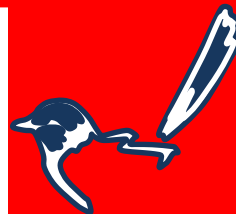


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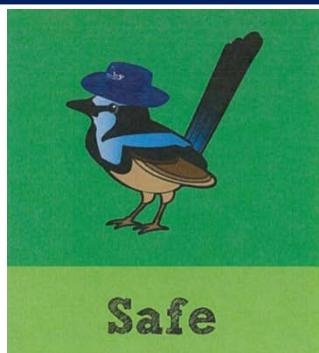


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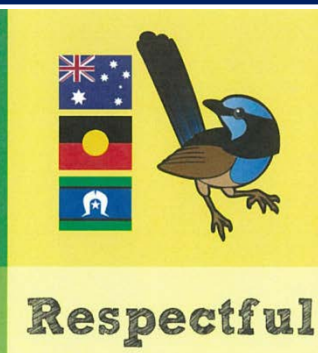
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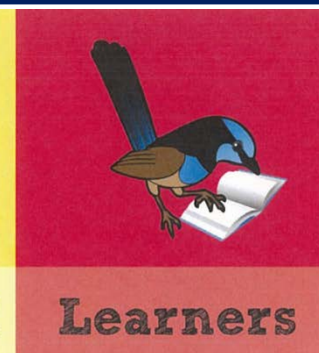
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## DATES TO REMEMBER

14.10.15	Kindy 2016 School Tour 10am
21.10.15	Kindy 2016 Literacy 10am
23.10.15	Year 6 Biscuit Day
27.10.15	Grandparent's Day
28.10.15	Kindy 2016 Numeracy 10am

## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

### Welcome back to Term 4

We hope every family had a relaxing and enjoyable school holidays. This term is another busy time for students, teachers and parents. We welcome our 2016 Kindergarten students who will visit for five consecutive Wednesdays as part of the Kindergarten Orientation program.

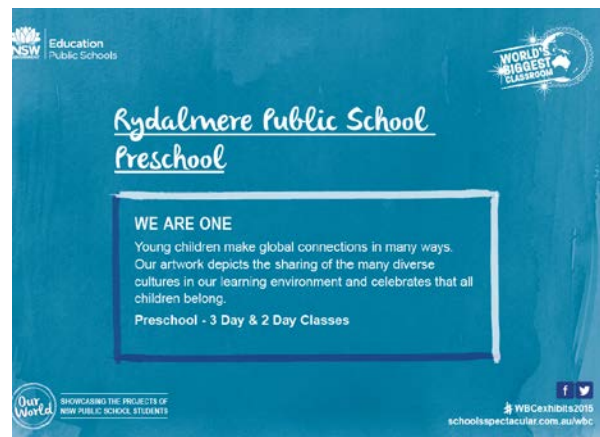
Year Five and Six will be organising some fundraising events, and all students K-6 are getting ready to participate in the *Music Count Us In!* Australia-wide singing. These are just a few of the many activities and events happening soon.

