



On The Grapevine

A quality education in a caring, innovative environment

October 2012 (Issue 1)

A busy term ahead

The term 4 calendar is certainly filling fast. School photos were this week and we have kindergarten and preschool orientations for 2013 students over the next 3 weeks. Footsteps dance commenced again in week 1 for a five week block and the students are preparing for our Repstravaganza showcase in week 6. We have all the usual end of year events. For your convenience, an updated copy of the term 4 calendar has been attached to this newsletter.

From the classroom

I was delighted to receive a visit from Year 5 students Dylan and Felicity who were showing off their Mathematics expertise.

A special mention for Zahra who willingly gives of her time to help in the school library by shelving returned library books.

A Green Thumb



Congratulations to Mia who was Swanes Nurseries' "My Little Garden" winner.

The little garden, designed and made by Mia was inspired by *Alice in Wonderland*.

The prize included a \$100 gift voucher for the school.
Thank you Mia!

Your Quality teachers

Our teachers invest much time in their personal professional development to ensure they deliver quality instruction for all our students.

K-2 teachers attended a *Targeted Early Numeracy* (TEN) workshop this week as part of our continued commitment to the implementation of this program. The TEN intervention program provides support for the small percentage of students who are at risk, despite having engaged in a high quality, whole class numeracy program.

These teachers are also attending regular after school professional development sessions for the *K-2 Quality Teaching Comprehension* initiative.

Last term, all teachers from our community of schools attended several after school work sessions for the *NSW Literacy continuum*, which identifies the literacy skills and understandings critical to literacy success and maps how each of these critical aspects develops through the years of schooling. The continuum supports assessment for learning and assessment of learning in the classroom and an interactive version is available for teacher use.

In term 4, sessions will focus on an overview of the NSW Numeracy Continuum.

An introduction to National English Curriculum will be the focus for our final staff development day for this year on Thursday 20 December.

Student Welfare

Congratulations to these students for achieving the following awards:

Principal's Bronze award Level 3: Heba

Principal's Bronze award Level 2: Stephanie

Principal's Bronze award Level 1: Ruby

Playground hero award: Darcy, Cody

Major works update

Quotes for our new all-weather shelter are currently being prepared with suggestions from the 'experts'.

Block E has been surveyed and plans are still being drawn up for the refurbishment of the support classrooms.

I expect to be able to approve commencement of painting and carpeting of the primary classrooms in Block B very soon.

School website

Have you visited our updated website yet? We would love your feedback and suggestions.

Keryn Hinchcliffe

Principal

19 October 2012

Dates For Your Diary

19 October	Play sessions for Kindy 2013 students 2 -2.55pm
24 October	Kindy orientation 9.15am kindergarten room
26 October	Play sessions 2-2.55pm
30 October	Preschool Orientation
31 October	Halloween Haunted House (Year 6 Fundraiser)
1 November	Assembly and afternoon coffee
4 November	P&C Bunnings BBQ Lidcombe
5 November	P&C meeting 6.30 in school library
7 November	Paint Parra Re(a)d Ermington Library, K-2 classes
8 November	Preschool Orientation
14 November	Repstravaganza
15 November	Assembly and afternoon coffee
21-23 Nov	Senior Camp
27 November	'Thank you parents' morning tea (<i>changed from 29 November</i>)
29 November	Assembly and afternoon coffee



Congratulations to Our Ozzie Mozzie Award Winners:



Katy	Abbey	Ansh	Chloe
Jayden	Chris	Kyan	

The scare of your life

On Halloween (31st of October), the year 6 students will be running a haunted house fundraiser. The haunted house will be held in Mrs Coker's room and there will be plenty of spooky stuff to scare even the bravest of kids.

Students may wear black and orange mufti on the day. \$3 will cover the cost of entry to the haunted house, mufti and a trick or treat surprise.



Nikita and Olivia J

Toys

This term, our infants students have been learning about how toys are made, how they move and how they have changed over time. 1/2K and 1/2O have been bringing in their favourite toys so they can write about them and describe why they like them to the class. Very soon the classes will start making their own toys with recycled materials that have been collected. We look forward to seeing some very creative toys being made!



Mitchell King

P&C

P&C Fundraiser BBQ (our last for the year) at Bunnings Lidcombe
Sunday 4 November

Volunteers needed to bbq & sell.

Contact Stephanie Williams to book your time

Ph. 0407322362 or email. Stephwilliams2009@hotmail.com

Next P&C meeting is Monday 5 November at 6.30pm in the Library.

Term 4 2012 Rydalmere East Public School

T 4	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT SUN
W 1	8 October <i>Staff and students return</i>	9 October	10 October <i>Footsteps Dance lessons</i>	11 October	12 October	13 14 Oct
2	15 October	16 October	17 October <i>School Photos Footsteps Dance lessons</i>	18 October <i>School Photos Assembly & afternoon tea</i>	19 October <i>Kindy play session 2pm</i>	20 21 Oct
3	22 October	23 October	24 October <i>Kindy Orientation Footsteps Dance lessons</i>	25 October	26 October <i>Kindy play session 2pm</i>	27 28 Oct
4	29 October	30 October <i>Preschool Orientation</i>	31 October <i>Year 6 Halloween haunted house Footsteps Dance lessons</i>	1 November <i>Assembly & afternoon tea</i>	2 November <i>Kindy play session 2pm</i>	3 4 Nov
5	5 November <i>P&C meeting</i>	6 November	7 November <i>Paint Parra Read K-2 Footsteps Dance lessons</i>	8 November <i>Preschool Orientation</i>	9 November	10 11 Nov
6	12 November	13 November	14 November <i>Repstravaganza</i>	15 November <i>Assembly & afternoon tea</i>	16 November	17 18 Nov
7	19 November	20 November	21 November <i>Yr6 Camp</i>	22 November <i>Camp</i>	23 November <i>Camp</i>	24 25 Nov
8	26 November	27 November <i>Helpers thank you morning tea</i>	28 November	29 November <i>Assembly & afternoon tea</i>	30 November	1 2 Dec
9	3 December <i>P&C meeting</i>	4 December <i>Presentation Day</i>	5 December <i>High school orientation day</i>	6 December	7 December	8 9 Dec
1 0	10 December	11 December	12 December <i>Reports sent home</i>	13 December <i>Assembly & afternoon tea</i>	14 December <i>Year 6 Farewell</i>	15 16 Dec
1 1	17 December	18 December <i>Fun day</i>	19 December	20 December SDD	21 December	22 23 Dec

For 2013 School resumes 29 January for staff, 30 January for Years 1-6.