



# On The Grapevine

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

*August 2015 (Issue 2)*

## ***NAPLAN results***

Years 5 and 3 received their results this week. Please advise the teacher if your child has not received theirs. A quick look has revealed some very pleasing results. A deeper analysis will be undertaken shortly with the data reported in our newsletter and displayed in our foyer.

## ***Safety First***

To ensure the safety of our students, parents and children are not to walk through the staff carpark. Please use our student-parent entry and pathway.

## ***Pyjama Day***

Over \$430 was raised for our year 6 farewell dinner and gift to the school. Lots of healthy fruit, cereal, bread and cheese were enjoyed. The nutritious breakfast was funded through our 'Live Life Well' grant which encourages children to eat healthily and be active.



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

- Mrs Brown and her student teacher, Miss Newnham, have been leading some wonderful science lessons with Year 1. More detail on page 3.
- Miss Razon and 3/4R are showing the way with their XO's. Miss Razon has set up collaborative work spaces for her students and is able to individually conference with each student as they work, providing 'instant' feedback and guidance. Other staff members will learn from Miss Razon's expertise during staff meeting time next week.
- Brian and Alisa in KS showed their descriptive writing and retold the story of 'The White Rabbit'.

### ***Drama in the Classroom***

Many classes are halfway through their 'Drama in the Classroom' program which includes the guidance and expertise of a professional actor once a week. This is an exciting, worthwhile opportunity for students to experiment and utilise drama techniques. Through drama students are developing and improving their literacy skills, especially in the areas of comprehension and writing.



*Drama in the classroom*

### ***WHS - Asphalt under COLA***

On Friday 14 August the asphalt under the COLA in the playground and the bumpy, dangerous path outside the library was resurfaced.

### ***Infants Athletics Carnival***

Thank you to the energetic Infant's staff for organising this spectacular event. Students competed in so many events including class races, egg and spoon races, sack races, three legged races and our own very exciting firefighters' race. Students had a fantastic time and their delight and joy was evident throughout the day. A quote from one student, 'This is the best day ever!' Children shared huge, delicious bowls of quartered oranges, once again, paid for by our 'Live Life Well' grant. Look at our website for a gallery of grins.

### ***Student Wellbeing***

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

Silver Level 3: Clare

Bronze Level 1: Logan W, Hussnia

Bronze Level 3: Mauro, Amilia, Chris M, Ashleigh S

Playground hero awards to Logan M-W, HyunJu and Rohan who all stepped in to support friends who needed a hand. Each was rewarded with an antibullying wristband.

*Keryn Hinchcliffe*

Principal

21 August 2015

## Dates For Your Diary

21 August	Premiers Reading Challenge concludes
24 August	Zone athleticsTrack events, Homebush
24-28 August	Book Week
27 August	Author visit
28 August	Kindy Playsession 2 - 2:55pm
31 August	P&C meeting 6:30pm Admin block
1 September	Scholastic book Club due
2 September	Father's Day stall
3 September	Father's Day stall
3 September	School assembly and afternoon coffee 1:55pm
4 September	Kindy Playsession 2 - 2:55pm

### Congratulations to Our Ozzie Mozzie Award Winners:



Venice	Omar	Olivia S	Logan M-W	Caleb
Hannah M	Jessica L	Brian	Kelsie	Kuheli

## Year 1 Science

This term, Year 1 students have participated in a number of exciting science experiments relating to sound. Experiments allowed students to make a number of discoveries including:

1. Sound travels through materials (string, air, metal etc)
2. Sound is produced when an object vibrates.
3. Sounds have different pitches - high like the squeak of a mouse and low like thunder!
4. Sound vibrations can make things move. This is because sound has energy.

We surveyed the children about these wonderful experiences and clearly their attitudes and interest in Science is amazingly positive!

*Mrs Brown IB*



## Preschool

The preschool is holding a toy catalogue fundraiser. Every order you place helps us earn credits towards buying new toys and equipment. If you would like to order from any of the catalogues, please contact the preschool. Your orders will be individually packed and delivered in October in time for Christmas.

### ***OOSH news***

The children at Helping Hands OOSH (Outside Of School Hours care) have been very busy cooking delicious slices for their peers in the school. The children were able to choose and research the recipe and were excited to share the delicious product with their friends. What a treat! The children have been expressing their interest in outdoor activities as the weather is warming up allowing small groups to play together and forming bonds in a friendly environment.



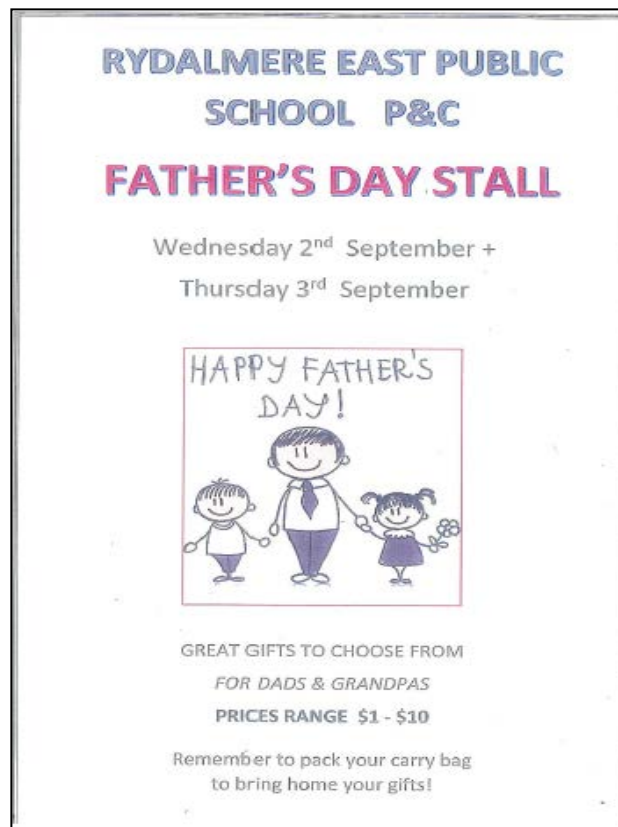
### ***Canteen news***

**For the remainder of term 3 the Canteen will be open for recess and lunch on WEDNESDAYS ONLY**

The canteen will not open in term 4 unless a Canteen Management group is formed.

To volunteer please email [repscommunity@gmail.com](mailto:repscommunity@gmail.com) or leave your name at the office.

*Thank you*



### ***Community notices – flyers available at the office***

- Tigers Softball and Baseball club Registrations [www.TigerBall.com.au](http://www.TigerBall.com.au)
- Bunnings Rydalmere Fathers' Day Family night 3 September 6pm-8pm
- Playgroup at Riverside Baptist Church Mondays at 10am 0433 393524