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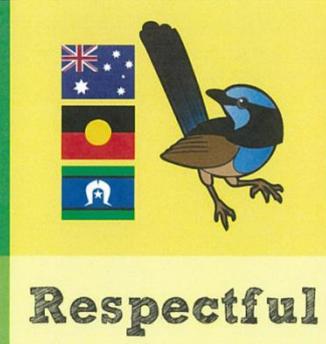
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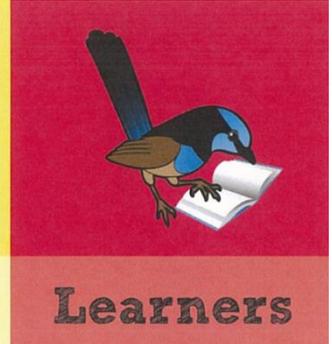
Term 4 – Week 10 Issue 20/2019



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## DATES TO REMEMBER

17/12/19	<b>Preschool 2020 Orientation</b>	29/1/2020	<b>First day of Term 1 2020 Yrs 1 to 6 and Blue Group P/S</b>
17/12/19	<b>Talent Quest</b>	31/1/2020	<b>Kindergarten begins</b>
17/12/19	<b>Class Party Day</b>	3/2/2020	<b>Green group Preschool begins</b>
18/12/19	<b>Last Day of Term 4</b>		
28/1/2020	<b>Staff return</b>		

## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

### **Presentation Day – Principal's Speech**

Firstly I would like to acknowledge the Dharug people who are the traditional custodians of this land upon which we meet. I would like to pay my respects to aboriginal people past, present and emerging.

Good Morning boys and girls, family members, teachers. What a wonderful morning this is. A chance to take part in a formal assembly recognising the success of some of our most dedicated learners at Rydalmere Public School. These awards are not just for our top academic students, but those who give their best every day and truly embrace what it means to be a learner.

2019 has been a year of excellence. Excellence in learning, excellence in teaching and excellence in leading. Our students have participated in many activities this year including our Preschool excursion to Calmsley City Farm, K-2 excursion to Old School House Museum and our 3-6 camp to Camp Wombaroo. Our school also funded a whole school excursion to the Sydney Symphony Orchestra to enrich the experiences we offer.

Our strong partnership with Cumberland High School continued with our Year 5 students accessing a Science enrichment program throughout the year and just this week a STEM Challenge day at Cumberland HS. Our leadership program continued to grow where myself, Miss Gray & Mrs Martelli had the opportunity to take a group of Year 6 leaders on the trip of a life time with the City Country Alliance to Mungo National Park for a deep cultural experience.

Community events such as Harmony Day, Easter Hat and Book Week parades, Education Week Celebrations, Grandparents Day have highlighted what a wonderful community we are a part of and continues to show us that when we work together as a team, we achieve great things. Our extra-curricula activities and the achievements of our students in these pursuits are also successes we delight in including: our Band, Choir, Junior Dance Group, Hip Hop Dance Groups, Wren Club, Sporting Carnivals and our participation in PSSA Winter Soccer and Netball competition. All of these programs run

alongside learning that takes place inside a student's own classroom.

Here's just some of what we've achieved this year:

- our 40 preschool children have developed a true sense of being, belonging and becoming and are ready to enter their first foray into formal schooling in Kindergarten next year.
- We have 85% of our Kindergarten students are achieving at or above the expected exit level in reading.
- Year 3 NAPLAN – collectively, our students out-performed the state in Spelling!!
- Year 5 students out-performed the state in Reading, Spelling, Grammar & Punctuation and Numeracy.
- Our wellbeing initiatives support all students to have good behaviour and have significantly reduced the number of classroom and playground incidences. We are strong in our resolve to have all students at RPS being Upstanders, not bystanders, and I am proud standing here today alongside our Rydalmere upstanders.

