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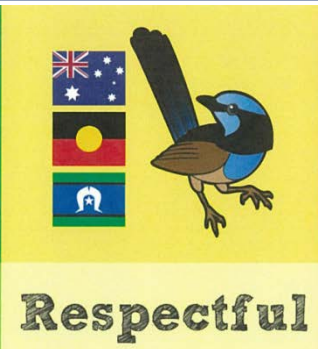
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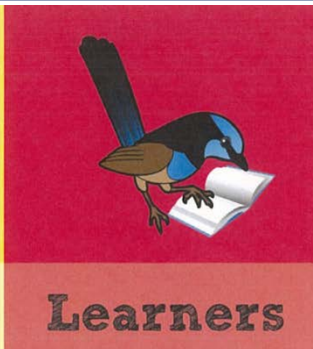
Term 1 – Week 10: Issue 5/2019



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Learners

DATES TO REMEMBER

Wednesday	Fundamental Movement Skills Hip Hop Dance Group
3/4/19	Nutrition Magician Yrs3-6
Week 10	Parent Teacher Interviews
11/4/19	Anzac Day Assembly
12/4/19	Easter Hat Parade

12/4/19	Last Day Term 1
29/4/19	Staff Development Day
30/4/19	First Day Term 2
3/5/19	School Photos - Preschool Blue Group and Sports Captains
20/5/19	School Photos – Whole School & Preschool Green Group

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Harmony Day: YOU+ME = US ☺

What a fabulous day our Harmony Day celebrations were. The weather couldn't even dampen our spirit!! Thank you to all of the students and their families for the effort put into costumes and clothing, and for the delicious feast, you our community, provided for us all to enjoy!! This is one of my favourite days in the school calendar as I LOVE that we celebrate that EVERYONE BELONGS!!

I would also like to thank Mrs Green and Mrs Jennings for their outstanding organisation of the day, and extend this thank you to the parent volunteers on the day who helped our day to be a success.

Providing Opportunities for Our Students

We are continuously looking for ways to impact student learning through additional opportunities for our students at Rydalmere PS. These opportunities are provided at no additional cost to our families. Here is just some of what is to come this year:

- * Term 1 - Years 3-6 to attend Nutrition Magician program
- * Term 2 a K-6 to participate in **3D Printing lessons**, supported by the Department of Education's STEMShare Community program who are providing these resources to our school in Term 2.
- * Mungo Youth Project for Year 6 Leaders – Term 2.

Easter Hat Parade & Colouring Competition

Our Easter Hat Parade is on Friday 12 April. We encourage all students to participate in this event. Notes detailing this event will be sent home soon. Our hard working P&C will also be running an Easter Raffle. Please support this generously if you can – you may even win some great prizes!!



Parent Teacher Interviews

These will be held in this week from 1-4 April. We do apologise for the cancellation of 2/3L's interviews due to Miss Lin suffering from an illness. These interviews have been postponed until Term 2, Week 1. All parents with interviews were emailed about this and information has also been sent out on the school app. 2/3L parents need to make their new booking at: www.schoolinterviews.com.au

and enter the code **exac4**

Please note that these bookings must be completed by 3pm on Friday 12th April.

Staffing Changes:

For the next five weeks, Mrs Kushturian will be on long service leave, having a lovely holiday in Italy. We all hope she has a lovely time.

During that time, we warmly welcome Ms Krautloher (cr-ow-t-law) to our school as our Administration Manager. Ms Krautloher joins us from Rydalmere East PS and is looking forward to meeting as many of you as possible, and assisting our families as required. I know you will all make her feel very welcome.

General School Contributions

We are seeking from parents and carers a voluntary, General School Contribution. Funds raised through this contribution are used to supplement educational resources and programs in our school. This year, the School Contribution amount has been left unchanged at an amount of \$40 per student.

The funds raised are used to pay for the following:

- Resources to support learning in the six Key Learning Areas (English, Mathematics, Science & Technology, Human Society & Its Environment, Personal Development, Health & Physical Education and Creative Arts)
- Library books and computer resources
- Sporting equipment

Rydalmere Public School welcomes your contribution as this will significantly enhance the resources made available to students. I would like to thank all parents for their generous School Contribution support given to the school and the students previously. Thank you to those parents who have already paid.