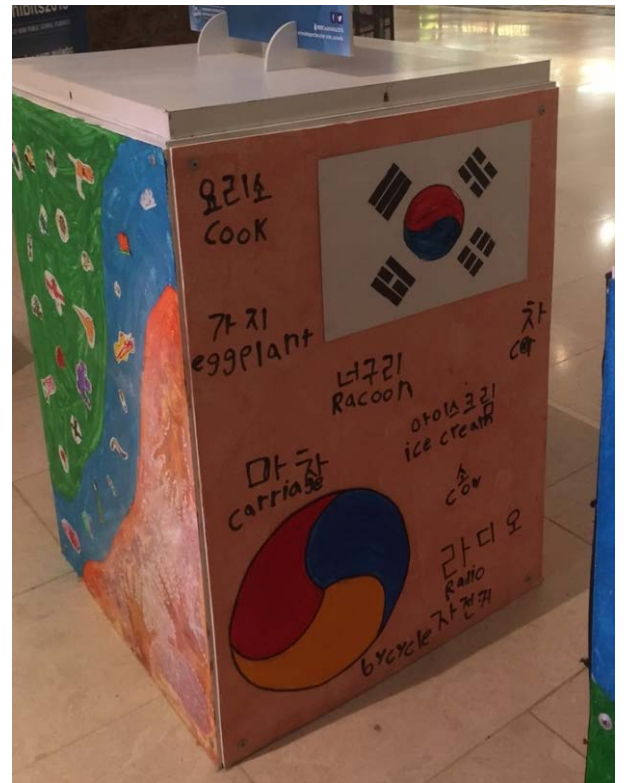
### World's Biggest Classroom

During Term 3, all students Preschool to Year 6 were asked to contribute to artworks which were entered into the World's Biggest Classroom. These artworks were created as

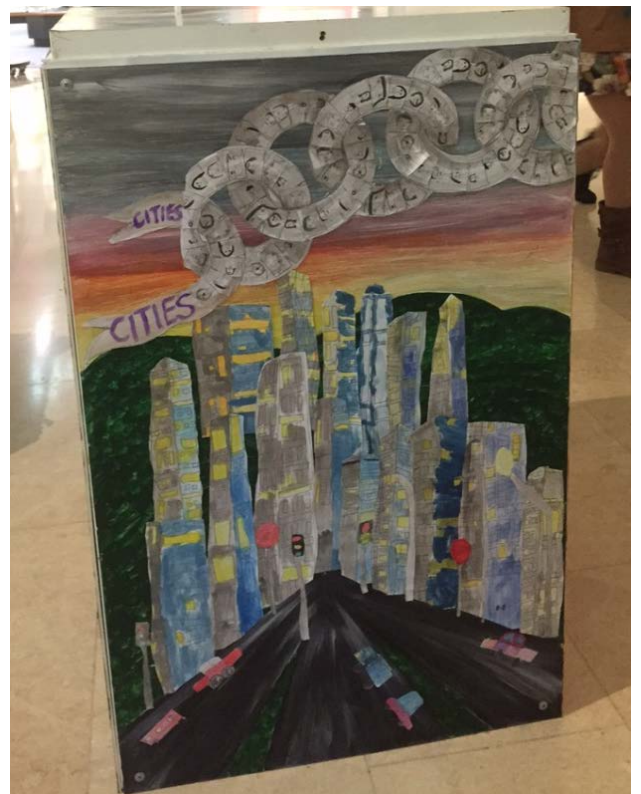
plinths with the theme **Going Global**. These plinths were on display during the school holidays at Westfield Parramatta.

Preschool created their own plinth with both preschool groups helping to create artworks representing different cultural groups.

