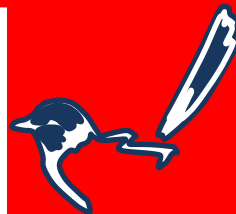


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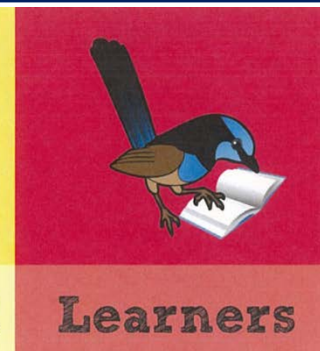
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DATES TO REMEMBER

Monday's	Fundamental Movement Skills
20/09/17	Australian Pioneer Village
22/09/17	Last Day of School for Term 3
09/10/17	Students Return for Term 4

11/10/17	Kindergarten Orientation
17/10/17	Field of Mars Excursion Kto Yr 2
27/10/17	Bandana Day
31/10/17	Grandparents Day

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Celebrating The Arts

I had the pleasure of watching our gorgeous choir students perform at Celebrating The Arts. It was lovely to watch them and hear them sing with so much 'heart'. I was a very proud Principal indeed!!



(Photo thanks to Leonie B)

Uniform Infringements

I would like to congratulate our students who continue to show pride by wearing their full uniform. We are looking forward to rewarding all students who have worn the correct uniform consistently.

ATTENDANCE ISSUES

All parents and carers are required by law to:

- (1) Ensure your child/ren regularly attend school each day the school is open,
- (2) Ensure your child/ren arrive at school and class on time, and
- (3) Provide a written explanation (on paper or through our app) for full day absences or a verbal in-person explanation if your child is arriving late.

We have a number of families, for a variety of reasons, not ensuring their child/ren attends regularly or on time. **THIS IS AGAINST THE LAW** and you can be prosecuted by the court.

Failure to do the above will result in a referral to the Home School Liaison Officer, after which prosecution may follow.

We will send out a final reminder for absent notes not received this week. No explanation by the end of the term will result in an unjustified absence for your child/ren.

Please see the attached 'Information for parents' from the Department of Education.



Education & Communities

Compulsory School Attendance

Information for parents

Education for your child is important and regular attendance at school is essential for your child to achieve their educational best and increase their career and life options. NSW public schools work in partnership with parents to encourage and support regular attendance of children and young people. When your child attends school every day, learning becomes easier and your child will build and maintain friendships with other children.

What are my legal responsibilities?

Education in New South Wales is compulsory for all children between the ages of six years and below the minimum school leaving age. The *Education Act 1990* requires that parents ensure their children of compulsory school age are enrolled at, and regularly attend school, or, are registered with the Board of Studies, Teaching and Educational Standards for homeschooling.

Once enrolled, children are required to attend school each day it is open for students.

The importance of arriving on time

Arriving at school and class on time:

- Ensures that students do not miss out on important learning activities scheduled early in the day
- Helps students learn the importance of punctuality and routine
- Give students time to greet their friends before class
- Reduces classroom disruption

Lateness is recorded as a partial absence and must be explained by parents.

What if my child has to be away from school?

On occasion, your child may need to be absent from school. Justified reasons for student absences may include:

- being sick, or having an infectious disease
- having an unavoidable medical appointment
- being required to attend a recognised religious holiday
- exceptional or urgent family circumstance (e.g. attending a funeral)

Following an absence from school you must ensure that within 7 days you provide your child's school with a verbal or written explanation for the absence. However, if the school has not received an explanation from you within 2 days, the school may contact you to discuss the absence.

Principals may decline to accept an explanation that you have provided if they do not believe the absence is in the best interest of your child. In these circumstances your child's absence would be recorded as unjustified. When this happens the principal will discuss their decision with you and the reasons why.

Principals may request medical certificates or other documentation when frequent or long term absences are explained as being due to illness. Principals may also seek parental permission to speak with medical specialists to obtain information to collaboratively develop a health care plan to support your child. If the request is denied, the principal can record the absences as unjustified.

Travel

Families are encouraged to travel during school holidays. If travel during school term is necessary, discuss this with your child's school principal. An *Application for Extended Leave* may need to be completed. Absences relating to travel will be marked as leave on the roll and therefore contribute to your child's total absences for the year.

In some circumstances students may be eligible to enrol in distance education for travel periods over 50 school days. This should be discussed with your child's school principal.





If a student misses as little as 8 days in a school term, by the end of primary school they'll have missed over a year of school.

**My child won't go to school.
What should I do?**

You should contact the principal as soon as possible to discuss the issue and ask for help. Strategies to help improve attendance may include a referral to the school's learning and support team or linking your child with appropriate support networks. The principal may seek further support from the Home School Liaison Program to develop an Attendance Improvement Plan.