Staff Car Park

For the safety of all of our students, I would like to kindly remind parents and carers that the John Street car park is for staff only. Please do not turn into the driveway or attempt to drive in to the car park to drop off or pick up your child. No child or parent/carer should walk through this car park either to access the school. We have pedestrian gates with paths as access points at both John Street and Victoria Road for this purpose. Keeping our students safe is our highest priority and I ask all caregivers to assist us with this.



ICAS

Rydalmere PS will not be hosting ICAS assessments in 2019. These assessments are traditionally completed outside of class hours for a relatively small number of students. As a school, we do not value nor use the data obtained from these assessments to inform our teaching and learning. The assessments also impose an administrative strain on our office and teaching staff, with no remuneration from the UNSW nor value to our school learning programs. This year, the University of New South Wales has changed its ICAS assessments to an online only format. We are unable to support these tests with the technology they require.

Should you wish your child to complete the ICAS assessments, visit the ICAS website on <https://www.unswglobal.unsw.edu.au/education/al-assessments/products/icas-assessments/> to enquire about the nearest testing centre.

Late Arrivals


We have a large number of students arriving late to school each day. If your child is late to school, it is a requirement of the school that you accompany your child to the office to get a late slip. I kindly ask that you do not drop them at the gate and then leave before accompanying them to the office.

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Principal

AWARD WINNERS



Gold Wren Card Award Winners Week 8 Term 1

<i>K Blue</i>	<i>K Purple</i>	<i>1 Violet</i>
<i>1/2 Sapphire</i> Anabella Kaiden Oliver Kate Dhruv Nouha	<i>2/3 Lavender</i> Razvan Kelcey	<i>4/5/6 Fuchsia</i> Jai
<i>4/5/6 Magenta</i>		

AWARD WINNERS

Term 1 Week 8 – 21/3/2019

	RESILIENCE VALUES	RESILIENCE VALUES	
K Blue	Brooke	Charlie	Maxine
			Alex
K Purple	Meslina	Mustafa	Baraa
			Daniel
1 Violet	Carrie	Lily	Sayed
			Mikhail
1/2 Sapphire	Aliyah	Dhruv	Diyar
			Oliver
2/3 Lavender	Anabella	Ella	Orlana
			Mannya
			Chris
			Aliesha
4/5/6 Fuchsia	Ahmed	Anna	Alharith
			James
			August
			Zain
4/5/6 Magenta	Rhys	Campbell	Jack
			Amalia
			Maria
			Tairell

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN 2/3 LAVENDER





UPCOMING EVENTS

- Monday 8th April Special P&C meeting Monday – 7pm
- 7th May MANGO Stall (mothers day)
- 10th May - MANGO Stall (mothers day)

UNIFORM SHOP NEWS. – Please leave your order at the office this week.

Canteen news

Canteen open Monday, Wednesday & Friday.

If you would like to order ice cream please send the money in with your child to order with their teacher.



P&C Annual **Mothers Day/M.A.N.G.O Stall** is on Tuesday 7th May and Friday 10th May.

Gifts range from \$3.00 to \$10.00.

Please support the stall by giving your children some money to purchase that special gift.

If anyone can help out at the stall on Tuesday morning or Friday morning please let Michelle Ly (mum of Kelcey 2/3L, Cynthia 4/5/6M) know.

**The garden club is selling their produce in the office
check out the P&C facebook page when there is
fresh produce grown in the school garden.**

<https://www.facebook.com/rpspncevents>

Also check out this page for events that are happening around the school or P&C.



EASTER EGG RAFFLE

Drawn Friday 12th April 2019

Tickets cost

**\$0.50c each or
3 for \$1.00 available
from school office.**

Lots of prizes to be won.

Oral Care Recycling Program



Our school has a chance to win a community garden through recycling!

Colgate, Chemist Warehouse and TerraCycle are thrilled to announce the launch of the Colgate Community Garden Challenge!

All pre-, primary and secondary schools are invited to join the Colgate Community Garden Challenge! Schools can start collecting oral care waste and online votes for their chance to win a recycled community garden set to grow their own veggie patch! Don't miss out – entries close 31 September 2019!

Our School, through the P&C, has registered for this great recycling program.

The P&C will run the program now until the competition ends on 31st September 2019. There will be a box in the playground for you to deposit your Oral Care recyclables.

Further information

During the competition period, schools will earn Garden Credits by sending oral care waste to TerraCycle for recycling, and by earning online votes from the community.

