

On The Grapevine

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Education Week and Open Day

Next week is Education Week and our school will be celebrating the achievements of our students by welcoming parents and families to visit our school.

On Wednesday, 2 August at 9:30am there will be a school assembly and all parents and families are invited. Then parents will have the opportunity to visit their children's classrooms. There will also be a Book Fair in the library where books and other items can be purchased. Families are encouraged to stay for recess and have morning tea with their children. Normal class lessons will resume at about 11:30am.

Warm Welcome Morning

What a lovely way to start the term!

Last Friday morning copious quantities of hot chocolate (with marshmallows of course), tea and coffee were served to students, and their families. Students were delighted to receive the delicious chocolaty treat while parents and families had the opportunity to chat with each other. There was a colourful variety of toys for the 'littlies' to enjoy as their parents and families caught up after the holidays. Thank you to Becky Blamires for your wonderful organisation, and Mel from OOSH, plus other helping parents for your support.



Is your child starting kindy in 2018?



**Rydalmere East Public School
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Join us for Kindy Playsessions on
Fridays 25th August,
1st and 8th September 2:00 to 2:55pm

Mini Kindy on
Thursdays 26th October,
2nd and 9th November 11:45 to 1:00pm

**Orientation Day on Wednesday
15 November 9:30 to 11:00am**

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Athletics carnival

Last Wednesday, 19 July the Primary Athletics Carnival was held at Barton Park. With outstanding weather and bundles of energy our students actively participated in running races, long jump and shot put. There was wonderful team spirit and sportsmanship as students encouraged each other throughout the day.

Thank you to our wonderful Primary teachers for such a well organised, yet relaxed carnival. It is a lot of hard work to organise a carnival but seeing the children's excitement and enthusiasm certainly made it worth the effort. Also I would like to say a special thankyou to the parents who assisted and supported the teachers throughout the day!



More images of our athletics carnival can be found on our webpage gallery.

PBL and Peer support

Our Term 2 Week 10 Positive Behaviour focussed on being safe by keeping our hands and feet to ourselves. Congratulations to the following students who were observed following this expectation.

Kuheli, Resha, Mahdi, Ryan, Sisca, Erissa, Billie, Clare and Will



Keeping our hands and feet to ourselves.



Using nice words and speaking politely.

Our Term 3 Week 1 PBL Expectation was to be respectful by using nice words and speaking politely. Congratulations to the following students who were rewarded for following this expectation.

Jayden, Japreet, Hareem, Alyssa, Elisha, Lucas, Ashika and Reilly

PBL Expectations

This fortnight we are focussing on

- Playing safely on the playground
- Being respectful to visitors to our school

Hot Chocolate on Open Day

Students in the school choir will be attending Primary Proms in the Town Hall. They are raising funds to help pay for the transport to this venue. Hot chocolate will be sold at recess on Open Day in the school canteen for \$1.50.

****Please note:** Hot chocolate will also be sold to students at recess on the following Wednesday, 9 August.



Term 3 Friday Gymnastics

Our whole school gymnastics program has begun and students in Preschool to Year 6 are having so much fun discovering ways that they can work their body. At the same time they are developing strength, balance, agility and coordination.

This program has been heavily subsidised by the school and we are asking families to pay just \$10 for each student. A note has already gone home about this so payment as soon as possible would be appreciated.



Premier's Reading Challenge

Just a reminder that the closing date for the 2016-17 Premier's Reading Challenge is Friday, 25 August. If your child is aiming to complete the challenge please ensure that all books are recorded by this date, so that it can be validated. The new 2017-18 challenge starts on 1 September; however, electronic recording of the books for this challenge is not possible until early 2018. If you choose to begin the challenge keep a paper copy record of the books read and record them electronically in early 2018, when it is possible.

Gifted and Talented (MindQuest 2017)

Brochures are at the office for anyone who is interested in their child attending an Enrichment weekend at Glenwood High School.