What might happen if my child continues to have unacceptable absences?

It is important to understand that the Department of Education and Communities may be required to take further action where children of compulsory school age have recurring numbers of unexplained or unjustified absences from school.

Some of the following actions may be undertaken:

- Compulsory Schooling Conferences

You may be asked, along with your child, to attend a Compulsory Schooling Conference. The conference will help to identify the supports your child may need to have in place so they attend school regularly. The school, parents and agencies will work together to develop an agreed plan (known as Undertakings) to support your child's attendance at school.

- Application to the Children's Court – Compulsory Schooling Order

If your child's attendance at school remains unsatisfactory the Department

may apply to the Children's Court for a *Compulsory Schooling Order*. The Children's Court magistrate may order a Compulsory Schooling Conference to be convened.

- Prosecution in the Local Court

School and Department staff remain committed to working in partnership with you to address the issues which are preventing your child's full participation at school. In circumstances where a breach of compulsory schooling orders occurs further action may be taken against a parent in the Local Court. The result of court action can be the imposition of a community service order or a fine.

What age can my child leave school?

All New South Wales students must complete Year 10 or its equivalent. After Year 10, and up until they reach 17 years of age, there are a range of flexible options for students to complete their schooling.

Working in Partnership

The Department of Education and Communities recognises that working collaboratively with students and their families is the best way to support the regular attendance of students at school.

We look forward to working in partnership with you to support your child to fulfil their life opportunities.

Further information regarding school attendance can be obtained from the following websites:

Policy, information and brochures:

Please visit the Department of Education's *Policy library*

The school leaving age:

Please visit the Department of Education's *Wellbeing and Learning* website

Do you need an interpreter?

Interpreting services are available on request, including for the hearing impaired. The Telephone Interpreter Service is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week on 131 450. You will not be charged for this service.

For further advice and questions contact your educational services team

T 131 536

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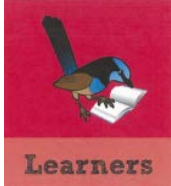
I would like to wish all families a safe holiday period. To all of the 'footy' fans, while my beloved Eels are out, for those still in the running - may your team win the Grand Final!! I encourage you all to enjoy this time with your families and we'll see you next term ☺

Bek Zadow

Principal

ASSEMBLY AWARDS

Term 3 Week 8 – 07/09/2017

	Resilience Values TOLERANCE	Resilience Values EMPATHY	
K Blue	Razvan	Ayla	Laasya Mitchell
K Purple	Sebastian	Kumorah	Aliyah Kate
1/2M	Tarryn Zak	Liam Sophia	Matthias Nina Yusuf Adam
2/3A	August Ayden	Luke Alexis	Faiez Amalia Krishna Ben
3/4S	Faisal Ahmed	Dekoda Tamara	Maria Dana Oceana Mikayla
5/6M	Artina Terry	Lewis Ahmad	Will Aaesha William Cailin

A MESSAGE FROM THE OFFICE

Have you changed your address or phone number???

Please inform the office ASAP so that we are able to contact you in an emergency

Many thanks for your help 😊



National Bandana Day

Friday 27th October 2017

Wear your Bandana to school

On sale from Monday 23rd October until sold out.

\$5.00 each

GRANDPARENTS DAY

Grandparents and students are invited to join in celebrating Grandparents Day! Grandparents will be able to visit classrooms, do an activity, see performances by students and enjoy morning tea with their grandchildren.

When: 9:00–11:00am Tuesday 31 October 2017

Where: School Hall, Rydalmere PS

RSVP on the number of grandparents and students attending by Wednesday 18 October in students take home note or to zgrant@ssi.org.au

SCHOLASTIC BOOKCLUB



As from Term 3 any purchase of books from Scholastic Bookclub will have to be ordered and paid for via the Scholastic website or the app called Book Clubs Loop for Parents.

To do this you will need to go to www.scholastic.com.au. On the left side of the home page select Loop for Parents. You will be required to register and then follow the prompts to order your books. If you would like assistance with the Loop process please contact us at school for assistance. All books will be sent to school for distribution.

School rewards will continue to be received when books are ordered in this way. These rewards allow our school to obtain books and other classroom equipment at no cost.

Should you find this system does not work for you due to having no access to a computer or the inability to pay via a credit/debit card please contact the school for assistance. We do not wish for any child to be disadvantaged and miss out on purchasing valuable reading material due to this change.

We hope you continue to support this great program which allows your child access to high quality reading material and also gives rewards to your school.

Sue McKay and Shenpei Lin

Bookclub Coordinators.



Thank you to all the parents who have made orders this term using the Parent Loop. This transition appears to have been successful. If you are have any difficulty placing orders please remember we are here to help you.

