



On The Grapevine

A quality education in a caring, innovative environment

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Welcome back for term 3

It has been very exciting returning to school this term. A huge thank you, to Lesley Coker and Angelique Brown for an outstanding job relieving during my absence and to the staff and the community for their support.

I look forward to catching up with everyone over the next few weeks.

Term 3 will be a busy term, with Education Week and Book Week activities, excursions, Year 6 camp, athletics carnivals and the commencement of our peer support program.

Open day – you're invited!

When : Tuesday 2 August

Time: 9.30am in the school hall

Program:

- ☐ whole school assembly featuring student performances
- ☐ classroom visits and time to talk with your children about their learning

Morning tea break - Bring a special morning tea to share with you child.

- ☐ outdoor games lead by Year 6 students

We hope you can join us.

We go live in Week 8!

Mrs Chapman, Ms Krautloher, Mrs Coker and I are currently attending many days of intensive training for the new Learning Management and Business Reform (LMBR) system being deployed in schools. The new system has many new and practical features for administration, record keeping and management and is a complete change in accounting and financial management. Our 'go live' date is in Week 8 of this term.

Preschool

Preschool places for 2017 are filling fast. Children who turn 4 before 31 July are eligible for enrolment. Please contact the school office for an enrolment form.

Athletics Carnival

Our annual Primary Athletics carnival was held at Barton Park on Monday 25 July. Thank you to our amazing Primary teachers for organising the event after having to postpone the carnival due to wet weather.

'The highlight of the carnival was the 800 metres. I was coming 4th and with 180 metres to go, I sprinted past everyone to win' Georgie

'I jumped a personal best in the long jump' Sienna

Peer support

After recent training sessions, Miss O'Flaherty and Miss Morrison led the Year 6 students in their peer support training. Peer support aims to enhance the social and emotional wellbeing of students by encouraging them to talk about their feelings and playing games that foster teamwork and leadership skills. The theme of the sessions is **Stronger Together** which delivers a positive anti-bullying outlook. Peer support sessions will run each Friday afternoon during this term.

Following is a report from three of our Year 6 Peer Support leaders.

On 21st and 22nd July, Year 6 participated in the peer support training for the first time. We were nervous at first bit then were excited to get to know each other better in and out of training. We enjoyed ourselves and participated engagingly in all activities. We learnt about relationship building, communication, team work, empathy, life skills, decision making and problem solving. With these skills we hope we can build better relationships with the younger kids resulting in more friendships between younger and older students at Rydalmere East.

Charlotte A, Morgan and Ryan



Go Pokemon

At REPS, we appreciate the absorbing nature of the new 'Pokémon Go' Game. In line with school policy, and in the interest of student safety and responsibility, we remind students that all personal digital devices should be taken to the office for safe keeping on arrival at school. Pokemon catching should be done with parent supervision out of school.



Student Wellbeing

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

Silver Level 2: Kayla

Silver Level 3: Ryan D

Bronze Level 2: Carla, Joanne

Bronze Level 3: Sean

Congratulations to Our Ozzie Mozzie Award Winners:



Antonious

Resha

Canne

Keryn Hinchcliffe

Principal
29 July 2016

1-5 August	Education Week
2 August	Open Day 9:30 – 11:30am ALL WELCOME
3-5 August	Year 6 camp
10 August	P-2 excursion to Royal Botanical Gardens
11 August	Book Week author talk

Premiers Reading Challenge 2015-2016

The 2015-2016 Premier's Reading Challenge closes on 19th August for all participating students so please ensure that all read books have been recorded on the reading log.



Volunteers needed for the next REPS BUNNINGS BBQ on Sunday 7 August.

Please help for an hour or two between 8am and 4pm

To roster your times, please contact Rene on 0412 084 786 or rthouse@bigpond.com

Stewart House

Stewart House bags for used, clean clothing are to be collected on 3rd August. Please drop them off at the office.

Mrs Hungerford is now taking orders for the Stewart House bouncy balls for \$3 each and flash light key ring for \$2 each.

ADF foyer display



MAD SCIENTIST!

Helping Hands
Presents



Every child receives a Mad Scientist T-shirt! **WEEK 1 BALLOON MADNESS:** Explore the force and energy of balloons. Rockets, cards and bursting balloons! **WEEK 2 SPACE:** Explore the amazing world of space by engaging in astronaut challenges and making a spacecraft. **WEEK 3 FUNKY GOOEY MESS:** Get messy with some funky experiments using messy materials. Each child to take home their slime! **WEEK 4 ILLUSIONS:** Explore the world of illusions! **WEEK 5 EXPLOSIONS:** This week is all about explosions and force. The experiments include a glitter volcano, exploding film cannisters, balloon blow and more!

Mad Scientist 5 Week Program

Every Wednesday for 5 weeks from 17/08/2016 at 3.30pm – 4.45pm for Prep to Yr 6

For more information or to book onto this exciting 5 week program please contact;

Rydalmere East Helping Hands on 0475 823 785 or email

Rydalmereeast@helpinghandsnetwork.com.au

Booking forms are also available from the school office and Helping Hands service.



P&C news

The Hungry voter has spoken

The P&C Election Day fundraiser on Saturday 2 July was a great success. **We made \$1400 profit!!**

Our stalls offered cakes, cookies, hot'n cold drinks, plants and herbs + a BBQ with bacon & eggrolls and a sausage sizzle. We opened at 8am and due to popular demand we continued selling until 3pm.

Tally: 138 eggs, 280 sausages, 10kg bacon, 5kg onions, 116 bread rolls, and 440 slices of bread + tea, coffee, milo, cool drinks, delicious homemade cakes and cookies were sold and consumed.

Many families, students, staff and OOSH helped by making signs and donating cakes and cookies. We had wonderful parent and student helpers to sell the sausages, cakes, plants and drinks at the stalls.

Thank you to everyone who participated with the fundraiser. It was a popular community event with many voters commenting on our lovely school and fun new nature playgrounds.

Thanks again
Suzanne