



On The Grapevine

A quality education in a caring, innovative environment

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It has been an absolute joy to return to school for this week before commencing my leave. I have had extra hugs from our gorgeous children, more time with the wonderful staff as we prepare for another busy year, an opportunity to welcome new families and kindy students and time to just enjoy the lovely REPS environment.

I trust you will welcome Mr John Carters when he arrives. I can assure you that the school is in very good hands.

It has truly been an honour and a pleasure to be your Principal for the last 12 years and I take with me many wonderful memories.

*I wish you all the very best for the future.
My warmest wishes to you all*

Keryn

Welcome Kindergarten

We welcome our youngest students who commenced classes today after completing their Best Start assessment. John Carters was able to join us to meet the children and parents on this exciting and important first day.

Classes for 2017

It is anticipated that classes will be finalised by the end of next week. Students are currently in year groups with the relevant class teachers.

Classes and Meet the Teacher mornings

Meet the teacher mornings are scheduled for Week 5.

Infants classes - Block D on Wednesday 22 February at 8:15am.

Primary classes - Block B on Thursday 23 February at 8:15am.

This is a good chance to meet the teacher and hear of their plans and organisation for your child's class.

Communications

Skoolbag app

Do you know how to set the alerts on Skoolbag so that you only receive notifications for the year group your child is in?

Go to the **More** button at the bottom of each screen and chose **Setup Push Notifications**

Turn **on** the groups that you want to receive notifications from and make sure the others are **off**

If you've already done this last year.... Remember to check you still have the right group for your child!

P&C meeting

The next P&C meeting is to be held on Monday 13 February at 6:30pm in the admin staffroom Block L.

The AGM will be held on Monday 20 March.

Counsellor

Miss Elise Gillard will be working as our counsellor each Wednesday and Tuesdays of the odd numbered school week

Defence families

Welcome to our 19 new Defence children and their families. Our Defence School Transition Aide is Becky Blamires. She can be contacted via the school office, by mobile 0412 736 914 or email rebecca.blamires@det.nsw.edu.au

Tuesday morning teas

Families are invited to stay for a coffee and a chat every Tuesday morning from 8:55 to 9:30 in the covered area outside the canteen. Everyone is very welcome!

Thank you

To Gloria Kells for her hard work in the uniform shop. The start of the school year has been very busy necessitating some long mornings fitting our students and keeping the stock levels up. Gloria has a large range of good quality second hand uniforms. A special thank you to Melissa from Helping Hands OOSH for lending a hand during the busy times.

Please ensure all your child's possessions are labelled, particularly hats, jumpers and lunchboxes.

Emergency cards

It is important that we have up to date information, particularly in case of emergency. Please ensure that the yellow emergency cards sent home last week, are completed front and back and returned to the school promptly. Thank you to those who have already returned theirs.

Keryn Hinchcliffe

Principal

3 February 2017

17 Feb	Swimming carnival
22 Feb	K-2 parent morning 8.30am
23 Feb	3-6 parent morning
23 Feb	Scripture starts
1 March	Zone swimming

OOSH news

Dear families

Welcome to all new families and returning families we are excited for another fun year ahead. Some of the children came with me to Helping Hands at Oatlands School for vacation care. Throughout vacation care the children were able to go on excursions to Manly Sea Life, movies and Koala Park. The children were able to explore the environment and even feed the animals.

Since being back at Rydalmere, the children have been joining in welcoming new students and renewing their friendships from last year. Next week Melissa has organised a visit from RSPCA to learn about caring for and what to do when approaching pets.

The children have been creative making craft for Chinese New Year and Australia Day.

We encourage all families to complete a Helping Hands OOSH enrolment form. There is no cost to register. This helps in case something comes up and you require care.

Please contact Melissa for further information.

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Best regards

Melissa Fletcher

Coordinator Helping Hands Rydalmere East



Pancakes and Berries Breakfast



Friday 10 February 2017
8.15 – 8.45

All REPS pupils and their families are invited to join us for a free breakfast of pancakes and berries before school on Friday 10 Feb from 8.15 until 8.45. John Carters is looking forward to meeting you!

Join us outside the canteen

Everyone welcome!

REPS P&C and Helping Hands OOSH
