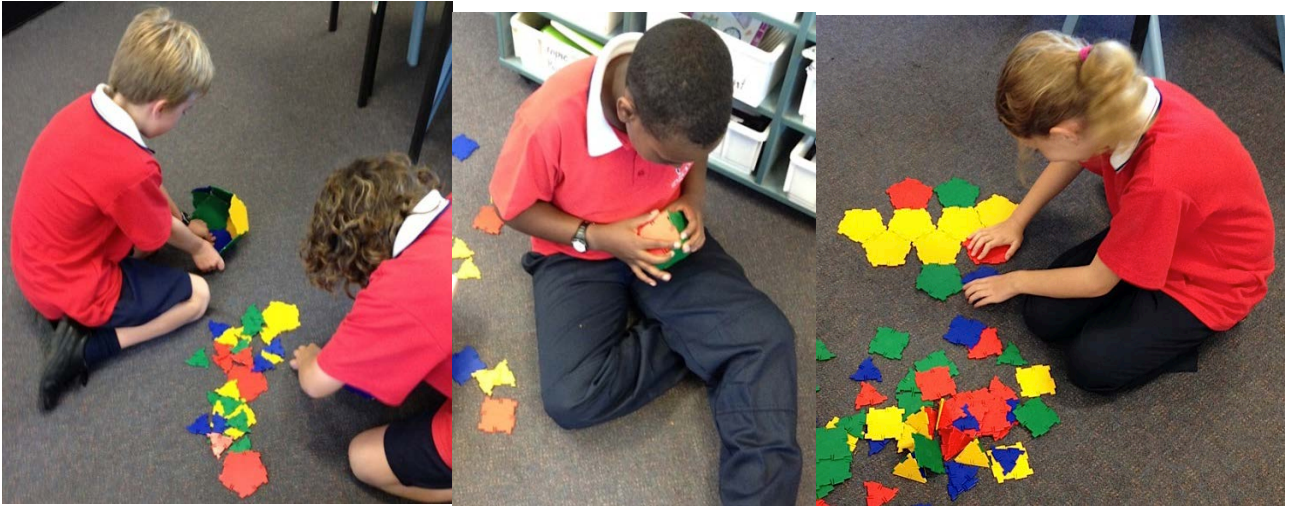




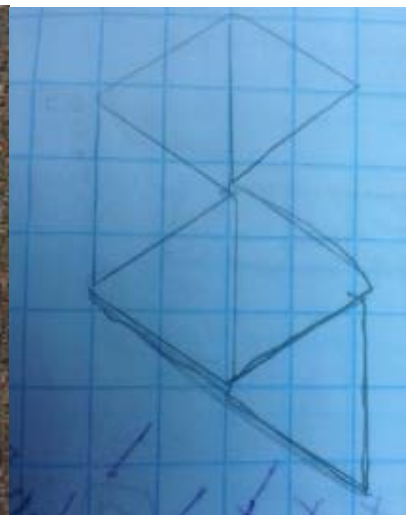
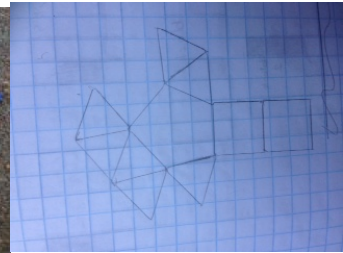
That was easy and fun, but we knew the next part of our lesson would be challenging when Mrs Zadow told us that we had to build our building, making our own cubes of paper by using any net design we wanted. This was really hard and some of us had to change the design of our building so it could actually stand up!

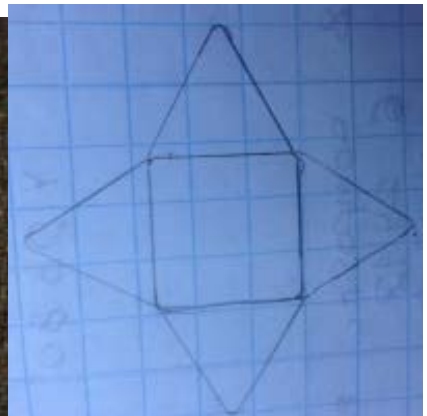
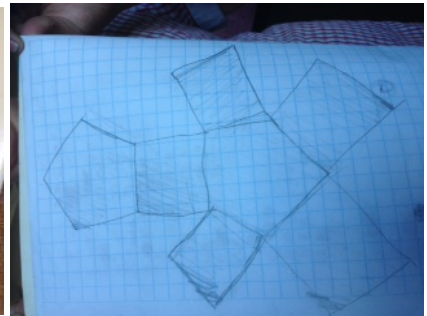


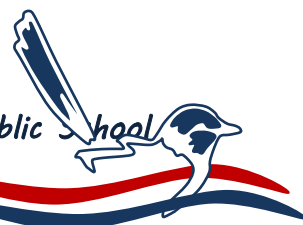
We then investigated the nets of other prisms. We used polydron shapes to build some regular and irregular solids.



