



On The Grapevine

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Fortnight in Review

Another busy fortnight here to finish off Term 3. Yes, that's right, Term 3! Where has the year gone?

On Wednesday night, I had the pleasure of attending the Primary Proms Daintree Concert at Town Hall in the city. Primary Proms is a combined Primary Choir of 450 voices. Each year they perform vocal items from public schools across NSW. This year, we were fortunate to have Miss Monardo and Miss Splarn volunteer their time and expertise to take on the challenge so that our students could experience this wonderful event. The performance was of an exceptionally high standard and a testament to the time and energy our staff and students put into rehearsals and the performance. I'd also like to acknowledge the generosity of Miss O'Flaherty, Miss Razon, Miss Lodewijks and Miss Morrison who travelled into the City to support our students. This typifies our staff's attitude and is one of the many reasons our students are so lucky. Lastly, thank you to the parents for supporting this project.



Yesterday, the school got together to watch the films put together by students and classes for CoSFest, which is a film competition organised by our Cumberland Community of Schools. After viewing the films it was decided that seven films will be forwarded on to CoSFest's Red Carpet Evening on Thursday 9 November. Well done to all students and classes who submitted a short-film.

Last Thursday, Miss O'Flaherty and the Year 6 students organised the walk-a-thon to raise money for the school and the RSPCA. This year we partnered with CUA so that those students raising more than \$10 were eligible for a prize. We raised an amazing amount of money with \$1300 being donated to the RSPCA and over \$3500 for the school to purchase sporting equipment and other teaching resources. Our students and staff certainly had fun on the walk-a-thon day.



Congratulations Miss O'Flaherty

I would like to take this opportunity to inform you all that after the merit selection process, Miss Jessica O'Flaherty has been officially appointed as our substantive Assistant Principal. Congratulations to Miss O'Flaherty, who we know will continue to do a great job leading our school community forward.

2018 Enrolments

We are currently in the process of working through our 2018 projected enrolments. If you know someone who is in our catchment area who is intending on coming to school at Rydalmere East in 2018, could you please encourage them to contact the office to begin processing their enrolment forms? Alternatively, if you know that you will not be at Rydalmere East in 2018, could you please let us know as soon as possible? You can do this by contacting the office, or simply letting your child's teacher know.

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.

3rd Support Unit Class

We have been contacted by the Department of Education to establish a third support unit class at the school to begin in 2018. We have several spare classrooms at the moment and see this is a necessary way to support the Department and most importantly, our local community. The organisation and implications has been discussed with staff, the P&C as well as the learning and wellbeing team at Nirimba Education Office and I am of the strongest belief that Rydalmere East Public School is of the capacity to support the establishment of this class. I will be sure to keep you all informed of developments as they come to light. In the meantime, feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Facebook Page

Rydalmere East now has an official Facebook page. Notes were sent out today addressing the Code of Conduct relating to our Facebook page. We certainly encourage you to search for our school on Facebook .



www.facebook.com/RydalmereEastPublicSchool

PBL and Peer Support

Our Term 3 Week 8 Positive Behaviour focussed on being safe responsible by coming to school with a positive attitude, ready to learn. Congratulations to the following students who were rewarded for following this expectation: Lachlan, Taj, Joshua M, Canne, Kristy, YooJu, Stan, Alisa and Maddy.



PBL Expectations

This week has been for revision.

- Be Safe
- Be Responsible
- Be Responsible

Our Term 3 Week 9 PBL Expectation focussed on being safe helping out at the Buddy Bench. Congratulations to the following students who were rewarded for following this expectation: Harry, Jacob, Declan, YooJu and Saane.



Student Wellbeing

Congratulations to the following students on achieving these awards:

Silver Level 1: Brian
Bronze Level 1: Balin, Declan, Sisca
Bronze Level 2: Canne, Japreet

Congratulations to Our Ozzie Mozzie Award Winners:



David (K/1B)	Motootua	Ryan (KB)	Anna (KB)	Aarav	Noah
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Have a safe and restful holiday break.

Mr Carters

Principal Relieving
22 September 2017

Dates for your diary

22 September	Last day for term 3
9 October	Staff and students return for Term 4
24 October	School photos – classes
25 October	School photos – groups
9 November	CoSFest film screening
15 November	Kindy 2018 Orientation
5 December	Preschool graduation
5 December	High School Orientation
7 December	Preschool graduation
7 December	Year 6 farewell
11 December	Preschool 2018 Orientation
13 December	Presentation Day
15 December	Last day of school for 2017



REPS students presented with their certificates at Marsden High's Gifted and Talented Wings program

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.

Over the holiday break we would appreciate you keeping an eye on our school. If you notice anything suspicious, please phone School Security on 1300 880 021 any time of day. Thank you

OOSH news

Dear families

School holidays start next week and we will be doing a vacation care program at Oatlands Public School. If you are requiring any bookings, please feel free to contact me and I can help organise this for you. Vacation care is always an exciting time for the children as we go out on excursions and meeting children from other schools. This school holidays we are looking forward to visiting Taronga Zoo and Peak Pursuits which will be an amazing day of fun.

Over the past few weeks I have been spending some time on a Wednesday visiting the infant's area and helping with the lovely Mrs Macdonald with the Multi Lit program. I enjoy spending my time volunteering to help the children with being able to extend on their reading capabilities. This is always wonderful as the children are so excited to learn and enjoy being able to show you how they have been practising their skills. I can also incorporate what I have learnt into the service to help support the children and give them the tools they need to help with reading.

A very big thankyou to all my wonderful families who have been updating me of their care requirements, enabling me to cater for all my families and reducing disappointment. Thank you so much.

Looking forward to a wonderful term 4. If any parents have any ideas or inputs they would love to add please feel free to contact me on phone or email.

Kind regards

Melissa Fletcher

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