P&C NEWS

UP COMING EVENTS

- **Thursday 21st September- P&C Meeting.**
- **Friday 3rd November- Movie Night.**

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every hour makes a
DIFFERENCE



Important

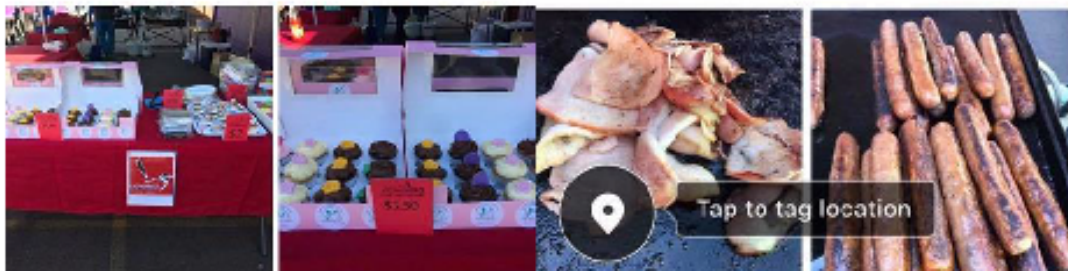
All members of the school community are welcome to join our P&C and help decide on Fundraising events and what school resource we invest our money in. Membership is only \$1.

P&C Meeting – Thursday 21st September

Our next P&C Meeting will be held on Thursday 21st September in the school Library.

Please arrive at 6.45pm for a 7:00pm start.

- ✓ Principal Report.
- ✓ President- Reports.
- ✓ Treasurer- Financial Reports including Canteen and Uniform Shop.
- ✓ Canteen Report.
- ✓ Uniform Shop Report.



Our Election day BBQ and cake stall was a hit. The smell of sausages was very tempting for those waiting in line for ages to vote. There are many tasks involved to make a BBQ a success, there are sausages, onion, bacon, eggs, rolls, ice and drinks to collect, bakers for the cakes and slices, chefs and servers on the day and let's not forget the clean up crew. A big **Thank You** to all the people who helped make this a success. Together we raised just under \$1,000 for the P&C which will go back into our children's school experience.



Rydalmere Public School
Parents and Citizens Association



Friday Lunch Special Pre-order form

On Friday 22nd September 2017 the canteen is having a special.

Jelly cups \$1.00

Hot Dogs & juice \$2.50

This is by pre-order only if you would like to pre order these items please leave this form, with the correct money, in the canteen or the office letterbox **by** Thursday 21st.

No late orders can be accepted due to jelly needing to set and special purchasing of products.



Childs Name

Class

Jelly Cup (qty) Orange Red Green Jelly & fruit

Hot dog (h) (non h) Juice tropical Orange Apple

Amount paid \$.....



Woolworths Earn & Learn 2017

Dear Parents,

This year we will be participating in the Woolworths Earn & Learn program. Through this program we will be able to get new educational resources for our school/early learning centre – and all we need you to do is shop for your groceries at Woolworths.

From Wednesday 26th July to Tuesday 19th September or while stock lasts, we are collecting Woolworths Earn & Learn Stickers. You will get one Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker for every \$10 spent (excluding liquor, tobacco and gift cards). Place the Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker onto a Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker Sheet and when it's complete, the Sticker Sheet can be dropped into the Collection Box here at the school or at your local Woolworths.

At the end of the promotion, we'll be able to get some great new equipment. The range is extensive and offers lots of items ideal for our students – including resources for Maths, English, Science and some fantastic fun supplies for Arts & Craft, Sport and for our library.

If you would like any more information about this please come and talk to Maryanne.

Woolworths Earn and Learn rewards stickers finish this week. Please send all of your stickers to school by Friday 22nd October.

Thank you for your contributions.

CANTEEN MENU TERM 3

Rydalmere Public School Canteen Menu 2017 – term 3

White Sandwich /

With or without butter

Roasted Chicken	\$2.50
Ham/turkey	\$2.00
Silverside	\$2.00
Tuna	\$2.00
Egg & Lettuce	\$2.50
Vegemite	\$1.20
Jam	\$1.20
Honey	\$1.20
Salad	\$3.00

Brown/ grain Sandwich With or without butter

Chicken Roasted	\$2.50
Ham/turkey	\$2.00
Cheese	\$1.80
Salad	\$3.00
Jam	\$1.20
Vegemite	\$1.20
Egg & Lettuce	\$2.50
Honey	\$1.20
Tuna	\$2.00

EXTRAS

Rolls	\$0.30c
Cheese	\$0.50c
Avocado	\$1.00

White /Brown Wraps

Chicken/Lettuce & Mayo	\$3.00
Ham/Lettuce/ & Mayo	\$3.00
Salad	\$3.00
Devon	\$2.00
Tuna	\$2.00
Salmon	\$2.50

Cheese toasties \$2.00
(brown or white bread)

