



On The Grapevine

A quality education in a caring, innovative environment

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Farewell Miss Russell



3-6R teacher Hedy Russell will be taking maternity leave from today. We wish Hedy all the best and look forward to welcoming her bub to the REPS family. Mrs O'Callaghan will be teaching the class until the end of this year. We also welcome Miss Tara Splarn who is currently teaching with Miss Razon in Kindy on Mondays to Wednesdays. Tara will teach 3/5H on Fridays.

Please return parent surveys
by Tuesday 4 November

Parent survey

We need to make plans for our school's next 3 year cycle and request your input. It would help us greatly if you could complete the mauve coloured surveys sent home last Tuesday. These are for parents to complete. Students will be given surveys specially designed for children.

Your responses are confidential and valued. Thank you to those families who have already returned their forms.

Bennelong Table tennis

Jaian, Fraser, Maeve and Emma represented our school at the Bennelong Cup table tennis competition. Mrs Hungerford was very proud when a teacher from another school commented on their sportsmanship and was delighted to see their skills improve as they competed through a full day of round robin competition. Our team was inspired by the skills shown by the Australian national players.



REPS table tennis team with John Alexander MP and the Australian and South Korean national teams

OOSH update

- ✓ 'Helping Hands' submitted the successful tender application and will be visiting our school on Monday to discuss set up
- ✓ Opening - Day 1 Term 1 2015
- ✓ Hours of Operation - mornings 6:30 to 8:30
- afternoons 2:55 to 6:00

P&C

Congratulations to the following office bearers who were elected at the recent AGM

President: Suzanne Barber

Vice President: Melissa Welsh

Treasurer: René Thomas

Assistant Treasurers: Jaheda Garcia and Stephanie Williams

Secretary: Jenny Snell

Assistant Secretary: Jennie Spenceley

Canteen Manager: Katherine Jones

Uniform shop manager: Gloria Kells

Fundraising Coordinator: Katherine Jones and Suzie Hanna

We look forward to another wonderful year of working together to support our students.

Headlice

Unfortunately, nits and headlice are a regular problem at all schools. When they occur it is necessary to treat them quickly and effectively.

In recent days we have been informed that headlice have been detected in some children. Please check your children's hair over the weekend. If any nits are found they should be treated immediately.

Student Wellbeing

Congratulations to the following students on achieving Principal's Awards:

Silver 1: *Kayla*

Bronze Level 3: *Jun, Luke C*

Keryn Hinchcliffe

Principal

31 October 2014

Dates For Your Diary

6 November	Repstravaganza auditions
13 November	Gala Day Cumberland HS Years 5&6
13 November	Assembly and afternoon coffee
19 November	REPSTRAVAGANZA
21 November	Online orders for group photos close (see page 6)
24 November	P&C meeting (Note change of date)



Congratulations to Our Ozzie Mozzie Award Winners:



Logan

Caelan

Meranai

In the classroom...

Miss O's year 1 class have been learning about life cycles and used this knowledge to label the parts of a flower on their colourful paper craft displayed in the office foyer.



What has been happening at Preschool?

This week has been a busy week for the Preschoolers who are so lucky to be included in most of the school activities.

The 'Haunted House ' was exciting for the children as they walked the dark corridor of the Year 6 room and were amazed with the lights and the dress up . (The older children were beautiful and made it fun not scary.) Thanks Mrs Coker and Year 6.

Also thanks to Mrs Brown and Year 4 who included us in a fundraiser for sick children. They made special iced biscuits which we enthusiastically consumed.

Last of all, on our busy Wednesday, we cooked with Mrs Narain. We used all of the eggs the chicken's had laid and made an amazing pasta dish that made the Preschoolers go back for seconds.



Year 6 Fundraiser - Haunted House Report



On Wednesday, 29 October 2014, year 6 freaked out the whole school when they transformed the classroom into a Haunted House. A variety of monsters and creepy beings dressed up for Halloween.

The purpose was to raise funds for a Year 6 gift to the school. The event was a massive hit and the students raised \$222.20.

Thankyou to our great school community for supporting this fundraiser.

Mrs Coker and Year 6



The Haunted House

The Haunted House was sooooooooo scary!

On Wednesday 29 October, the whole school entered the spooky haunted house. Inside there was a fright around every corner. Once you had entered, there was no turning back. There were creepy, bony hands grabbing your legs from under the tables and gooey spider eggs to feel. Even Albert Einstein was a zombie!

The Haunted House was awesome and money was raised for a good cause too.... Year Six's gift to the school!!

by Ben G (4/5B)

The Haunted House... 'Painting a Picture'

"BEWARE! KEEP OUT!!"

