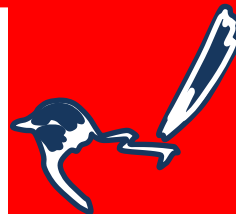


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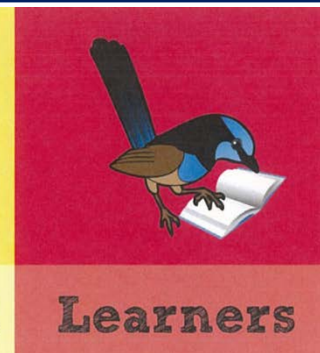
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DATES TO REMEMBER

02.02.15	Welcome Kindergarten
05.02.15	P&C AGM
18.02.15	Swimming Carnival 3-6
16.02.15	Parent Information Evening

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Welcome

A very warm welcome to another wonderful year of school and learning at Rydalmere Public School. This year we welcome MANY new families from Preschool to Year 6, who have joined us for the first time. I know that your children will flourish in all areas of their education at Rydalmere PS.

Kindergarten

Today we welcomed 12 Kindergarten students to 'big school'. These students will be supported by their Buddy over the next few weeks as they settle into our routines. I would like to thank all of our buddies for taking on this leadership role to nurture our newest students.

Classes

Provided our student numbers don't decrease over the next two weeks, we will remain with the class and staffing structure for 2015:

TEACHERS:

Preschool: Mrs Finlayson

KA: Mrs Aldred

1G: Miss Gray

2R: Mrs Ryan (Assistant Principal)

3/4M: Mrs Martelli (Mon-Thur) & Mrs McDonald (Fri)

5/6G: Miss Gallace

Library: Mrs Stephens (Mon)

RFF: Miss Allen (Thurs)

RFF: Mrs Zadow (Principal)

ESL: Mrs Brady (Tues)

Learning & Support: Mrs McDonald (Tue & Thurs)

Office & Support Staff:

Administration Manager: Mrs Kushturian

Office Assistant: Mrs Camporeale (Mon-Tue)

Preschool SLSO: Mrs McKay

General Assistant: Mr Foster

Bek Zadow
Principal

PRE SCHOOL NEWS

Last week we welcomed both our 3 Day and 2 Day preschool classes. The children enjoyed exploring a wide range of activities and making new friends. We are looking forward to an exciting year ahead.



BOOK CLUB

There have been some exciting new changes made to book club this year. Each child will now receive one brochure appropriate to their grade that includes all of the material that was offered over multiple brochures in previous years. The brochures will now be Pre K- Kindy, Year 1-2, Year 3-4 and Year 5-6. If you feel that your child requires a brochure other than their current grade please speak to your class teacher.

There is also a new ordering option for parents called 'LOOP'. The 'LOOP' App is available for free from the App store. Once this is downloaded you can order from your i-phone or i-pad, pay via credit card and the books will be delivered to your child's class.

BOOK CLUB

No paper work needs to be sent to school. The traditional method of ordering is still available for parents who wish to pay cash or cheque.

Book Club offers a wide variety of reading materials at a very affordable price and is an economical way to encourage your child to read. Remember that children benefit from reading and being read to on a regular basis. Just 15 mins everyday can make a big difference to their literacy and numeracy skills.

If you have any questions about the book club please speak to your class teacher or Mrs Finlayson and Mrs McKay in the preschool.

Introducing SCHOLASTIC Book Clubs LOOP for Parents

NOW
AVAILABLE
AS AN APP!



LOOP is the **NEW** Scholastic Book Clubs **Linked Online**
Ordering & Payment platform for Parents.

If you want to pay by credit card for your online Book Club order, our new platform makes it easy! It eliminates the need for paper order forms plus your online order is submitted to the school safe and sound.

Log-in to www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP or download our **NEW** iPhone and iPad app from the App Store!

- For a quick start, just click on **ORDER** in the top menu or **REGISTER** first to save your details for next time
- Select your school and your child's class
- Add your child's first name and last initial (so the school knows who the book is for)
- Enter the item number from the Book Club brochure
- You can order for multiple children at once if they attend the same school
- All orders are linked directly to the school for submission to Scholastic. Books will still be delivered to your child's classroom if you order by the close date
- There's no need to return paper order forms or payment receipt details to your school!

For a quick how-to-order video, log-in to www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP and click on **HELP** in the top menu.



THANKS....

A big thankyou to the Cottam, Mercer, Beasley, Elsoussi, Kashif, Apps-Tulip and McCredden families for looking after the chickens and watering the vegetable gardens over the Christmas holidays. It's great to have so many families pitch in and help. Hopefully you used the eggs to make some yummy omelettes!

COMMUNITY HUB



Rydalmere PS Community Hub 2015 Launch

with Biljana Kulic and Narelle Brown, guest speakers from CMRC and the Energy & Water Ombudsman NSW, and representatives from Parramatta Council

Date: Thursday 12 February 2015

Time: 9.15 am to 11.00 am

Venue: Rydalmere Public School Hall

This is a free forum for you to hear about Rydalmere Community Hub 2015 programs, CMRC initiatives and talk about energy and water issues directly with the Energy and Water Ombudsman NSW.

