



On The Grapevine

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Fortnight in Review

We have had a wonderful and settled start at REPS for Term 2, 2017.

ANZAC Service

On ANZAC Day, I was fortunate enough to attend the Parramatta Dawn Service with our school captains Jacob and Saane. These students met me at the Prince Alfred Park in Parramatta at 4am and sat through a really nice service where they had an opportunity to lay a commemorative wreath. Thank you the parents and family members who attended with their children. Lest We Forget.



Saane, Jacob and Mr Carters at Parramatta Dawn service



Anzac Ceremony at REPS

PBL

As many of you would know, we are a Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) School. PBL is a wellbeing program that sees students explicitly and proactively taught universal expectations across the school. At our school, we have three expectations

- Be Safe
- Be Respectful and
- Be Responsible.

This term, we will be teaching one of these expectations every week. This week, we are focusing on being **Respectful** by '**Listening to and following Adult Instructions**'. Students will be taught these weekly expectations on a Monday at a special assembly as well as follow up lessons in their classroom. One student from each class will be selected each Monday as the student of the week and will be rewarded with an Ozzie Mozzie sticker, along with an extra special treat from myself, as well as their name and photograph in the Grapevine.

Congratulations Taj

Huge congratulations to Taj May, who has been selected in the Sydney West Primary School AFL Team. This is an enormous achievement and one Taj and the whole school community should be extremely proud of. As a part of this team, Taj will head to Parkes in Western NSW to compete at the NSW PSSA AFL Carnival, where they will be trying to win the state title. Please join me in congratulating Taj.



What's Coming Up?

Mother's Day Breakfast: We would like to invite all Mothers, Grandmothers and family members to school next Friday, 12 May to celebrate Mother's Day. The event will begin at 8:15am where a breakfast of muffins and fresh fruit will be provided. There may also be a small performance by the choir. I look forward to seeing you all there.

P&C Meeting: Our next P&C Meeting is scheduled for this Monday night 8 May at 6:30pm in the Admin Building. You do not have to be a committee member to attend. We would love to see the familiar faces, as well as some new ones.

Amphitheatre Area: You would have noticed the landscapers working hard to tidy up and restore the old amphitheatre area at the front of the school. Thanks to a grant secured by the P&C, our beautiful new area should be completed and opened early next week. At some stage in Week 4, there will an official opening with Geoff Lee (state member) and of course, parents and community members will be welcome to attend this event. More information will follow. Thanks to Suzanne Barber and Margaret Kelly who have been overseeing the project, particularly throughout the holidays.

Student Wellbeing

Congratulations to the following students on achieving Principal's Awards.

Bronze Level 1: Scarlett, Jessica P

Bronze Level 2: Jaylah, Ahmad

Bronze Level 3: Oliver, Rafael

Congratulations to Our Ozzie Mozzie Award Winners:



Noah P	Kingston	Lucas M	James S	Ryan H	Zoe U
Lacey	William L	Thomas C	Elvin	Leila	Alyssa

Have a great fortnight, and I look forward to seeing many of you at the Mother's Day Breakfast.

Mr Carters

Principal (rel)
5 May 2017

Dates for your diary

8 May	P&C meeting 6:30pm Admin office
8 May	Mothers' Day stall
9-11 May	NAPLAN Years 3 and 5
11 May	Mothers' Day stall
12 May	Mothers' Day Breakfast 8:15am near Canteen
17 May	Cross country P-6
18 May	West's Tigers Clinic
18 May	Bully Buster
18 May	Assembly 1:55-2:25pm
19 May	National Walk to School Safely Day

Peer Support

This week, all Year 6 students participated in Peer Support Leader training days. There were lots of fun activities that aimed to help them develop their skills to work collaboratively. At the end of the two days they practised running a peer support session.

Our Peer Support Program will be starting next Thursday, 11 May, 2017. The unit is called Moving Forward and its aim is to help develop resilience. All students will be placed into a peer support group that consists of students from each year level and is led by two Year 6 leaders.



Leadership Day @ EWPS



On Tuesday 2 May, 2017 our School Captains and Prefects attended Ermington West Public School for a leadership skills development day.

They were split into teams to learn how to work together with unfamiliar students. In their teams, they solved Breakout Boxes and found 'root causes' and solutions to problems using a 'problem tree'. They also listened to Jen Gilmore and Nicole Feledy discuss 'Strengths-based Leadership', which focuses on utilising everyone's

different strengths to achieve a common goal.

Jess O'Flaherty

Assistant Principal (rel)

Mothers' Day stall

REPS P&C are selling a variety of gifts for Mother's Day on Monday 8 May. Prices range from \$1 to \$5 and include mugs, pens, water bottles, key rings and fragrant bathroom products.

If you would like your son or daughter to purchase a gift, please send them to school with cash in an envelope/purse, preferably named, on Monday 8 May.

There will be a second opportunity to purchase a gift on Thursday 11 May.

P&C news



Did you know.....

REPs P&C have a Facebook page ... find us at Rydalmere East Public School P&C and keep up to date with what's going on.



Thank you to those who supported the preloved uniform sale this week. We raised \$91 for our P&C.

PSSA report

Our soccer teams showed considerable skill and excellent sportsmanship in their first PSSA soccer match of the season against talented teams from Carlingford and Parramatta East.

On our website

In the gallery section are images of our Anzac ceremony and our Easter Hat Parade. Take a look!



OOSH news



Dear families

In the last the last two weeks of Term 1 Helping Hands at Rydalmere East went through the assessment and rating procedure for our Before and After School Care service. We are happy to announce that we gained an overall rating of *Exceeding* for our service. Thank you to the families and the school throughout this time. We appreciate all the support to make this a wonderful service for the community, school and families.

During vacation care, the children had a wonderful time at Oatlands Helping Hands attending excursions to flip out and bowling. The children enjoyed these excursions into the community, having a good time with their peers. Other fun activities included making quacky quoits and creating mosaics.

Reminder - if you are requiring casual days, please let us know with as much notice as you can as we are reaching capacity on some days. It would be appreciated if you could advise Helping Hands when your child will not be attending the service. This ensures your children are accounted for and we know they get home safely.

Regards

Melissa Fletcher

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