I am very proud to say that our teachers value difference in students and applaud each individual child's efforts. Teachers, I take my hat off to you. We have an outstanding school because of the work you do every day. Teaching is the most rewarding job, and to do our craft well takes time, commitment and dedication. Our School Administration and support staff of are an invaluable part of our school, ensuring that the home and school partnership is a positive one. I must also take this opportunity to publicly thank my Executive throughout the year, Miss Gray and Mrs Martelli, their educational leadership is second to none. Please join me in thanking our teaching and SASS staff.

I would also like to thank our dedicated P&C led by Maryanne Thompson and band of volunteers who have also supported numerous programs throughout the school year. Working hand in hand with the school and P&C sits our Community Hub with leader Seetha, and I would also like to acknowledge the fabulous work she does for our whole community. Please join me in thanking them.

Children, I want to congratulate every one of you on your individual achievements whether or not you are visibly recognised up on stage today. At our Education Week Assembly, I spoke about you, our students, being our change makers of the future. We continue to build a culture of high

expectations for you all, empowering you (giving you the power) to have a shared sense of self value and belonging so that you can all be great global citizens. Parents and visitors, please join me in congratulating all of our students for the EFFORT they put in to their learning.

Please let me take this opportunity to wish all the RPS families a safe and happy festive season, please know I look forward to working with you in 2020.

### ***Year 6 Graduation – an excerpt from Mrs Zadow's Speech***

When I think about all of my interactions with you, and what I have seen from your amazing personalities, I wonder what great things you will make happen in the future – you are of course our change makers of the future. When I was at school, a “leader” was more about everyone being a follower of one special leader. To me, that idea has changed and I think at Rydalmere PS, we do a great job of recognising all of our students as leaders – we encourage you to think for yourself and not to just be a ‘follower’. I know that our Rydalmere PS leaders are people who can inspire others with their passion. I believe that tonight I am sitting here before 19 brilliant leaders. And I'll tell you why:

You have all inspired me in some way... for example, Emma for your quirky sense of humour and bravery, Chantelle for your kind and caring mentorship of our younger students, Ahmed with your love of drama and acting any part in a play or dance, Anna for sharing the importance of your cultural background, Oceana with your quiet nature and kindness, Geoffrey for your love of sports, Israel for your commitment to community and giving back, Alieta for her love of singing, Faisal for your outstanding handball skills, Ridwaan for your keenness to contribute in class, Nasia for your leadership skills, Lilly for your resilience and smile, Rhys for your love of all things outdoors, Michael for your architectural skills, Daniyal for the effort you put in to all areas of your life, Jiya with your love of learning, Paige for your great integrity, Hilal with your perseverance and Tamara for your love of Abba and animal rights. I could go on about all of you for much longer, because in some way, you have all inspired me to be a better Principal, and more importantly a better person.

I want you to know, that every positive interaction I have shared with you, always leaves me feeling better. Your love for life and your enthusiasm inspires me to keep growing as a Principal, as a Mum and as a person.

### **Staffing Changes 2020**

A new year always brings changes.....and there are exciting times ahead for many of our teachers!!

#### Staff leaving:

- Mrs Brown has secured a permanent teaching position at Parramatta East PS. We congratulate her on this permanent appointment and wish her all the very best.
- Miss Cole has secured a job at Meadowbank PS. We wish her all the very best.

#### Staff joining us:

- We warmly welcome Miss Stephanie Coote who is moving from Wollongong to take up a 12 month contract with us in 2020.

#### 2019 Staff:

- Remaining staff not previously mentioned are all continuing to work at Rydalmere PS in 2020 in varying capacities.

### **Start of the School Year 2020**

We warmly welcome all of our families back to Rydalmere in 2020. As always, the first week of school will be used to finalise numbers and establish classes. On the first day, students in Years 1 to 6 will remain in their 2019 classes. While we aim to settle classes as quickly as possible, students will remain in these classes until this is done. We thank you for your understanding.