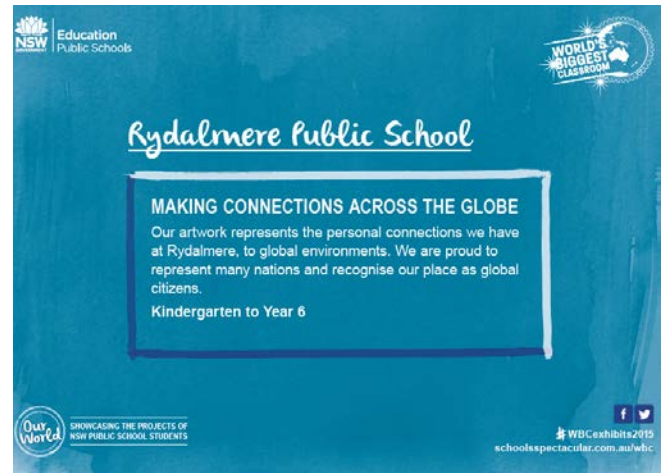
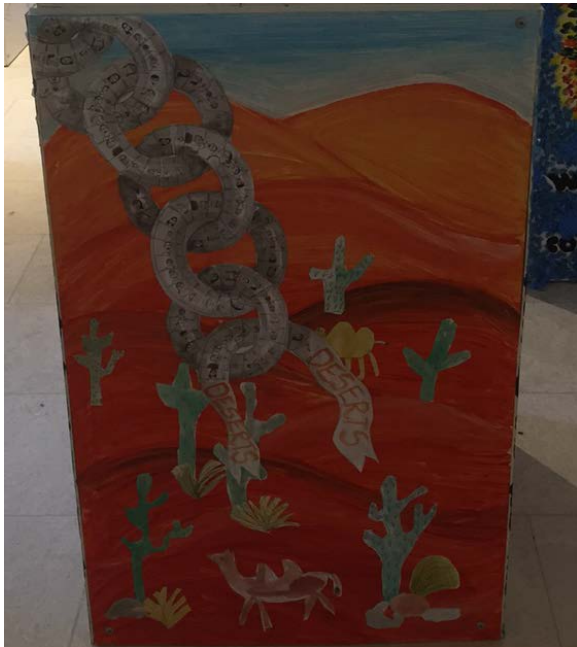




Students from K-6 created a plinth with environments from around the planet. Every student has a self-portrait included as part of a chain linking all of us to our planet. Students in 2R created images for each of the environments – cities, oceans, deserts and rainforests.







## State Golf Championships

Wil Reece in Year 6 competed in the State Golf Championships for a second year in a row after finishing first in the Sydney West Golf. The State Championships were held at Blackheath Golf Course on 14 and 15 September. Wil placed 17th overall. Well done Wil!



## Staff changes

At the end of Term 3 Mrs Zoe Stephens finished as our librarian due to health reasons. We welcome Ms Alison Houghton who will take over the Library RFF role for the rest of the year.

We welcome Mr Michael Hammond as 2R's teacher for Term 4 as Mrs Ryan will be Relieving Principal for weeks 2 and 3 then on Long Service Leave until week 7.

## Commonwealth Bank Smart Financial Literacy

At the end of Term 3, students in Years 1-6 participated in lessons provided by the Commonwealth Bank. These lessons are designed to increase students' knowledge and understanding about saving money, knowing how to keep money safe, and understanding the importance of having a job to support lifestyle choices.

*Mandy Ryan*

R/Principal

## ASSEMBLY AWARDS

Each fortnight, as a part of our Positive Behaviour for Learning across the school, we award students for meeting our expectations of being safe, respectful learners who belong. Each class teacher awards 1x Safe award, 1x Respect award and 2x Learner awards

			
<b>KA</b>	Luke	Adam	Annie Mona
<b>1G</b>	Husna	Sabrina	Zain Harith
<b>2R</b>	Rhys	Ahmed	Cameron Oceana
<b>3/4M</b>	Odessa	Amelia	Connor Souhayb
<b>5/6G</b>	Wil	Jasmine	Georgia Elizabeth



## WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING IN 5/6G?

In 5/6G we are studying an exciting unit about Gold. We have been researching and reading and viewing a range of texts about gold and we have learnt many interesting facts. We wrote discussions on the topic: 'Fresh air and water should be considered more valuable than gold'. We learnt how to write a balanced discussion by providing arguments both 'for' and 'against' the topic. We also talked about the meaning of the word 'valuable' in different contexts.

I will be discussing whether or not fresh air and water should be considered more valuable than gold.

Firstly, fresh air and water are both needs whereas gold is a want. For example, instead of using gold in buildings they could use timber or stone. Secondly, air and water are more valuable to natural wildlife considering animals don't have a use for gold. Air and water are both priceless elements.

On the other hand, gold is rare, costs money and is expensive. Gold is malleable and used for many different things such as electronics and jewellery. If silver was used for jewellery it would tarnish and possibly leave a rash, depending on who is wearing it.

