



On The Grapevine

A quality education in a caring, innovative environment

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Carpark

Thank you to all our wonderful parents who ensure our children's safety, by entering and leaving the school through the appropriate pedestrian gates. The car park gates are closed as a safety measure. Authorised vehicles may enter the school car park. These vehicles will be identified by a 2016 red permit. Parents may apply for a temporary permit at the Administration Office as required.

Student Levy

Thank you to those parents who have already paid their student levy. This certainly helps us provide resources and technologies that benefit all our students.

Water Play Day

Students in Preschool to Year 2 and 3/6D had the perfect solution to a sweltering day – water play. There are lots more images on our website photo gallery.



Meet the Teacher mornings

It was lovely to see so many parents at our 'Meet the teacher' mornings. Our dedicated and enthusiastic group of teachers have many stimulating programs for our students this year.

Swimming carnival

Our group of competent swimmers joined Yates Ave Public School for an exciting day of races. Congratulations to Jacob B, Kayla, Freeman, Xavier, Clare L, Jayden Mi, Danielle, Georgia, Jade, Oscar and Amelia who will represent our school at the Zone carnival at Parramatta Pool on Tuesday 1st March. Thank you to Miss O'Flaherty and Ms Krautloher for organising and officiating at the carnival.



Years 5 & 6 Local excursion

To supplement their classroom learning on 'Factors That Shape Places', students from Years 5 and 6 went on a walking excursion around Ermington identifying local issues such as traffic, residential development and rubbish in the river. They intend to bring their findings to the attention of our local member Geoff Lee.

*Call into the Uniform shop in the Canteen
Monday and Friday mornings at 8:30am*

*Gloria has lots of second
hand clothing bargains*

Student Wellbeing

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

Silver Level 2: Flynn, Amira, Reuben

Bronze Level 1: Mahdi, Gabriel, Alisa, Joanne

Bronze Level 2: April Rose, Kelsie, Sean, Chloe

Bronze Level 3: Ann, Kobe

Congratulations to Our Ozzie Mozzie Award Winners:



Parmis	Rafael	Dakota	Rabee
Harvey	Elizabeth	Arina	Harry

Lesley Coker & Angelique Brown

Relieving Principals

26 February 2016

1 March	Zone swimming carnival at Parramatta Pool
3 March	Assembly 1:55-2:25pm
4 March	Year 5 planting day at Western Sydney Parklands
7 March	Student leadership conference
8 March	Marsden High Open night 4:30-6:30pm
9 March	Marsden High Gala Day
10 March	Selective High School test
11 March	Official opening Playground renovations 10am

Garden Club Report



When is a bee not a bee?

When it's a student from the gardening club! Liam and Luke will explain...
"We self-pollinated the watermelon flowers by hand to encourage more watermelons. We were so excited to find rare Blue Bandit Bumble Bees in our garden."

We watered the beans and radishes we planted last week. We took heaps and heaps of weeds and grass away. We found one potato and lots of tomatoes to harvest. There were lots of new kids excited about joining the Garden Club."

*Luke D. (Year 4) and Liam B. (Year 5)
for the Gardening Club*



Is your child starting kindy in 2017?

Here are some important dates for your diary

- ✓ Join us for MiniKindy
Thursdays
2nd, 9th and 16th June
11:30 – 12:45pm
- ✓ Playsessions on Fridays
26th August, 2nd and 9th September
2:00 – 2:55pm
- ✓ Orientation Day
Wednesday 2 November
9:30am
Please tell your friends and neighbours
with Kindy aged children.



Please help

*Volunteers still needed for the
Bunnings BBQ at Rydalmere Store
on Saturday 27 February.
Phone René 0412 084 786*

There are nits around. Please
check your child's hair over the
weekend and treat if necessary

Preschool News

Both classes have settled in well to the routine. We have had a busy start to the year celebrating Chinese New Year and water play day. We have had two sustainability lessons presented by Cleanaway waste management representatives. The first lesson involved recycling our waste. The second lesson was all about worm farms and compost. Mrs Arbolino's class was also invited to Ermington Library to participate in PaintParraRead.



OOSH news



We would like to welcome all our new families to Helping Hands OOSH and inform you of our exciting new program we have starting on 24 February.

'Hungry Hermits' happens on Wednesdays for 5 weeks.

Through this program the students will learn how to care for a hermit crab including feeding and cleaning, giving a sense of ownership and responsibility.

The children are looking forward to our special program. At the end of the 5 weeks the children will be able to take home their own hermit crab. Please feel free to contact me regarding any questions about Helping Hands @REPS.

Best Regards
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