There is a variety of topics for various stages on the 9-10 September. Cost for attending the enrichment weekend is \$195.

Canteen news

Our school canteen is currently closed.
The new canteen day will be on a Wednesday; however it will not open until Wednesday 30 August

Student Wellbeing

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

Bronze Level 3: Parmis

Congratulations to Our Ozzie Mozzie Award Winners:



Ankur	Ricky M ^c C	Stan	Heath	James S	Louis
Jack D	Noah	Ervin	Leila	Lucas M	

Principal's Award (Playground Hero)

Kyan- speaking up to support a friend. Being brave!

Mrs Brown

Principal Relieving
28 July 2017

Dates for your diary

Next P&C meeting

Next Monday night

31 July at 6:30pm

Admin building

All very welcome

31 July	Premier's Sporting Challenge Week 3
31 July	Stewart House Bag pick up
31 July	P&C meeting 6:30pm in staffroom
31 July – 4 August	Education Week
2 August	Open Day 9:30 – 11:30am
7 August	Premier's Sporting Challenge Week 4
10 August	Little Athletics talk
10 August	Assembly 1:55pm
14 August	Premier's Sporting Challenge Week 5
14 August	Book Week Performance
17 August	External Validation Panel Meeting
22 August	Book Character Day
23 August	K-2 Athletics Carnival
23- 25 August	Year 6 camp

Leadership Day at Carlingford PS

Miss Razon accompanied our captains and prefects to a Leadership day at Carlingford Public School. Summing up at the conclusion of the day, Georgia commented that a good leadership strategy was to include other people's strengths and ideas.



Premier's Sporting Challenge at Rydalmere East Public School

Our school has registered to participate in the 2017 NSW Premier's Sporting Challenge. The purpose of the Challenge is to encourage students to participate in sport, games and physical activity and to have more students, more active, more often!

Over a ten week period in Term 3, our K-6 classes will be monitoring physical activity we do during class time, at recess and lunch as well as during sport. What we do outside school hours will also count towards the Challenge award. Our aim is for all of us to average at least 60 minutes a day, every day for ten weeks.

We would especially like to invite all our families to support us in encouraging students' healthy use of leisure time and to experience the joy of being active together.

Students completing the Challenge will receive a personalised certificate (Diamond, Gold, Silver or Bronze - based on the class/team average), signed by the Premier of NSW.

Physical activity is valued for its physical, social and emotional benefits. It also helps young people to develop communication skills, confidence and resilience while having fun with family and friends.

If you would like to discuss any aspect of the Challenge or make suggestions, please contact Miss Morrison who will be pleased to talk further with you. For more information on the NSW Premier's Sporting Challenge please visit <https://online.det.nsw.edu.au/psc>

I know our students are really looking forward to participating in the NSW Premier's Primary School Sport Challenge and having fun along the way!

Miss Morrison

PSC Coordinator

Lost Property

The amount of lost property in the front office is building up - we have a large number of hats, jumpers and lunchboxes. Please come in and retrieve any items that belong to your children.

Tuesday Morning Teas

Everyone is welcome to call into the canteen on a Tuesday morning after the bell goes at 8:55am for coffee, biscuits and a chat with other parents. There are toys available for younger children; we look forward to seeing some new faces soon!

Parent Helpers

Do you have any spare time to be able to help at school?

We are grateful for all the help we can get so whether you can only spare a few hours as a one off or you can come into school on a weekly basis there will be something that you can help us with!

This term we need helpers for Infants' Athletics Carnival (one off event), Zone Athletics Carnival (one off event), Father's Day Breakfast (cooking sausages on the BBQ and serving), Father's Day stall (helping children choose which gift to buy), Gardening and keeping the grounds maintained (one off or regular help) and MultiLit reading groups (weekly) as well as other one-off class activities.

If you are interested in helping out in our school find out more by contacting me through the school office.

