



On The Grapevine

A quality education in a caring, innovative environment

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Parent teacher interviews and School reports

Parent teacher interviews will take place on Tuesday 23 June. Your child's teacher has allocated a 10 minute interview time. We look forward to meeting with you to discuss your child's education.

Reminder to parents of year 5 students – Keep the report in a safe place as it may be required for the high school enrolment process

ADF Family and Community support grant success

We are excited that our application for Defence school transition aide program has been successful. The input from ADF community was important in gaining this grant and Mrs Hinchcliffe will be organising a meeting early next term to discuss with our ADF families to prioritise our proposed initiatives and programs.

Featherdale Farm excursion

Our Preschool to Year 2 students travelled to Featherdale Farm to enrich their knowledge of 'Living Things'. Students from K/1 described their favourite animal.

'I liked the koala because it was cute.' Jamaya

'I liked the parrots because they are like rainbows.' Mahdi

'The lizards were really long.' Poppy

'The kangaroos were my favourite. They hop and we fed them.' Ceyda

More photos have been posted on our website.



Playground refurbishment



Staff from Urban Landscape Planning visited our school last week to meet with our student representatives who voted on a variety of playground designs. Our P&C was successful in obtaining a grant for these improvements and it is hoped that work will commence during term 3.

Student representatives vote on playground designs

Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability

This year all Government and non-Government schools across Australia are required to participate annually in the Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability (NCCD). More information regarding this program including privacy issues can be found on page 4 of this newsletter.

Children living safely with dogs

Mrs Shirley and her English Setter dog, Cane, demonstrated to our Infants students about being responsible around dogs.

'We learnt how to keep safe when you see an angry dog.' Alisa (KS)

'When a dog looks angry you look at the floor and be as quiet as a mouse, then the dog knows you don't want to fight.' Charlotte (KS)

'We patted the dog. It was nice and soft like a pillow.' Logan(KS)



In the classroom

I was delighted to see Luke C's beautiful handwriting, Caleb's outstanding dice addition and Jessica L's persuasive letter. Well done!

Feed the Devil Day

Devil Ark is a charity that helps save the Tasmanian Devil from extinction. Our school is having a fundraiser on Thursday 18 June. Wear red, black and white and bring a \$2 donation.

Student Wellbeing

Congratulations to the following student on achieving a Principal's Award:

Bronze Level 3: Ben B

Angelique Brown

Relieving Principal
12 June 2015

Reminder

Our K-6 Athletics carnival
Tuesday 14 July (first day of term 3)
Be at school at 7:45am
\$10 and note due before the end of this term

Dates For Your Diary

18 June	Feed the devil day Mufti
19 June	Reports go home
23 June	Parent teacher interviews
25 June	Assembly at 1:55pm then afternoon coffee
26 June	Last day for term 2
13 July	Staff Development Day
14 July	Students return for term 3
14 July	K-6 Athletics Carnival - BE AT SCHOOL AT 7:45AM

Congratulations to Our Ozzie Mozzie Award Winners:



HyunJu	Esha	Alisa	Charlotte L	Jamaya	Joshua M
Ahmad	Amber	Kelsie	Sean	Chloe R	Dakota

Parent-teacher interviews

Have you got a parent teacher interview coming up? Here are some tips for getting the most out of these important meetings. Prepare a few questions to ask, and walk away with a plan. Find out more: <http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/en/homework-and-study/planning-for-the-future/parent-teacher-interviews>

Australian Early Development Census (AEDC)

Kindergarten students will take part in this census before the end of this term. Notes with more information were distributed to these students this week.

Preschool News

Recently all of our preschool students had the opportunity to participate in a free vision screening assessment offered to all 4 year old children through the Statewide Eyesight Preschooler Screening (STEPS) program. The children were made to feel safe and secure through the testing and enjoyed wearing the cool glasses.



Family Fun Day
Sat, 27th June
1:30pm to 4:30pm
At Rydalmere East PS

The Family Fun Day is all about mothers and fathers having a chance to interact with their kids through some entertaining games. It is also a chance for families to consider ongoing opportunities for their children's growth and development. Come to join us or you will miss out!

Games, Food and lots of fun.

If you register to our FISH brigade children ministry on the Family Fun Day, you will get 10% early bird discount! Great deal!

Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability Notification for Parents and Carers



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Public Schools NSW

From 2015, all Government and non-Government schools across Australia are required to participate annually in the Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability (NCCD).

All Australian schools will collect data on their students who are receiving adjustments to meet additional learning and support needs in accordance with their obligations under the *Disability Discrimination Act 1992* and *Disability Standards for Education 2005*. This data will be provided to the Australian Government to assist in the development of a consistent, national picture of the education needs of students with disability.

The data provided to the Australian Government by the NSW Department of Education and Communities is provided in such a way that it cannot be used to identify any individual student or school.

General information about the national data collection can be found on the Australian Government Department of Education and Training website at <http://education.gov.au/fact-sheets-nationally-consistent-collection-data-school-students-disability>.

Privacy Protection

The NSW Department of Education and Communities follows the requirements of the *Privacy and Personal Information Protection Act 1998* and the *Health Records and Information Privacy Act 2002*. Schools will collect, record, store and use data about individual students in line with these requirements. Data security and protection is a priority and students' personal details will be kept confidential.

Under Clause 52 of the Commonwealth *Australian Education Regulation 2013*, data collected by the NSW Department of Education and Communities for the NCCD must be provided to the Australian Government Department of Education and Training. This includes the number of students at each level of education, the number in each category of disability and the number at each level of adjustment. The information is provided to the Commonwealth as a series of number sets that cannot be used to identify any individual student or school.

The Australian Government Department of Education and Training follows the requirements of the Commonwealth *Privacy Act 1988* when handling any data provided by NSW Department of Education and Communities in connection with the national data collection. A privacy notice has been developed to by the Australian Government to provide students, parents and carers with important privacy information in relation to the data collection. This notice is available on the department's website at <http://education.gov.au/notices>

If you have any questions about the data collection please do not hesitate to contact the school on 9638 2250.

Looking forward to...

End of term rewards picnics on
Friday 26 June