In conclusion, gold is more valuable in cost than fresh air and water because they don't cost anything. However we can't live without fresh air and water and if we are not alive there is no use for the gold.

*By Mitchell*



"Gold is used in technology. It's even in my iPod!" – Nicolette

"Gold has been used to make jewellery for a long time, even in Ancient Egypt." – Emily

"Natural gold comes in the shape of a nugget." – Safiye

"Gold is ductile, which means you can bend it without breaking it, and you can make it into thin wires." – Pat



Gold is precious and valuable and we have to dig up the earth for it. But what about fresh air and water? We need them to survive, so are they more precious and valuable?

Fresh air and water are vital needs for survival. Without them, you wouldn't be breathing, but without gold, it's not the end of the world. Not only do humans need fresh air and water, but so do animals and plants. Air and water can be easily wasted or damaged, which makes them precious.

Gold, however, is rarer than air and water. It takes time to find gold and it is so expensive. You can buy things with gold, but with air and water, there isn't much use besides breathing and drinking. It can also be used to get other things needed for survival, like food and shelter.

The dictionary will inform you that the word valuable means 'something of great worth, value and importance'. Gold is worth a lot of money, has great value but isn't of great importance. Fresh air and water are important for a major reason but are priceless, which makes them special. Therefore, fresh air and water are, in fact, more valuable.

*By Nigeen*

The topic I will be discussing is if fresh water and air are more valuable than gold.

Firstly, water and air are very important to humans and animals. If we don't have air or water we will die and this could lead us to extinction.

Secondly, water and air can be used for energy to power things up. For example, they can be used for wind power or hydropower, which can produce things we need to live, like electricity for warmth.

However, gold can be traded for money and is rare, when air and water are quite easy to find. Money is important for buying essential things like food and water. With money, you could also pay people to do good things like collect fresh water or plant trees.

So, as I discussed, you need air and water to live and you can use water and air to make energy. However gold is used for currency and helps us buy important things. All three resources are valuable in different ways.

*By Jasmine*

Should fresh air and water be considered more valuable than gold? This is what I will be discussing.

We need water and air to survive. Just like we cannot buy a human, water and air are priceless and this is why they don't cost money like gold. Water and air are what keep us warm and cool but gold does not have the power to do this. Therefore, water and air are more valuable in this way.

However, gold can make all our dreams come true – it can give us a car, a house, toys or a boat. Imagine having a mountain of gold! Gold is made into many things like phones, photo frames and has been used throughout history for over 6000 years. It is also rare and hard to find.

In conclusion, water and air are more valuable than gold for our survival, but gold can also be used for many great things.

*By Hayzam*

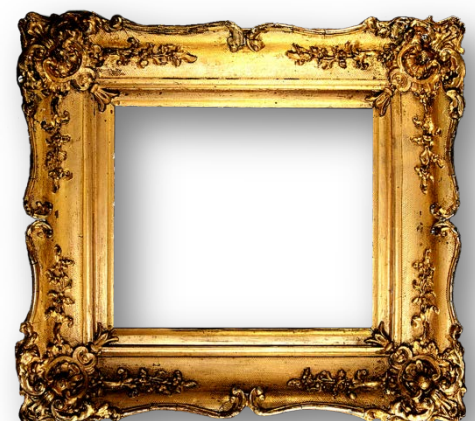
"I never thought there was gold inside phones!" – **Sam**

"An Inca Emperor had a throne made out of 15 carat gold. The Inca people also used gold to make masks and to decorate palaces." – **Michelle**

"In Ancient Egypt they used pure gold to make a sarcophagus (coffin) because they believed it would keep the dead person safe from evil spirits." – **Erin**

"Gold is mixed with other metals like silver to make it harder." – **Hamam**

There's gold in these phones!



