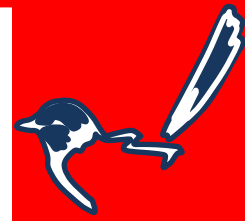


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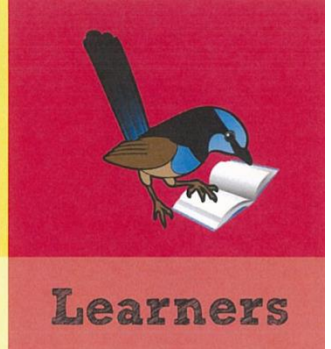
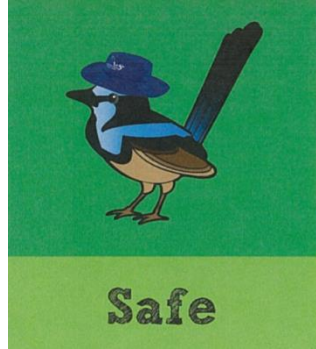
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## DATES TO REMEMBER

12-14.05	NAPLAN
12.05.15	Superkids Magic Show P, K & Yr1
18.05.15	Celebrating the Arts Rehearsal
19.05.15	Zone Cross Country
23.05.15	Bunnings BBQ

06.06.15	Bunnings Cake Stall

## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

### Rydalmere PS in the Media

Over the past two weeks we have had fabulous media coverage of our crowd funding efforts to raise \$100000 so that we can build toilets on our school oval. Can I please stress the important role you play in this. We need you to spread, spread, spread the word (our web link) so that we can reach as many prospective donors as possible. This is the link we need you to share: <http://www.chuffed.org/project/nature-calls>

When you share it, don't forget to include the hashtag: #ohnoineedto go

Our campaign currently sits at **\$2448.00** and we only have until July 21 to raise the funds. Below are the newspaper articles we have featured in, as well as a link to one of the video files circulating Fairfax digital publications.

### Flush with funding hopes

INTERNET CAMPAIGN PLANNED TO PAY FOR DESPERATELY NEEDED TOILET BLOCK

Deborah Fitzgerald

CASH-STRAPPED schools are being forced to find innovative solutions to pay for much-needed resources as the traditional parent fundraiser puts a hi-tech makeover through crowd-funding.

Rydalmere Public School has taken to social media with a video aimed at crowd-funding \$100,000 for a toilet block on the school oval.

Principal Don Zakow said the traditional fundraising methods of fairs or sales are still important but about \$100,000 more money for a big infrastructure project.

She said the toilet block comes with a large price tag because planning would need to be installed from the school down to the sports oval.

She said the Education Department had competing priorities and as the school already had a toilet block in the classrooms, there were other schools that had more pressing needs. However, she said the situation was



Rydalmere Public School students Maria Velasco Zain Elouass, and Cynthia Ly asking to the toilet from afar. PHOTO: PATRICIA...

From the school oval to the toilet meant some children very long time before they could afford a toilet block. "The addition of the toilet block on the school oval will ensure students under raise \$100 and a cake stall about \$500."

"At that rate it would be a very long time before we could afford a toilet block. The addition of the toilet block on the school oval will ensure students under raise \$100 and a cake stall about \$500."

The school is using a partnership campaign which they hope will help to raise the money. Kerry Edwards is co-director of schooldevelopment.com.au and has worked with the school to make the video and set up its online efforts. She said the website was a purpose built, free platform for schools to communicate.

"To contribute to the campaign visit [www.chuffed.org/project/nature-calls](http://www.chuffed.org/project/nature-calls)



<http://media.watoday.com.au/news/national-news/cashstrapped-public-schools-go-crowdfunding-6515763.html>

# PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

## **Email Addresses**

Rydalmere will be decommissioning the Enews facility that some of you subscribe to in order to receive the newsletter via your inbox. This costs us a considerable amount of money each year, and we know that we can have the same outcome by you providing us with your current email address. This can happen a variety of ways:

1. Complete the slip on the note your child will bring home today with the newsletter
2. Send it in via the app
3. Email the school at: [rydalmere-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:rydalmere-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au) with the subject 'Email for Newsletter' and we can save your address directly into our mailing list.

## **School Parents**

If you have not signed up to [www.schoolparents.com.au](http://www.schoolparents.com.au) I strongly encourage you to do so. This is another way that we can communicate with you and for you as parents to communicate with each other. Soon class teachers will be sending out class information on this site. All teachers are on this site. You will need to become 'friends' with your child's teacher so that you can see the information they send out. Before the end of the term, teachers will set up a class group and invite all parents of their class to join their group so that you can get classroom specific information. I would like to thank School Parents for their support of us in our crowd funding venture.

