



# *On The Grapevine*

## **A quality education in a caring, innovative environment**

*September 2012 (Issue 2)*

### ***Celebrating the Arts***

Congratulations to all our performers at the Celebrating the Arts concert at Parramatta Riverside Theatre on Wednesday 12 September. It was an entertaining evening for all. A special mention to Carmen Pereira for assisting with transport for students who may otherwise may not have been able to attend on the evening. Thank you to the dedicated teachers for their hard work in preparing our choir and hip hop dancers.

### ***Exciting work being undertaken***

I am currently organising quotes for our new all-weather shelter and look forward to being able to display the proposed plans next term.

It is anticipated I should receive early sketches of the plans for the refurbishment of Block E support classrooms at the beginning of next term.

I have elected to have all the primary classrooms in Block B painted (internally) and new carpet laid where needed.



### ***Promoting our school***

Our School Captains, Liam and Tianna, have been involved in promoting our school via a video clip on our website. We hope to have the virtual tour of our school ready to be uploaded early next term.

### ***SDD update***

On Saturday 15 September, staff attended a professional development day to discuss progress with the school targets and to analyse school NAPLAN results which became available on Friday 14 September. This informs our school planning and targets and allows us to start making necessary adjustments and build on success from the beginning of term 4.

### ***NAPLAN***

NAPLAN reports were sent home with year 3 and 5 students this week. Congratulations to our students on some outstanding results. I look forward to sharing school results in Term 4.

During the analysis of the NAPLAN results we detected an error which has impacted on the Year 5 school average for Spelling and Grammar and Punctuation.

Our school's data is currently being adjusted and will be available in late October .

The good news is the school average should **be higher for both**, closing the gap between the national and school average for Spelling and exceeding the national average by a greater gap for Grammar and Punctuation.

### ***Student Welfare***

Congratulations to these students for achieving the following awards:

Principal's Bronze award Level 3: Zahra, Lilli, Jade H, Heba

Principal's Bronze award Level 2: Sebastian

### ***Term 4 dance lessons***

Footsteps dance lessons will commence again in week 1 term 4 for 5 weeks. Thank you to our P&C for paying for these lessons for all our students K-6. The dances will be showcased at the annual *Repstravaganza* concert on Wednesday 14 November.

### ***Helping our children stay safe***

Thank you to all parents who have put the pedestrian flags out in the mornings & afternoons. The flags are in tubes near each gate and are an excellent visual reminder for all drivers to take care as they approach the pedestrian crossings near our school.

### ***School Photos***

School photos will be taken on 17 and 18 October. Envelopes will be handed out next term. Prices for photo packs range from \$30 to \$37.

*I wish you a safe and relaxing holiday*

*Keryn Hinchcliffe*

Principal

21 September 2012

### ***Dates For Your Diary***

<b>21 September</b>	Mini Kindy
<b>21 September</b>	Last day for Term 3
<b>8 October</b>	Staff and Students return for Term 4
<b>17-18 October</b>	School photos
<b>18 October</b>	Assembly and afternoon coffee



**Congratulations to Our Ozzie Mozzie Award Winners:**



Brendan (Yr 6)	Liam
Fraser	Darcy

### ***Infants Creative art groups***

This term our students in K-2 have had the great opportunity to participate in creative arts groups with members of our community. 1/2O and 1/2K really enjoyed learning Maltese with Mrs Galea, performing puppetry with Mrs Matthews, performing drama with Miss Colley and learning Sign language with Mrs Voss and a special visit from Mrs O'Hara.

Miss O and I would like to say a big thankyou to all our community members for volunteering their time and sharing their experiences and expertise with our students. This program has been so successful that we will be continuing next term.



### ***Ambulance Officer Visit***

This week our K-2 students and our preschool students had a visit from two ambulance officers. They heard about their job, got to see some pieces of equipment, had their heart rate monitored and most importantly, heard the siren and sat in the Ambulance.

Thank you to Fiona Mitchell and Jim who organised the visit, spoke with the classes and gave the students ambulance packs to take home.

*Mitchell King*

Lucy shows her sling to the Preschoolers

### ***Another Fabulous Subscription Provided for the Students of REPS***

We have recently purchased an online subscription from 'The Computer School', a company that specialises in easy-access online computer education.



Students can instantly access (24/7), numerous comprehensive, computer training tutorials. The tutorials are full colour, easy-to-follow screen-shots with step-by-step instructions covering an extensive and varied range of topics and software products such as:

**COMPUTER BASICS - INTERNET RESEARCH- WINDOWS 7 –MS WORD 2010 – MS POWERPOINT 2010 – MS EXCEL 2010... and many more.**

All you need to do is follow the instructions below:

- a) Use your internet browser to locate [www.thecomputerschool.net](http://www.thecomputerschool.net)
- b) From the drop down menu in the 'Log-in Box' - Select 'Skills Index'
- c) Log in using - **Username:** student  
**Password:** student

Please encourage your child/ren to log on and use this exciting new resource.

*Daria Ivanek*

### ***P&C***

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

### ***Flyers available from the front office***

- Mad Hatter's Fun Day 28 September
- Parramatta Council Spring Activities Guide
- Single with Children meetings for parents

# Term 4 2012 Rydalmere East Public School

<b>T 4</b>	<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>SAT SUN</b>
<b>W 1</b>	8 October <i>Staff and students return</i>	9 October	10 October <i>Footsteps Dance lessons</i>	11 October	12 October	13 14 Oct
<b>2</b>	15 October	16 October	17 October  <i>School Photos Footsteps Dance lessons</i>	18 October <i>School Photos Assembly &amp; afternoon tea</i>	19 October <i>Kindy play session 2pm</i>	20 21 Oct
<b>3</b>	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
<b>4</b>	29 October	30 October <i>Preschool Orientation</i>	31 October  <i>Footsteps Dance lessons</i>	1 November <i>Assembly &amp; afternoon tea</i>	2 November <i>Kindy play session 2pm</i>	3 4 Nov
<b>5</b>	5 November <i>P&amp;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
<b>6</b>	12 November	13 November	14 November  <i>Repstravaganza</i>	15 November <i>Assembly &amp; afternoon tea</i>	16 November	17 18 Nov
<b>7</b>	19 November	20 November	21 November <i>Proposed Yr6 Camp</i>	22 November <i>Proposed Yr6 Camp</i>	23 November <i>Proposed Yr6 Camp</i>	24 25 Nov
<b>8</b>	26 November	27 November	28 November	29 November <i>Helpers thank you morning tea Assembly &amp; afternoon tea</i>	30 November	1 2 Dec
<b>9</b>	3 December <i>P&amp;C meeting</i>	4 December <i>Presentation Day</i>	5 December	6 December	7 December	8 9 Dec
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For 2013 School resumes 29 January for staff, 30 January for Years 1-6.