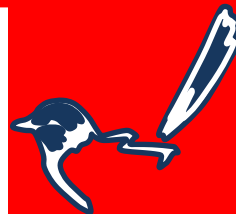


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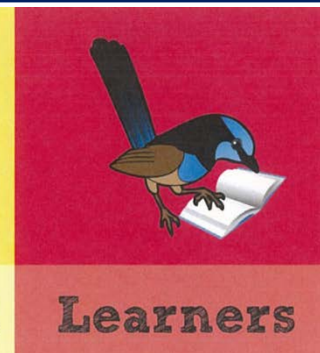
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DATES TO REMEMBER

24.07.15	PSSA Commences Term 3
28.07.15	ICAS English
29.07.15	Education Week Open Day
10.08.15	CTA Rehearsal @Westmead
11.08.15	ICAS Maths

12.8-14.8	Dental Van
20.08.15	Book Week Fair
20.08.15	Zone Field
24.08.15	Zone Track
26.8-28.8	School Camp

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Welcome to Term 3 ☺

Welcome back to Term 3 at Rydalmere Public School. We have been joined by two new families with students joining our Kindergarten and Year 4 grades. I know you will make these families feel welcome. We have had a busy start with the Athletics Carnival under our belt and much more to come!!

Winners!!

A number of students from our school entered a colouring competition run by Ray White Ermington. We were lucky enough to have two of our students win a prize. Congratulations to Zach (Yr 1) and Leila (Kindy) who both won a \$30 movie voucher. We look forward to the next competition.

Staff Update

Over the holiday period, Miss Oryzak who was teaching Science to all classes on Monday, gained a full time position for the remainder of 2015. We wish her all the best.

Kindergarten Enrolment 2016

Do you have a child who is turning 5 before July 31 in 2016? 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 2016 for all new students. Please get enrolment forms from the office or download online and return to our office. **KINDERGARTEN ORIENTATION BEGINS ON 16TH SEPTEMBER – ENROL NOW** to be a part of this wonderful transition to school.

Name change

The department changed its name on 1 July 2015 to the **Department of Education** following administrative changes to a number of NSW Government agencies.

Education Week

Education Week will be celebrated in Week 3 of this term. As a school, we will have our major celebration and open day on Wednesday 29th July. A separate invitation is going home today to all families for this event. We hope you can join us.

NAIDOC Week

NAIDOC week falls within the school holiday period. This year, we are celebrating NAIDOC Week during week 2 of this term. All classes P-6 have designed specific learning experiences around this theme to acknowledge the significance of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander history, culture and achievements. This week is an opportunity to recognise the contributions that Indigenous Australians make to our country and our society.

Quality Teaching Successful Students

Last week, Adrian Picolli MP, Minister for Education launched the Quality Teaching, Successful Students (QTSS) package which should prove a powerful tool to improve the quality of teaching in our public schools with primary students enrolled. As part of the NSW Government's Gonski commitment, \$224 million is being invested over the next four years to provide the state's best teachers time to work with their colleagues to make a real difference to the quality of teaching and learning in our primary school classrooms. It is very exciting that Rydalmere Public School has been included in phase one of this package.

Working With Children Checks

Working With Children Checks must be completed by all volunteers BEFORE they help out in the classrooms, on excursions or any other child-related activity. This is a legislative requirement. To access the form, please go to:
<http://www.kidsguardian.nsw.gov.au/working-with-children/working-with-children-check>

Once you have completed this online, you must go to the RMS (Roads and Maritime Services) to submit it. You will be able to access a free working with children declaration which will last 5 years while undertaking volunteer work. Thank you to the parents who have already completed this task.

Visitors

Visitors must sign-in at the office before going to classrooms or the canteen. This is to comply with work, health, safety regulations and is another child protection measure. Visitors will be checked for their WWCC and will be issued with a visitor pass to wear. Teachers will ask parents without a pass to report to the office to sign-in. Upon completing your duties, you are required to report back to the office to sign-out. **NO PERSON** is to sign-in and sign-out at the same time – each of these actions must be done in real time.

Athletics Carnival

Our combined Athletics Carnival with Ermington West PS and Rydalmere East PS was a huge success. Here is my summation of why our day was fabulous:

- #1 = great weather
- #2 = great kids
- #3 = great effort from staff and volunteers
- #4 = great venue
- #5 = great sequence of events so that no child was unoccupied
- #6 = great participation from all students from all schools
- #7 = great competition
- #8 = great community

Soon we will be able to announce our place getters and representatives for the Zone Carnivals. Please see some photos of the day further on.

Bek Zadow

Principal

LIBRARY NEWS

Congratulations Rydalmere Public School! At our Coins for Books sale on the last day of term 2 we raised an impressive \$284.10!

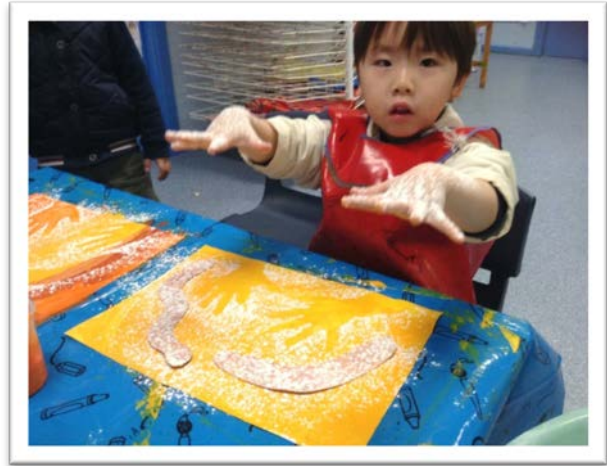
These funds will go towards the purchase of new books for your library! Our students took home a grand total of 569 books to read and enjoy! Happy reading everyone!