### **Reports**

Reports will be sent home this week. Should you wish to speak to the classroom teacher about your child's report, please make an appointment to do so.

### **Share our Space**

We did not get approved for 'Share our Space'. We are very sad about this ☹



### **Happy Holidays**

I would like to end this final edition of The Link, with some well wishes for all in our community. Best of luck to our out-going Year 6 students, as we farewell them for their journey into high school.

I would like to remind all students to read, read, read something or anything during the holidays EVERY day. Keep your minds active and your bodies too!!

I would also like to wish all of our families a safe and happy festive season – enjoy this time together. We look forward to seeing you all back here in 2020!!

To our families that celebrate Christmas, I wish you a Merry Christmas with your family and friends.



# COMMUNITY SPIRIT



Once again our students have participated in the Christmas Angel Program decorating and writing beautiful Christmas cards to residents of Aged Care Facilities. Above is only a few of the lovely cards we will be sending on behalf of the students at RPS. Mrs Kushturian will be dropping bundles of cards to Summit Care at Baulkham Hills, Anglicare Woodberry, Residential Aged Care at Winston Hills and Aminya Retirement Village over the next few days.

# Thank You

To Students and Teachers of

*Lyellburn Public School*

Thank you so much for helping us with our Christmas Angel program.

The beautifully decorated cards and messages mean so much to the recipients. They often bring tears to them and us.

It is wonderful for them to know that we care and are thinking of them at Christmas.

Merry Christmas and thank you for being part of the Christmas Angels program for 2019.

Carmel Dyer-Pittroff

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# AWARD WINNERS

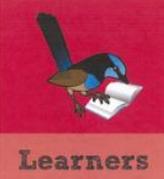


## Gold Wren Card Award Winners Week 8 Term 4

<b><i>K Blue</i></b>	<b><i>K Purple</i></b>  Farzad Mia Daniel Paul	<b><i>1 Violet</i></b>  Zoe Fayed Sherilyn Abideen Lilly
<b><i>1/2 Sapphire</i></b>  Larisa	<b><i>2/3 Lavender</i></b>	<b><i>4/5/6 Fuchsia</i></b>
<b><i>4/5/6 Magenta</i></b>		

# AWARD WINNERS

Term 4 Week 8 – 5/12/2019

	RESILIENCE VALUES	RESILIENCE VALUES	
<b>K Blue</b>	Eli	Alex	Khalid
<b>K Purple</b>	Harris	Farzad	Storm
<b>1 Violet</b>	Nate	Nicholas	Paul
<b>1/2 Sapphire</b>	William	Sasha	Thomas
<b>2/3 Lavender</b>	Kelcey	Chris	Bonnie
<b>4/5/6 Fuchsia</b>	Oceana	Clayton	Sayed
<b>4/5/6 Magenta</b>	Yusra	Hilal	Connor
			Kaiden
			Vica
			Anabella
			Razvan
			Tobias
			Cynthia
			Laila
			Laily
			Emma
			Cooper
			Campbell
			Tyler
			Amalia

# 2019 MINI FAIR

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Thank you to everyone who supported Year 6 with the Mini Fair!



# SCHOOL APP

## RYDALMERE PUBLIC SCHOOL

Learning is Growing



Dear Rydalmere PS & Preschool Parents,

We are pleased to present our brand new app for both Apple and Android devices. After much instability with our previous app, we have moved to a new developer who has completely re-built our app. Much of it remains the same (except it is better!!), but I am sure you will notice the new interface.

### Two important announcements for different device users:

1. **Apple devices** – you **DO NOT need to download the new app** – apple will simply send it through to you as an update. If you do not receive updated automatically, please go in to the apple store and select 'update'.
2. **Android devices** – this is a completely new app for you. **You DO NEED to download the new app**. Please go into your Google store and download the new app. Please make sure you delete the old app. Please note, the new app has the same name with the word 'app' added on to the end of the title.
3. This QR Code will give you access to our app in both the Apple and Android stores. Remember apple users, unless you are putting the app on to a new device, you don't need to download it again – just update it.



