



On The Grapevine

A quality education in a caring, innovative environment

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An exciting opportunity for Mr King

Mr King will be taking the regional role of *Numeracy Continuum K-10 Leader* for the remainder of this year. During this time, he will be based at Nirimba Education Precinct and will return to Rydalmere East at the beginning of 2014.

We are all very excited about this wonderful opportunity for Mr King. He will visit us regularly and we can book him to deliver professional development on using the numeracy continuum.

His new role involves providing expert leadership and direct support to teachers in primary and high schools in the region to:

- support teachers in the use the K-10 Numeracy Continuum
- build teacher capacity and expertise in the diagnosis of student numeracy learning needs
- assist colleagues to plan for the improvement of student outcomes in numeracy
- support the use of explicit and inclusive teaching strategies in numeracy to improve student learning

Currently, interviews are being organised for the position of class teacher for 1/2K. Ms Daria Ivanek will be Relieving Assistant Principal P-2 during Mr King's absence.

We look forward to Mr King's visits over the next two terms for professional development and his full time return in 2014. The deep understanding and knowledge Mr King will gain through the experience of being the Numeracy Continuum Leader will certainly benefit our school community.

In the classroom



3/4H Projects

Students in 3/4H have completed amazing projects about famous explorer of the sea. They found many creative ways to present their work.

Each student chose 5 activities from the list, which included: an advertisement for crew for their explorer's ship, a timeline, a map of the sea route, a ship's menu, a sea shanty or poem, a model or drawing of the ship, writing five questions they would ask if interviewing their explorer or writing about what their explorer would have seen when they arrived at the new land.

"We were so proud of what we did." Kayla

"Even our parents learnt something new." Jade G

"Sometimes it was stressful." Jack



Staff Development Day Term 3

On the staff development day on Monday 15 July we are attending a community of school professional learning day, with a focus on English, at Carlingford West PS. We have been actively involved in the planning process. As well as key note speakers, teachers from each school will attend workshops of choice.

Mrs Lesley Coker is leading the session for stage 3 teachers to unpack the new English syllabus and Ms Daria Ivanek is giving workshops on using Edmodo and Animoto to enhance student learning and develop 21Century learning skills in the classroom.

Teachers have elected various workshops to attend including the Super Six literacy strategies, Guided Reading strategies K-6, Gen Z learners, Exciting iPad Apps for the classroom and Early literacy guided reading K-2.

We look forward to a productive day and having the opportunity to work and network with other local schools.

Parent workshop

After the positive feedback from the last parent sessions Sharlene, from Parramatta Mission, is now offering a parent program to give parents effective discipline strategies.

The location is very convenient for all our families – right here at school and each session is only 2 hours. Please read about the program at the end of this newsletter and consider attending. This is great opportunity to receive expert advice with no cost and close to home!

Sharlene is the wonderful lady who also runs breakfast club, which is returning on Thursday mornings in Term 3 commencing 18 July.

Year5 and Year6 Camp Overnight at Dubbo Zoo

There will be student reports and photos in the next issue of the newsletter.

Parent Teacher interviews

Parent teacher interviews are on Tuesday 25 June from 3pm – 6pm. Each interview session is 10 minutes. We ask that parents are respectful of time. Another appointment with the teacher may be organised if necessary.

We look forward to seeing you.

Crossings and flags

A reminder to all parents about pedestrian crossing safety. It is important to check that traffic has or will stop before proceeding across the road. Thank you to the parents who put out and bring in the flags in the mornings and afternoons. Remember: anyone may do this!

On the website

Don't know what's on – have a look at the calendar. Information not on our website? We'd love to hear your ideas so please contact us.

Student Wellbeing

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

Maeve – Principal's Silver Award

Shania, Jasmin, Aidan, Ruby, Fraser, Ansh, Andrew– Principal's Bronze Award

Term 3 Calendar

As we are still finalising some dates the calendar will be sent out at the beginning of next term. Some confirmed events are listed in Dates for your diary.

I wish you all a happy and safe holiday.

Keryn Hinchcliffe

Principal

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Dates For Your Diary

24 June	Reports due home
25 June	Responsible pet ownership K-2
25 June	Parent / teacher interviews
28 June	Last day for Term 2
16 July	Students return for Term 3
18 July	Parent course 10am -12noon
24 July	OC test for year 4 students
30 July	Athletics carnival (Education week)
31 July	School Open Day (Education Week)



Congratulations to Our Ozzie Mozzie Award Winners:



Ashleigh	Daniel	Nate	Chris	Carla
Amilia	River	Chloe	Jasmin	Abbey

Primary News

Speech problems

All children learn how to talk and listen at different rates but there is a general pattern to children's language development. If you're worried about your child's speech development – or their teacher has concerns – the best thing you can do is get it checked out professionally.

Find out more: <http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/health/speech-problems>

P&C

***** Canteen will be closed on Friday 28 June (last day of term.)*****

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. Books cost \$65 each. A copy is available in the front office for you to have a browse through.

Woolies Earn and Learn - it's not too late!

Don't forget to bring in your stickers 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.

A guidance approach to discipline

Are you interested in a program that is going to help you manage your children's behaviour?

That is easy to get to and only goes for 1 1/2 hours for 6 short weeks?

Then this is the program for you.

This program aims to teach parents a different approach to raising children. The program will give parents various strategies on how to better discipline children in a more effective manner where both parents and children win.

Details:

Where: Rydalmere East Public School

**When: Thursday 18th July to the 15th of August
10am – 11:30am.**

Contact **Sharlene on 0448 825 219 for registration**