



On The Grapevine

A quality education in a caring, innovative environment

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Fortnight in Review

Once again, we have had a busy fortnight here at Rydalmere East Public School. The highlight of the fortnight for me was without doubt the Father's Day Breakfast. It is always wonderful to see families come together at our school. We had over 50 parents at this event, where families were treated to a BBQ breakfast, opportunities to play and interact with their children, musical performances and opportunities to chat with other families and teachers. Thanks to everyone who came along, and an extra special thanks to Mrs Blamires and all from the P&C who helped provide this wonderful event for our community.

We also had a school disco on Wednesday night. We had an amazing turn out with 87 families coming to enjoy the festivities. Thank you to everyone who came to support this P&C initiative. We would like to extend our thanks to Genaya Milkovic, Louise Wills, Melissa Fletcher and Mrs Blamires for organising this fantastic event. Mrs Blamires' report appears later in this newsletter.



Scenes from the Fathers' Day Breakfast

Staffing Update

I would like to formally welcome Mr Nick Littlejohn as a member of our teaching staff for the remainder of 2017. Mr Littlejohn spent 4 weeks here earlier in the year on practicum with 6O and is replacing Hedy Souvignet, who is now on maternity leave awaiting the arrival of baby number 2. Mr Littlejohn will fill a number of roles from providing teachers with RFF to teaching writing interventions to selected students. Please make Mr Littlejohn feel welcome. He will be working Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday. We would also like to wish Mrs Souvignet and her family all the best in the weeks to come and beyond.

We also have a number of teachers on leave at the moment and in the coming weeks. Mrs Brown started long service leave on Thursday and will be on leave for the remainder of the term. Miss Martelli will be teaching K/1B. Miss Razon will be relieving as Assistant Principal P-2 whilst Mrs Brown is on leave. When Mrs Brown returns, she will also be stepping down from the Relieving Assistant Principal position and Miss Razon will continue to fill this role. Mrs Brown will continue to be a member of the executive 1 day per week in a mentoring capacity. Mrs Alda Barny from the Preschool (Thursday and Friday) will also be on leave starting next Thursday and will return in Week 2 next term. Irene Wallace will be replacing Alda throughout this time. Irene knows the children in the preschool well and will be a great fit whilst Mrs Barny is on leave.

Lastly, Mrs Smith will also be on Long Service Leave, predominantly for the first 3 weeks of next term. Miss Martelli will teach 3-6D throughout this time after she finishes teaching K/1B. Thanks for your understanding and support of the teachers in our school. We are lucky to have brilliant permanent, temporary and casual staff members whom we can trust to provide high quality and caring educational experiences for our students.

SRC Fun Run

Next Thursday 14 September we will be holding our SRC 'Fun Run' (walk-a-thon). Our SRC has chosen RSPCA as their charity this year. A portion of the funds raised will be donated to the RSPCA, with the rest being donated to the school. Please continue to find sponsors in the lead up to the event so that your child can get an amazing prize. The money raised is due by Wednesday 20 September. You must log in to the website in the week after the Fun Run to claim any prizes. The Fun Run will be held between recess and lunch if any parents, carers or community members would like to attend to cheer the students on.

NAPLAN Readiness Test

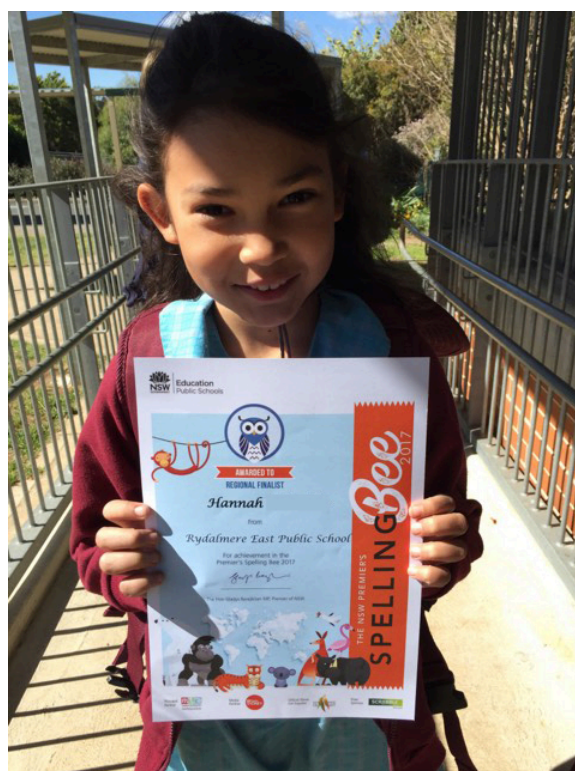
On Monday 11 September, students in Years 3 and 5 will participate in a readiness test for next year's NAPLAN. They will get to see the format of the new online test. The purpose of the test is for NESA (NSW Education Standards Authority) to determine if schools have the capacity to implement NAPLAN online for 2018.

Kindergarten 2018

We are still accepting enrolments for Kindergarten 2018 so please spread the word about our amazing school to any prospective families. If they require any information about our Playsessions, Mini-Kindy or Orientation Day they can visit our office.

Regional Spelling Bee Finalists

Congratulations to Hannah, Jayden and Ruby who represented our school at the Regional Finals at The Meadows Public School on Tuesday. Each was presented with a Certificate of Participation.



