

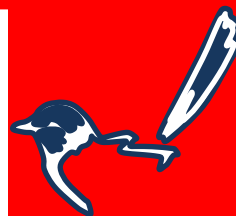
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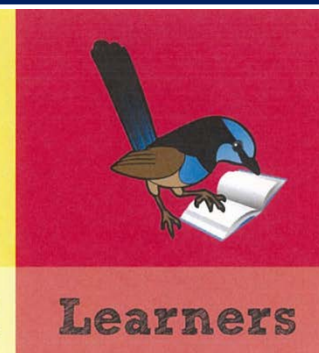
Term 1 – Week 8: Issue 4/2015



Safe



Respectful



Learners

DATES TO REMEMBER

16.03.15	Pre School "Know Waste" Visit
18.03.15	Yr 6 High School Forms Due
18.03.15	Harmony Day
19.03.15	Pre School "Know Waste" Visit
19.03.15	P&C Meeting 6:30pm Library

28.03.15	Election BBQ Fundraiser
31.03.15	Parent Teacher Interviews
02.04.15	Last Day of School for Term 1
20.04.15	Staff Development Day
21.04.15	Students Return Term 2

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Strategic Direction Focus

Last fortnight in The Link I wrote about the strategic directions we have set as a school community to guide our decision making and planning over the next few years. This edition, I would like to focus on Strategic Direction 2.

Strategic Direction 2: Dynamic and engaging learning environment

A major framework that underpins the success of our students at Rydalmere PS, is that of PBL (Positive Behaviour for Learning). This works with each of our students knowing that students at Rydalmere PS are: **"Safe, respectful learners who belong."** Our classroom and playground rules are based on this and all of our reward systems link to these behaviour expectations.



Safe



Respectful

Each day, your children have the opportunity to earn 'blue wrens' and 'green wrens'. They accumulate these on their sticker chart in the

Positive Behaviour for Learning Award Card				
Name	Card			
Blue Wren	Blue Wren	Blue Wren	Blue Wren	Blue Wren
Blue Wren	Blue Wren	Blue Wren	Blue Wren	Blue Wren
Blue Wren	Blue Wren	Blue Wren	Blue Wren	Blue Wren
Blue Wren	Blue Wren	Blue Wren	Blue Wren	Blue Wren
Blue Wren	Blue Wren	Blue Wren	Blue Wren	Blue Wren

classroom, and when full, they trade this for a Principal's Gold Wren. This is an exciting time for your children, and a

significant achievement. Once you child has five Principal's Gold Wrens, they are able to trade these for a Principal's Medallion. Our Assembly Merit Awards, while not tradable for a higher award, are an important recognition of your child acting as a safe and respectful learner.



PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Bunnings Cake Stall

Thank you to the P&C for running another successful event. I would like to acknowledge the contribution of all the families who made this stall happen. Please continue your support – we appreciate your commitment for our children at RPS!!



Parent/Teacher Interviews

These are on Tuesday 31st March. Today each student will be sent home the booking form for their interview. Please return these asap so that we can secure your preferred time.

Harmony Day

On Wednesday 18th March, we will be celebrating Harmony Day, along with our annual Multicultural Feast. This was a fabulous day of sharing culture last year and is set to be a wonderful day this year. Mrs Brady has taken on the mammoth job of organising this event once again. Please keep an eye out for all of her important messages.

High School Forms - DUE BACK BEFORE 20TH MARCH!!!

Football Champions

Congratulations to Michael Geddes and Sam Reece for gaining selection in Parramatta/Merrylands Zone PSSA Rugby League team. A further congratulations Michael for also being selected as a part of the Parramatta/Merrylands/Eastern Districts Zone PSSA Touch Football team.

Swimming Champions

Last fortnight I had the pleasure of managing our Swimming team at the Parramatta/Merrylands Zone carnival. Our students did themselves proud, through respectful sportsmanship and great results. Many of our students placed in the top 10!! Congratulations to Michael Geddes who was successful in qualifying for the Area carnival which is on today – best of luck Michael. In an exciting end for RPS, our school was **crowned 3RD overall for the Zone carnival** – what an outstanding result!!

