

On The Grapevine

A quality education in a caring, innovative environment

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Dear Parents/carers,

Fortnight in Review

Weeks 2 and 3 have been busy and eventful at Rydalmere East. Children from our support classes attended an ice skating day hosted by the Variety Club, which I heard was a great deal of fun.

Students from 4/5M attended Cumberland High School for some really interesting science lessons. Miss Morrison has added more details later in this newsletter. We also had our school photos on Tuesday and Wednesday and everyone was looking fantastic with lots of big smiles.

Whilst all of this was going on, we also had the tiled roof removed on the infants block and has now been replaced and looks great.



What's coming up?

As you can imagine, Term 4 is a really busy time in schools. To help make this as easy for you as possible, we will be sending home a calendar on Monday which should have most of our events. Obviously, some things may pop up, and there may be some slight changes, but we hope this helps you as the year starts drawing to an end. I will pop a copy on Facebook as well.

Exciting News for Staff

There has been some exciting news for staff over the past couple of weeks. On 11 October, Mrs Souvignet had a little boy named Etienne, and on the same day, Mr Cheng (our school counsellor) and his wife had a little girl named Lumi.

CoSFest

Several local schools have been participating in a short film competition called CoSFest, making films about water. We were able to submit eight films to be screened at the red carpet even at Cumberland High School on Thursday 9 November. Well done to all of 2/3M, K/2L & 3/6D; Matin, Taj, Daniel and Jacob B; Luke, Farhad, Reuben and Justin; Ashleigh, Jayden M, Keira, Adem, Lachie and Kyan; Clare, Ann, Hareem and Amira; Charlie, Lillybeth, Lucy, Riley and Marc, who have all participated in the making of a film which will be screened on the night. Parents and community members are welcome to attend this event which begins at 6:00pm.

P&C Meeting

Don't forget that the P&C meeting is on Monday night at 6:30pm. We welcome you all to attend and would love to see new and familiar faces.

A friendly reminder about our Code of Enquiry

From time to time, parents and carers will have questions or concerns that they need to raise with the school. At Rydalmere East we have a process for attending to these questions which we shall call the 'Code of Enquiry.'

When initially addressing your concern, the first person to speak to is your child's classroom teacher. They will generally have the most up to date information about things concerning your child. Our teachers are very approachable so they don't mind being asked a question before or after school. However, if you require a longer conversation, you can book in a time for an interview or organise a time for a phone call through the front office or with the teacher.

If the classroom teacher cannot address your concerns, or if they are unavailable for a long period of time, the next person to see is one of the Assistant Principals. Miss O'Flaherty supervises Years 3 to 6 (including the Year 2s from 2/3M) and Miss Razon supervises Kindergarten to Year 2.

Other people that may be able to assist your enquiry may be Mrs Blamires, our Defence School Transition Aide and Community Liaison Officer; Mr Cheng, the school counsellor (Tuesdays and Wednesdays) or one of our support teachers.

If your concerns or questions cannot be addressed by one of these people mentioned above, it may then be appropriate to contact the front office to book a meeting time with myself, the Principal.

Parents are also asked not to approach other students in the playground. Any concerns relating to another child are to be referred to the classroom teacher or the teacher on duty.

Student Wellbeing

Congratulations to the following students on achieving these awards:

Bronze Level 1: Dilara, Jacob O
Bronze Level 2: Scarlett

Congratulations to Our Ozzie Mozzie Award Winners:



Ali 1/2HK

Lauchlan

Lacey

Billie

Jayden K/2L

Have a great couple of weeks.

Mr Carters

Principal (Relieving)
27 October 2017



PBL Expectations

- For Week 3, our expectation is to be Respectful by caring for our school grounds.
- For Week 4, our expectation is to be Safe by lining up safely and correctly.



Congratulations Week 1 award winners



Congratulations Week 2 award winners

PBL and Peer Support

Week 1 - PBL Expectation was to be Responsible by listening to and following adult instructions.

Congratulations to the following students who were rewarded for following this expectation: Noah P, Azzan, Abbey, Declan, Sienna, Isaac, Ben, Ella, Mallek

Week 2 – PBL Expectation was to be Respectful by using nice words and speaking politely.

