



# On The Grapevine

## A quality education in a caring, innovative environment

*October 2017 (Issue 1)*

Welcome back to Term 4. I trust you all had a nice break and hopefully got to spend some time with your families. This term, we will be sending the newsletter out on odd weeks instead of even weeks, as we believe it will serve a more timely purpose in communicating events to you.

### ***Week in Review***

With students returning on Monday, we have been straight back into the swing of things with regular teaching and learning, as well as some new and exciting programs too. The Footsteps Dance Company visited yesterday to begin their Term 4 program, which we are providing to student this term free of charge.



Students from 2/3M demonstrated their Bee-Bots which are programmable floor robots designed to teach control and directional coding language. Check out the video on facebook.

We also had a visit from the AFL who ran a free clinic for students. They will be running a 3-week program starting next Thursday after school at a cost of \$10 per child. If you need more information about this, please see Miss Lodewijks.

Miss Morrison has also organised a table tennis coach to come and work with our primary students. This program will only be running for the first two-weeks of school.

Miss O'Flaherty has organised the Cumberland Community of School Leadership Day at our school on Tuesday 17 October. We will welcome the school leaders and staff to our school.

## ***Enrolments for 2018***

Just a reminder that we are still welcoming Kindergarten enrolments for 2018. If you know of anyone who lives in our local area who has not yet enrolled for next year, please encourage them to come and visit so they can see our wonderful school. In addition to this, if you know that you will not be returning to Rydalmere East in 2018 and you haven't yet let us know, could you please do so. Early notification of all of this circumstance will greatly help with school planning including classes and staff recruitment.

## ***Defence School Transition Aide***

As most of you are aware, Mrs Blamires will be leaving us in November this year. As a result, we are on the lookout for a new DSTA. Please contact the front office if you would like more information and to collect a copy of the application form. Please also share with your own networks. We have also placed a small advertisement for this position on our Facebook Page, so that may be an easy way to spread the word. Applications close Friday 27 October at 5pm.

## ***School Facebook Page***

Thanks to all the people who have given our Facebook Page a "like." Please jump onto our page

[www.facebook.com/RydalmereEastPublicSchool](http://www.facebook.com/RydalmereEastPublicSchool)

and keep up to date with all the fantastic things our students are doing.



## ***Support Unit Classes – 2018***

As mentioned at the P&C meeting last term, we have been approached by the Department to take on an additional Support Unit class in 2018, taking us from 2 classes to 3. The establishment papers are currently being signed and if all things go to plan, the class should be ready to start on the first day of school next year. This will also mean we will have to find some more staff to fill the position, so we will be advertising for an Assistant Principal, Support, as well as a School Learning Support Officer position. I am both excited and proud that we are able to further cater for students with additional educational needs in our area. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask, however, I will make sure I keep you all informed along the way.

## ***Building and Maintenance Work***

In the holidays, we received the long awaited replacement of the breezeway roof, which I can now confirm is looking safe and tidy. Next week, roofers will begin replacing the tiles on the Infants block with a sheeted roof. As a result of this, classes may have to move for a few days whilst construction is occurring overhead. The classes affected will be KB, K/1B and 1/2HK. Not all of these classes will have to move at the same time, and when they do move, they will either move up to the connected classroom (near the library) or into the classroom next to KB (obviously whilst the roofers aren't above). Thanks for your anticipated understanding with this.

## ***Photos***

School Photos are fast approaching and this is a reminder to not only remember to start organising your order form envelope, but also to get your summer uniform spick and span. If you need to update any part of your summer uniform, please see Gloria in the uniform shop on Monday or Friday morning at 8:30 to 9:30. If you have any questions around uniforms, please ask Gloria or one of our friendly office staff.

## ***Student Wellbeing***

Congratulations to the following student on achieving this award:

Bronze Level 1: Reilly

**Congratulations to Our Ozzie Mozzie Award Winner:**



Grigori

Wishing you all a great fortnight.

*Mr Carters*

Principal (Relieving)  
13 October 2017

### **PBL Expectations**

- This week our expectation is to be Responsible by listening to and following adult instructions.
- Next week's expectation is to be Respectful by using nice words and speaking politely.

### ***Dates for your diary***

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| 17 October  | CoS Leadership Day          |
| 19 October  | School assembly 1:55pm      |
| 24 October  | School photos – classes     |
| 25 October  | School photos – groups      |
| 26 October  | Mini Kindy 11:30-1:00       |
| 1 November  | John Alexander visit        |
| 9 November  | CoSFest film screening      |
| 15 November | Kindy 2018 Orientation      |
| 5 December  | Preschool graduation        |
| 5 December  | High School Orientation     |
| 7 December  | Preschool graduation        |
| 7 December  | Year 6 farewell             |
| 11 December | Preschool 2018 Orientation  |
| 13 December | Presentation Day            |
| 15 December | Last day of school for 2017 |