



On The Grapevine

October 2015 (Issue 1)

Rydalmere East Public School presents...

Do Not Forget Australia



an Australian play with music commemorating the centenary of World War 1



Wednesday 11 November

6:30 pm in the school hall

Gold coin entry to be donated to Legacy

All families attending will receive a commemorative medal

Please join us as we remember and honour the service and sacrifice of so many

Lest We Forget

Youth Eco Summit

Students from years 5 and 6 walked to the Youth Eco Summit at Newington Armory accompanied by Miss O'Flaherty, Ms Krautloher and Mrs Dawson. The Eco Summit showcases sustainability in many forms including health and wellbeing, the environment and skills for the 21st century. One of the great ideas was the vertical garden of succulents for reducing the amount of radiant reaching the walls of buildings.



In the classroom



This week I had the pleasure of visits from Anya, Kobe, HyunJu, Alysha, Raphael and Aston, to share their interesting writing. I enjoyed hearing about weekend activities, the retelling of stories and some information about the gymnastics lessons the students are currently attending on Fridays.

HyunJu, Anya and Kobe with Mrs Hinchcliffe

More playground equipment

Additional modular block sets were purchased for the playground using our P&C grant money. Students enjoy the creative play and use the blocks for imaginative play and for constructions such as houses, racing cars and towers.

Skoolbag- communicating with parents

To offer an effective tool for immediate communication with parents the school has purchased the Skoolbag App. This app will soon be available for our parents to download for free and means the school can update parents instantly with newsletters, pictures, videos, SMS, notes, events etc .



Tell them from me – Student survey results

Student Engagement is an important schooling outcome as a key measure of student success. The *Tell them from me* student survey measures many aspects of engagement. Our students in Years 4-6 completed their second survey for 2015 last term. We compared the data with the previous survey and the results are most pleasing.

Social engagement : (actively involved in the life of the school, sense of belonging)

- ❖ An increase from 78% to 82% in positive relationships
- ❖ The % of students participating in sports and clubs continues to exceed the NSW government norm (boys higher than girls)
- ❖ Sense of belonging was static at 78%

Institutional engagement (believe what they learn is related to their long term success and is reflected in their behaviour and effort)

- ❖ 99% value schooling outcomes (above the norm)
- ❖ An increase from 81% to 89% (above the norm) for positive school behaviour (Year 4 increased 14%)
- ❖ Homework behaviour declined 6% to 62% - Years 4 and 5 showed an increase however Year 6 decreased. The very small cohort can distort %.

Intellectual engagement (emotional and cognitive investment in learning using higher order thinking skills. Closely tied with the quality of instruction)

These results were particularly pleasing in light of our focus on classroom instruction, student engagement and impact on student outcomes as outlined in our school plan.

School scores exceeded the norm in all areas

- ❖ Interest and motivation up 10% to 89% (Years 4 and 5 both increased)
- ❖ Effort up 3% to 94% (both boys and girls had high % and exceeded the norm)
- ❖ Quality and instruction up 7% to 97%

The valuable data from these surveys will be analysed and used to inform planning and focus areas for 2016.

Are you moving house?

We are currently planning our classes for 2016. Parents of students in years K - 5, please contact the school if you know your child will not be returning in 2016.

Selective High School 2017

Applications close on 16 November 2015 for Year 7 selective high school entry in 2017. More information at www.schools.nsw.edu.au/shsplacement

Student Wellbeing

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

Bronze Level 1: *Kyan, Jamaya, Omar, Rachel C*
Bronze Level 2: *Adem, Mikayla*
Bronze Level 3: *Ben B*

Keryn Hinchcliffe

Principal

30 October 2015

Dates For Your Diary

1 November	Bunnings Rydalmere BBQ
3 November	School photos
5 November	School photos
11 November	Musical 'Do Not Forget Australia'
12 November	Assembly 1:55pm then afternoon coffee
13 November	Bennelong Cup table tennis competition
17-19 November	Years 5 and 6 camp
23 November	P&C meeting AGM

Congratulations to Our Ozzie Mozzie Award Winners:



Danielle R M	Renee	Charlotte McG	James P
Zoey	Mohammad KC	Ceyda	Jessica L

Library Borrowers' award



Congratulations to Riley, the borrowers' award winner for term 3

Don't forget

Bunnings Rydalmere BBQ

Sunday 1 November

More helpers are required.

Please call René on 0412084786 to volunteer