



On The Grapevine

A quality education in a caring, innovative environment

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In the classroom...

Emma in Year 6 has written an amazing narrative based on medieval times following their study of the Magna Carta. We will be uploading her story onto our school website. Well done Emma!

Shayne in Year 5 fashioned some wonderful caricatures out of pipe cleaners. The wolverine was especially creative.



MiniKindy

Our mini kindy sessions have been well attended. Our last session is this week on Wednesday 28 May. Playsessions have been scheduled for next term to allow for more opportunities for pre-schoolers to experience 'big school'.

Starting Kindy in 2015?

Let friends and neighbours know we are taking enrolments for Kindy 2015 now. Pop into the office for an enrolment form.

Zone Cross Country

32 students represented our school at the Zone cross Country Carnival on Tuesday 20 May. A huge thank you to Melinda Matthews for taking on the role as team manager and to Angelique Brown for coordinating the team. Congratulations to Danielle(1st) Mia (2nd) Fraser (3rd) Brendan (4th) and Jade (5th) who placed in their respective age group races and will now progress to the Area Cross country carnival. (read Mrs Browns report on page 3 of this newsletter)

Our representatives to go onto the Area cross country carnival



Student Wellbeing

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

Bronze Level 2: *Matthew R*

Bronze Level 1: *Nicholas E, Kobi*

Silver Level 1: *Timmy*

Playground Heroes:

Jayla: inviting others to join in sandpit play

Will: being a 'buddy' to many younger students

Voluntary contribution update

Thank you to parents who have paid the school contribution. We have receipted over \$1600 so far this year.

The Crew

Our student reporting crew has been working hard under the guidance of Ms Ivanek. Their Naplan interviews can be seen on our website under the 'News' tab and we're looking forward to viewing their movie on the Admin foyer screen shortly.

Onsite services for our families!

We are most fortunate to have the services of a family and community worker available to run parenting programs and provide a drop in service for parents on the school site. Please read the information below.

*Guidance Approach is a **parenting program** that 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.*

This will be running for 6 weeks at the school from 10am-12:30pm Thursday mornings, first session will be the coming Thursday 29 May.

*My name is Nada Mohamed and I am a Family and Community Officer at Parramatta Mission. I work with many of the families that attend the school and provide a **drop in service every Wednesday from 2:30-4:30 for parents**. This service is to provide families with advice and information and/or referrals. The drop in service would be starting this Wednesday 28 May.*

Both the parenting program and drop in service will be located in the room in Block B nearest the breezeway.

National Sorry Day

Today is National Sorry Day. Below is an extract from the National Sorry Day Committee (NSDC) site.

National Sorry Day is a very significant day for Australia's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, and particularly for Stolen Generations survivors.

Almost every Aboriginal family (and some Torres Strait Islander families) today can identify the loss of family members due to the forcible removal policies. The children that were removed and separated from their families grew up without an understanding of traditional knowledge culture and without a sense of connection to the land and country where they were born. This disconnection from their families, ancestors, communities and culture has had a lasting and negative effect on the wellbeing and identity of Stolen Generations members, and has had an intergenerational impact on their children and families. It is likely that these effects will continue into the future.

On 26 May 1998 the first 'Sorry Day' was held in Sydney. It is now commemorated across Australia, with many thousands of people participating in memorials and commemorative events, in honour of the Stolen Generations

Keryn Hinchcliffe

Principal
25 May 2014

Lost something?

There are lots of jumpers and lunchboxes in the basket in the foyer. Please clearly label items to ensure their return.

Dates For Your Diary

28 May	Mini Kindy 12 – 1pm
28 May	CTA Choir rehearsal Greystanes PS
1 June	P&C Bunnings barbeque Rydalmere store
2 June	P&C meeting 6pm staffroom Admin block
4 June	ICAS Science



Congratulations to Our Ozzie Mozzie Award Winners:



Jun	Peter	Georgia B
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Parramatta Merrylands Zone Cross Country (2014)

On Tuesday, 32 students (Year 2-Year 6) travelled to Parramatta Park to represent our school at the



Zone Cross Country. This was the largest team we have ever had competing. Thank you to our wonderful reserves (Lucas E, Yeob and Brody) who happily replaced students who did not attend.

