



On The Grapevine

A quality education in a caring, innovative environment

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We farewell Mrs Pam Young, our School Administrative Officer (SAO) and wish her well in her retirement.

Presentation Day

There was a wonderful turnout of parents to celebrate student achievement and participation on presentation day. Congratulations to all our students and to our elected student leaders for 2014.

School captains - Mia Looyenga and Tom Beasley

Prefects - Maeve Barber	Fraser Garrett
Emma Zheng	Yeob Kim
Jennifer Kim	Lucas Echegaray

Prefects and
Captains 2013 and
2014

L to R
Mrs Hinchcliffe
presents Rita with the
Award for School
Spirit, Mrs Brown
presents Maeve with
the Environment
Award, Joel with his
Principal's Award,
Will receives his
Healthy Harold award
from Mr Ernie Kidd
from Ryde Hunters
Hill Life Education





The choir



3/4H award winners

Our foyer display by 4/5B



Promoting healthy eating and an active lifestyle with our colourful foyer display. Thank you to all the parents who, on Presentation Day, answered survey questions about the livelifewell@ school program.

Farewell Year 6

We farewelled our class of 2013 with a wonderful night of fun. Some of the year 6 students shared their reflections of their time in primary school at REPS. Some excerpts are below. Please go to the school website to read these in their entirety and many others

People ask me what school I come from. I say the most amazing school in Sydney, Rydalmere East Public School. Destyni

My valuable experience at REPS opened many doors to extraordinary opportunities which, without REPS would have seemed impossible. Now that I am looking at my final days at primary, I have realised that I would never have got into selective class or offered places at two respected high schools. Joel

For REPS is a 100 on a scale from 1 to 10. Sebastian

As the door closes on my primary school days, I look forward to the new set of doors I'll be opening at high school. Ayesha



The students and staff had a wonderful evening. Special thanks to Mrs Lesley Coker and her band of hard working parent helpers, Kelly, Kim, Helen, Jennie, Irene, Dolly and Lorraine.

We wish our Year 6 students all the very best as they move into high school.

Santa visits preschool

Our gorgeous pre-schoolers had their 'graduation ceremony' and Christmas concert on Wednesday and Thursday last week. All were very excited when Santa dropped by with a gift for each of them. We wish them all the best for their kindergarten year in 2014.



In the classroom

Recently the Year 6 students enthusiastically taught Year 1 and 2 a variety of lessons ranging from a cooking to science, art and dance.

Everyone organised themselves well, getting all the equipment and clearly outlining the lesson. All the children had a ball. Well done Year 6. *Mrs Smith*



Fun Day

A huge thank you to Carol Piper for her generosity. Not only did she donate the snow cones, she served on the stall all day and organised the jumping castle at 'mate's rates'. Thank you Carol. Thank you also to Suzie and Katherine for your help.

Student Wellbeing

Principal's Gold Award:

Level 1: *Jade G*

Principal's Silver Awards:

Level 1: *Ruby, Jemma*

Principal's Bronze Awards:

Level 1: *Flynn, Elias, Cain, Ethan T, Jaian*

Level 2: *Kevin, Fraser*

Level 3: *Harold, Freeman, Danielle*

I wish you all a safe and happy holiday and look forward to seeing you next year.

Keryn Hinchcliffe

Principal

17 December 2013

Dates For Your Diary

18 December	Bunnings community garden day 12-2.40pm
18 December	Last day of term 4 for students
29 January 2014	Years 1-6 students return
29-31 January 2014	Best start assessment for incoming kindergarten students
3 February 2014	Kindergarten students first day



Congratulations to All Our Ozzie Mozzie Award Winners:



Serena	Omar	Frederick	Daniel A
Mauro	Reuban	Luke D	Fox
Adam C	Kyan	Jackson	

P&C executive

Thank you to all the parents who attended the P&C AGM on Monday 9 December. I would like to acknowledge the outgoing office bearers and thank them for their tireless commitment and support of our school.

Congratulations to our newly elected P&C office bearers.

President: Suzanne Barber

Vice president: Melissa Welsh

Secretary: Jenny Snell

Assistant secretary: Anne - Marie Hewkins

Treasurer: René Thomas

Assistant treasurers: Jaheda Garcia and Stephanie Williams

Canteen manager: Carol Piper

Canteen treasurer: Katherine Jones

Fundraising coordinators: Carol Piper and Katherine Jones

Uniform shop coordinator: Gloria Kells

Homework and study

Have your say and tell us what you need to effectively help your child with homework and study.

Complete the School A to Z survey: <http://bit.ly/184BFR3>

School holiday camp competition

School holiday camp is great. Free school holiday camp is even better! Enter the competition to win a Kids' Holiday Camp for your child and a friend. The prize is valid for summer and Easter holiday camps.

Enter the competition: <http://www.dsr.nsw.gov.au/win/>

Dinovember

Cute alert! Look at the lengths these parents go to every November to convince their kids their plastic dinosaurs come to life at night and frolic through the house.

See the dinosaurs: <http://bit.ly/1e70E5b>

The world's oldest living creature

Care to guess what is oops WAS ... the world's oldest living creature? Here's a quick fact to get you guessing first, then impress your kids.

Science fact: <http://www.news.com.au/technology/science/yearold-clam-ming-worlds-oldest-creature/story-fnjwkt0b-1226759556979V>

Flyers available at office

- Parramatta City Council summer Activities guide
 - FX Zone Sports Centre & Trampoline Park
 - Millennium marching band
 - Bubble Dome Holiday workshops