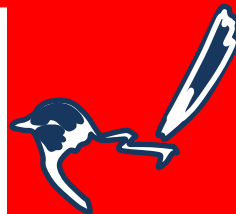


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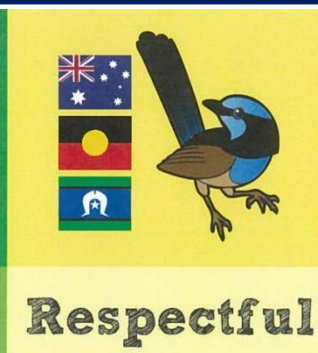
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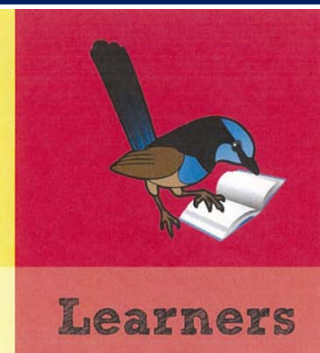
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DATES TO REMEMBER

15.03.16	Stewart House Bag Collection
21.03.16	Harmony Day
23.03.16	Zone Soccer Girls Gala Day
24.03.16	Easter Hat Parade
25.03.16	Good Friday

28.03.16	Easter Monday
04.04.16	Parent Teacher Interviews
08.04.16	Last Day Term 1
27.04.16	Students return for Term 2

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

High School Enrolment: Year 7 2017

For our current Year 6 students, the process of enrolling into high school in 2017 has started. All Year 6 students were sent home their personalised **Information Guide and Expression of Interest Form**. These forms are mandatory for the process of enrolment into Year 7 to proceed. Please complete the forms using the information guide and step-by step procedures and return these back to school no later than **Tuesday 15th March 2016**.

Volunteers – we need YOU!!

A number of our school initiatives require the support of our community to run as they rely on 'man-power'. We are particularly looking for volunteers to chop fruit and vegetables for our Crunch & Sip program. This program provides our students with fresh produce to eat each day (at no cost to families). If you are available from 8:30-9:00am (could be less if you chop fast!!) please let our Hub Leader Karen know and she'll get you started.

Harmony Day – 21st March

We have another wonderful day of food and costumes planned, including a Korean Performance. Please return your notes asap.

Easter Hat Parade

Please join us on Thursday 24 March for our annual Easter celebrations. Students will make their hats at home and parade it proudly. Don't forget to enter our massive Easter Raffle draw!!

Sporting Champions

I would like to congratulate the following students on their achievements in various sporting pursuits:

Ana, Elizabeth and Aaesha who were selected to be a part of the Parramatta-Merrylands Girls soccer team. The girls will play in a Gala day in Week 9 and also have the opportunity to trial for the Sydney West PSSA team!!

Jayden for his outstanding results at the zone swimming carnival. Best of luck at area!!

Zain who has been selected to travel to Barcelona for soccer later in the year – well done!!

Community Safety Officer

This week our students will take part in a road safety workshop to heighten their awareness of the road safety rules around schools.

Bek Zadow

Principal

ASSEMBLY AWARDS

	 Safe	 Respectful	 Learners
KG	Chris	Cameron	Hana Jayden
1M	Abby	Ellen	Tyler Adam
2A	Zain	Ameliah	Laily Noorhan Alexis Hamish
3/4G	Nasia Tiahna	Rhys Alana R	Tamara Odessa Geoffrey Mikayla
4/5/6M	Jaida Nicolette	Madison Jacquelyn	William Erin Jayden Connor

ZONE SWIMMING

Rydalmere PS had 15 students represent our school at the Zone Swimming Carnival held at Parramatta Pool. It was a great day with many of our students coming in the top 15 places out of 60 for some events.

Congratulations to Jayden Cottam who came second overall in 50m butterfly. Jayden will be representing the Merrylands Parramatta Zone at the Area Swimming Carnival. Well done, Jayden!



GRIP LEADERSHIP DAY

GRIP Leadership Day

Our school student leaders attended a leadership conference last week at Homebush Sports Centre. The day was designed to enhance leadership skills for primary students with approximately 1800 students attending.

The day's workshops included ideas about leadership strengths, standing up to bullying, and making a difference in the school. Our leaders enjoyed meeting students from other schools. It was a very informative day with our leaders coming back to school ready to plan some new initiatives.