1 unit of oral care waste = 10 Garden Credits / 1 online vote = 1 Garden Credit



What you can recycle in this program

Any brand of used toothpaste tubes, toothbrushes, plastic toothbrush packaging, interdental brushes, wispis, pumps, stand up toothpaste bottles and any kind of non-electric toothbrush or toothpaste tube and all affiliated non-recyclable packaging. Please note: Electronic toothbrushes and electronic toothbrush parts are not recyclable through this program.

Earn votes from the community

Schools can earn additional Garden Credits through online votes from the community. Voting will be open from 23 March 2018 to 31 October 2019. Each vote will count as one (1) Garden Credit. To earn more online votes, spread the word about your participation using posters, social media and word-of-mouth!

What are you waiting for - get online Rydalmere and vote for our school –

<https://www.terracycle.com.au/en-AU/brigades/colgategarden>

Best practices for recycling

In order to recycle this waste stream properly, please make sure all excess product has been removed (i.e. leftover toothpaste or floss). To clean the toothpaste tubes cut them in half and wash the inside. Additionally, please note that it must be completely dry prior to depositing in our box for recycling.

This program accepts **any brand** of oral care waste.

Please leave in the box near kindy room.



Return & Earn

****Where is the money going?

BACK INTO THE SUSTAINABLE PROGRAMS AT SCHOOL/ GARDEN CLUB.

**** You are asking yourself how can you help??

Ask you child to put their empty containers in the blue bin near the canteen.

*****What can be returned?

Quench bottles brought from the canteen, Juice poppers from canteen or home, Chocolate & strawberry milk cartons.

***** Where can you put your empty containers?

Little Blue Bin near canteen ALSO in your canteen basket after lunch.





Hello Everyone!

It is almost end of the term. The last play group for this term is on 8th of April. The painting of the cubby house was postponed due to wet weather. The hub will remain closed from this from 8th of April until 5th of May. Loads of programs are coming up in term 2.



Term 2 in a glance:

Mondays: Playgroup starts 6th of May

Heathy lunchbox ideas program from 27th of May

Tuesday: Zumba starts from 7th of May

Wednesday: English conversational classes 15th of May

Friday: Bubs and Books 10th of May

Road Safety procedure a special talk on 10th May 9:00am to 9:30am.

First Aid course by TAFE 17th and 24th May

Books your dates and register yourself with Seetha as soon as possible for First Aid as very less seats are left!!!

Heaps of volunteering opportunities coming up. It looks amazing on the resume. More information in term 2.

For those whom I haven't met, I am Seetha, Community Hub Leader at Rydalmere Public School. I am a very good listener and interested in your wonderful stories... Come to the hub and let us have a chat.

Cheers,

Seetha.

RYDALMERE PUBLIC SCHOOL

Playgroup

Mondays 9:30 am to 11:30 am

Where: In the hall

Bring: Morning tea,
A Gold Coin Donation.

All are welcome.
Just sign in when you arrive.



Free First Aid and CPR Training Course



Join us for two day workshop and get a certificate of attainment.

Topics covered include

HLTAID003 (provide First Aid) and

HLTAID001 (provide CPR)

Fridays 17th May and 24th May

From 9:00 am to 2:30 pm, at Rydalmere Public School

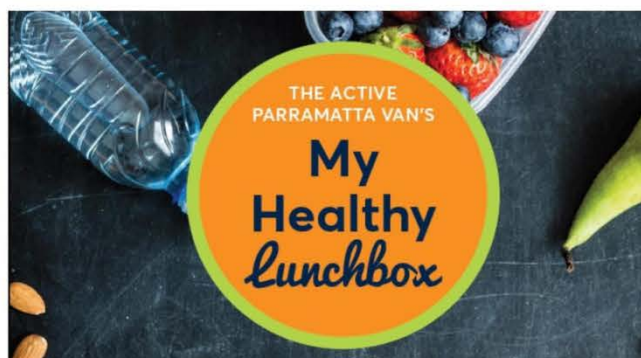
All participants must have their own USI. To obtain USI,

Visit <https://www.usi.gov.au/students/create-your-usi>

Places are limited!!! Limited childminding available.

Email seethalakshmis@ssi.org.au to secure your place with your name.





THE ACTIVE
PARRAMATTA VAN'S

My Healthy Lunchbox

HEALTHY LUNCH BOX IDEAS

Mondays: 11:30am to 12:30pm

Place: Hall

Dates: 27th May to 24th June

Just sign in when you arrive.