Welcome back to Term 4 we hope you all had a great holiday

## Upcoming events

Movie Night – 20<sup>th</sup> November

### MOVIE NIGHT

We are holding meetings regarding the movie night. If you would like to come and help be part of this great school community event, come and join us in the P&C room. Our next meeting is on Wednesday at 2:00pm. You will find attached a list of the raffle prizes please look in your children bags this week for the raffle tickets to sell and support our movie night.

## School banking

Leonie Beasley (Alexis –Yr 1) has temporarily taken over the banking and this is done on Wednesdays. If you would like any information regarding banking please don't hesitate to contact the office.

## Canteen

The Canteen is open on:

**Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday** for hot food & sandwiches & snacks

**Friday** – Ice creams sold by Year 6 in canteen

## Uniform Shop

The Uniform Shop is open every Friday morning between 8:50am and 9:15am. If you need anything during the week just come and see Maryanne.

**DON'T FORGET** Our next meeting will be held in the library at 6:30pm this Thursday 15 October. Come along and be part of the schools fundraising plans, there is no such thing as a bad idea.

## Raffle Ticket Prizes for RPS Movie Night

### List of prizes

1. Oatlands Golf Club 4 people round of golf for 18 holes \$690 & Dooleys \$50 voucher
2. Studio 1000 family sitting \$545 & Powerhouse Museum family pass \$30
3. Studio 1000 family sitting \$545 & Ryde Aquatic Centre family pass \$25.20
4. Studio 1000 family sitting \$545 & Museum of Fire family pass \$25
5. Ryde/Parramatta Golf Club 4 people 18 rounds of golf \$280
6. Lollipops Playland 10 visit pass \$149 & Manly Sea Eagle ball signed by Feleti Mateo
7. Lollipops Playland 10 visit pass \$149 & Museum of Fire family pass \$25
8. Mission Code Red Laser Skirmish 10 missions \$130 & Australian Museum 2 adult pass (kids free ) \$30
9. Mission Code Red Laser Skirmish 10 missions \$130 & Ryde Aquatic family pass \$25.20
10. Lollipops Playland 10 visit pass \$149
11. Mission Code Red Laser Skirmish 10 mission \$130
12. Dooleys Voucher \$50 & City Extra voucher \$50
13. Captain Cook Cruise for 2 people \$98
14. Riverside Theatre 2 tickets to "A rabbit for Kim Jong-IL" \$49 each
15. Australian National Maritime family pass \$70 & Ryde Aquatic Family Pass \$25.20
16. Taronga Zoo 2 adult pass \$92
17. Scenic World family pass \$88
18. Dooleys voucher \$50 & 2 Australian Museum pass (kids free) \$30
19. Dooleys Voucher \$50 & Ryde Aquatic Family Pass \$25.20
20. Jenolan Caves 2 adults & 3 children pass \$75
21. Edge Rock Climbing 2 person entry and extras \$50 and Museum of Fire family pass \$25
22. Canterbury Olympic Ice Rink family pass \$69
23. Featherdale Wildlife Park 2 adult passes \$59
24. Ryde Aquatic Centre family pass \$25.20
25. Edge Rock Climbing pass for 1 person \$30

These prizes will be drawn at RPS Movie night on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> November.

Tickets are \$1



## RYDALMERE PUBLIC SCHOOL

### COMMUNITY HUB – WORKSHOPS TERM 4 2015

Two new workshops will be run in Term 4 by Leonie Beasley via the Community Hub. Bookings are essential to confirm your position. The other exciting new is that the Community Hub now have grant money to be allocated to fully qualified Early Childhood Educators to mind your children whilst you participate! Please contact Leonie if you would like to participate in one of these workshops. 0405 489 442 or [mrsbee@dodo.com.au](mailto:mrsbee@dodo.com.au)

#### Workshop Name: **KNITTING BEGINNERS**

*There is no limit on number of participants with this workshop and all levels of experience welcomed.*

##### **Date/Day/Time:**

Term 4, Week 2 to 8,

Thursdays 9.30am – 11.30am

##### **Aims and Objectives:**

- Participants learn basic knitting (garter stitch), casting on and casting off.
- By end of term all participants should be confident to work on their own.