Bek Zadow
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.

	 Safe	 Respectful	 Learners
KA	Mona A	August K	Aisan Z Oliver G
1G	Hamish B	Tairell G	Atia A Lucas C
2R	Ahmed R	Anna L	Rhys F-H Mikayla C
3/4M	Lachlan B	Jacquelyn L	Caden B Madison F
5/6G	Anna L	Hyein L	Haania B William R



HARMONY DAY

This year we will be celebrating Harmony Day on Wednesday 18th March. Once again, as part of our celebrations we will be holding a fabulous multicultural feast for everyone to share.

Please start thinking about the kind of food your family would like to contribute. In previous years the response has been outstanding with a huge variety of different dishes. Some suggestions might include:-

Salads, finger food, chicken dishes, lasagnes, pasta dishes, pies, fruit, sushi, a variety of vegetarian dishes, samosas, sandwiches, cakes, desserts, chips etc.

We especially like to include a variety of foods from different cultures, as well as traditional Australian food, such as lamingtons or meat pies.

Mrs C. Brady

ESL Teacher

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN PRE SCHOOL?

This year the Preschool children are learning Mandarin via play based games on i-pads. We are one of 41 services Australia wide to be involved. The trial is aiming to expose young children to a second language prior to starting school.



Early Learning Languages Australia Trial
We are very excited in Preschool to be using our new iPads to learn Mandarin. The children are using play based apps to expose them to a second language. We are already seeing lots of smiles, collaboration and the words "Ni hao" (hello) being used. The children will receive two new apps each term to build their vocabulary.



WHAT'S HAPPENING IN 3/4M?

3/4M have been looking at number patterns in Mathematics. We have also explored patterns in the environment and in art. Wassily Kandinsky was a Russian artist, who had the special ability to “hear” colours and “see” sounds. Using his painting *Color Study: Squares With Concentric Circles*, we started our own artwork, creating patterns with shapes and with colour.



Above: Wassily Kandinsky's *Color Study: Squares with Concentric Circles*



OSHC CENTRE NEWS



Rydalmere OSHC Centre News!

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February 2015.

Welcome to the year in OSHC (Out of School Hours Care). We hope that you have had a relaxing break over the holiday period and we look forward to sharing 2015 with you and your Family.

Our brand new Centre here at Rydalmere Public School has been beautifully set up and furnished

and is all ready to offer fun and exciting programs to your child from 7.00 to 9.00am and from 3.00 to 6.00pm each day. We offer breakfast and afternoon tea. The service is regulated under the National Law and we are fully compliant with all government regulations, approved under ACECQA (Australian Children's Education and Care Authority). We have qualified staff and comprehensive health and safety systems. You may be interested in reading more about the National Quality Framework on the following website <http://www.acecqa.gov.au/>. Please come and meet our staff- Dola Haddad (Co-ordinator) and Cathy Ho (Assistant Co-ordinator). You will also meet Maria Karam

Regional Manager and the Centre's Educational Leader. Please see the Parent Information Board for information about certified staff as well as our invitation to participate notices and Community Term Planner, menu and program details.

We are looking forward to collaborating with and sharing the Rydalmere Community.

See you soon!

Have a great day

Dola, Cathy, Suzanne and Maria

P&C NEWS

Upcoming events

Election BBQ - 28th March

Easter Raffle – Due Date Monday 30th March

Canteen

The Canteen is Open on

Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday for Hot Food & sandwiches & snacks

Friday – Ice creams sold by Year 6s in canteen.

We Are looking for **Volunteers** to help in the canteen just remember without your help the canteen will not run so come on down and see Jenny (Canteen Co-ordinator) or phone her on [0419 299 784](tel:0419299784).

This is a treat for your children so please think about helping even for a couple of hours..

School banking

Melissa Ball (Hamish yr 1 or Lachlan yr 3) Co-ordinates the Banking and this is done on Wednesdays if you would like any information regarding Banking please don't hesitate to contact the office.