I would like to say how incredibly proud I was of the children's individual efforts, positive attitude and participation on the day. They were cooperative, well-behaved and encouraged each other during and after the races.

Thank you to the wonderful parents, and other family members and friends who came

to support the children. A huge and special thank you must go to Melinda Matthews who did an amazing job as team manager. She worked tirelessly keeping an eye on the competitors, ensuring that they didn't miss their race, recording the team's points and so much more.

Special mention must go to five outstanding runners who have all qualified to compete at the Area Cross Country: Danielle M (1st 10 year girls), Mia L (2nd 11 year girls), Fraser G (3rd 12 year boys), Brendan M (4th 10 year boys) and Jade G (5th 8/9 year girls). Congratulations and good luck at the Area carnival!

Angelique Brown

Debating

On Wednesday 21 May the Rydalmere East Ozzie Mozzies competed against Toongabbie West in the first round of the Premier's Debating Challenge. The girls were the negative team and had 1 hour to prepare their arguments for the topic "girls and boys should go to separate schools".

Mia, Emma, Maeve and Jen have worked very hard in the lead up to this debate and they should be proud that their hard work has resulted in a win - well done girls!

Miss O



**P&C Bunnings Barbeque
@ Rydalmere store
Sunday 1st June
Volunteers required for the afternoon timeslots
Phone Stephanie Williams on 0407 322362 if you
can help**

Living Eggs Program

The preschool have recently participated in a ten day experience where the children have had the opportunity to see ten chicks hatching in the classroom. The children were very excited to observe, clean and nurture the chickens over the ten day cycle.



Steps Screening

All of the preschool children have had a free vision screening carried out by the Statewide Eyesight Preschooler Screening program this week. The children were very co-operative pirates.



Tracey Arbolino

HEADLICE

In recent days we have been informed that headlice have been found on some children.

We strongly suggest that ALL FAMILIES check their children's hair tonight. If any are found they should be treated immediately.

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 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: Thursdays from 10am-12:30pm

Contact Nada on 0448 825 219 for registration

Term Two	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Week 1	28 April SDD	29 April ANZAC Ceremony 11.30am	30 April	1 May	2 May
2	5 May P&C Meeting	6 May School cross country carnival Mother's Day Stall	7 May	8 May Assembly 1.55pm	9 May Stewart House Day Mother's Day Stall
3	12 May	13 May NAPLAN	14 May NAPLAN Mini Kindy 12-1pm	15 May NAPLAN	16 May
4	19 May Computer skills test	20 May Zone Cross Country Carnival Eye test - preschool	21 May Premieres Debating challenge Mini Kindy 12-1pm	22 May Eye test - preschool Assembly 1.55pm	23 May Walk safely to school day
5	26 May	27 May	28 May Choir CTA rehearsal Mini Kindy 12-1pm Parent drop in service 2.30pm	29 May Parenting program 10-12	30 May
6	2 June P&C Meeting	3 June Know your waste K-6	4 June Parent drop in service 2.30pm	5 June Parenting program 10-12 Assembly 1.55pm	6 June
7	9 June QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY	10 June	11 June Parent drop in service 2.30pm	12 June Parenting program 10-12	13 June Reports sent home
8	16 June Know your waste- preschool	17 June Parent teacher interviews	18 June Birds in schools incursion Yrs 4-6 Cumberland HS band Parent drop in service 2.30pm	19 June Assembly 1.55pm	20 June Know your waste- preschool
9	23 June	24 June Feed a devil day	25 June Premieres Debating challenge Parent drop in service 2.30pm	26 June	27 June
Hols	30 June	1 July	2 July	3 July	4 July
Hols	7 July	8 July	9 July	10 July	11 July