



On The Grapevine

A quality education in a caring, innovative environment

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Thanks to Margaret Kelly and Melissa Welsh who have done an amazing amount of work in the garden, weeding and planting annuals. Melissa has been here for more than a week!!

Staff update

Due to unforeseen circumstances Mrs Lesley Coker will be on leave for the remainder of 2015. We look forward to her return in 2016.

Paul Salviani has joined the staff at REPS as our school counsellor. Paul works on Wednesdays and Friday morning of the odd numbered school week.

Primary syllabus

The Board of Studies Parents' Guide to the NSW Primary Syllabus is available for parents to help them follow their child's early learning. There's a link on our website under the *Curriculum and Activities* tab.



Police Youth Liaison Officer Visit

Our local Police Youth Liaison officer Constable Elie El-Jammal visited our school last week. He presented relevant talks about safety to the K-2 group and the years 3-6 group.

Swimming carnival

Thank you to Miss O'Flaherty for organizing our swimming carnival on 13 February at Granville Swimming Centre. Our swimmers had a wonderful day with Yates Ave Public School. Thank you to parents for providing transport and supporting our students on the day. Congratulations and best wishes to the swimmers representing our school at the zone carnival next week at Parramatta pool.

Event cinema ticket give away

We have 2 booklets of 5 tickets to give away. Details on how to be in the draw will be published in the next issue of On the Grapevine.

School Office hours

Our school office is open from 8:15am to 3:30pm to answer your phone calls and enquiries.

Keryn Hinchcliffe

Principal

28 February 2015

Congratulations to Our Ozzie Mozzie Award Winner:



Caitlyn

Dates For Your Diary

27 February	School Clean Up day
2 March	Cumberland High School Open evening 5-8pm
3 March	Zone swimming Parramatta pool
4 March	Infants water play day
5 March	School assembly 1:55pm in the hall
10 March	Marsden High School Open Day 4:30-6:30pm
11 March	Positive Parenting Program 9:15-11:15am
16 March	P&C meeting 6:30pm
16-19 March	Life Education
16-17 March	Debating camp at Katoomba

Preschool News

Our new preschool classes have settled in well this year. We have been very busy gardening, cooking and playing with our new friends. We have been out exploring the primary school grounds, looking at signs around our school and discussing safe pathways to walk to our preschool class. Thank you to all the preschool families who role model road safety by using the pathways and not walking through or parking in the staff carpark.



Helping Hands @ REPS

Outside School Hours Care

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There's lots of lost property in the office.

Drink bottles, lunchboxes and jumpers. Please claim yours.

Labelled possessions are returned promptly.

FREE TRIPLE P PROGRAM 0-12 YEAR SEMINAR

THE POWER OF POSITIVE PARENTING

FIVE WEEK PARENTING COURSE

The **three P's** in '**Triple P**' stand for '**Positive Parenting Program**'. The system is very effective in reducing behaviour problems; more than half of its 17 strategies are focused on developing positive relationships, attitudes, skills and conduct. Triple P teaches parents broader principles that may be applied positively in most parenting situations. Its aim is prevention of problems in the family, school and community, and creation of family, school and community, and creation of family environments that encourage children to realise their potential.

Triple P helps parents:

Create a stable, supportive, harmonious family environment.

Teach their children they need to get along with others.

Deal positively, consistently and decisively with problem behaviour should it arise.

Encourage behaviour that they like.

Develop realistic expectations of their children and themselves. Take care of themselves as parents.

Commencing on 25th of March 2015 for a five week duration.

TIME: 9:15am to 11:15am, Thursdays.

VENUE: Rydalmere East Public School – Spurway Road, Ermington

PRESENTER: Sharlene Pasqual - Family and Community Worker from Parramatta Mission.

Please contact **Sharlene Pasqual** on 0439 978 721 or

sharlene.pasqual@parramattamission.org.au to register for the sessions.