



# *On The Grapevine*

**A quality education in a caring, innovative environment**

*February 2017 (Issue 2)*



**CANTEEN IS REOPENING**  
**FRIDAY 10 MARCH**  
For Recess and Lunch  
Every **Friday** in Term 1  
*New menu & price list out next week*

## ***Zone Swimming***

I would like to start off by congratulating Clare, Taj, Jacob, Ashleigh, Freeman, Lucas, Georgia and Ruby for being such wonderful representatives of Rydalmere East Public School at the Zone Swimming Carnival on Wednesday. Credit and thanks must also go to Miss O'Flaherty and Ms Krautloher for taking the children, and putting up with the challenging weather conditions. Thank you and well done to all.

## ***Life Education***

We are all looking forward to getting a visit from Healthy Harold and the Life Education Van this week. All students from pre-school to Year 6 will have the opportunity to visit the van and participate in the very beneficial lessons. A parent information session will be held on Wednesday 9am in the van. Thank you to those who have already brought in their permission notes and money.

## ***P&C Update***

Just a friendly reminder about the P&C the AGM which is coming up on Monday 20 March. As mentioned in the last Grapevine, at this next meeting, all positions will be declared vacant, and in particular, our brilliant president Suzanne, will not be seeking re-election as all her children are off to high school. It would be great to see even more people at this meeting and maybe even putting their hand up to help the children in our school. A small meal will be provided, so come along and be a part of this wonderful school.

In other P&C news, the canteen will re-open next Friday, and will operate on Fridays only for the remainder of the year. A new price guide and menu will be distributed next week.

## ***School Zone Signs – Maling Avenue***

This is just a quick note to inform you that on Tuesday 7 March, the school zone signs are being replaced on Maling Avenue. This may have minor effects to traffic, however, I have been assured strategies are in place to minimise disruptions to parents dropping off and picking up students.

## ***Marsden High School Information Afternoon and Back to School Experience***

Next week, Marsden High will be holding two sessions for parents. The first is Tuesday afternoon, 7 March, where they will be holding an "Open Afternoon" for parents of students considering attending in 2018. The afternoon will begin at 4:30pm.

On Wednesday 8 March, they are holding a "Back to School in 2017" session for parents from 9:00am – 11:15am. The idea of the day is for parents to gain an understanding of what a day of high school looks like for students in 2017. Parents will get the opportunity to see inside the classrooms, take some lessons and walk the halls. Places are limited and interested parents will need to RSVP to [marsden-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:marsden-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au) by Monday 6 March.

## ***Playground Hero Awards***

Well done to Ashleigh S and Jayden M for receiving playground hero awards. Ashleigh has been a responsible and helpful student whilst Jayden has been protecting the creatures in our environment.

### **Congratulations to Our Ozzie Mozzie Award Winners:**



Cooper	Yoo Ju	Yasmin	Dilara	Aydin
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As always, wishing you a great week.

*Mr Carters*

Principal  
3 March 2017

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

6 - 9 March	Life Education
7 March	Marsden High School Open Day
8 March	Year 6 to 7 EOI forms distributed
8 March	Life Education parent information 9am in the van
9 March	Marsden Sports Day
9 March	Selective high school test
10 March	SRC training day
13 - 14 March	Debating camp
14 March	Stewart House bag pick up
15 March	ASD swimming carnival
17 March	EOI forms for year 6 to 7 to be returned
20 March	P&C AGM
22 March	Infants excursion to Riverside Theatre



With guidance from Mrs Brown, our year 1 students painted self portraits in watercolour. These were displayed in the office foyer and were admired by parents and other visitors. Class 2/3M's artwork is now on show so pop into the office to appreciate their work.



In 4/5M we have been learning about microbes. One of them is yeast. During our experiments with yeast, we mixed sugar and yeast with different temperatures of water – hot, cold and warm. The mixture then released carbon dioxide gas which was captured in balloons.

*Lillybeth and Elisha 4/5M*

### ***OOSH news***

Dear families

Over the past 2 weeks at Helping Hands, the children have been very busy using their creative skills, imagination and a variety of materials during art and craft time to produce special paintings.

In the mornings, our independent children have been preparing their own breakfasts, developing their self help skills. With the cooler weather, warm afternoon teas such as tacos, pasta and lasagne have been served together with a range of fresh fruit. Helping Hands OOSH promotes healthy eating.

It is extremely exciting that more children are joining our service. We ask that those using the service on a casual basis give as much notice as possible. Please also advise us if your child will be away. This helps with our staff rostering and organisation. Phone Melissa on 0475 823 785.

*Melissa Fletcher* - Helping Hands Rydalmere East



## **Marsden High Open Day**

**7th March**

**4:30 – 6:30pm**



Exclusive opportunities: Pinnacle classes, Robotics, Talented Sports Program, Dance Ensembles, Bush Regeneration

Principal's address 4:30pm followed by school tours

## 2017 ADF Families Survey

### Families get the chance to tell Defence what they think about military life

Being a member of the ADF is a unique experience, not only for the individuals in uniform, but for their parents, partners and children who are also asked to accept the unique challenges associated with military life.

ADF families have the opportunity to provide feedback about their experiences and views on service life through the 2017 ADF Families Survey. This year's survey will focus on partner employment and support services available for Defence families.

If you are a partner or parent of a permanent ADF member or a permanent ADF member looking after dependants on your own, tell Defence about your experiences in the ADF Families Survey.

The survey should only take about 15-20 minutes to complete and is online at:

- Defence Community Organisation [www.defence.gov.au/dco](http://www.defence.gov.au/dco)
- Defence Families of Australia [www.dfa.org.au](http://www.dfa.org.au)

The ADF Families Survey opens on 1 March and will close on 31 March 2017. The results are expected to be available in mid-2017.

A black and white photograph of a young man in a military uniform and hat, looking directly at the camera. The background is a blurred, artistic representation of a battlefield or trench. The poster includes the following text:

**SPIRIT OF ANZAC**  
CENTENARY EXPERIENCE

A free travelling exhibition that tells the story of Australia's involvement in the First World War, featuring artefacts from the Australian War Memorial.

**BOOK FREE TICKETS NOW AT**  
**[WWW.SPIRITOFANZAC.GOV.AU](http://WWW.SPIRITOFANZAC.GOV.AU)**

We will be hosting free children's activities at the Experience from 17 - 21 April. Find out more and register your interest at [www.spiritofanzac.gov.au/sydney/activities](http://www.spiritofanzac.gov.au/sydney/activities)

**International Convention Centre Sydney**  
**15 - 27 APR 2017**

PRESENTED BY: Australian Government, Australian War Memorial, and others.

PROUDLY SUPPORTED BY: and others.

**FINAL TOUR DATES**

### Footnote

Unfortunately, nits and headlice are a regular problem at all schools. When they occur it is necessary to treat them quickly and effectively.

Recently, we have been informed that headlice have been detected in some children.

It is strongly suggested that all families check their children's hair and treat immediately if nits are found.

For further information go to [www.health.nsw.gov.au/environment/headlice](http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/environment/headlice)