We then had to carefully take them apart to reveal the net for that solid. We tried our best to then draw these nets to scale. Can you match the solid to the correct net?







Committee's message

The next P&C meeting is on Thursday 19th June at 6:30 in the Library. Come along and be involved in the planning for the year ahead.

School banking

Banking day is Wednesday, see Melissa Ball (Lachlan's year 2 and Hamish kindy mum) if you would like to know more or pick up a starter pack from the office.

Canteen

Recess orders are going well and the students are buying the new menu items.

Uniform shop

The next order will be placed on the 20th June for long pants. Please see Maryanne in the uniform shop to order and pay. The uniform shop will accept payment by direct deposit, ask Maryanne for the bank details when you are placing your order.

The uniform shop is open every Friday morning between 8:50 and 9:15.

Old uniforms can still be donated to Rotary so leave them in the uniform shop if you would like to donate them.

Fundraising

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

Upcoming events

Father's day stall – Tuesday 2nd September and Friday 5th September

Bunnings cake stall – Saturday 6th September

Movie night – Friday 12th September

Family Photos – Saturday 13th September

Fruit Box Drive – end of term 3

Bunnings BBQ – Saturday 11th October

Halloween Disco – Friday 31st October

Movie night

Planning for the movie night is coming along. We are always looking for ideas and we will be needing volunteers on the night to make this night a success. See Nichole if you would like to help in any way.

Payments to the School – if you would like to make electronic payments for P&C items such as school uniforms please see Maryanne Thompson (our Uniform Co-ordinator) or another Committee Member and we will provide you with the Bank Account details. Please do not transfer money into the Rydalmere Public School account if it relates to uniform purchases.

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.

Enjoy your week ☺

RYDALMERE PUBLIC SCHOOL – PARENTS ASSOCIATION
UNIFORM SHOP ORDER FORM

Date:	Prices Effective April 2014
Parents Name:	Childs Name:
Contact Ph:	Childs Class:
Payment Method <input type="checkbox"/> Cash <input type="checkbox"/> Cheque*	
Cheques payable to 'Rydalmere Public School P & C Uniform Shop' <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Refunds for cheque payments will be made in cash once proceeds of cheque have cleared. Any un-presented (ie bounced) cheque fee incurred by the uniform shop, must be paid by the cheque account holder. 	

GIRLS UNIFORM					
<u>ITEM</u>	<u>SIZE AVAILABLE</u>	<u>UNIT PRICE</u>	<u>SIZE REQUIRED</u>	<u>QUANTITY REQUIRED</u>	<u>COST</u>
Dress	4 - 16	\$45.00			
Polo With Emblem	4 - 16	\$25.00			
Navy Pleated Skort	4 - 16	\$20.00			
Navy Boot Leg Pants	4 - 16	\$28.00			
Red Jumper with Emblem	4 - 16	\$50.00			
Hat	XS-S/S-M/ M-L	\$15.00			
Socks 3 Pack – White	9-12/13-3/2-8	\$9.00			

BOYS UNIFORM					
Polo With Emblem	4 - 16	\$25.00			
Navy Shorts	4 - 16	\$20.00			
Navy Pants	4 - 16	\$25.00			
Red Jumper with Emblem	4 - 16	\$50.00			
Hat	XS-S/S-M/ M-L	\$15.00			
Socks 3 Pack – Navy	9-12/13-3/2-8	\$9.00			

SPORTS UNIFORM					
Polo With Emblem	4 - 16	\$25.00			
Sports Shorts	4 - 16	\$20.00			
Winter Microfibre Tracksuit (Jacket & Pants)	4 - 16	\$72.00			

MISC ITEMS					
Backpacks	O/S	\$40.00			
Total Order Amount					\$

Winter in the Garden

Thursday 3rd July

10.30am-12.30pm

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