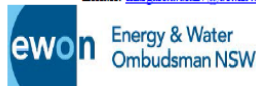
- Learn about 2015 Rydalmere PS Community Hub programs and Partnerships
- Get information about CMRC (Community Migrant Resource Centre) services
- Learn about rebates you may be entitled to on your electricity account
- Learn about billing issues, marketing and scams
- Energy Saving hints and tips
- Hear about the help available from retailers, from government and the community and what to do if you have a problem with your energy or water provider that you cannot resolve
- Bring your bills for rebate check (if eligible)

FREE MORNING TEA PROVIDED

For further information and to RSVP, please contact Rydalmere Public School Community Hub Leader: Margarita Diaz

Email: margarita.diaz7@det.nsw.edu.au

Phone: 0434 198 236



COMMUNITY HUB



Rydalmere Public School for the under 5's
Rydalmere Public School cares for your children's education from birth to year 6. In 2015, we have programs for children aged from birth to school age.



Playgroup



Playgroup is held in the School Hall on Mondays during school terms from 9:30 – 11:30.
rydalmerepublicschoolplaygroup.weebly.com



Rydalmere Public School offers

Story Time!



For families with children under 5
Come and enjoy stories, arts and craft, finger plays and songs
Every Tuesday from 10th Feb, 9:30 – 10:30



For further information please contact:

Jo-Anne Fourro: 0415 490 799

Margarita Diaz: 0434 198 236

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2015 FREE ENGLISH CLASSES FOR BEGINNERS!

WHO: For adults with basic spoken and written English.

WHERE: Rydalmere Public School

WHEN: Every Tuesday from 11.00 to 12.00 pm

FOLLOW:

<https://www.facebook.com/rydalmerehubcommunity>

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COMMUNITY HUB



FREE! FREE! FREE!

2015 FITNESS PROGRAM

FITNESS CLASS...WITH A QUALIFIED FITNESS INSTRUCTOR!

LOW IMPACT FITNESS CLASS

Shaping and Toning

WHEN:

EVERY WEDNESDAY during school terms

TIME: 9.15 AM – 10.15 AM

STARTS: 04th February 2015

LOCATION

RYDALMERE PS – SCHOOL HALL

RYDALMERE MULTICULTURAL SEWING AND CRAFT PROGRAM

ALL LEVELS OF SKILL WELCOME

FREE COURSE!



WHERE: Rydalmere Public School **TIME:** 9.15 am to 11.00 am

WHEN: Every Friday during school terms, 2015

First session: 13th February 2015

This program has been funded with contributions from the community and Parramatta City Council. Bookings **ESSENTIAL**.

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COMMUNITY NEWS



Family and Relationship Service

February – April 2015

Course name and description	Date & Time
Parenting after Separation This five week program includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Education on the importance of children's emotional and physical safety Recognition that distress felt in separation is a normal process Acknowledgment that separation creates change which can be viewed as a destructive event or a time for personal growth Education on awareness of parents actions impacting on themselves and their children 	Wednesday Evenings 4 th 11 th 18 th 25 th February & 4 th March Time: 5.30pm till 8.00pm AND Thursday Mornings 5 th 12 th 19 th 26 th March & 2 nd April Time: 10.30am till 12.30pm
1-2-3 Magic & Emotion Coaching This three week program is designed to assist parents and caregivers of 2 – 12yr old children: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increase their knowledge about what works in managing difficult behaviour Lessen their feelings of frustration Get better results with less effort and stress 	Monday Mornings 9 th 16 th 23 rd February 10.30am till 12.30pm Wednesday Evenings 25 th March & 1 st & 8 th April Time: 5.30pm till 8.00pm
Engage 4 Dads & Engage 4 Mums This four week program is designed for Dads or Mums who have limited time with their children. The program includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identification of both a healthy and unhealthy relationships; in their own lives and with people in authority; the effect of domestic violence on children is discussed Education on the necessity for a child to have a secure base and the importance of attachment with one primary caregiver. Individual grief is discussed with strategies of self care and acceptance of their situation. Participants become aware of the importance of play and using play as an engagement tool with their child. Recognition of the feelings in the irregularity of the relationship is explored. Persistence and resilience needed for the life long relationship 	Thursday Mornings Engage 4 Dads 5 th 12 th 19 th & 26 th February Time: 10.30am till 12.30pm Thursday Mornings Engage 4 Mums 23 rd 30 th April & 7 th & 14 th May Time: 10.30am till 12.30pm
Couples Communication Course The Group Edition of Prepare/Enrich is designed to bring couples of various relationship stages together in one group. This experience can lead to a dynamic skill for all. Couples benefit from the realism and interpersonal learning that happens when they witness how other couples cope with life's stressors and express themselves. The group process and content has the ability to re-energise couples with hope and optimism for their future relationship together. https://www.dss.gov.au/our-responsibilities/families-and-children/programs-services/stronger-relationships-trial	Wednesday Evenings 11 th & 18 th March Time: 5.30pm till 8.00pm

ANGLICARE Family and Relationship Service

Level 3, 16 Parkes Street Parramatta 2150

Bookings Essential: 9895 8144 or email education@anglicare.org.au

(If the phone is unattended please leave a message and a staff member will return your call.)

Childminding is unavailable for these courses