Fresh Piece of Fruit \$1.00

Celery Sticks	\$1.00
Carrots Sticks	\$1.00
Cucumber Sticks	\$1.00
Salad Tubs	\$2.50
Fruit Cup	\$2.50
Jatz & cheese	\$1.50

Bottle of Water	\$1.00
Hot Choco	\$1.00

Hot Dog (h)	\$2.50
Mini Hot Dog	\$1.50
Goujons (5)	\$2.50
Nuggets (5)	\$2.50
Lasagna (h)	\$3.50
Macaroni	\$3.50
Cheese Pizza	\$2.50
H&P pizza	\$2.50
Pies	\$3.00
Sausage Rolls	\$3.00
Hash Brown (1)	\$0.50c
Noodle Cups	\$2.50
Garlic bread half	\$1.00
Spring Rolls (3)	\$2.00
Chicken Burger	\$3.50
Beef Burger	\$3.50
Fish O fillet burger	\$3.50
JJs	\$1.00
Finger Bun	\$1.50
Apple Slinky	\$1.00

Quench	\$1.60
Flavoured Milk	\$1.50
Juice Poppers	\$1.20

Keep an eye open for the specials on Fridays only



OUT OF SCHOOL HOURS CARE

ACADEMY

Dream Big!

Squiggler Academy is a vibrant hub for growing minds, full of fun and engaging activities for children, where we spark their imagination and inspire a love of learning.

VACATION CARE

Want to get your kids out and about these school holidays to enjoy the best our city has to offer? Welcome to **Squiggler Experiences**. These Spring holidays we are packing the bus and heading to the most action packed fun-filled destinations! Open to all primary school aged children, so tell your friends and get them to join in the fun!

Cost includes

- 2 experiences per day
- Entry fees
- 3 meals (Morning Tea, Lunch & Afternoon Tea)
- All day transportation

Timetable

7:30am-	Drop Off:
8:30am	Rydalmere Public School
9am	Bus Departs
10am	Morning Tea (provided)
11am	Destination 1
1pm	Lunch (provided) & Free Play
2pm	Destination 2
4pm	Afternoon Tea (provided)
5-6pm	Return & Pick up

ONLY \$80* per child/day

Child Care Benefit / Child Care Rebate Available!

**before eligible Government Benefit*

SPRING 2017

Mon 25th Sept	Tues 26th Sept	Wed 27th Sept	Thurs 28th Sept	Fri 29th Sept
"Hall of Mysteries" PH Museum & Constellation Playground	Featherdale Wildlife Park	GO WILD at the Australian National Maritime Museum & Pirrama Park	Randwick Ritz 'Lego Ninjago' & MINI CHEFS in Centennial Park	"Detective Training School" Castle Hill Discovery Centre & Fagan Park
Mon 2nd Oct	Tues 3rd Oct	Wed 4th Oct	Thurs 5th Oct	Fri 6th Oct
PUBLIC HOLIDAY	Calmsley Hill Farm Visit	Museum of Fire, Penrith & Fire Engine Rides	Randwick Ritz 'Captain Underpants' & Heffron Scooter Park	Kidtopia Festival Parramatta

TERMS & CONDITIONS (1) Timetable: weather dependent. In case of wet weather outdoor activities will move to an indoor activity. Playgrounds are subject to change without prior notice at the discretion of Squiggler management. (2) Children **MUST** bring a hat, water bottle and wear closed in shoes (i.e. running shoes) (3) Certain activities may require a spare pair of socks, a change of clothes and/or scooter. All details will be provided in permission forms. (4) Meals will be provided, however please ensure your child has their own labelled water bottle. (5) Vacation Care closes at 6pm strictly. A late fee is applicable if you are late to collect your child. (6) Refunds will not be issued, unless in special medical circumstances. (7) Payments are to be made upon booking.

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Use discount code **MOSPS17** for \$10 off your booking

Bop till you Drop

TIME: 9.00am – 3.00pm
GLADESVILLE: Tues 26 & Wed 27 Sept
MOSMAN: Wed 27 & Thurs 28 Sept
LANE COVE: Tues 3 & Wed 4 Oct

For more info and bookings call
1300 13 03 13
 or book online at www.boptillyoudrop.com.au

Celebrate Family Fun Day Parliament of NSW

Children from 4 to 12 years
Friday 6 October, 10am - 3 pm

Ghosts of our Colonial past

Fun educational activities at Australia's oldest Parliament; Children's trail, guessing competition, arts and crafts, role plays, tours of the Chambers, and the opportunity to visit areas rarely open to the public.

Family Fun Day is also renowned for its highly entertaining theatrical re-enactments. This year some very special 'ghosts' from the Parliament's past will engage visitors with intriguing stories and interactive performances.

Sausage in a bread roll - \$3.00 per person

Public Café will be open.



FREE EVENT

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