



On The Grapevine

A quality education in a caring, innovative environment

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Our amazing swimmers

This year our swimming carnival was held at Granville Pool with Yates Ave PS.

We had a wonderful day. All our competitors are to be congratulated for their excellent results and outstanding behavior and support for our team.

Thank you

- To the parents who helped transport our swimmers to the carnival and acted as officials
- Melinda Matthews for taking photographs at the carnival. A selection of these can be seen on our website.



Congratulations to the following students who will represent our school at the Zone carnival on Thursday 6 March.

Aidan, Georgia, Jade H, Jade G, Jack, Brendan, Danielle, Mia, Maeve, Karina, Fraser, Toby, Kevin, Will and Riley T.

Gymnastics trial

Our students really enjoyed the opportunity to participate in a free gymnastics lesson in week 3. We have booked the Fit Futures Gymnastics 8 week program to commence in term 4. More information will be forwarded closer to the commencement of the program.



Woolies Earn and Learn

Our sporting equipment and gardening gloves have arrived. Thank you to all the families who helped us collect the points needed for this equipment.

A visit from our State MP

I was delighted to show off our almost completed nature walk pathway to Dr Geoff Lee MP for Parramatta during his visit last week. The pathway is still to be asphalted but is already being used for a convenient entry by many living on the river side of the school. Most of our signs are now installed and we are working on plans for seating and a parent waiting area near the gate entry. This project was possible because of the grant received from our P&C's application for community partnership funds .

ICAS Competitions

The time has come to register your interest for the International Competitions and Assessment for Schools. If you would like to enter your child/ren in any of the competitions please fill in a registration form and return it to the office, together with your payment by Friday 21 March. Forms are available at the office or alternatively you can download them from the school website under the community tab.

School Assembly

Our school assembly will be run every second Thursday from 2:00 to 2:25pm in the school hall. Parents are invited to stay at school for afternoon tea following the assembly each fortnight. Our next assembly is on Thursday 6 March.

Student Wellbeing

Congratulations to Jade G on achieving our first Gold Principal's award.

Newsletter on-line

Please help us support our environmental management plan of reducing our paper use. Our newsletter *On the Grapevine* is available as an email attachment or may be viewed from the Newsletter tab on our website.

Please complete the following to be listed as an *On the Grapevine* contact.

Name of child _____ Class _____

Email address _____

Display name _____

Mobile phones

Students are reminded to bring their mobile phones to the front office for safe keeping. Phones are not needed during school time and may be collected at the end of the day.

Keryn Hinchcliffe

Principal

24 February 2014

Dates For Your Diary

28 February	School Clean Up day
3 March	P&C meeting 6.30pm staff room
6 March	Zone swimming
7 March	P&C <i>in school</i> disco
13 March	Selective HS test
14 March	Halvorsen Park official opening 4pm
17-20 March	Life Education Van
19 March	Visit to Birdlife discovery Centre for Stage 3 students
24 March	Bunnings Rydalmere Opening



Congratulations to Our Ozzie Mozzie Award Winners:



Georgia

Matthew R

Music news

- ♪ Expressions of interest are being taken for a school band
- ♪ We are offering private tuition for clarinet, sax, flute and piano at a cost of \$20 per ½ hour
- ♪ Guitar lessons are available after school at a cost of \$20 per ½ hour
- ♪ String ensemble will commence term 2
- ♪ See Lesley Coker if you are interested in participating in our musical groups

Clean Up Australia Day

Students at REPS will be participating in Clean Up Day on Friday 28 February, with each class assigned to an area. The concept of *Nude Food* will be introduced to our classes with the intention of having a Nude Food day each week commencing in term 2. Nude Food gives our students an opportunity to learn how their food choices can impact on the environment as well as their health. Students will be encouraged to bring healthy, rubbish free food to school.



The simplest way
to improve the health of your family and save money

Come to our FREE Fruit & Veg Sense Workshop

Date: Thursday, 27th March

Time: 9am until 10:30am

Venue: Rydalmere East Public School

Did you know that eating enough fruit and vegetables all their lives can help protect children against diseases, including some forms of cancer? This **free workshop** run by Cancer Council NSW will show you how you can easily:

- 🍴 Save time and money making healthy meals
- 🍎 Learn clever ways to entice fussy eaters
- 📖 Get a free recipe book simply by attending

Don't miss out – registration is essential. To book your place please register no later than 24/03/14 by:

Calling or visiting the school front office or register online at

www.cancercouncil.org.au/eatittobeatit/register

The Eat It To Beat It program is supported by the Western Sydney Local Health District Live Life Well @ School Program.



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P&C Disco

Friday 7 March
during school time
\$6 entry includes
sausage sizzle,
drink and iceblock

Marsden High School

Open Day
Tuesday 11 March

4.30 to 6.30pm