Zoe Stephens

PRESCHOOL NEWS

Week 2 Term 3

Preschool have had a busy start to the term celebrating N.A.I.D.O.C Week. The children have been exploring a range of texts from dream time stories to factual texts exposing them to Aboriginal English. The children have been counting using numbers from an Aboriginal dialect and enjoyed creating some Aboriginal style art.



The children are also developing their fine motor skills and developing letter awareness making their name with dough.



Look what fun KA had on the Excursion to Wannabees Play Town

In term 2 Kindergarten, Yr 1 and Yr 2 students were learning about "Workers in The Community". To conclude the unit the students went to Wannabees Playtown. Wannabees is a child size city where they had the opportunity to role play and explore professions of people who work in our community, in a range of different environments. The students were given educational talks as they were guided through the different shops. The students had lots of fun dressing up as fire fighters, postal workers, police officers, restaurant workers, construction workers, shop keepers and TV stars.





ATHLETICS CARNIVAL



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P&C NEWS

Welcome back to Term 3 hope you all had a great holiday

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.

Everyone should be wearing their winter uniform now. Don't forget school dresses are not winter uniform.

Upcoming events

Movie Night – 20th November

Bunnings BBQ – 15th August

Cake Stall – 29th August

If you would like to help our school raise some much needed funds for your children's education, please come and see a P&C member about helping at the cake stall or Bunnings BBQ.

MOVIE NIGHT

We are holding meetings regarding the movie night. If you would like to come and help and be a part of this great school community event, come and join us in the P&C room. Our next meeting is on Wednesday 22nd July at 2:00pm.

EARN & LEARN

We are collecting stickers for Earn & Learn again this year. Come and do some shopping at Woolworths and for every \$10 spend you are given an Earn & Learn sticker. Put these on your sticker sheet and send this in with your child/ren to school. These stickers all add up to earn some educational equipment for the children to use. A collection box is at Woolworths Ermington, West Ryde & Newington and also in the canteen & the office.

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. There are cornflakes, Rice bubbles & sultana bran. A great way to start the way is with a nutritious breakfast.

P&C NEWS

Canteen

We are still 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 an hour to take orders in the morning. Every bit counts.

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.

Come and check out the canteen refurbishments that are going on when you come and put a lunch order in.

Uniform shop

With any luck we should have our winter sports jackets very soon. Sorry for delay.

Please note the **NEW** School uniform prices are effective 9th June 2015.

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

If you need a 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.

The Winter uniform should be worn now and dresses are summer uniforms so please keep this for summer. If the girls would like to wear stockings, navy blue is the colour and these are worn with the skorts.

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.

Hope you all had a great holiday and we welcome you for a great fun Term 3.

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Details of this academic opportunity and application forms can be found on our website at

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in the Curriculum and Activities/Scholarships & Awards section. An application form can be downloaded and submitted to our office.

Applications close on Friday, 14 August 2015

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WHAT'S ON IN TERM 3 - COURSES/WORKSHOPS FOR PARENTS/CARERS

Tuning in to Kids Course (3-10yrs)

Help your child develop emotional intelligence, manage emotions & deal with conflict.

Chatswood 5wks/2.5hrs (27/7 - 24/8, 7.00-9.30pm)

Triple P (Positive Parenting Program) Seminars (3-8yrs)

Series of 3 seminars on Positive Parenting & Raising Confident, Competent & Resilient Children

Chatswood (5/8, 12/8 & 19/8, 7.00 - 9.00pm)

Communicating with Kids Workshop (based on PET) (4-12 yrs)

Communication skills for building effective long term relationships with your children & family.

Chatswood (31/8, 7.00-9.30pm)

Tuning in to Teens Course

Emotional intelligence & communication skills to understand your adolescents' needs & behaviour.

Chatswood 5 wks (30/7 - 27/8, 7.00-9.30pm)

Toddlers Workshops (1-3yrs)

Series of 3 workshops on Discipline, Tucker & Toilet Training, Speech & Sleep

Chatswood 28/7, 4/8 & 11/8 (3 wks/2.5hrs each, 7.00-9.30pm)

NEW Helping Your 3-6 Year Old Child with Anxiety

Series of 2 workshops for parents to assist with young children showing signs of anxiety

Chatswood 26/8 & 9/9 (2.5hrs each, 7.00-9.30pm)

Resilient Kids Workshop

Strategies to accept & express feelings, develop optimistic thinking & coping skills

Chatswood (18/8, 7.00-9.30pm)

Dealing with Teen's Backchat Workshop

Learn how to restore a respectful & positive relationship between you & your teenager

Chatswood (23/7, 7.00-9.30pm)

WORKSHOPS ON REQUEST - PHONE 9887 5830 (2-2.5 hours)

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| ★ Understanding Your Toddler/Discipline & Tantrums | ★ Transition to School |
| ★ Tucker without Tantrums/Toilet Training | ★ Transition to High School |
| ★ Speech & Language Development/Sleep | ★ Triple P Seminar Series 1-12 yrs & Teens |
| ★ Older Sibling - New Baby | ★ Communicating with Kids |
| ★ Bully Busting | ★ Dealing with Teen's Back Chat |
| ★ Resilient Kids | ★ Grand Parenting |

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