



On The Grapevine

A quality education in a caring, innovative environment

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Welcome Kindergarten

We welcome our youngest students who commenced classes during week 2 after completing their Best Start assessment. They are settling into their routine with the help of our eager Year 6 students.

Classes and Meet the Teacher mornings

Meet the teacher mornings are scheduled for next week.

Infants classes - Block D on Wednesday 17 February at 8:15am.

Primary classes - Block B on Thursday 18 February at 8:15am.

This is a good chance to meet the teacher and hear of their plans and organisation for your child's class.

This year we have 10 classes which includes preschool, 2 support classes for children with autism and 7 mainstream classes.

Preschool – Mrs Arbolino and Mrs Barny

K/2L – Miss Lodewijks

KS – Miss Splarn

1B – Mrs Brown

2H – Mrs Hungerford and Mrs C

2/3M – Miss Monardo

3/6D – Mrs Muldoon and Mrs Smith

4/5O – Miss O'Flaherty

4/5W – Miss Wagstaff

6M – Miss Morrison

Road Safety

Visibility is currently very poor on the corner of Maling Ave and Marguerette St due to construction works. We have discussed with the children, the need to be more aware of cars coming around the bend when they are crossing the road. We will continue to remind them throughout the construction process.

Thank you

To Gloria Kells for her hard work in the uniform shop. The start of the school year has been very busy necessitating some long mornings fitting our students and keeping the stock levels up.



P&C Meeting Monday 15 Feb

The Parents & Citizens Association at REPS is ready for the new year and invites parents & friends of the school to attend our first meeting on Monday 15 Feb in the staff room Block L.

6:00pm for tea & nibbles, then meeting from 6:30pm.

While we often have a number of topics to cover, we try to keep our meetings fairly informal and not overly long.

We welcome any input you may have, but if you just want to come along and observe that's fine too!

**BUNNINGS BBQ, SAT 27 FEB @
RYDALMERE**

Playground

Renovations on our playground are progressing well and are due for completion around 22 Feb.

Nude Food

Nude Food Day will be each Thursday, starting on the 25th February. This is the day when children are encouraged to bring food to school which has no disposable packaging. Poppers, chip packets, muesli bar wrappers and food wrapped in gladwrap are examples of disposable packaging. Children should bring their food in containers and use water bottles that can be taken home to reuse. Fruit and vegetable scraps are fine as they can be composted. If you do see the need to use wrapping please choose an environmentally friendly alternative such as grease proof paper or paper bags as they can also be composted. Nude Food Day is an important and meaningful way to teach children about caring for their environment. It nurtures their desire to lead a more sustainable lifestyle in the future.

Some families already pack their children's lunches with minimal or no disposable packaging every day of the week.

Our long term aim is to have Nude Food Week for all students at school!

***It is essential that all containers, lids and water bottles are clearly labelled with your child's name. Please use a permanent marker and re-label when the names begin to fade.

Emergency cards

It is important that we have up to date information, particularly in case of emergency. Please ensure that the pink emergency cards sent home last week, are completed front and back and returned to the school promptly. Thank you to those who have already returned theirs.

Lesley Coker & Angelique Brown

Relieving Principals
12 February 2016

15 Feb	P&C meeting 6:00pm in Admin Block
17 Feb	Meet the teacher Infants 8:15am Block D
18 Feb	Meet the teacher Primary 8:15am Block B
18 Feb	Y 5 & 6 Geography local area excursion
18 Feb	Assembly 1:55 – 2:25pm
19 Feb	Swimming carnival for competent swimmers
24 Feb	K-2 Water play 11:20am - 1pm
27 Feb	P&C BBQ at Bunnings Rydalmere

Scripture

Protestant, Catholic and Muslim scripture classes have commenced this week. If you would like your child to join one of these groups, or to have a trial period, please contact the school office.

Wendy Chapman

SRE co coordinator 2016

Did you know that you can make payments to your child's school online?

We have launched a new online payment portal linked to your school's website to make it easier for you to pay for school related payments. This is a secure payment page hosted by Westpac.

What expenses can be paid online?

- Voluntary School Contributions
- Subject Contributions
- Excursions
- Sport
- Creative and Practical Arts
- Sales to Students
- Other

How?

Log onto School site at rydalmere-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au. Click on "Make a Payment" and follow the prompts to make a payment via Visa or MasterCard.



Rydalmere East Public School - Term 1 2016

T 1	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT SUN
1	25 Jan Holidays	26 Jan Australia Day Public Holiday	27 Jan SDD	28 Jan Students return Kindy Best start assessment	29 Jan Kindy Best start assessment	30 31 Jan
2	1 Feb Kindy Best start assessment	2 Feb Kindy Best start assessment	3 Feb Kindergarten starts	4 Feb Assembly 1:55-2:25pm	5 Feb	6 7 Fe b
3	8 Feb	9 Feb	10 Feb	11 Feb Scripture starts	12 Feb	13 14 Fe b
4	15 Feb P&C meeting	16 Feb	17 Feb Parent teacher Infants 8:15am	18 Feb Parent teacher Primary 8:15am Y5/6 Geography excursion Assembly 1:55-2:25pm	19 Feb Swimming carnival	20 21 Fe b
5	22 Feb	23 Feb	24 Feb K-2 water play 11:20- 1pm	25 Feb Nude Food Day starts	26 Feb	27 28 Fe b
6	29 Feb	1 March	2 March	3 March Assembly 1:55-2:25pm	4 March Yr 5 planting day	5 6 Ma r
7	7 March Student leadership conference	8 March	9 March	10 March Selective High School test	11 March	12 13 Ma r
8	14 March	15 March Stewart House bag pick up	16 March	17 March Harmony Day performance Assembly 1:55-2:25pm	18 March ASD swimming carnival	19 20 Ma r
9	21 March Life Education P&C AGM	22 March Life Education	23 March Life Education	24 March Life Education Easter Hat Parade, Grandparents' Day & Book Fair	25 March Good Friday	26 27 Ma r
10	28 March Easter Monday	29 March	30 March	31 March Assembly 1:55-2:25pm	1 April	2 3 Ap r
11	4 April	5 April	6 April	7 April	8 April	9 10 Ap r
H o l s	11 April	12 April	13 April	14 April	15 April	16 17 Ap r
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Eastern Division: 51 DAYS FOR TEACHERS 50 DAYS FOR STUDENTS / Western Division: 46 DAYS FOR TEACHERS 45 DAYS FOR STUDENTS						