All are welcome!

Play corner can be arranged for children to play.



Zumba sessions for ladies only

Tuesday 9:30am to 10:30am

Under the cola

Cost: 10\$ for 3 sessions (payable beginning of the first session)

Or

5\$ every session (payable when you attend a session)

Wear comfortable clothes and shoes.

Bring a bottle of water.

No need to register... Sign in when you arrive.

Contact Seetha 0412485919 for more information.



Free English Conversational classes

Wednesdays 9:30am to 11:30am.

Rydalmere Public School

Free Childmind available.

Register with Seetha, 0412485919.



Bubs and Books



STORY TIME AND CRAFTS FOR

BUBS AND CARERS

Fridays 9:30am to 10:30am

Rydalmere Public School

All are welcome.

Register with seetha at 0412485919



WHATS HAPPENNING IN THE VEGGIE GARDEN

Veggie Garden Update – LOTS of Good Things are Growing!

Have you noticed some changes in the Schools veggie garden lately? Since Kindy orientation in October last year, a lot of love has been put into re-establishing the veggie garden. And in a few short months, it's gone from a pile of weeds to producing lots of yummy veggies for us to enjoy, including tomatoes, rockets, cucumbers, corn, lettuce, spinach, beans and spring onions. Here is a pic of the progress made just within the corn garden bed.



Fresh Veggies for SALE!



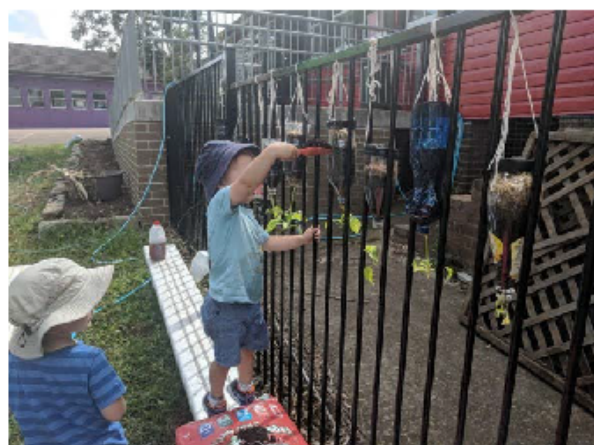
A key aim of the veggie garden is to provide deliciously fresh, affordable veggies to school families. Keep an eye out for alerts in the school app or on the sandwich board near the John Street entrance where we list

what produce is available to buy. We are currently growing rocket, lettuce, beans, spinach, carrots, pumpkin, potatoes, onions and capsicums (upside down!).



Little Green Garden Fingers Playgroup

From the start of term 1 this year, 15 families with kids under 5yrs have been 'playing' in the veggie garden each Wednesday morning at Garden Playgroup. There's a different theme each week, and parents take turns reading garden related stories and singing songs. Plus everyone helps with planting, digging, watering and harvesting food. The cost to attend is \$10 per term per family and this money goes towards the running of the garden. **There are 4 spots AVAILABLE for term 2.** Join the [Little Green Fingers Garden Club](#) on Facebook for more details. Or speak with Kellie Darley, K-Purple mum.



Grant WIN - Woolworth Junior Landcare

We're SUPER EXCITED to share that the Rydalmere Little Green Fingers Garden Playgroup has been awarded \$1,000, thanks to the Woolworth Junior Landcare Grant. With this money we will buy compost bins, worm farm, tools and garden story books.

Bunnings Supporting the Garden

Bunnings Rydalmere have been impressed with the progress made in our veggie garden in a short time and are going to help us continue to grow the garden with an initial donation of soil, trellis', worms, horticultural advice and a workshop for the garden playgroup. Thank you Bunnings!

Would You Like to Garden?

All school families are welcome to help out in the veggie garden. We hope with time to be able to supply produce to the canteen and organise other activities in the garden for students and families. If you are interested in helping out, please contact Kellie Darley, K=Purple mum (via the office).





FREE 'Sing Rhyme and Story Time'



This **Early Literacy Program** caters for parents and their children **birth to five years** of age.

The **half hour story time** includes a combination of the following:

- Reading and Story time
- Rhymes
- Finger plays
- Puppets
- Storytelling
- Dancing

'Sing Rhyme and Story Time'

Every Tuesday 10:00am to 10:30 during term time.

