



# *On The Grapevine*

**A quality education in a caring, innovative environment**

*July 2015 (Issue 1)*

*You're invited*

**Open Day  
Wednesday 29 July  
9:30am**

- Student performances during assembly
- Classroom visits
- Minecraft leaders' demonstration in the Library
- Enjoy a picnic morning tea with your child
- Normal classes resume at 11:30am

*Complimentary morning tea for parents*

## ***Athletics carnival***



Our Cumberland Community schools Ermington West PS, Rydalmere PS and Rydalmere East PS held a joint athletics carnival for all students K-6 at The Crest Athletics Field at Georges Hall. Students from TAFE and Marsden High School joined us allowing for a packed program of track, field and novelty events. Thank you to the parents who travelled to the field to cheer on the students and help in the canteen. A huge thank you to Kat Jones for taking on the role of canteen coordinator for this event.

## ***Teachers on leave***

Miss O'Flaherty and Miss Lodewijks are on leave until early week 3. We are very fortunate to have Ms Konemann and Miss Morrison teaching 4/5/6O and K/2L respectively. We also welcome Miss Wagstaff to our staff four days per week, Miss Morrison three days per week and delight in the return of Mrs Coker three days a week.

Student teachers, Miss Newnham and Miss Fuary, are drawing on the expertise of Mrs Brown (1B) and Mrs Hungerford (2H) during their practicum period. We welcome them to our school and thank the teachers for guiding our future educators.

### ***Student welfare***

To promote the anti bullying message the school has purchased wristbands. These will be presented to acknowledge students whose actions represent the “*Stop bullying it's everyone's responsibility*” message. Congratulations Zaid on being our first recipient!



### ***Reward picnic***

As a reward for following school expectations students enjoyed a picnic day at local parks. Students in K-2 and ASD classes were ‘over the moon’ at the variety of play equipment in parks close to the school while the primary students either walked or cycled to Blaxland Riverside Park to enjoy the amazing facilities there. Congratulations to these students on meeting our school’s expectations.



### ***ADF community member needed!***

Our application for funding for a Defence School Transition Aide (DSTA) was successful and we look forward to developing our program. The DSTA position has been advertised and I am inviting interest in being on the interview panel from any of our ADF families.

Please contact the school office on 96382250 if you are interested in being the panel community member

### ***In the classroom***

I enjoyed a visit from two kindergarten students, Kaiyeisha and Rafael, to show me their outstanding writing. They had written several well punctuated sentences that were correctly sequenced and most interesting.

### ***Drama workshops***

We were delighted our application for the Sydney Theatre Drama Program was successful. Teaching artists will be working in all primary classes and with Year 1 focussing on inference, comprehension and descriptive language. Sessions commenced this week and run for 7 weeks.

### ***School uniforms***

It is an expectation that every student wears full school uniform each day. School uniforms promote a sense of belonging and unity and should be worn every day with pride.

*Should you require assistance with the cost of purchasing uniform items please contact me directly. Absolute confidentiality is assured.*

### ***P&C Bunnings Barbecue***

Muchas gracias to those families who helped out at the recent Bunnings barbecues. More details are in the P&C section.

### ***Successful grant application from PCC for sporting equipment***

As reported in the P&C news, our P&C were successful in gaining a sporting equipment grant. We are very appreciative of Suzanne Barber's efforts in submitting this application. Students are being consulted regarding prioritising the equipment they would enjoy having in the playground.

### ***Debating***

We hosted Dundas Public School for our 4<sup>th</sup> round Premier's debating challenge yesterday. Our team, who is coached by Miss Razon, took the negative side and debated whether we should increase the time spent doing sport at school. Congratulations to Hussnia, Fatma, Rawda and Kayla.

### ***Stewart House Clothing Appeal***

Bagsful of good, clean wearable clothing, manchester and accessories should be brought to the office. Collection day is Tuesday 4 August.

### ***Woolies Earn and Learn***

The Woolies Earn and Learn program has started. Collect stickers from any Woolworths store, bring the completed cards to school and pop them in the box in the office. Our school will be able to redeem these for educational resources. The program closes on 8 September.

### ***Student Wellbeing***

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

Gold Level 1: *Daniel A*  
Silver Level 2: *Jemma*  
Bronze Level 1: *Farshad*

*Keryn Hinchcliffe*

Principal  
24 July 2015

#### **Triple P (Positive Parenting Program)**

Commencing 4 August

9:15 – 11:15am in Admin block

Presenter – Sharlene Pasqual, Family & Community worker for Parramatta Mission

Please register with Sharlene on 0439 978 721 or

[sharlene.pasqual@parramattamission.org.au](mailto:sharlene.pasqual@parramattamission.org.au)

### ***Dates For Your Diary***

<b>27 July</b>	P&C meeting 6:30pm Admin block
<b>27- 31 July</b>	Education week
<b>29 July</b>	Open Day 9:30-11:30am
<b>4 August</b>	Stewart House bag collection
<b>4 August</b>	Positive Parenting Program 9:15 – 11:15 Admin block



## Congratulations to Our Ozzie Mozzie Award Winners:

Elizabeth	Kobe	Kaiyeisha	Rafael	Jai
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### Library News

Congratulations to Bowie and Mauro who were the lucky winners of the 'Borrowers Book Club Prize' for Term 2. The 'Borrowers Book Club Prize' was introduced this year to encourage students to borrow books every week. Every time a student borrows from the library they get a ticket in the draw. Twice a term a ticket is drawn out at the school assembly and the winner gets to choose any book, up to the value of \$30, from the current issue of Scholastic Book Clubs.