Congratulations to the following students who were rewarded for following this expectation: James, Jayden, Rachel, Corey, Amira, Zoe, Ahmad, Sammy, Ethan

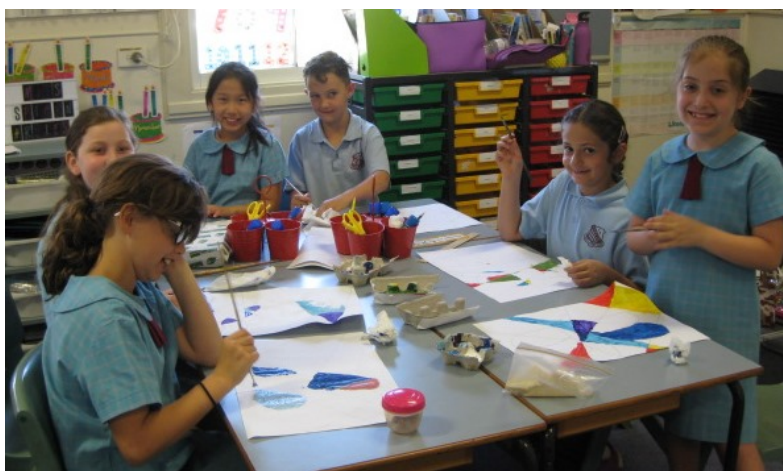
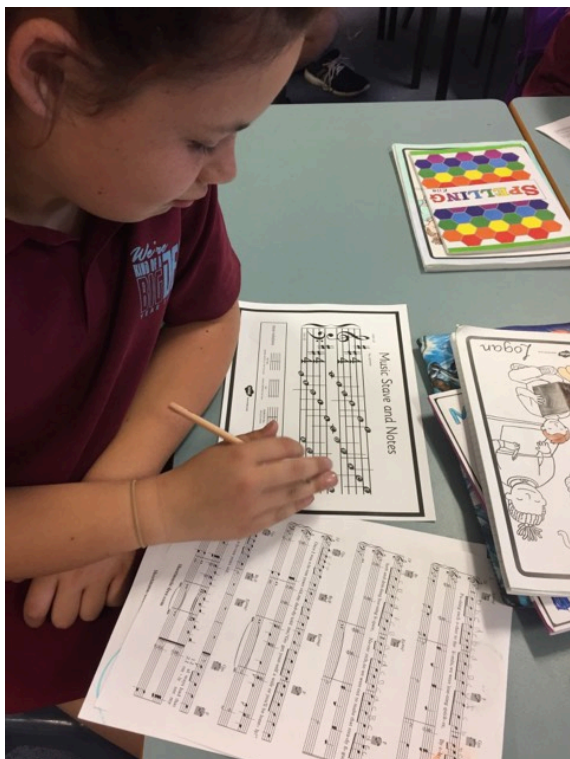
Dates for your diary

30 October	P&C meeting 6:30pm Office staffroom
1 November	John Alexander visit
1 November	Year 5 Cumberland Science 1-3pm
2 November	Mini Kindy 11:45 to 1:00pm
2 November	Assembly 1:55-2:25pm
9 November	Mini Kindy 11:45 to 1:00pm
9 November	CoSFest film screening Cumberland High at 6pm
10 November	Remembrance Day service 10:40am
10 November	Mrs Blamires farewell morning tea with community
15 November	Kindy 2018 Orientation 9:30-11am
16 November	Marsden High Gala Day

Scenes from our classrooms

Our Preschoolers were lucky to have a visit from an officer from Granville Police Station. He spoke to our pre-schoolers about road safety, stranger awareness and safe places to go for help. The children were delighted when the police officer showed them the police car and activated the siren.