## **NAPLAN**

The 2015 NAPLAN program for Year 3 and 5 students will commence on Tuesday 12th May. The first assessment will be Language Conventions, followed by the Writing assessment. On Wednesday, 13th May,

assessment and on Thursday 14th May, the Numeracy assessment. Any student who is absent for any particular NAPLAN test is entitled to a catch-up day on Friday 15th May. We wish all students in Year 3 and Year 5 every success with their NAPLAN assessments.

## **Cross Country**

We were blessed with beautiful weather for our Cross Country event at school. While we had to slightly alter the course due to the sludgy oval, we were able to run all age divisions at the correct distance. Congratulations to every student who put in the effort and had a go on the day. Cross Country events are not easy, and it was lovely to see our students endeavour to make the finish line. Thank you to the teachers who spent much of the day at a check point out on the course keeping our students safe. It was lovely to see so many parents join us for the day.

## **Deaf Awareness training**

We were lucky enough to have two representatives from the Deaf Society present an informative and interactive session to K-6 on Wednesday 6 May. One of the women was profoundly deaf and the other was her interpreter. It was fascinating watching the sign-language and then listening to what it all meant via the interpreter. Our students were also taught some sign language and had a lot of opportunities to ask questions – all of which were answered in sign with interpretation. We thank the Deaf Society for this wonderful service that enabled our students to gain so much more insight into the aspects of life for the hearing impaired.

*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.

			
<b>KA</b>	Leila	Luke	Jack Adam
<b>1G</b>	Aamir	Maria	Dekoda Imran
<b>2R</b>	Tiahna	Faisal	Hilal Oceana
<b>3/4M</b>	Kory	Olivia	Ahmad Odessa
<b>5/6G</b>	Jasmine	Nigeen	Erin Thomas

## A NOTE FROM THE OFFICE

Please ensure when returning payments to the school office that

- 1) Permission notes & money are placed in an envelope clearly marked with child's name & class.
- 2) Envelopes are then to be placed in the letterbox on the wall outside the office
- 3) Please ensure correct money is enclosed.
- 4) Please note the due date on the note. Failure to return notes & payments on time may result in your child missing out on the activity.



## LIBRARY NEWS

Happy Mother's Day from the Library. This week in the library we enjoyed reading books about wonderful Mums! We read 'My Mum' by Anthony Brown and made beautiful flowers for our Mums. I hope all the mums at Rydalmer Public felt special on Sunday. Remember that Library day is Friday (Tuesday for 2R) and we are open at lunch time too.

Happy reading!



# PRESCHOOL NEWS

Last week we celebrated Mother's Day with a breakfast in the Preschool. Thank you to all who attended.

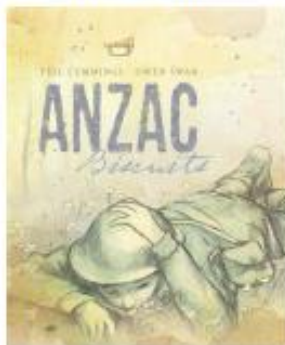


Early in the term the preschool classes explored A.N.Z.A.C day. The children read stories, made poppies and created a poster and a wreath. The wreath was laid by the children to remember all of those who served our country.



# WHAT'S HAPPENING IN 2R

2R HAS PARTICIPATED IN A SPECIAL UNIT OF WORK TO COMMEMORATE THE 100<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF THE GALLIPOLI LANDING IN WORLD WAR I. DURING THIS UNIT, STUDENTS HAVE LISTENED TO MANY STORIES BASED ON TRUE EVENTS, MADE CONNECTIONS WITH THEIR LEARNING TO THEIR KNOWLEDGE ABOUT ANZAC DAY, USED EMOTIVE LANGUAGE TO WRITE LETTERS TO THE CHARACTERS IN THE STORIES, MADE POSTERS FOR THE ANZAC DAY SERVICE AND POPPIES FOR A CLASS DISPLAY. THEY EVEN LEARNT TO WRITE IN COPPERPLATE HANDWRITING! BELOW IS A COLLECTION OF PHOTOGRAPHS OF THE STUDENTS' WORK.



Tamara

We read the story ANZAC Biscuits about Rachel and her mum baking biscuits for Dad who was at war.



Alyssa



We read ANZAC Ted about a very old bear that was battered and torn. ANZAC Ted went to war with Jack to remind him of home. The story is written as a poem. We used the poem as our timed reading text for the week. We practiced writing in copperplate handwriting and wrote a letter to ANZAC Ted.



Anna

Cameron G



# WHAT'S HAPPENING IN 2R

30.4.15  
Dear Matthew,  
Is Digger OK? Was it scary in the war?  
Did some soldiers die in the war? How did  
you protect Digger with your coat?  
Was it scary in the battlefield with  
bombs and gunfire?  
From Alana

We read about a boy, Matthew, who was sixteen when he decided to go to World War I. He hid a puppy from his farm in his coat pocket and took the puppy to the battlefields. We wrote a letter to Matthew to practice our letter writing skills.