OzHarvest Food Drive

Kuheli, Jayden, Rachel, Asiya, Elisha, Lucy, Lachlan, Riley and Breanna from Year 5 are currently participating in a Gifted and Talented program at Marsden High School called Wings. These students are studying several different subjects, such as Mathematics, STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics), Creative Arts, Dance and Geography. Asiya and Rachel are participating in the Geography program and have been studying food waste and sustainability. They are collecting non-perishable foods to donate to OzHarvest. If you have any in-date non-perishable food in your pantry, please place it in the basket in the office by Tuesday 12 September.

PBL and Peer Support

Our Term 3 Week 6 Positive Behaviour focussed on being safe responsible on the way to and from school.

Our Term 3 Week 7 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: Freeman, Farhad, Ben, Reilly, Ashika, Ahmad, Declan, Harry, ZiKei and Ervin



PBL Expectations

This fortnight we are focussing on

- Being responsible by coming to school with a positive attitude, ready to learn
- Being Safe helping out at the Buddy Bench

Student Wellbeing

Congratulations to the following students on achieving these awards:

Silver Level 2: Alisa
Bronze Level 1: Lone
Bronze Level 2: Esha
Bronze Level 3: Logan H (1/2HK), Logan M-W

Congratulations to Our Ozzie Mozzie Award Winners:



Shontae	Erissa	Elena	Ashika	Dallas	Mahan
Payten	Ella	Elia	Logan (KB)	Kingston	

Mr Carters

Principal Relieving
8 September 2017

Dates for your diary

8 September	Kindy Playsession 2-2:55pm Kindy room
13 September	Parramatta Eels Rugby League Program
14 September	Walkathon
20 September	Primary Proms
21 September	Assembly 1:55pm in the hall
22 September	Last day for term 3
9 October	Staff and students return for Term 4

School Photos will be taken Tuesday 24 and Wednesday 25 October.

Pre named order envelopes will be distributed to the classes early in Term 4.

Pack options with prices can be seen on the last page of this newsletter.

Family Disco

87 families attended the Family Disco on Wednesday and danced the night away in the school hall, until 6:30pm anyway. The evening was a great success despite the long queue for ice cream and sprinkles! Emelia won the lucky door prize donated by Ann Sykes Nutrimerics. Thank you to everyone who helped especially Genaya, Kathleen, Louise, Jenny, Kellie, Philip, Mel, Pete, Scott, Chloe, Sienna and Gail as well as to all of the staff who stayed after school to dance with their classes and help with the clearing up. The playground was buzzing on Thursday morning with tales from the night before. Ticket sales and expenses are still being counted but this was another successful P&C fundraiser with over \$600 being raised, as well as being a great school community event. Thank you also to Woolworths at Ermington for their gift voucher donation used to purchase disco supplies. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Becky Blamires

Defence School Transition Aide/Community Liaison

Excursions and Camps



Year 6 travelled to Brewongle Environmental Education Camp on the Hawkesbury River at Sackville North for three days of fun and environmental education. Highlights included boomerang throwing, kayaking, the native animal show and playing hide and seek. Thank you to Miss O'Flaherty, Mrs Chapman, Mr Thorup (from Marsden High) and parent helpers, Ruth and Michelle, for making this camp a success. More images are on our website.

Miss Monardo's Primary Proms Choir rehearsed for their Daintree concert in the City. Their concert is on Wednesday 20 September at Sydney Town Hall.

Tickets available from
<http://www.cityrecitalhall.com>
Phone 8256 2222
Tickets \$40 Adult
\$32 Student/Concession

Students who are participating do not need a ticket.



Students from 2/3M studied a passage on guinea pigs for Composition and were lucky to have a visit from Mrs Chapman's pets, Lionel and Hugo, to complement their studies



Kindergarten to Year 2 students are studying Geography and have identified significant places within their local community. To support the students' learning, they went on a walking excursion to some of the local places.

Uniform Shop

Regrettably, uniform prices will increase to keep up with those from our suppliers; however, these increases have been kept to a minimum. A new price list has been distributed to the eldest child from each family. The new prices are effective 9 October 2017. Uniform order forms can be downloaded from our webpage under the *Community* tab.

Earn and Learn

Don't forget to bring in your Woolies Earn and Learn stickers. There's a collection box in the office foyer. The Earn and Learn promotion finishes on Tuesday 19 September.

OOSH news

Dear families

This last fortnight we have been very busy with a series of school events. Firstly, we celebrated Father's Day with the school community and I loved being able to help Louise run the Father's Day stall and being involved within the school. The Father's Day breakfast was very popular and an awesome occasion for all children and families involved to have breakfast with their loved ones. I also attended the school disco on Wednesday night which was another wonderful community event.

Helping Hands are currently looking at making a cook book of all the children's favourite recipes so we can share this with all the families. The children are enjoying being able to help researching some delicious recipes. If you would like to share your favourite, please email them to me.

Just a reminder to families if you can please call or send a text if your child is sick or away from OOSH so we can ensure the children are safe. Safety is a priority at OOSH and our children have been made aware of its importance.

Kind regards

Melissa Fletcher

Helping Hands Network Rydalmere East
(Phone 0475 823 785)

Germs and Kids



If your child has been vomiting, it is recommended that they stay at home for at least 24 hours.

Flyers available at the office

- Tiger West Little Athletics NSW
- Parramatta City Council Spring School Holiday Activities Guide

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