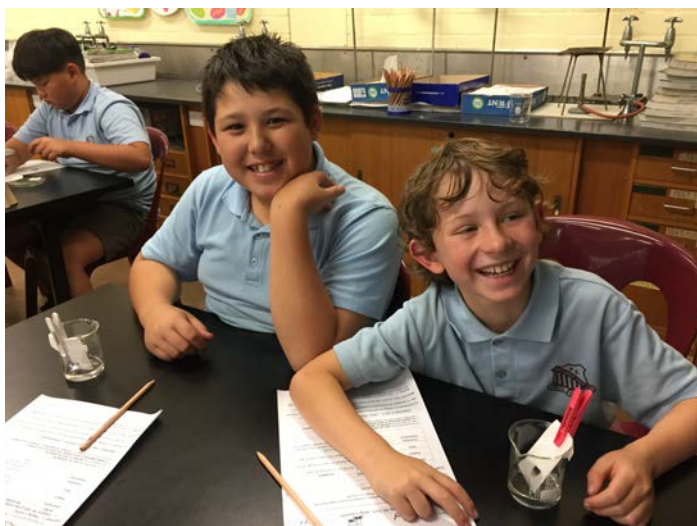




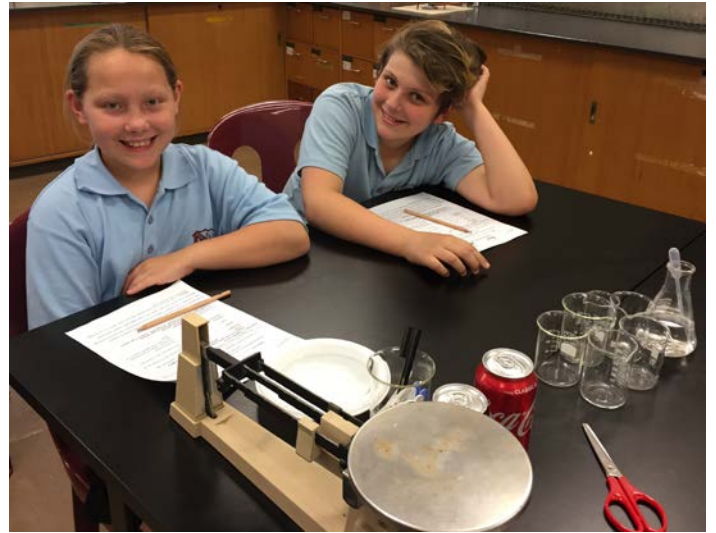
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- Music theory in 60
 - Maths – Time in 2/3M
 - Art Club at lunch time

Discovering Science

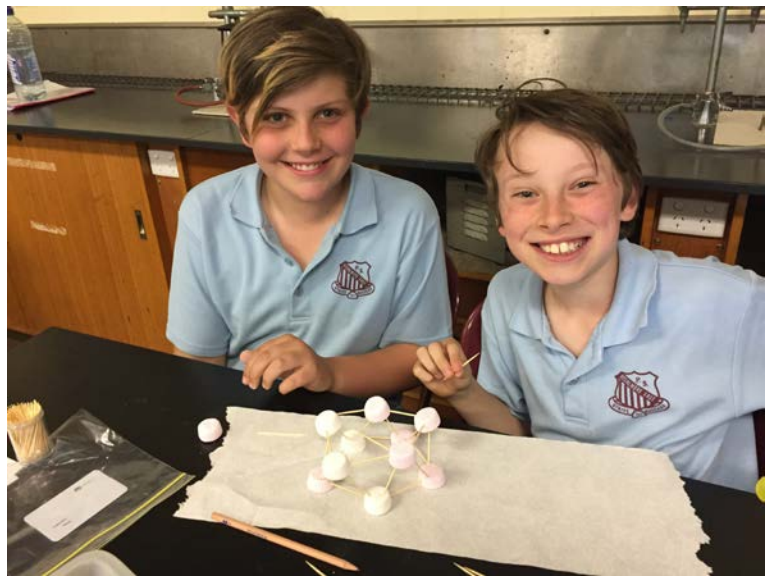
4/5M has been invited to attend an Interactive Science Experience at Cumberland High School over 3 weeks during this term. The program consists of practical hands on activities to enhance student learning. These activities challenge and engage students while linking directly to the science curriculum. The focus topic is 'Discovery Science', students are engaging in a range of laboratory experiments that demonstrate related scientific concepts. The students have experimented with chromatography and constructed geodesic domes.



Miss Morrison



Science at Cumberland High



OOSH news

Dear families

We have had a great start to term 4, amazing that we are close to the end of the year. At OOSH, we have been enjoying celebrating a variety of events including Diwali and Halloween. The children were able to create pictures using different media to describe these occasions.

We are asking for parents help to create a special gift for a child in Africa for Christmas. This idea has come from a wonderful child at the service which shows how compassionate our children are. We are collecting small donations to put in a shoe box for a girl aged 10 to 14 years, with additional boxes assembled if extra donations allow. The OOSH



children are very excited about this project. Donations would be gratefully accepted by next Friday 3 November.

Just drop them off at the hall or the school office.

Another special event we would love donations for is parcels for our defence forces who will not be home for Christmas. This idea was also put forward by one of our thoughtful children. We have some families with members out at Christmas time and this would be great for us to give back to people who serve our country. We would love any donations that we can send over in a box. The combined weight of the box is 2kg and you can include a variety of items to let them know we care.

Thank you for your help and support and I look forward to another great term.

Melissa Fletcher

Coordinator

Helping Hands Rydalmere East

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Table tennis lessons at REPS