Becky Blamires

Community Liaison

Earn and Learn

The Woolworths Earn and Learn program is back for 2017 and our school is participating. Last year we earned 9420 points which enabled us to redeem some fabulous sport and craft equipment for free. This year we are aiming for 15 000 points which of course will enable us to order even more.

Please start collecting the Earn and Learn stickers when you shop at Woolworths. For every \$10 you spend you will receive one sticker. Bring the stickers to school and post them in the 'Earn and Learn' box positioned in the office foyer.

Alternatively, if you shop at Woolworths regularly you might want to have your own sticker chart and collect at home. When the chart is full (or the due date has been reached) post it in the 'earn and learn' box at school. There should also be a box for our school at the local Woolworths in Ermington too.

Sticker charts can be collected at the school office.

Please ask your family and friends to collect stickers too. That way the community is helping and supporting our school.

*The 'Earn and Learn' program will continue until 19 September.

OOSH news

Welcome to all the families to Term 3 which is starting off to be an amazing one. We have one of our wonderful mothers visiting on Monday afternoon to run a drama class for the children. We are so grateful for any parental input and this will be an amazing experience for the children.



The children have been very busy exploring their creative side with some amazing craft to showcase during Education Week next week.

During vacation care the children enjoyed being able to participate in a variety of activities including laser tag/ Lollipops Playland as well as Flip out. The children were able to make new friends whilst out at the excursions and interact with each other.

A very big thankyou to all my wonderful families who have been updating me when your children are not attending or need care. This allows me to cater for all my families and make sure there are no disappointments. Thank you so much.

Looking forward to a wonderful Term 3 and if any parents have any ideas or inputs they would love to add please feel free to contact me by phone or email.

Melissa Fletcher

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*Congratulations to the
46 students who received perfect attendance and the 51 students who
received outstanding attendance awards for Term 2 at yesterday's assembly*

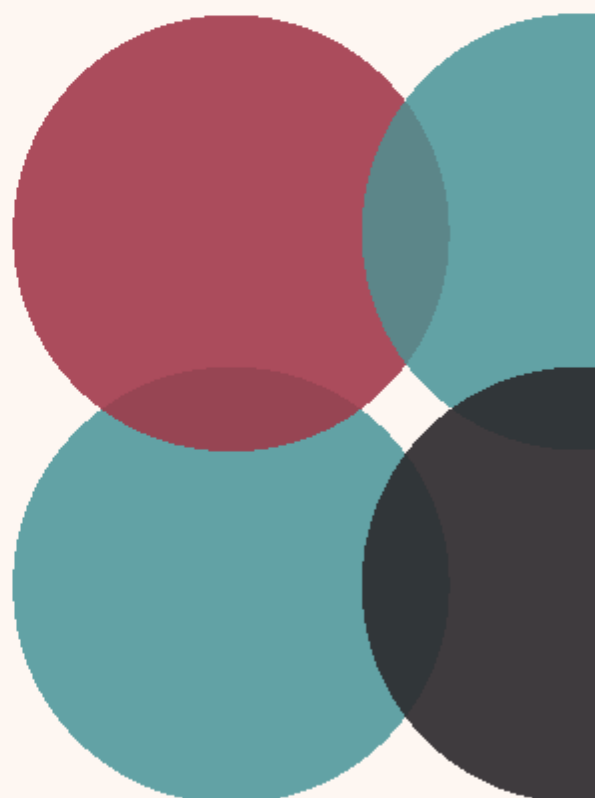
EDUCATION WEEK OPEN DAY



Wednesday 2 August
9:30am to 11:30am

Enjoy a picnic morning tea
with your child

Student performances
Classroom visits
Book Fair



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Gifted and Talented
Class Placement
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11 August 2017**

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The following was extracted from Cumberland High's recent newsletter
Ex Rydalmere East Public School student Makaila Wilcox represented Cumberland High at a day long workshop for Year 11 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Visual Arts and Photography students. Makaila was thrilled to be selected saying 'It was an amazing experience and gave an opportunity to explore new art media.' Congratulations Makaila.