

# On The Grapevine

## A quality education in a caring, innovative environment

*May 2013 (Issue 2)*

### ***John Alexander MP visit***



I was delighted to take the Federal Member of Parliament for Bennelong, Mr John Alexander on a school tour on Monday 21 May. He saw the recently completed COLA and Block E Refurbishment, was very interested in our sustainability initiatives and discussed some interesting projects he is trying to implement in Bennelong. We also discussed our future plans for safe access into the school at the bottom of the Spurway Street hill.

Mr Alexander also spoke of the Hyundai Bennelong Table Tennis Schools Program. Hyundai and Table Tennis Australia have joined forces to promote social and cultural interaction amongst local students through involvement in table tennis with each school in the Bennelong electorate being provided with a table tennis table. We look forward to ours being delivered.

### ***AG class welcome Jack Sierra***

We welcome Mr Jack Sierra who joins us each Monday. Mr Sierra is teaching the regional Academically Gifted (AG) class. Four of our own students, Jon, Seb, Jeremy and Jennifer are enjoying being involved in this class.

### ***Mal Smith***

We welcome Mr Ted Neilson who will be our General Assistant (GA) during Mr Mal Smith's absence.

### ***Walk safely to school day – colourful odd sock day***

Staff and students were wearing colourful odd socks today to raise awareness for walk to school day.





### ***Teacher professional development***

Our teaching staff is committed to ongoing professional development to ensure the best education for every one of our students.

On Tuesday 21 May, the Years 3-6 team of teachers had a full day of professional development that included the new English Syllabus and the tools available for program development, consistent teacher judgement and analysing student work samples. The K-2 team have planned their professional development day for Wednesday 29 May.

### ***Lost property***

There are lots of jumpers in lost property. Please label them clearly to ensure they are returned to their owners promptly. Unclaimed jumpers are stored and available for students to borrow during cold weather, should they forget or misplace their own.

### ***Premier's Debating Challenge***

Our Premiers debating challenge team made some convincing arguments that "Schools should have fewer holidays" in today's debate against Toongabbie PS. We congratulate our team Jon, Maeve, Joel, Olivia, Mia (chairperson) and Emma (timekeeper) on their excellent effort.

### ***In the classrooms***

We have invested in another set of 6 iPads for use in the classrooms. This technology supports group work and gives the students the opportunity to direct their own learning and research.

### ***Parenting course***

The '1-2-3 Magic' parenting was most successful. Sharlene has kindly offered to run another parenting program called 'The Guidance approach to discipline' which is a 5 week course. Please contact the front office for more information.

### ***Zone Cross country***

30 students represented the school at the Zone Cross Country Carnival on Wednesday 22 May at Parramatta Park. Congratulations to Fraser and Heidi who have qualified to represent the Zone at the Regional Cross Country Carnival. Thank you to Mrs Brown for organising our team and attending on the day and to Melinda and Jaheda for acting as team managers.

***On the website*** – 'on the Grapevine' is posted there in the Newsletter section and there's a gallery of colourful odd socks.

## *Open day for Kindy 2014*

Is your child starting  
Kindy in 2014?



You're invited to attend  
an 'Open Morning'  
at Rydalmere East Public School  
Tuesday 28 May 2013  
9:30 to 10:30am

*Come and enjoy a guided tour of the  
school. Share morning tea & a chat with  
our Principal, Keryn Hinchcliffe.*

*Please feel free to contact us on*  
9638 2250

On site Preschool available for  
students turning 4 by 31st July.

3 or 2 day sessions available.



### *Student Wellbeing*

Playground Hero: *Will* - *for helping out a younger student in the playground*

Congratulations to the following student receiving a Principal's Award.

Tom – Principal's Bronze award level 3

*Keryn Hinchcliffe*

Principal  
24 May 2013

### *Dates For Your Diary*

<b>27 May</b>	Sustainability lesson P'matta Council
<b>28 May</b>	Open morning tea for Kindy 2014
<b>3 June</b>	P&C meeting 6.30pm in the Library
<b>5 June</b>	ICAS Science
<b>6 June</b>	Assembly and afternoon coffee
<b>10 June</b>	Public holiday
<b>12-13 June</b>	Taronga Western Plains Zoo excursion



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



Farhad

Fox

### ***Premiers Reading Challenge***

I am hoping that many children are participating in the 2012/13 Premiers Reading Challenge. Children need to complete the challenge and enter their books on line by August 28. I need to validate your record once it is complete.

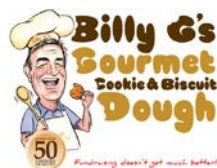
*Angelique Brown*

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

Orders are being taken for Entertainment books valid from June 2013 to June 2014. Order and pay online at [www.entertainmentbook.com.au/orderbooks/2148m89](http://www.entertainmentbook.com.au/orderbooks/2148m89). Books cost \$65 each. A copy is available in the front office for you to have a browse through.

### ***Woolies Earn and Learn***

Don't forget to collect your stickers at the checkout when you shop at Woolworths and put them in the box in our school office foyer. Last year we collected over 15,000 points, which provided some excellent resources for the classrooms.



Major fundraising initiative on behalf of the School P&C Committee

We are conducting a Billy G's Gourmet Cookie Dough Fundraiser as a major fundraiser for this term so we do ask for your support. Family support is most appreciated.

**Funds raised will provide additional resources for the students such as new equipment, sporting gear etc.**

Students have received a Billy's Gourmet Cookie Dough order form. An individual prize program has been included for every student/family that sells one or more tubs. The more tubs you sell the better the prize! And will also receive family discount vouchers for Baskin Robbins, Stefan salon, AMF Bowling & Pixie Photos valued at \$140. If you have misplaced your order form, please see the staff at the Canteen.

Once the fundraiser is complete, please detach the order form with your orders and don't forget to select a prize! Please return the order form along with your monies to the Canteen or Office on or before the 31<sup>st</sup>

May 2013. We will advise a date of when the cookie dough and prizes will be delivered to the school. Please ensure that you make arrangements to collect your cookie dough order on the day of delivery as the product is frozen and we do not have enough storage to store your order when the cookie dough arrives.

Happy fundraising!

**Help with reading, writing, spelling, maths and computer skills  
for adults at Meadowbank Campus of TAFE**

**Enrolment day: Wednesday, 26 June, 2013,  
from 12:00 to 7 pm.**

**Come to block R, level 1, room R1.7 at Meadowbank TAFE.**

Our courses are **FREE** for Permanent Residents and Australian Citizens.

We have day and evening classes.

For more information call

**The Literacy/Numeracy Centre 9942-3567**