**BORROWERS BOOKCLUB PRIZE WINNERS**

*Who will be next?*



Now that's what I call a fantastic prize! So make sure that you child/ren brings their library bag every week, not only for the chance of winning a fabulous prize but also to savour the joy and wonderfulness that books and reading brings to us all.

*Ms Ivanek*

### P&C News

#### Sausage Sizzle Fundraisers

**THANK YOU** to the families who have helped out with the recent Bunnings Sausage Sizzles.

The P&C raised \$2198 at the June & July bbqs (that's a lot of sausage flipping!)

Our appreciation goes to the following families: Smith/Thomas, Welsh, Barber, Williams, Jones, Gott, Kelly, Beasley, O'Hara, Spenceley, Clarke, Oakey, Grant, daCosta, Amjed

#### Grant Win - \$3000 for Sports Equipment

The P&C has won a Grant from Parramatta Council of **\$3000** for Sports Equipment to support the "More Kids, More Active, More Often" program.

The teachers will be consulting with the students on what equipment to buy for use with class sport and in the playground.

#### Playground Redevelopment Update

We recently met with the playground designer to view the draft concept plans for the new REPS playground. He should have the full concept plans ready for presentation next week!

We are very excited by this project. The \$48108 State Govt "Community Building" Grant + \$5000 contribution by P&C will be used to redevelop the central part of the playgrounds (from flag poles to hall) into a Nature Discovery Play Zone.

### Community notices



Cumberland High School  
Year 7 2016  
Gifted & Talented Program  
Applications now open  
Scholarship opportunities available  
Applications close 14 August 2015  
Phone 9871 7718  
[www.cumberland-h.schools.nsw.edu.au](http://www.cumberland-h.schools.nsw.edu.au)

## Position Vacant

### Defence Housing Aide at Rydalmere East Public School (10-15 hours per week for approx. one year)

- This position aims to support Defence Housing students and their families to integrate into the wider community with the main focus being the children's social and emotional wellbeing.
- The role addresses issues including the impact of mobility on the students' education, transitions in and out of school and parental absences.
- No specific qualifications are required as training and programs will be provided.
- A 'Working With Children' check will be required.
- To obtain a sample role description or duty statement, please contact the school on (02) 9638 2250 or email rydalmereep.school@det.nsw.edu.au

### National Tree Day

Sunday 26 July  
10am – 1pm  
Ponds Subiaco Creek Reserve  
South  
Kariwara Street Dundas  
To register  
<http://treeday.planetark.org/site/10006793>  
Free BBQ lunch for registered volunteers.



### Blacktown C.A.R.E.S Bicycle Education Open Day

Wednesday 23 September  
(in the school holidays)  
At Auto Place x Peter Brock Drive  
Prospect  
10am to 2pm  
BYO bike and helmet  
Adult supervision required  
Enquiries  
[caresprospect@police.nsw.gov.au](mailto:caresprospect@police.nsw.gov.au)



### FREE OPEN NIGHT

- \* Joey Scouts (6-7 years) Monday 3 August 6:30-7:30pm
- \* Cub Scouts (7½-10years) Tuesday 4 August 7:00-8:30pm

1<sup>st</sup> Ermington Scouts, Cnr Bartlett St & Kissing Pt Rd  
More info available @ school office

See Term 3 calendar on  
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### Come and Join Newington Auskick

*The AFL would like to invite you and your child down to Newington Reserve on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> July at 3:30pm-4:30pm. We will be hosting a parent information session for a Auskick Centre starting in your local area.*

# Term 3 2015 Rydalmere East Public School

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<b>1</b>	13 July SDD	14 July <i>Athletics carnival</i>	15 July	16 July	17 July
<b>2</b>	20 July	21 July	22 July <i>OC test</i>	23 July <i>Assembly &amp; afternoon coffee 1:55pm</i>	24 July
<b>3</b>	27 July <i>EDUCATION WEEK</i> <i>P&amp;C meeting 6:30pm</i>	28 July	29 July <i>Open Day</i>	30 July	31 July
<b>4</b>	3 August	4 August <i>Stewart house bag pick up</i> <i>Positive Parenting program</i>	5 August	6 August <i>Assembly &amp; afternoon coffee 1:55pm</i>	7 August
<b>5</b>	10 August	11 August	12 August	13 August	14 August
<b>6</b>	17 August	18 August	19 August	20 August <i>Assembly &amp; afternoon coffee 1:55pm</i> <i>Zone athletics</i> <i>Field events</i>	21 August <i>Kindy play session 2-2:55pm</i>
<b>7</b>	24 August <i>BOOK WEEK</i> <i>Zone athletics track</i>	25 August	26 August	27 August <i>Author visit</i>	28 August <i>Kindy play session 2-2:55pm</i>
<b>8</b>	31 August <i>P&amp;C meeting 6:30pm</i>	1 September	2 September	3 September <i>Assembly &amp; afternoon coffee 1:55pm</i>	4 September <i>Kindy play session 2-2:55pm</i>
<b>9</b>	7 September	8 September	9 September	10 September	11 September
<b>10</b>	14 September	15 September	16 September	17 September <i>Assembly &amp; afternoon coffee 1:55pm</i>	18 September

Tuesday 6 October – staff and students return for Term 4