Uniform shop

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

On Tuesday 17th March we are putting in an order for Winter Tracksuits so if you need to order one come in to the uniform shop on Tuesday morning between 8:40-9:00 to try sizes. Don't forget with winter uniform they have to be paid for before order goes in. Any old uniforms can still be donated to the Uniform shop.

Easter Raffle

This year we are holding our annual Easter Raffle again, Tickets will be sent home with your children they are either 50cents each or 3 for \$1.

If you would like any more tickets please come and see the School office.

Don't forget to bring in your donations to more that is donated the more Hampers you have a chance of winning.

THANK YOU

Bunnings Cake Stall


A Big Thank u to Reem Kashif for organising the Cake stall and to all our helper that either helped bake delightful treats to be sold or to the People that took time out of their weekend to help sell the freshly baked treats at Bunnings. Also we would like to say thank you to Bek Zadow for always coming to help support the school. We Raised \$479

Election BBQ & Cake Stall

Volunteers are needed on Saturday the 28th March to help either by cooking the BBQ or serving food or cooking donations to sell at the cake stall.. If you can help please let Nichole Elsoussi (P&C President) know or the Office.

DON'T FORGET Our Next Meeting will be held on Thursday 19th March in the library at 6:30pm. Come along and meet our new committee members and be involved in planning and chatting for the year ahead. Have a Good week & thank you again for supporting the P&C

COMMUNITY NEWS



AUSSIE HOOPS

**DUNKIN SAYS
JUMP
INTO
IT!**

REGISTER NOW AT AUSSIEHOOPS.COM.AU

Learn to Play Basketball for all kids 5-11
Parramatta PCYC
12 Hassall St Parramatta
Thursday 30 April
4:30 to 5:30
FREE COME AND TRY DAY

SchoolSport PEAK SPALDING

DO YOU HAVE A CHILD DIAGNOSED WITH AD/HD ?

ARE YOU LOOKING FOR POSITIVE STRATEGIES TO HELP MANAGE YOUR CHILD'S BEHAVIOUR ?

Is your child between 6 and 12 years old ?

You are invited **FREE OF CHARGE** to attend a well-known parenting program at Macquarie University.

The program is designed to assist parents to manage challenging behaviour and build a positive relationship with their child.

The program is part of an evaluation study and participants will be asked to attend evening sessions and to fill in questionnaires (anonymously).

For more information or to express interest in this study please contact:

Julie Chesterfield (Department of Psychology, Macquarie University)

E-mail: julie.chesterfield@students.mq.edu.au Phone: [0412 414 114](tel:0412414114)

COMMUNITY NEWS

Meet new friends...
Have fun...



PLAY FOOTBALL
Register online at
www.myfootballclub.com.au
www.parramattacityfc.com.au

**New Under 6 Players
FREE REGISTRATION**

Eric Primrose Park,
John St Rydalmere
Angelo Arnautis 0428 223 091




THE BLUE STAR iSPORT
PARRAMATTA

The New Kids Fitness Program
Starting 6th March till 28th August, 2015

Fridays 4 - 5pm
\$5 a visit
After School Snacks Provided




PCYC | BLUE For more info contact Alia and Zainab on 9635 8242

NOW OPEN SPECIAL
14 DAY GYM PASS
ABSOLUTELY FREE!

OR 1 week FREE Bootcamp trial or 1 FREE CrossFit Class

NOW in Parramatta and Castle Hill
rushhour.net.au 1300 00 7874



Workout for FREE. No obligations. Risk Free. Local Business Award WINNER

The artist in me !!



fine art classes for budding artist
Let kids enjoy learning with colours and basics of drawings

Art Teacher - Noyana Mehta
Venue @ PCYC Parramatta
Time - Thurs 3:45 - 4:45 pm
Age - 4 - 10 Yrs
Contact - (02)96358242
Email - parramatta@pcycnsw.org.au

New Season
Rush Hour Australia presents
1FitKid




Fitter, Faster, Stronger in just weeks
Fitness Training 9-16yrs

13 - 30% INCREASE
Real results. Real Fast

Limited 30 Kids ONLY

Starts 9th March
Parramatta & Castle Hill
Call Rush Hour Australia 1300 00 7874 for details.

Anglicare 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