



# On The Grapevine

## A quality education in a caring, innovative environment

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Congratulations to our Zone representatives for their excellent performance and behavior at the Zone Swimming carnival.

### ***On Our website***

Our website now has a translate button at the top of the home page. Select a language from the drop down box. A mobile friendly version is also available.

### ***Harmony Day***

Celebrate Australia's diversity by participating in Harmony Day on Friday 21 March. Students are encouraged to wear a national costume or accessorise their uniform with orange. More details will be discussed with students in class.

### ***Have you seen....***

- The photo and article about our shade shelter in this week's local paper?
- Our new volleyball facility next to the basketball court?
- The Easter family fun day poster? – there's one at the back of this edition

### ***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 20 March.

### ***Student Wellbeing***

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

Bronze Level 3: TJ

Bronze Level 2: Ethan

Bronze Level 1: Daniel A

Silver Level 1: Zahra, Alexander M

## Disco



**Muchas gracias** to our wonderful parent helpers Katherine, Chloe, Don, Carol, Suzie & Kate.

Your efforts in organising and running the disco and sausage sizzle last Friday were much appreciated.

More of Chloe's photos will be posted on our website

'I loved the glow sticks and doing the hokey pokey' *Charlotte Yr 2*



*Keryn Hinchcliffe*

Principal

13 March 2014

## Dates For Your Diary

<b>13 March</b>	Selective HS test
<b>14 March</b>	Halvorsen Park official opening 4pm
<b>17-20 March</b>	Life Education van
<b>19 March</b>	Visit to Birdlife discovery Centre for Stage 3 students
<b>19 March</b>	Ride to school day
<b>20 March</b>	Assembly and afternoon coffee
<b>21 March</b>	Harmony Day
<b>24 March</b>	Bunnings Rydalmere Opening
<b>1 April</b>	Easter family fun day for toddlers and preschoolers 11.30 to 1pm
<b>4 April</b>	Year 5 & 6 car wash
<b>10 April</b>	Marsden High School Showcase
<b>11 April</b>	Easter hat parade, Grandparents'Day & Book Fair



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



Joshua	Antwione	Orlando	Ann
Alaa	Kobi	Hussnia	Mallek

## Premiers Reading Challenge (2013-14)

Students can now login to the 2013-14 Premiers Reading Challenge website and begin to record the books that they have read.

On 22 August, the PRC website closes for students so they need to complete the challenge and enter their results prior to this day.

All students should be able to register by using their school username and password.

*Angelique Brown*

## ***Nude Food Day***

Last Friday students in all classes, K-6 were introduced to the concept of Nude Food Day by presenters from 4/5B. Students will develop an awareness of how unrecusable waste is damaging to the environment and realise that they can take small steps to reduce waste.

A colouring competition was held to promote this concept, and two children from each stage won a healthy fruit salad snack in a reusable container.



Congratulations to:

Renee (Kindy), William (Kindy), Reuben (Year 1), Gigi (Year 2), Clare (Year 3), Brendan (Year 4), Masson (Year 5) and Jordan (Year 5).

Starting next term, every Thursday will be Nude Food Day at school. Students need to bring healthy lunches and snacks in reusable packaging. There will be bins for compost, however, any packaging that is

not reusable needs to go home with the child as no rubbish bins will be available.

*Angelique Brown and Judy Hungerford*

## ***National Ride2School Day***

Wednesday 19 March 2014 marks the eighth National Ride2School Day, where over 250,000 Australian children, just like yours, will ride and walk to school. It is a day about celebrating riding and walking and encouraging everyone to give it a go!

Not only is riding and walking a fun way to get to school, but it also contributes to your children's daily physical activity needs.

Although some of you live far away, or have conflicting commitments that makes it difficult to ride and walk every day, even going by bike or foot for part of the way, or on some of the days is still great!

As special event all students attending the Birds In Schools excursion to Sydney Olympic Park on National Ride2School Day will either ride or walk to the venue.

For more information visit [ride2school.com.au](http://ride2school.com.au)

*Daria Ivanek*



## ***Volunteers needed for the Multilit Reading Program***

***Can you spare as little as 30 minutes a week to work one-to-one with students in Yr 2 and Yr 3?***

Mrs Robyn McDonald, our Learning and Support Teacher on Wednesdays, co-ordinates a reading program called Multilit (Making Up Lost Time In Literacy) a well-researched program which was created at Macquarie University.

Multilit involves intensive, systematic instruction in phonics and word attack skills, sight word recognition and supported book reading in a one-to-one context.

Training and support will be given to new volunteers – unfortunately it is not possible to bring toddlers when volunteering unless they can play quietly and not disturb the students who are doing the program.

Please contact the school, see Mrs McDonald on Wednesdays when she is at Rydalmere East PS or speak to Ms Ivanek or Mrs Mansfield on other days about the Multilit Reading Program.





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

## Come to our FREE Fruit & Veg Sense Workshop

Date: Thursday, 27<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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.



Health  
Western Sydney  
Local Health District



*You're invited...*

to the official opening of Bunnings  
Rydalmere store

*Tuesday 25 March at 9am*

Special guest is Western Sydney Wanderers coach, Tony Popovic who will open the store.

**DHA Defence Housing Australia**

**Official Opening of Halvorsen Park  
at AE2 Ermington**

Friday 14 March 4pm to 6pm  
Halvorsen Park, Winnya Street  
Ermington



## Rydalmere East Public School

**invites ALL our local families to bring their  
toddlers and pre-school age children to join in the fun  
at our...**

## **EASTER FAMILY FUN DAY.**

➤ **APRIL 1<sup>st</sup>, 2014 from 11:30- 1:30**

**Bring a picnic lunch and enjoy FREE**

**Jumping Castle, snow cones, Easter egg hunt,**

**Lots of fun activities for the kids AND...**

**a visit from the EASTER BUNNY.**