##### **Venue:**

P & C room, Rydalmere Public School

##### **Equipment and Resources:**

- Participant need only bring along 4mm knitting needles, however these will be available for purchase at the first workshop for a small price (actual cost). Wool will be supplied.

This is a FREE workshop.

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#### Workshop Name: **SEWN RABBIT**

*All levels of experience welcomed. There IS A LIMIT on the number of participants due to availability of sewing machines. However if you have your own machine please bring along so that others without a machine can join.*

##### **Date/Day/Time:**

Term 4, week 2 – 8

Fridays, 9.30am to 11.30 am

##### **Aims and Objectives:**

- Participants learn hand sewing and basic machine stitching to create one rabbit.
- By end of term participants should have one completed rabbit.

##### **Venue:**

P & C room, Rydalmere Public School

##### **Equipment and Resources:**

This is a FREE workshop. All materials supplied by the Community Hub.

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# COMMUNITY NEWS



## GIRRAWEE HIGH SCHOOL

### Invitation to Open Night 2015

To Year 5 Students And Their Parents

Girraween High School is an academically selective coeducational high school with a focus on providing a balanced and positive education experience for our students who aspire to achieve exceptional HSC results. The school has experienced and dedicated staff, providing students with safe, engaging classes and well-equipped facilities.

You are invited to attend *Open Night 2015* which will be held at the school.

The school band will perform from 5:30pm and you are welcome to enjoy this performance.

The Open Night will feature classroom tours, displays, presentations and the chance to meet students and teachers.

Refreshments will be provided

**Date:** Tuesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2015

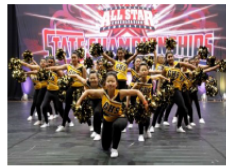
**Time:** 6pm to 8pm

**Venue:** Girraween High School  
110 Gilba Road  
GIRRAWEE NSW 2145

**Tel:** 9636 7293 or 9636 7303

**Fax:** 9896 3274

**Web:** [www.girraween-h.schools.nsw.edu.au](http://www.girraween-h.schools.nsw.edu.au)



Our Cheer Squad came 4th in their first ever State-wide competition.

#### HSC 2014 Achievements:

- Ranked 15<sup>th</sup> in the state overall
- Ranked 10<sup>th</sup> out of all government schools
- 36 students received an ATAR of 98 with 17 students achieving an ATAR over 99
- 3 students achieved an ATAR of 99.80 (Maximum ATAR 99.95)
- 25 students were 'all rounders' who achieved 90% or better in 10 units of study
- 339 mentions on the Distinguished Achievers List (Band 6 Results)
- 1 student was placed 1<sup>st</sup> in the state for Senior Science
- 1 student was placed 3<sup>rd</sup> in the state for Senior Science
- 1 student was placed 4<sup>th</sup> in the state for Biology
- 1 student was placed 17<sup>th</sup> in the state for Modern History
- 100% of students achieved the top two bands in English Extension 1, History Extension, Society and Culture, Engineering Studies, Japanese Continuers and Japanese Extension

## A Guidance Approach to Discipline



The Guidance Approach to Discipline program is going to assist you in managing your child's behaviour. The facilitator aims to teach parents how to use various methods of behaviour management that will reduce conflict between parents and children. The relationship between you and your children will improve so your child's social and emotional needs are better met.

#### Topics include:

- |                       |                            |
|-----------------------|----------------------------|
| Choice of beliefs     | Motivation without rewards |
| Listening to children | Meeting needs              |
| Resolving conflict    | Applying solutions         |

#### Details:

**Where:** Telopea 'Schools as Community Centres Project'. (SaCC)

**When:** Starting Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> October for **five consecutive weeks**

**Time:** 10:00am-11:30am

**Contact:** Sharlene on 0439 978 721 or Pip on 9898 3448 for registration

**FREE** childcare and morning tea is available.



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## Rydalmere Bunnings

### FREE 'Sing Rhyme and Story Time'



This Early Literacy Program caters for children birth to five years of age.