One new feature is that the first time you access the app, you will be required to create an account. It is a simple process, explained below. Once you do this, you will have full access to the app.

The diagram illustrates the account creation process in three steps:

- Step 1:** The user is on the 'Login' screen. An arrow points from the 'Create An Account' button to a callout box labeled 'Create Account'.
- Step 2:** The user is on the 'Registration Form' screen. An arrow points from the form fields to a callout box labeled 'Fill in your details'.
- Step 3:** The user is on the 'SUCCESS' screen. An arrow points from the success message to a callout box labeled 'SUCCESS'.

If you need any help with this – please ask and we will gladly assist you 😊  
Thanks,

**Beq Zadow**  
Principal



# P & C NEWS – UNIFORM SHOP



## Boys' Uniform

Item	Sizes Available	Each	Size	Quantity	Cost
Short Sleeve Polo Shirt	4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14, 16	\$26.00			
Long Sleeve Polo Shirt	4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14, 16	\$30.00			
Red Jumper	4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14, 16, 18	\$55.00			
Navy Jacket	4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14, S	\$55.00			
Sports Jacket	6, 8, 10, 12, 14, 16	\$55.00			
Hat	XS-S, S-M, M-L	\$16.00			
Navy Shorts	4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14, 16	\$22.00			
Sports Shorts	2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14, 16, S	\$25.00			
Navy Pants	4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14, 16	\$25.00			
Sports Tracksuit Pants	4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14, 16	\$33.00			
Backpack	One size	\$45.00			
Scarves	One size	\$5.00			

Notes:

Total Order:

Girls' Packs	Summer Starter	\$223	2x Short Sleeve Polo Shirt, 1x Skort, 1x Dress, 1x Sports Shorts, 1x Hat, 1x Backpack
	Winter Starter	\$407	2x Long Sleeve Polo Shirt, 1x Navy Bootleg Pant, 1x Dress, 1x Red Jumper, 1x Sports Jacket, 1x Sports Tracksuit Pants, 1x Navy jacket, 1x Hat, 1x Backpack
	Complete	\$537	2x Short Sleeve Polo Shirt, 1x Skort, 1x Dress, 1x Sports Shorts, 2x Long Sleeve Polo Shirt, 2x Navy Bootleg Pant, 1x Red Jumper, 1x Sports Jacket, 1x Sports Tracksuit Pants, 1x Navy Jacket, 1x Hat, 1x Backpack
Boys' Packs	Summer Starter	\$208	3x Short Sleeve Polo Shirt, 2x Navy Shorts, 1x Sports Shorts, 1x Hat, 1x Backpack
	Winter Starter	\$399	3x Long Sleeve Polo Shirt, 2x Navy Pants, 1x Red Jumper, 1x Sports Jacket, 1x Sports Tracksuit Pants, 1x Navy jacket, 1x Hat, 1x Backpack
	Complete	\$546	3x Short Sleeve Polo Shirt, 2x Navy Shorts, 1x Sports Shorts, 3x Long Sleeve Polo Shirt, 2x Navy Pants, 1x Red Jumper, 1x Sports Jacket, 1x Sports Tracksuit Pants, 1x Navy Jacket, 1x Hat, 1x Backpack

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 Every Thursday 8.35am - 9.15am



**P&C ASSOCIATION - UNIFORM SHOP ORDER FORM**

Parent's Name:	Date ___ / ___ / _____
Contact Phone Number :	
Child's Name:	
Child's Class:	
Cash enclosed:	Payment to BSB: <b>062 167</b> Acc: <b>101 33599</b> (use your <b>LAST NAME</b> as payment reference) Receipt Number:

