



On The Grapevine

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Fortnight in Review

Term 4 is such a busy time to be in a school with so many end of year activities taking place.

This week we have had our Preschool graduation ceremonies. It was a real highlight of my week to be able to head down to the preschool and see so many smiling, proud and happy students receive their certificates and perform some songs and dances. It was also fantastic to see so many parents there to support these children as they take their last steps in preschool before the big leap to 'big school.' Whilst the performances and presentation were wonderful, the best part for most was the visit from Santa and the morning tea that followed.

On Tuesday, students from our 2 support classes attended the annual Special Children's Christmas Party. From all reports it was a super day full of fun, laughter and entertainment. Thank you to our teachers and parents for providing our students with this opportunity.

You're invited to **Presentation Day**

Wednesday 13 December 2017

9:30 to 11:00am in the hall

Highlights include presentation of class book awards, perpetual awards, induction of our 2018 leaders as well as musical items.

Parents and carers are welcome to join us for morning tea after the ceremony.



On Wednesday, we had our parent helper morning tea. Throughout the week, our staff members were busy baking and catering for the event and parents and helpers were treated to a great spread. It was really nice to be able to take some time to have a chat with all our wonderful volunteers and thank them for their efforts. To those who couldn't make it, I would like to extend my sincere thanks for all the contributions you make to our school. Our students and staff appreciate it! Thank you!



Scenes from Year 6 farewell



Last night the hall turned 'Hollywood' for the Year 6 farewell. A brilliant night full of lovely food, speeches, dancing, reminiscing and celebrating our wonderful Year 6 students. It really was an amazing event, made so by Genaya Milkovic and her team of parent helpers. They did a wonderful job and provided something that could not be provided by attending an external premises. Special thanks must also go to our hard-working staff who attended and supported the event, particularly Miss O'Flaherty who has been working hard behind the scenes. To Year 6, I wish you all the very best in high school and beyond. You have contributed so much to our school, and in particular you have played a significant part in making it great for myself to come to work. Year 6 this year have been an enthusiastic group of students who have been very well-behaved and have helped make Rydalmore East the great school that it is. I hope you make the same impact on your new schools. Mrs Hinchcliffe also sends her well wishes. Good luck!

Staffing Update

We have some exciting staffing news to share with you all. Earlier in the term, we ran a merit selection panel for a classroom teacher and we are pleased to inform that Mrs Jay Chow (Miss Razon) was successful and is now appointed to our school on a permanent basis.

We have also received a teacher transfer, meaning that Mrs Ruth Andrews has been appointed to our school. Mrs Andrews is an experienced teacher from Dawson Public School. I have had the pleasure of meeting with her and she will be an excellent acquisition to our school.

The Assistant Principal for the Support Unit has also been selected, however, that position is still in the cooling off period which expires next week, so you will have to wait to hear about that at a later date. I am also in the process of appointing a new School Learning Support Officer (SLSO) to work in the support unit, but that process won't be complete until 19 December, so you will have to wait until next year to find out who that is.

Mrs Hinchcliffe will continue her Long Service Leave into 2018, and I will have the pleasure of continuing to relieve as Principal until further notice.

I will make sure I keep you all informed as best as I can in regards to all things staffing.

In relation to classes, our numbers are really awkward at the moment, so please bear with us at the beginning of next year while we wait and see what enrolments we gain. One thing that is as close to certain as anything, is that for the first time, we will be looking at having two full Kindergarten classes. How exciting!

What's on Next Week?

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Business as usual	Muru Mittigar Excursion for KB, K/1B, 1/2HK, 2/3M and K-2L Make sure you have returned your note. Party day for 60, 4/5M, 3/4S and 3-6D	Presentation Day 9:30 am Followed by a morning tea for guests	Muru Mittigar Excursion for 60, 4/5M, 3/4S and 3-6D Make sure you have returned your note. Party day for KB, K/1B, 1/2HK, 2/3M and K-2L	Last day for students Final Assembly 2:10pm All parents welcome Year 6 Archway 2:50pm

School Days and Operations for the End of 2017 and Beginning of 2018

As highlighted above, Friday 15 December is the last day of the year for students.

The office will be open on Monday 18 December from 8:30 – 12:00pm and will be non-operational in the afternoon. There will be some staff onsite on Tuesday 19 December; however, there will be no one there to perform duties in the front office.

In 2018, staff will return on Monday 29 January. The first day for students in Years 1-6 is Tuesday 30 January. Kindergarten students will receive their own individual letter/email next week notifying them when their child's Best Start Assessment time is, as well as their first full day of school.

Preschool Group 1 will have their first day on Tuesday 30 January, whilst Preschool Group 2 will have their first day on Thursday 1 February.

The uniform shop will be open on Monday 29 January from 8:30am to 10:00am for parents who are wishing to make new purchases.

PBL and Peer support

Our Week 7 Positive Behaviour focussed on being safe by wearing a school hat.

Congratulations to these students who were observed following this expectation: Jamie, Matin, Edwin, Kuheli, Logan, HyunJu, James, Kaden and Isaac.



Our Week 8 Positive Behaviour focussed on being Safe by keeping our hands and feet to ourselves.

Congratulations to these students who were observed following this expectation: Lincoln, Alaa, Lillybeth, Ben, Uroomah, Emelia, Mike and Jayden.

PBL Expectations

This fortnight we are focussing on

- Being Safe, Responsible and Respectful on your way to and from school
- Reviewing our expectations from this term

Student Wellbeing

Congratulations to the following students on achieving these awards:

Silver Level 1: HyunJu, Alaa
Silver Level 3: Mallek
Bronze Level 1: Erissa, Resha

Congratulations to Our Ozzie Mozzie Award Winners:



Yara	Harry H	Kingston	Kaitlyn T
Antonio	Ankur	Jamie J	Noah K

Wishing you all a great week as the countdown to Christmas continues.

Mr Carters

Relieving Principal
8 December 2017



Miss Lodewijks, Miss Splarn and Miss Monardo accompanied a group of REPS dancers to Parramatta City Council's 'Christmas in Parramatta' pageant. They had a wonderful time performing on the stage in Prince Albert Park.

Students from 3-6D sold bunches of fresh herbs harvested from their garden plot. Mr Carters purchased a bunch of parsley, oregano and thyme.





We were fortunate to have Cumberland High School Band entertain us with an afternoon of music.

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A representative from the Commonwealth Bank's 'The Start Smart Program' visited our school recently. This program helps to equip students with the confidence and competence to make smart decisions about money.

Reminder

Please return raffle tickets (sold and unsold) and money to school by Tuesday 12 December. The raffle will be drawn on Wednesday.

