



On The Grapevine

A quality education in a caring, innovative environment

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Maths and Science Expo

Following are images of our primary students enjoying the hands on displays at the Maths and Science Expo at UWS Parramatta campus.



Communicating with our community

At Rydalmere East PS, we want to make sure parents are receiving information and announcements in a timely manner. We also want to explore easy options for parents to provide feedback and make comments about the wonderful things happening in our school. We will be sending home a social media survey and would appreciate your completing and returning of this survey. The staff is committed to enhancing communication and interaction with our school community.

Committee members invited

Our English and maths committees are currently organising meetings to discuss progress with our school plan and setting our targets for next year. We appreciate and value parent input and extend an invitation to any interested community members to join these committees. Please leave your name at the office and we will contact you.

P&C AGM

Our P&C AGM has been moved to Monday 9 December at 6.30pm in the school library. I want to take this opportunity to thank the current P&C executive and members for their ongoing support.

Interrelate Program

Ermington West PS has organised Interrelate sessions for all local families on Tuesday 19 November starting at 5.30pm. The information about this excellent program is attached to this newsletter.



Casula Powerhouse excursion

Students explored the Powerhouse and attended workshops focussing on printmaking and found object sculpture

Parent Drop in Service

Just a reminder about the **drop in parent service Mondays from 2.15 -3:15pm.**

Nada Mohamed, Family and Community Worker for Parramatta Mission- Women and Children's Services is providing this weekly drop in service at school in the B block classroom closest to the breezeway (room next to 3 / 4H).

The aim of the service is to help support parents by providing assistance through information, support and education. There will be one on one advice available for parents that may include referrals for any specific needs including doctors, psychologist, parent support groups, playgroups and much more.

I encourage all parents to take advantage of this excellent, free service conveniently available at school.

Student Wellbeing

Principal's Silver Award:

Level 1: *Amira*

Principal's Bronze Awards:

Level 1: *Taylor, Abraham, Liam, Jacob B, TJ, Toby*

Level 2: *Andrew B, Kayla, Jacob B, Jasmin D, Timothy*

Level 3: *Kayla, Jacob B, Adam S*

Keryn Hinchcliffe

Principal

15 November 2013

Dates For Your Diary

18 November	Drop in parent service 2.15-3.15pm
21 November	Variety Christmas
25 November	Drop in parent service 2.15-3.15pm
26 November	Prefect speeches 2-3pm
27 November	Showcasing Excellence at Cumberland High School for Year 5
28 November	Assembly and afternoon coffee 1.55pm
3 December	Parent helper thank you morning tea from teachers
5 December	Morning tea for teachers from parents
6 December	Cumberland High School Band concert 9-10am
6 December	P&C Christmas Stall
9 December	P&C Christmas Stall
9 December	P&C AGM 6.30pm school library
10 December	Presentation Day
12 December	Year 6 farewell
13 December	Freaky Friday Disco
17 December	Fun Day



Congratulations to All Our Ozzie Mozzie Award Winners:



Ethan

Jasmin W

Nicholas E

Jayla

Tenaesha

Reading challenge

The NSW Premier's Reading Challenge Preview app is a great way for students to find new books and track their progress in the challenge. It's free to download.

To download the app: <http://apps.microsoft.com/windows/en-au/app/nsw-premiers-reading-challenge/7a451df8-214b-4cd7-92a8-f8a4ea6dbe78>

Understanding climate change

Is your child learning about climate change at school? CSIRO's scientists are learning how the earth's climate system works through observation, measurement and modelling.

Find out more: <http://www.csiro.au/Outcomes/Climate/Understanding.aspx>

P&C

WE NEED YOU!

Sunday 1st December

P&C Major Fundraiser

Bunnings BBQ, Lidcombe store

Volunteers needed to help sizzle the sausages & to serve the drinks/sangers.

Stall open from 8.30 to 4pm

Call now to reserve your hour. Just an hour or 2 of your time helps raise a lot of funds for our school

No experience or skill required, some people even think it's kind of fun ☺

Contact: Suzanne mbl. 0400474797 or email. psbarber@ozemail.com.au

When kids ask “the” questions .



Interrelate has the answers!

Interrelate's high quality sexuality and relationship education program is coming to your school! With more than 85 years' experience in this field, Interrelate has a reputation for providing excellence in sexuality and relationship education. Today over 35,000 students and family members participate in Interrelate school and family programs each year.

Many parents find it hard to discuss or answer questions relating to sexuality education . . . *We know how to 'help break the ice'*. Interrelate programs are interactive, family focused and presented in the context of caring relationships.

Our fully trained and experienced educators, who adhere to a strict code of ethics, conduct the program.

Infants Session: “Me and My Family”

45 minutes – Kinder to Year 2

Young children are affirmed in their role within their particular family structure. Basic female/male differences are clarified with appropriate language introduced for body parts. Personal safety strategies are discussed and the basic concepts of how babies are born and grow are covered.

Session 1: “Where Did I Come From?”

1 hour – Years 3, 4, 5 & 6

In this session children are eager to learn more about how their bodies work and the differences between males and females. This session extends their understanding of conception, fertilisation, foetal development and the birth process.

Session 2: “Preparing for Puberty”

1 hour – Years 5 & 6

This session helps to prepare children and parents/caregivers for the physical, social and emotional changes associated with puberty. Changing emotions and relationships with families and peers are addressed. Information is also presented on menstruation and wet dreams.

You and your child will benefit from the information presented in this program. The feedback is overwhelmingly positive. What parents have said about us:

“The educator has a great way of putting things simply”

“Provided me with a solid foundation”

“Covered areas I hadn't thought of talking about”

“Entertaining and informative”

Interrelate SCHOOL SERVICES presents A SPECIAL EVENING PROGRAM

FAMILY ADMISSION COST: 1 session \$25 • 2 sessions \$30 • 3 sessions \$35
(cost to the school, inclusive of GST, is \$27.50, \$33 or \$38.50 respectively)

Where: ERMINGTON WEST PUBLIC SCHOOL

When: Tuesday, 19th November 2013

Time: 5:30PM SHARP (“Me and My Family”) 6:30PM (“Where Did I Come From?”) 7:45PM (“Preparing for Puberty”)

Please Note: Speciality books are available for purchase on the night.

----- Please complete and return to the school office, with payment in an envelope labelled with student's name and class -----

A SPECIAL EVENING PROGRAM

Name of Family:

No. attending: ☐ Session 1: “Me and My Family” ☐ Session 2: “Where Did I Come From?”

☐ Session 3: “Preparing for Puberty”

Amount enclosed: \$ ☐ Cash ☐ Cheque *(please make cheques payable to school)*

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