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Item	Sizes Available	Each	Size	Quantity	Cost
Dress	4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14, 16	\$60.00			
Short Sleeve Polo Shirt	2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14, 16	\$26.00			
Long Sleeve Polo Shirt	4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14, 16	\$30.00			
Red Jumper	4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14, 16, 18	\$55.00			
Navy Jacket	4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14, S	\$55.00			
Sports Jacket	6, 8, 10, 12, 14, 16	\$55.00			
Hat	XS-S, S-M, M-L, L-XL	\$16.00			
Skorts	2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14, 16	\$25.00			
Sports Shorts	2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14, 16, S	\$25.00			
Navy Bootleg Pants	4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14, 16	\$28.00			
Sports Tracksuit Pants	4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14, 16	\$33.00			
Backpack	One size	\$45.00			
Scarves	One size	\$5.00			



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**WELCOME  
TO COMMUNITY  
HUBS**  
WHERE FAMILIES ARE  
HEALTHY, CARING, LEARNING & GROWING



## Hello Everyone!

Hope you are having a lovely week.

Thanks to each and every one who could make it to the end of the year catch up party. The food that you all had got was so yummy. Thanks to Fatima and Nezha for that refreshing Moroccan tea for everyone.

Another lovely year has come to an end. We have had amazing programs throughout the year and it has been lovely meeting all of you.

I thank Jo Anne Fourro, who has been facilitating our playgroup all these years for those enthusiastic efforts. I wish her all the best for her future endeavours. Play group will be run by Melanie from CMRC in 2020 and will be supported by Alana from Life start. Cynthia and Jyothi has raised their hands to be a parent volunteer to support in facilitation. Playgroup will commence back on 3rd of February.

Parramatta Artist Studio is partnering with the Hub to run a project called "Feeding Eachother: Art, Story telling and Cooking". Program will run on Tuesdays. Free childing minding is available. See the flyer for more details.

Follow our Facebook 'Rydalmere Hub Leader' for more updates.

Cheers,

Seetha.



# FEEDING EACH OTHER: ART, STORYTELLING & COOKING

Led by artist Shivanjani Lal

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## TERM ONE

Starting with three key recipes or ingredients, artist Shivanjani Lal will lead cooking, storytelling and art-making workshops. As a group, share recipes and stories connected to tea, flatbread and turmeric. Using key ingredients or processes from these foods, Shivanjani will lead art-making workshops including tea-staining, clay kneading and turmeric watercolour techniques.

### Rydalmere Community Hub

Tuesday 3 March | 9.30am - 12.30pm | Tea

Tuesday 17 March | 9.30am - 12.30pm | Flatbread

Tuesday 31 March | 9.30am - 12.30pm | Turmeric

## TERM TWO

Term two workshops will take place at Parramatta Artists' Studios Rydalmere, around the corner from the Hub. Based on the art-making skills we learn in Term One, we will create a collaborative artwork to be exhibited at the final workshop. To celebrate, we will share a meal of our favourite recipes.

### Parramatta Artists' Studios Rydalmere, 22 Mary Parade Rydalmere

Tuesday 5 May | 9.30am - 12.30pm

Tuesday 19 May | 9.30am - 12.30pm

Tuesday 2 June | 9.30am - 12.30pm

Tuesday 16 June | 9.30am - 12.30pm

For more information, contact Hayley French, Programs Officer, Parramatta Artists' Studios on [hayleyfrench@cityofparramatta.nsw.gov.au](mailto:hayleyfrench@cityofparramatta.nsw.gov.au) or (02) 9806 5832.

Image: Shivanjani Lal, Palusar, 2019, photo by Zan Wimberley, courtesy Artspace, Sydney

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## Some pics of our programs last fortnight







Today is the last day for School Banking for 2019.

This year we have had some great savings goals reached and many students have received the outstanding certificate for achieving 40 deposits this year.

Keep saving over the holidays and our first banking day for 2020 is Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> February.

Happy Saving

Jo-Anne