WHAT'S HAPPENING IN 2A

The students in 2A have settled back into the school routine. In literacy groups the students are enjoying completing a range of activities such as Work with Teacher, Read to Self, Work on Writing, Read to Someone, Listen to Reading, and Word Work.



In mathematics we have started TEN Targeted Early Numeracy activities. The students complete strategically targeted activities focusing on the early arithmetic strategies in addition and subtraction.

Sorry we missed last link but please keep watching this P&C page for updated information about what's happening with P&C.

Upcoming events

- **P&C Meeting: Thursday the 17th March –School Library** (become a financial member at this meeting so you can VOTE at our AGM)
- **AGM and P&C Meeting: Thursday the 28th April –School Library** (see below for further information)
- **Easter Raffle – Drawn on Thursday 24th March**
- **Cake Stall – Easter Saturday 26th March from 10-2pm at Rydalmere Bunnings**
- **Bunnings BBQ – Saturday 30th April**
- **Mango Stall/ Mother, aunties, Nanas, grandmas & others stall – Tuesday 3rd May and Thursday 5th May**

AGM

At the AGM all P&C positions will be declared vacant and then filled by nomination and where necessary, by ballot of members. Please join us at the AGM and welcome our new members and volunteers to the P&C and to welcome our new P&C executive team for 2016!!

RPS P&C 2015 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM) EXECUTIVE ROLES OPEN FOR NOMINATION – COME AND JOIN US – WE NEED YOU!!

See below for a list of the positions which will be open for nomination. If you are interested in any of these positions, please **email your nomination** to ensure that all nominations are put forward for consideration at the AGM.

EXECUTIVE ROLES OPEN FOR NOMINATIONS 28 APRIL 2016:

PRESIDENT: The P&C President provides leadership to the P&C Executive Team and oversees the work and business of the P&C. It does this by liaising with its Vice Presidents and or its delegates. The President also provides leadership to the parent community. It does this by having an awareness of parental concerns and expectations and is, or its delegate, the spokesperson for the parent community. The President or its delegate is the main point of contact with the School Principal in matters regarding or of concern to the P&C.

2 x VICE PRESIDENT: The role of the Vice President is to support the President and other committee members, particularly sub-committees formed for the purpose of fundraising or other P&C work and activities. This role is ideally shared between two people and the responsibilities are divided between them. The Vice Presidents updates the President in regards to the preparation and running of all P&C business and activities and raises issues of concern so that major problems are dealt with promptly.

TREASURER: The Treasurer receives and deposits monies, maintains records, draws cheques and presents accounts. The P&C raises, manages and invests a substantial amount of money into the school each year. The Treasurer manages the planning and tracking of funds raised, invested and used by the P&C to ensure that the P&C complies with Australian accounting standards. They also prepare the accounts for auditing each year.

SECRETARY: The Secretary is the main administrative and communication officers of the P&C executive. They ensure transparency and open communication of P&C work with the school and parent community in their reporting of P&C meetings (i.e. Minutes) or publishing P&C work and activities through the Newsletter.

PARENT REPRESENTATIVE: Elected Parent Representatives are expected to take an active role in the P&C and take on responsibilities that primarily focus on fundraising initiatives of the P&C.

****Please email your nominations ASAP to rydalmerepandc@gmail.com****

GREAT NEWS

Great news!! At the end of last year the P&C won a grant from the Community Building Partnership for \$30,540 to build a shelter on the oval. We are now waiting for this to be finalised and then the building will commence. We are looking forward to the children using this shelter.

ICECREAMS

The Year 6 students are selling ice-creams on Tuesday and Fridays. Prices range from 50c to \$1.50.

Crunch & sip

Crunch & sip is running every morning in the canteen if you can help in any way come down and lend a hand to help cut up some fruit. Or let Maryanne know if you can help. This is free fruit that has been donated by Ermington Woolworths that the Children benefit from.

Breakfast Club

Free Breakfast for the children if your child doesn't get a chance to eat in the morning. Come on down to the canteen between 8:45 and 9:00 on Monday- Friday for a bowl of nutritious Corn Flakes or Sultana Bran. Toast will be available on Monday and Wednesday.

School banking

Paula Britz has now taken over banking and this is done on Wednesdays. If you would like any information regarding Banking please don't hesitate to contact the office. We would like to thank Leonie Beasley for helping with banking over the past year.

Uniform shop

The uniform shop is open every Friday morning between 8:50 and 9:15. If you can't make it on that day and would like to buy anything just come and find Maryanne and organise a time to suit you both.

