



On The Grapevine

A quality education in a caring, innovative environment

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We have indeed, had a busy fortnight here at Rydalmere East Public School.

Life Education

Last week the children thoroughly enjoyed a visit from Healthy Harold and the Life Education van. It is great to see this learning being consolidated in classrooms this week. Thanks to Mrs Hungerford for organising this engaging learning experience for our children.

Student Representative Council

Last Friday, Miss O'Flaherty along with Mrs Hose ran a very productive SRC student leadership induction. The day comprised team building exercises, leadership activities and looked at how our leaders can help our school and community. This was an extremely well organised and very beneficial day for our student leaders.

ASD Swimming carnival at Ryde Aquatic centre

On Wednesday, students from K-2L and 3-6D attended the Northcott's Primary Interschool Swimming Carnival. Students entered freestyle, backstroke, breaststroke and noodle races and we entered teams in the primary and infants relays. The children had an extremely fun experience, which could not have been made possible without all the people (teachers, parents and Macquarie Uni prac students) who helped out on the day. Thanks for your valuable contributions.

More images have been posted on our website.



New bubblers and our P&C

Over the past fortnight, we have also seen the installation of the new bubblers down near the bottom oval. Thank you to Suzanne Barber and the P&C for applying for the grant and the extra P&C contributions to make this project achievable. It is much more convenient for the children and they will be regularly used.

Mozzies

As a result of the wet weather, there are large numbers of mosquitoes in the school. You may wish to apply repellent to your child before coming to school to protect them from bites.

Marsden High Partnership

Last Thursday, students from Year 4, 5 and 6 attended the Marsden High Sports Gala Day. I am extremely pleased to inform you that (with no surprise to me), that the students were on their best behaviour and comments were made that they were wonderful ambassadors for our school. Thank you students, and indeed Miss Morrison, Miss Monardo and Mrs Hose for taking the students to this event.



Debating camp

Miss Morrison also needs to be thanked for giving up time away from her family taking Elisha, Kuheli, Saane and Shania to the debating camp on Monday and Tuesday in Katoomba. At the camp, students learnt many new skills, made new friends, gained expert advice and participated in a live debate. Well done to these students on their dedication and application to this extra-curricular program.

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 Mrs Brown 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; Miss Gillard, 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.

Harmony Day

This Tuesday 21 March we will be celebrating Harmony Day. Don't forget to wear orange/cultural attire. Thanks to Mrs Brown for her organisation of this event.

Voluntary Contributions

A big thank you to those parents / families who have paid their school levy / voluntary contribution. Remember, the money raised through these contributions goes towards the upkeep of our XO's and other technological resources, funding extra-curricular programs, classroom supplies and other new programs / initiatives. Cost is \$50 per student or \$75 per family. We will be having a special prize draw for those who have contributed, at The Easter Hat Parade on the last day of term (Friday 7 April). Looking forward to seeing you there. Thanks for supporting our school.

Please note change of date

P&C AGM

Now on Monday 27 March at 6:30pm

Please come along and support your school and community

Extra-Curricular Groups

At Rydalmere East, we are very fortunate that we have lots of teachers who give up their lunch times to run extra activities and programs. This gives the students a structured and organised approach to their lunch time and can also help in their social development.

In addition to the library being open every day (excluding Wednesday) by Miss Razon, below is a rough guide of the activities that we have on offer here at the school:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Table Tennis Miss Morrison and Mrs Smith	Yoga Mrs Muldoon	Art Club Miss Splarn and Miss Razon	Dance (even weeks) Miss Lodewijks	Chess Club Miss O'Flaherty
	K-2 Defence Club Mrs Blamires	3-6 Defence Club Mrs Blamires	Choir (odd weeks) Miss Monardo	Recorder Miss Splarn
	Debating Miss Morrison			

Student Wellbeing

Congratulations to the following student on achieving a Principal's Award.

Bronze Level 3: Rohan

Congratulations to Our Ozzie Mozzie Award Winners:



Heath	Sienna C	Anna	Payten	Stan	Logan H	Canne
Isaac	Samantha	Jaxson	Harry	Aarav	Japreet	John A

As always, wishing you a great fortnight.

Mr Carters

Principal, 17 March 2017

Don't forget to join us for a cuppa and a
chat
Tuesdays from 9 to 9:30am
Outside the canteen

Dates for your diary

21 March	Harmony Day
22 March	Infants excursion to Riverside Theatre
25 March	Working bee 9am to 12 noon
27 March	P&C AGM 6:30pm Admin block
31 March	Autism Awareness Day

Uniform sale

The preloved uniform sale raised over \$200 for the P&C. This money will directly benefit our students. Thank you to Gloria, Louise, Suzanne, Becky and the fabulous students who helped out. Another sale is scheduled for Wednesday 3 May.

Autism Awareness Day

Our school will celebrate Autism Awareness Day on Friday 31 March by wearing blue mufti clothing and participating in class activities that highlight the needs of children with autism.

Working Bee – Saturday 25 March 2017

9am to 12 noon

HELPERS NEEDED!

In preparation for the 3rd stage of
Playground improvements at
Rydalmere East Public School

Help to **demolish** the blue
amphitheatre seating near Maling Ave gate.

If you are able to spare a few hours to assist
it would be much appreciated.
Bring gloves if you have them.

Morning tea provided.

Any queries:

call Suzanne on 0400474797 or email REPSCommunity@gmail.com



Community notes

Flyers are available in the office for

- Dundas Valley Junior Rugby Union Club Phone 9631 5369 or dvjru@hotmail.com
- Rhubarb Jam drama workshop to be held in our school hall during the next school holidays