The half hour story time includes a combination of the following:

- Rhymes
- Finger plays
- Puppets
- Storytelling
- Dancing
- MORNING TEA PROVIDED

'Sing Rhyme and Story Time' sessions will be offered every Tuesday (during school term) **starting 13<sup>th</sup> October** 10:00am-10:30am

This early literacy initiative is programmed and delivered by the

'Schools as Community Centres', Local Facilitator Pip Martins.

The 'Schools as Community Centres' Project is funded through the NSW Government's Families NSW Strategy.

For further information please feel free to contact

Pip Martins..... P: 9898 3448 E: [phillipa.martins@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:phillipa.martins@det.nsw.edu.au)

Bunnings..... P: 88328200 E: [rydalmereao@bunnings.com.au](mailto:rydalmereao@bunnings.com.au)



### Telopea 'Schools as Community Centres' Project

**Term 4 2015**



MONDAY	<b>Australian Red Cross 'Good Start Breakfast Club'</b> 8:30am-10:00am Telopea SaCC Rooms. A healthy breakfast is provided free for Telopea Public School students in a friendly, inclusive environment.
TUESDAY	<b>Sing Rhyme and Story Time</b> 10:00-10:30 Bunnings Warehouse Rydalmere A weekly Early Literacy Program for parents/carers and children birth to 5 years. This program was awarded Honoured Nominee in 2011 Kookaburra Awards. This program supports parents to assist with their children's literacy development.  <b>Meet and Greet</b> 10:00pm-2:30pm Telopea SaCC Rooms Information sharing session for families with baby birth to 12 weeks. Facilitated by Community Health  <b>Guidance Approach to Discipline</b> 10:00-11:30 Telopea SaCC Rooms <b>REGISTRATION ESSENTIAL</b> This five program (starting Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> October) will support parents manage their child's behaviour using various methods to reduce conflict between parents and children. Facilitated by Parramatta Mission.
WEDNESDAY	<b>Garden Club</b> 8:30am-10:00am Telopea Public School Edible Garden and Orchard Telopea Public School students enjoy utilising the school garden space through this leadership program.  <b>Supported Playgroup</b> 10:00am-12:00noon Telopea SaCC Rooms <b>REGISTRATION ESSENTIAL</b> Organised indoor and outdoor activities, story time, music and dancing for families with children birth to 5 years. A friendly, inclusive and supportive playgroup where adult involvement is encouraged and supported.
THURSDAY	<b>Australian Red Cross 'Good Start Breakfast Club'</b> 8:00am-8:45am Telopea SaCC Rooms. Description as above.  <b>Jiggle'n'Jam Music Program</b> 3x half hour age specific classes (birth to 12mths@12:00, 12 to 18mths@12:30, 18mth to 25yrs@1:30) <b>REGISTRATION for the term IS ESSENTIAL for 1:30pm toddler class.</b> Structured music classes for families with chn birth to 25 years. Facilitated by 'Accent On Music' Music School in Telopea SaCC Rooms  <b>Baby Playgroup</b> 12:00pm-2:30pm Telopea SaCC Rooms Social gathering for families with children birth to 18 months in safe, air conditioned environment with toys.
FRIDAY	<b>Supported Playgroup</b> 9:30am-11:30am Telopea SaCC Rooms Description as above. <b>REGISTRATION ESSENTIAL</b>

#### Telopea 'Schools as Community Centres' Project (SaCC)

Based in the grounds of Telopea Public School, Chestnut Ave., Telopea N.S.W. 2117

Please direct all enquiries to SaCC Facilitator **Pip Martins**

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Fax: 9684 2653

Email: [phillipa.martins@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:phillipa.martins@det.nsw.edu.au)