If your child has grown out of any uniforms the uniform shop will take any donated items.

Please note Price of Sports Shorts have gone up to \$25 as our supplier has put their prices up. Sorry for any inconvenience.

THANK YOU

Thank you to everyone that came along and supported the Welcome BBQ and Disco run by the P&C. We hope you all had a great night and enjoyed meeting families.

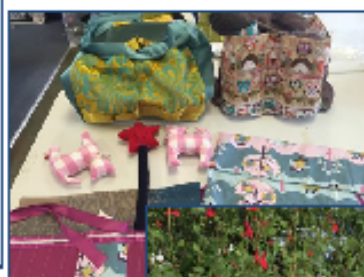
Rydalmere Community Hub Update:



Hello from Hub Leader! ... for the Parents & Grandparents who I have not yet met, my name is Karen and I am the new Community Hub Leader at RPS. I look forward to meeting you soon and sharing your wonderful ideas we can introduce into our Hub in 2016. I am available 4 days a week (Mon, Tues, Wed and Fri); please feel free to visit me at Hub Room (green building). See you during morning and afternoon drop-offs!!

Hub Activity Updates

RPS Sews (Crafts) – The ladies have been busy alternating between patchwork quilt and toy making for charity (cat pictured). Target is to make 125 toys by the end of Term 3 to celebrate Rydalmere Public School's 125th Birthday! So far, they have made beautiful knitting bags, toys and knitting rolls. All levels welcome! Fridays 9:30am to 11:30am at the P&C Room.



RPS Knits – the knitting group is increasing with participants numbers as they learn new stitches types. A couple of the ladies have made rabbits (pictured). Michelle will be teaching 'arm knitting' to make warm scarfs ready for the cold weather!! All levels welcome! Tuesdays 9:30am to 11:30am at the P&C Room.



Multicultural Sewing Group has commenced for another year! Volunteer Fariha is ready to teach dress-making which includes how to take measurements, make patterns, and cutting fabric to sewing! Alterations service (school uniforms) is also available. Please contact Karen for more information.



Multicultural Sewing meets every Wednesdays 9:30am to 11:30am in the Hub Room.



Playgroup meets every Monday in the School Hall from 9:30am to 11:30. All Parents and children aged 0-4 years are welcome to engage in fun individual and group play.

Breakfast Club servers breaky every morning from 8:45am to 9:00am - Monday to Friday for all students. Cereals available daily and fresh warm yummy toast Mondays and Wednesdays.



Crunch & Sip provides fresh chopped fruits for all students to enjoy at recess however, we need **VOLUNTEERS** for this to continue! We only need 1 hour of your time. Please contact Karen 0421 723 305.

******* Breakfast Club and Crunch & Sip Volunteers required *******

RYDALMERE OSHC CENTRE

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FEE RATES FOR BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL CARE WITH CHILDCARE BENEFIT/CHILDCARE TAX REBATE SUBSIDY APPLIED

Child Care Benefit %	Approximate cost for Before School Care 1 DAY	Approximate cost for After School Care 1 DAY
50%	\$6.84	\$9.59
70%	\$6.13	\$8.37
90%	\$5.42	\$7.15
100%	\$5.06	\$6.54

Child Care Benefit %	Approximate cost for Before School Care 5 DAYS	Approximate cost for After school Care 5 DAYS
50%	\$34.20	\$47.95
70%	\$30.65	\$41.85
90%	\$27.10	\$35.75
100%	\$25.30	\$32.70

Please note – these are estimates. For a price which reflect you CCB /CCR entitlements, please provide us with your Child Care Benefit (CCB) percentage.

And remember there are more discounts available when you attend both sessions on the same day and for the full week!!

We look forward to seeing you!

Alison, Cathy, and Isabella

RYDALMERE OSHC CENTRE WEEKLY SUMMARY

Date: 29th February – 4th March 2016

Hi Families,

Welcome to our weekly summary of activities at Rydalmere OSHC. This week marked the celebrations of Sea Week, World Wildlife Day, Ride to School Day, and School Clean Up Day. We explained to the children the importance behind these events, and even had some cute paper plate animal craft to honour Sea Week and World Wildlife Day.

During the next week, educators will be spontaneously initiating practice lockdown and evacuation drills. Please ensure your children are aware of the importance of these, as having all children's participation is crucial in ensuring practice is as smooth as possible.