Call or email to enquire on current locations.

Phone: 9898 3448

Email: phillipa.martins@det.nsw.edu.au

This early literacy initiative is programmed and delivered by the

'Schools as Community Centres', Local Facilitator **Pip Martins**.



MONDAY	<p>Australian Red Cross 'Good Start Breakfast Club' 8:30am to 9:00am Telopea SaCC Rooms. A healthy breakfast is provided free for Telopea Public School students in a friendly, inclusive environment.</p>
TUESDAY	<p>Sing Rhyme and Story Time 10:00am to 10:30am Telopea Public School, SaCC Rooms A weekly Early Literacy Program for parents/carers and children birth to 5 years. This program was developed and is facilitated by the Telopea SaCC Facilitator. The session will support parents to assist with their children's literacy development. The program was awarded Honoured Nominee in 2011 Kookaburra Awards.</p> <p>Early Years Garden Club 10:30am to 12:00noon Telopea Public School Edible Garden & Orchard. Seed Harvest Spoon early childhood environmental garden program for parents and children up to five years. REGISTRATION ESSENTIAL</p> <p>Meet and Greet 1:00pm to 2:30pm Telopea SaCC Rooms Information session for parents with baby birth to 12 weeks. Facilitated by Community Health</p>
WEDNESDAY	<p>Supported Playgroup 10:00am to 12:00noon Telopea SaCC Rooms REGISTRATION ESSENTIAL Organised indoor and outdoor activities, story time, music and dancing for families with children birth to 5 years. A friendly, inclusive and supportive playgroup where adult involvement is encouraged and supported.</p> <p>'Triple P' Parenting Program 1:00pm-2:30pm Telopea SaCC Rooms REGISTRATION ESSENTIAL A five week Positive Parenting Program is facilitated by Parramatta Mission. Supports parents to build positive relationships with children, manage challenging behaviours positively, consistently and decisively, supports parents to develop realistic expectations for children and themselves. Certificates presented for full attendance. Free child care available for participants. Afternoon tea provided.</p>
THURSDAY	<p>Australian Red Cross 'Good Start Breakfast Club' 8:30am to 9:00am Telopea SaCC Rooms.</p> <p>Jiggle'n'Jam Music Program. Telopea SaCC Rooms Structured music classes for families with chn birth to 3 years. Facilitated by 'Music In A Box' Music School in Telopea SaCC Rooms 2x half hour baby classes (birth to 12mths@9:30am and 12mths to 18mths@10:00am) 2x Toddler Music Classes with parents 10:45am and 11:15am (18mths to 3years) 1x Toddler Music Class no parents 11:45am (offered to cater for families with more than one child. parents with siblings must stay in school grounds and can utilise the playroom while waiting. Class participants registered by music teacher recommendation) TERM REGISTRATION is ESSENTIAL for the toddler classes.</p> <p>Baby Playgroup 10:00 to 12:00noon Telopea SaCC Rooms Social gathering for families with children birth to 18 months in safe, air conditioned environment with toys. Enjoy spending time with friends after the music class.</p>
FRIDAY	<p>Supported Playgroup 10:00 to 12:00 Telopea SaCC Rooms REGISTRATION ESSENTIAL</p>

Telopea 'Schools as Community Centres' Project (SaCC)

Based in the grounds of Telopea Public School. Chestnut Ave., Telopea N.S.W. 2117

Please direct all enquiries to SaCC Facilitator **Pip Martins**

Phone: 9898 3448

Fax: 9684 2653

Email: phillipa.martins@det.nsw.edu.au

Young Parents Group

Health and Wellbeing Workshops

Come and join in, learn new skills and meet other young parents!

WHEN: Every Thursday starting 9th May 2019 for five weeks

(9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th May and 6th June)

TIME: 10:15am-12:30pm

WHERE: Parramatta Mission rooms: 6 Lincluden Place, Oatlands. 2117.

FREE

- Childcare for participants
- Morning Tea
- Giveaways
- Children's craft



WORKSHOP TOPICS

- ✚ Centrelink and your benefits
- ✚ First aid for babies and children
- ✚ Health and Nutrition
- ✚ Budgeting Tips
- ✚ Remembering self-care

Limited registrations available

Call or email to secure your spot

Pip Martins Phone 98983448

Email phillipa.martins@det.nsw.edu.au

OR

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