Dear Matthew  
I am writing to ask you how are the other soldiers? How is Digger? I know it is scary in the fields it rains with the bombs? I know when there are bombs going on you need to put on a gas mask. How you are getting on? Are you having a good time or not?  
Make sure you take care of the other soldiers, your sister Anna and baby, love Digger!  
From Alana

We read about Roly the donkey who helped a soldier, Richard Hammond, who was a stretcher bearer at Gallipoli. We made connections with story about Simpson and his donkey.



Ahmed



Mikalya



Rhys



We made large artworks of Flanders Fields then and now using water colour swatches.



We made a wreath with flowers and leaves to place at the school flag pole whilst the bagpipes played during the ANZAC service.



# OSHC CENTRE NEWS



**RYDALMERE OSHC Centre News!**

**[ryoshc@primaryyoshcare.com](mailto:ryoshc@primaryyoshcare.com) ph. 0419 816 734**

**May, 2015.**

Welcome to the latest instalment of the Rydalmere OSHC News!  
We hope all our lovely families had a nice and relaxing break and are settling into term 2.

Our April Vacation Care Program held at Ermington West Public School was our best yet! We received many happy reports from the children and our most popular days were; Wheels Day, The Crazy Scientist, Technology Day, PJ & Movie Day, Make your own bear and Excursion to Taronga Zoo.

The children at the Centre will be acknowledging International Day of Families on Friday 15th May, Mother's Day on 10th May, Food Revolution on 15<sup>th</sup> May, 40 Hour Famine on 22<sup>nd</sup> May & National Sorry Day on 26th May. We will be having our Children meeting time with the children and discuss the events and also through our art & craft.

Each term the Centre holds a meeting for the community. This meeting is advertised in the Centre Newsletter and parent noticeboard. The date for this term's meeting will be advised in the next inclusion.

Families can contact staff at the Centre by calling 0419 816 734 or emailing [ryoshc@primaryyoshcare.com.au](mailto:ryoshc@primaryyoshcare.com.au) Centre Managers can be contacted directly by emailing [headoffice@primaryyoshcare.com.au](mailto:headoffice@primaryyoshcare.com.au).

See you soon!

Dola, Cathy, Suzanne and Maria

## P&C NEWS

### Happy Mother's Day to all.

A BIG REMINDER PLEASE **DO NOT** DROP YOUR CHILDREN AT SCHOOL BEFORE 8:30. WE NOW HAVE OOSH AVAILABLE IF YOU NEED SOMEONE TO LOOK AFTER YOUR CHILDREN.

### Upcoming events

*Bunnings BBQ* on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> May Co-Ordinator - Jenny Mercer & Nicole Elsoussi

Cake Stall - 6th June – Co-ordinator – Leonie Beasley

### Breakfast Club

Breakfast club please come and join us in our new location in the Canteen from 8:30. Open every day Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday.

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

Don't Forget : The Canteen is Open on

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

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

Sad news the canteen will not be stocking Garlo sausage rolls any more but they have found another supplier. The pies that will not be on the menu anymore are chicken & mushroom, chicken & vegetable, Beef & cheese, penne bolognaise & vegetable.

### 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.

## P&C NEWS

### Uniform shop

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

If you need winter uniform please remember that it takes 3 weeks for the order to come in and it has to be paid for when you order. **We Do Not** stock the winter tracksuit or pants in the uniform shop. Our Supplier has run out of Track jackets and there is a big delay in getting these in but you can still order these and wear the Track pants with a jumper on Friday.

### THANK YOU

### Working Bee

We would like to thank these parents and children for coming up for the working bee on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> May. Leonie Beasley & Alexis, Iman Alfakhrany & Mona, Pinny Rawashdeh, Hannah, Alana & Leila, Delia Beberaggi & Maria, Ann McCrededen, Karen Finlayson, Sue McKay, Bek & Matt Zadow, Anika & Deiter, Mandy Ryan & Georgia. They all helped clean the vegetable gardens, green house cleaning, library wall, prickle weeks & some planning in the sensory gardens and a general clean up.

### Mothers Day Stall

Thank you to Michelle Ly for running the Mother's Day Stall and the helpers that helped her sell the items or setup. It was a great success and we raised over \$600 and the children had fun choosing present for their mums.

### School Scarves

A big Thank you to Leonie Beasley (alexis mum yr 1) for making and selling the scarves. They are still for sale in the uniform shop for \$5 each.

**DON'T FORGET** Our Next Meeting will be held on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> May in the library at 6:30pm.



## COMMUNITY SEWING GROUP



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#### Parra-Match Project

The Sewing Group has been very busy working on its Parra-match project with plans to complete these by the end of this term. We have learned how to cut and sew some beautiful aprons and sling bags. We now have 17 bags to complete along with 2 blouses.