...dark room.. scary music.. eerie hands touching ankles.. screaming voices.. squishy eyeballs.. slippery, spider eggs.. skeleton bones grabbing our hands.. gruesome, magic mirrors.. creepy pumpkin skulls.. water dripping..splat..

"..a ghost! Aaahhh!!"

by Jun, Shayne, Katy and Matthew (4/5B)

Youth Eco Summit (YES)

On Wednesday 22 October, our class 4/5B and the other Primary classes went to the Youth Eco Summit where we learnt so many things about the environment and sustainability. We walked across Silverwater Bridge to the Newington Armory which is where the Eco Summit was held.

We managed to attend workshops and visit a huge number of tents which were connected to each other. There was a huge variety of interesting things to see, learn about and do.

We learnt about the importance of native bees and how to establish a hive in our school. There is nothing to worry about as the native bees don't sting!!

We participated in an activity that showed us all the things that flow into the Parramatta River. Did you know that by the year 2035 it is projected that people will be once again able to swim safely in the Parramatta River?

We saw frogs and toads, a sheep sheared and a cow milked. We watched how the cream from milk was churned into butter. We listened to a man play the didgeridoo which was quite amazing.

Some of us answered questionnaires and were given seedlings as a thank you. We made badges and some of us stood in front of a 'green screen' and suddenly found ourselves on television with a weather chart in the background.

There were Birdlife Australia volunteers there so we had a good chat to them about the 'Birds in Schools' program that we are involved in at school this year. We collected some colourful information cards and Hussnia noticed that there were some good plant suggestions for bringing back Superb Fairy Wrens to the school gardens.

At the end our class were given some silkworms as class pets! They were at the larva stage and some were beginning to spin their cocoons for the pupa stage.

At the end of the day we walked ... Yes! WALKED... back to school from the Eco Summit. We were really hot and almost all of us were as tired as marathon runners. Everyone had so much fun and we all want to go back next year.

by Rawda, Kora, Kobi and Danielle (4/5B)



4/5B Raised Money for Kids Cancer



I am Jade G and I am raising money for 'Kids Cancer' in the month of October by riding 200 kilometres on my bike. My class wanted to sponsor me by raising more funds so on Thursday 30 October, 4/5B had a fundraiser.

On Wednesday, 29 October, our class prepared tempting bicycle biscuits to sell in class. We also made orange and kiwi wheels for those who preferred fruit which is a healthy alternative. As a trial we had a pre-sale and practised our sales skills with the '3 day preschool' class.

On Thursday, 30 October we managed to sell great tasting biscuits to all classes at recess in the COLA. There were 300 biscuits to be sold to the students. The price of biscuits was: one biscuit for 40c or 3 biscuits for \$1.00. The orange and kiwi wheels were 50c. Our biscuit sale was a great success and we made a profit of \$94. We are pleased to know that this money will go towards helping fight Kids Cancer!

Jade G (written with Kayla on their XOs)



Music News

- Keyboard lessons have started this term and are held every Monday at school.
- Application forms to start lessons in 2015 are available from the front office.
- Group lessons are for 4-5 students and cost \$13.50 per child per lesson.
- See www.primarymusicinstitute.com.au for additional information.

Rydalmere East Public School - Sports/Specialty Group Photos

Dear Parent /Guardian,

MSP Photography recently photographed Sports/Specialty group photos at your child's school. They may be a member of one or more of these specialty groups.

From **28 OCTOBER 14** for a limited time we are taking orders for these groups online.

Cut-off date is 21 NOVEMBER 2014

Should you wish view and order any of these photographs, please go to:

www.mspsydney.photomerchant.net

(do not enter in google search)

You will need to use the following access code to gain entry into the portfolio of photographs:

R7D48ME9

The cost of each photo is **\$16.00**

***Please note that the website offers an option to send to home address but all photos will be delivered to the school office.**

IMPORTANT PLEASE NOTE:

When creating your order, please ensure that you include your child's NAME and CLASS in the PERSONAL INFORMATION Section, under NAME and also in the SHIPPING INFORMATION (not parent/guardian name). This ensures that when the photo orders arrive at the school, they go to the correct student.

If you require any further information feel free to contact us.

Kind Regards

MSP Photography Sydney

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Community news

Positive Parenting Program

- Thursdays 13, 20, 27 November and 4 December
- 1pm to 3pm
- Rydalmere Public School
397 Victoria Rd
Rydalmere

More info: Margarita Diaz 0434 198 236





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