



On The Grapevine

A quality education in a caring, innovative environment

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Easter hat parade, grandparents' day and book fair

All parents and community members are invited to visit our school for our Easter Hat parade, Grandparents' Day and Book Fair on Friday 11 April at 10am. More details on page 4 of this edition.

Life Education

The Ryde Hunters Hill Life Education Centre visited our school last week in their refurbished van. Their program provided our students with information empowering them to make informed decisions about health, lifestyle and cyber safety.

Excursion to the Birdlife Discovery Centre at The Armory, Newington

Our school has been selected to participate in the 'Birds in School' project. During this excursion students were shown how to effectively observe, collect and record birdlife data and are now keen to transfer this knowledge into the school environment.



Don't forget to pass the word around



EASTER FAMILY FUN DAY

At Rydalmere East

Tuesday 1st April

11:30 to 1:30

For local families with 1 to 4 year olds

FREE jumping castle, snow cones, Easter egg hunt
and a visit from the EASTER BUNNY

Harmony Day - Everyone Belongs

'I think Harmony Day is about friendships' - *Keira 2K*

'I think Harmony Day is about all the people of the world and getting dressed up' - *Elisha 2K*

'Harmony Day is about peace' – *Brody 5/6C*

Friendship is our code word for this edition.



News from 'The Crew'

Ever wondered what really happens at Rydalmere East PS? Well wonder no longer because 'The Crew' is HERE! The Crew will keep you informed and up to date with all the latest events and news but all from the students' point of view.

Who's The Crew?' We are - Mia, Maeve, Emma, Jennifer, Jade H, Jade G, Kayla, Lilli, Danielle, Fatma, Rawda and our supervisor, Ms Ivanek.

Look out for reports from The Crew starting next term in all sorts of places, including the Grapevine but also on the school website and the office TV.

Bunnings Sausage Sizzle thanks



Our P&C raised \$935.40 at our sausage sizzle on Sunday 16 March at the Lidcombe store.

Thank you so much to our helpers Suzanne and Peter Barber, Jennie Spenceley, Steve Lim, Ellie Shin, Glen Hewkins, Don Sillence, Katherine Jones, Carol Piper, Toa Fehoko, Marlene Thomas, Reneé Thomas, Ralph Garcia, Troy Williams and Scott Beasley. We sold out of 408 sausages and sold 158 drinks.

Rydalmere Bunnings opening

Thank you to our talented staff and P&C for providing a generous morning tea at the opening of Bunnings new store at Rydalmere on Tuesday 25 March. The school was presented with a framed photo collection to commemorate the joint community project that involved the beautification of the top Spurway St entrance. Maeve, Jack, Alexander M, Chloe W, Aidan, Kayla, Jayden and Luke D were wonderful ambassadors for our school passing around platters of cakes to the guests.

Apologies....

Some helpers for the school disco were omitted. The full list should have read Suzie H, Carol, Billy, Tommy, Stephanie W, Jaheda, Rose, Chloe, Don, Nerissa and Margaret.

Your efforts were very much appreciated.

Next School Assembly – Thursday 3 April 2:00 to 2:25 in the hall

Student Wellbeing

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

Bronze Level 3: *Aidan*

Bronze Level 2: *Abraham, Jennifer*

Silver Level 1: *Maeve*

Silver Level 2: *Maeve*

Keryn Hinchcliffe

Principal

28 March 2014

Read On The Grapevine
and have a chance to receive a
prize! Just write the code word on
a piece of paper with your eldest
child's name and pop your entry
in the box located in the front
foyer. Entries close next
Wednesday. There's a prize to be
won for each edition.

Dates For Your Diary

30 March	P&C Cake stall at Bunnings Rydalmere
1 April	Easter family fun day for toddlers and preschoolers 11.30 to 1:30pm
3 April	Autism awareness day – wear blue coloured mufti
4 April	Year 5 & 6 car wash
6 April	P&C Grounds Force Day 8:30 to 12 noon
7 April	P&C meeting 6.30pm staffroom in Admin block
10 April	Marsden High School Showcase
11 April	Easter hat parade, Grandparents 'Day & Book Fair



Congratulations to Our Ozzie Mozzie Award Winners:



Logan	Fatma	William H	Nicholas E
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Preschool news

Our preschool classes have settled in well this year. We have been very busy planting sunflowers, strawberries, lemon balm and peppermint in our sensory garden. The preschool children have been sorting their lunch scraps to feed the worms and top up our compost heap. They are becoming very knowledgeable about the scraps worms can and can't eat.

We are also seeking donations of unwanted cane baskets to store our equipment, garden statues or other suitable items for our sensory garden.

Please speak to Mrs Narain if you are able to donate any unwanted items to the preschool.

Thank you

Preschool staff

Nude Food Day

- Each Thursday starting term 2
- Students are encouraged to bring healthy food in reusable containers
- 'Nude food = healthy body + healthy planet' *Kayla 4/5B*

Autism Awareness Day

On Wednesday 3 April our school will host an Autism Awareness Day. To celebrate this event, students will be allowed to wear blue coloured mufti and will participate in class activities to highlight the need for education and awareness of autism in our community.

Hedy Russell



Debating Camp



On 17 -18 March, four students went to Katoomba for a debating camp. We took part in a number of sessions helping us to develop a debate using method and matter. During these sessions, we got to plan, write and practise our debate with other students.

On our last day, we continued to prepare for our debate and received more advice before debating other students. To top it off, we saw the Three Sisters and had our last scrumptious meal before heading home.

It was a great experience and we would gladly go again.

Emma, Jennifer, Mia and Maere

National Ride2School Day



Our school incorporated this event with the walking/riding excursion to the Birdlife Discovery Centre. Sixteen students pedalled to Newington, utilising the bike paths along the Parramatta River. Thank you to Glen Hewkins who rode with us, fixed bike chains and pumped up deflated tyres.



Car wash- Friday, 4th April

Years 5 and 6 will make your car sparkle next Friday. For only \$7 you can relax while we wash your car. Open from 9:00-1:00pm.

Book at the school office by phone or in person.

Lesley Coker and 5/6 students.

Easter Hat Parade & Grandparents' Day

All parents and community members are invited to visit our school for a wonderful Easter Hat Parade in our covered area.

When: Friday 11 April at 10.00am

Who: Preschool to Year 6

Enjoy an amazing parade of Easter hats. Join in the fun.

Visit the Library after the parade for the book fair with a variety of books for sale.

The canteen will not be open for orders.

Wraps, sandwiches, fruit salad and hot food available at the conclusion of the parade.

Coffee van to visit.