Leonie and the Parra-match apron

#### Alteration Service

As of Friday 15<sup>th</sup> May the Community Sewing Group will provide a School Uniform alteration service. The purpose of this service is to provide easy access and affordable uniform alterations to RPS parents with expansion to personal garments in Term 3, not only to RPS parents but also the wider community.

The Community Sewing Group will provide this service on Fridays in the Uniform Shop (8.45 – 9am). Orders and payment will be taken directly in the shop with our very own work space. Garment alteration will take place the same day and ready for collection the following Friday, unless an alternate agreed pickup is arranged with the Community Sewing Group.

Prices for alterations:

Slacks/Pants - \$5.00

## COMMUNITY SEWING GROUP

Dress – hem only - \$7.00

Dress – hem and side seems expanded - \$10.00

No sport tracksuit alterations at this stage due to specialised zipper machine being needed.

#### Sitting Service

A great opportunity has been discussed with our Community Hub Leader to provide a baby-sitting service for those Mum's who would love to join our group who have no available child minding.

Our Leader, who has working with children check, has offered to mind your child(ren) whilst you sew!!!! Obviously spaces will be limited due the working with children ratio, so get in quick. Leonie can be found most mornings and afternoon in the School Grounds or contacted on 0405 489 442 or [mrsbee@dodo.com.au](mailto:mrsbee@dodo.com.au). Teresa (Community Hub) is available Wednesday, Thursday and Friday – she can be found through the school office or on School Grounds.

We would love to help you participate in our awesome sewing group and hope this service will provide that opportunity for you.

#### P&C Aprons

The school P&C have engaged the Community Sewing Group to sew 6 aprons that will be used for P&C fundraisers such as the Bunnings BBQ's and Cake Stall stands. These are currently in progress whilst we obtain materials needed. The group plan to have them completed by end of term 2 if not sooner.

#### Future plans

- Term 3, our Facilitator (Fariba) will be giving lessons on Sewing for beginners and follow on lessons for current members of the group. Please see her or Leonie if you are interested.
- Discussions are in progress for a Pop-Up shop, where the Community Sewing Group will man a table at a community event and sell items made by the group. We have a representative from Parramatta Council visiting us over the next week to discuss this opportunity. Term 3 & 4 will see us making items for sale.



# PLAY RUGBY LEAGUE WITH THE NORTH RYDE HAWKS JRLFC

## Rugby League Is Played On SUNDAYS

### Fun and Safe For Everyone

Our Under 7s and Under 9s are looking for new players to join our dynamic teams

Registration cost is \$85.00 which includes high quality Jersey, Socks and Shorts

The season has just begun and welcoming new registrations for the next few weeks.

Club Activities Such As Tug-O-War, Relay Race, Kicking Competition

As Well As Weekly Wrap-Ups Where The Players Get To Tell Everyone About Their Game That Day

Join Our Friendly, Fun, Family Club

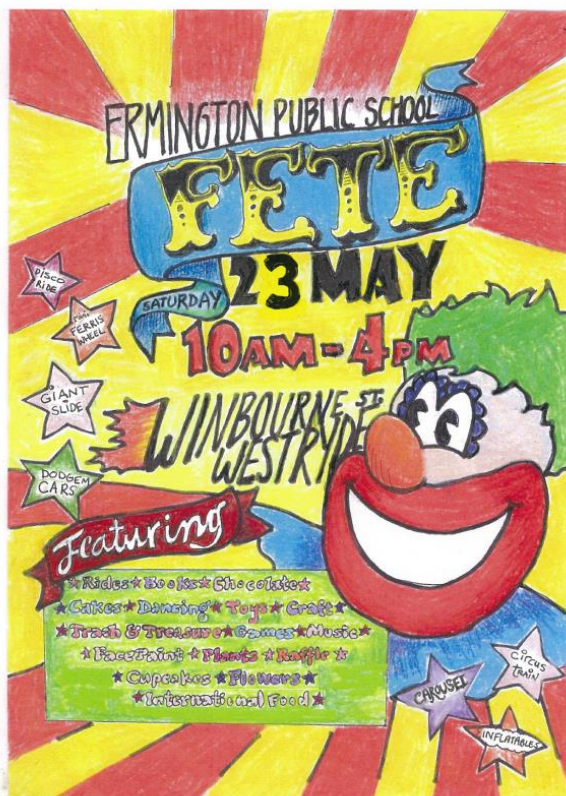
CONTACT: Sam 0404 865 004 or

Amanda 0425 326 288

Come along and try it out on our Thursday night training at ELS Hall in Kent Road Marsfield



# HAWKS HAWKS MIGHTY HAWKS



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:  
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