PROGRAM

This week's highlights:

This week at OSHC, popular experiences from the program included making the paper plate fish for sea life week, and paper plate animals for world wildlife week. The children also enjoyed drawing from the animation folder, playing with the Lego, and learning to write in graffiti style from Cathy. Music Club involved clapping along to the rhythms of multiple songs. For Fitness Thursday we did relay races outside with the batons.

This week's menu:

Monday - Nachos

Tuesday – Fried Rice

Wednesday – Fried Rice (leftovers)

Thursday – Veggie sticks, crackers, and dips

Friday – Spaghetti

There is always fresh fruit served during afternoon tea.



Making paper plate fish for 'Sea Week'

UPCOMING CENTRE EVENTS

8th March – International Women's Day

11th March – Red Nose Day

CHILDREN'S INPUT

"I liked getting my arm painted"

– Cameron (23rd February, Daily Journal)

STAFF UPDATE

Alison has been working in the Children's Service industry for over 16 years. She has her Diploma in children's services and has held Educator, Director and Management positions within the child care industry.



I got my hair curled!

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RYDALMERE OSHC CENTRE WEEKLY SUMMARY

Date: 7th – 11th March 2016

Hi Families,

Welcome to our weekly summary of Rydalmere OSHC Centre

This week, the children were very excited for us to join the school children at the school disco on Wednesday. We were able to join the school for their disco in the hall, which ran from 5pm-7pm. Our educator, Isabella helped prepare some yummy treats for us to bring to the disco, such as fruit kebabs, cookies, and cinnamon doughnuts!

As the treats we prepared for the disco were for the school children to eat, the children decided that we would have our very own OSHC treats to for Friday afternoon. What a great way to end the week!

PROGRAM

This week's highlights:

This week, out of our programmed experiences, the children particularly enjoyed colouring the adult colouring in pictures, which were a bit more complex, challenging, and engaging for them. They also enjoyed preparing for the school disco, with spontaneous activities such as nail painting, and hair styling. Other experiences that the children enjoyed were, playing musical statues for Music Club, oil pastel drawings, and free spontaneous play outdoors.

This week's menu:

Monday – Garlic Bread

Tuesday – Toasted cheese sandwiches

Wednesday – Chicken noodles w/ mixed vegetables

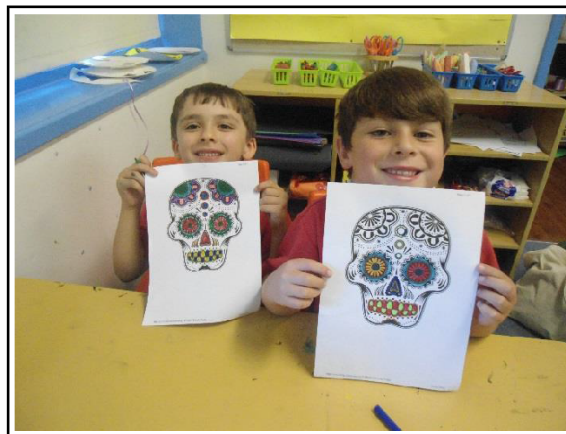
Thursday – Cruskits with spreads

Friday – Nachos

There is always fresh fruit available during afternoon tea



My mask for 'Wildlife Week' was of a cheetah!



Our adult colouring in pictures!

UPCOMING CENTRE EVENTS

12th-21st March – Cultural Diversity Week

14th-20th March – International Brain Week

18th March – National Day of Action Against Bullying & Violence

19th March – Earth Hour

20th March – Bandage Bear Day

CHILDREN'S INPUT

"I liked colouring the skull"

– Cameron (7th February, Daily Journal)

FEEDBACK/STAFF UPDATE

If you are satisfied with our service, please help us out by asking us for a Happy Sheet to complete.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

AN ACTION PACKED DAY OF ACTIVITIES ON CLARK ISLAND



Welcome to Country



Smoking Ceremony



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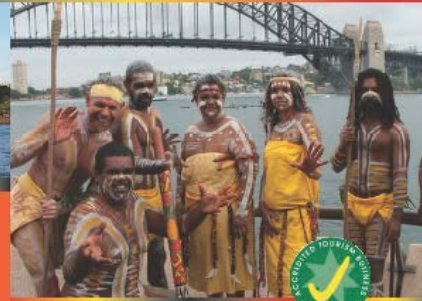
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