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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Fortnight in Review



As last fortnight's Grapevine was being published, we were enjoying our Easter Hat Parade. This event joined with Grandparent's Day along with the Book Fair to make for fun filled afternoon. The parent and family turnout was outstanding and I thoroughly enjoyed getting an opportunity to say hello to many grandparents. Thank

you all for coming. For those who haven't seen them, the photos are on Facebook. There are too many to include so there is a link to the album here:

https://www.facebook.com/pg/RydalmereEastPublicSchool/photos/?tab=album&album_id=1766105913446356

ANZAC SERVICE

Yesterday, we held our ANZAC service. We were joined by 6 parent members in uniform from the Royal Australian Navy, as well as many community members. As always, it was a very special service, made all the more relevant for our students due to our high defence force population. In the holidays, Mrs Flanagan (who did an absolutely brilliant job organising our service) will be taking Summer and some of our school leaders to the Parramatta Dawn Service.



Summer is the Parramatta RSL ANZAC Youth Ambassador

Congratulations to Summer in Year 5 who has been selected as the 2018 Parramatta RSL ANZAC Youth Ambassador. This is a fantastic achievement and we are very proud of her!

A couple of weeks ago, Summer submitted a video to the RSL outlining the importance of ANZAC Day and why she would like to be a 2018 ANZAC Youth Ambassador. Summer's submission was chosen out of many entries from schools from within the Parramatta region.

As the Youth Ambassador Summer gave a speech at the ANZAC Educational Launch, and she will take on an active role in the Parramatta Dawn Service on ANZAC Day. Congratulations, Summer!



Staffing Update

Over the past three weeks we have completed a recruitment process to find a temporary replacement for Miss Lodewijks. I am very pleased to announce that we have appointed Sarah Oliver as classroom teacher for class Luxembourg for the remainder of the school year. This will allow Mr Train to return to his Learning Support and RFF role.

Mrs Gibbs is taking Long Service Leave for the first three weeks of next term and will be replaced by Miss Katie Wagstaff.

Mrs Hinchcliffe will be continuing her Long Service Leave, and I will continue to relieve as principal.

“SHARE OUR SPACE” – Holiday Community Use of School Facilities – PILOT Program.

The “SHARE OUR SPACE” PILOT program is going ahead these holidays, which will allow the general public access to playgrounds, ovals and sports courts for two weeks over the next School Holiday break from 16 April to 27 April 2018. At our school, the Soccer Oval, Cricket Nets, Basketball and Volleyball Courts will be available for the community to use. There will be a Security Guard onsite each day from 8am – 6pm who will open and close the gates and keep a close eye on things. I encourage you all to use our grounds over the holidays, but be extremely respectful of our grounds, buildings and features. If you notice people in the grounds outside of these hours, or if you notice people doing the wrong thing, either inform the Security Guard onsite or preferably contact School Security on 1300880021.



9 March 2018

Come Play Easter Pilot Plan on a Page

School Infrastructure NSW is proposing a second pilot project to allow general public access to playgrounds, ovals and sports courts.

NSW schools can make their facilities available to the community under the Community Use of School Facilities Policy. This doesn't always happen due to increased maintenance, cleaning, security measures, insurance costs, and other risks. To address this, a second trial program is proposed over the coming holiday period.

How will it work?

- Facilities would be open from 8am-6pm, 7 days a week, from 16 April 2018 to 27 April 2018
- Bunting will be strung to separate the play areas from school buildings
- Signage will be placed at the entrances to notify the times of access, and non-permitted activities
- Cleaners will arrive at 7am to open the gates and install empty rubbish bins at the entrance
- A Security Guard will be on site while the school is open
- The Security Guard will lock the gates at 6pm
- Final cleaning will be undertaken to ready the school for Day 1 Term 2. Any remediation works upon completion of the project will be covered by School Infrastructure NSW.

What are the benefits?

- Communities would have access to additional play areas over the holiday period
- Participating schools receive \$5,000 for the upgrade or installation of school equipment, or other maintenance priorities

How will this be communicated?

School Infrastructure NSW will:

- Contact Local Area Command and Council
- Prepare communications collateral about the project, and provide to you
- Organise website posts, and boosted facebook page posts
- Post flyers to your local library
- Prepare a media release to the general public.

What do Principals need to do?

- Distribute the information so that your school community and wider community are aware of the pilot
- Encourage participation via your P&C, school community, local sporting groups, parents, carers and students
- Work with the AMU to undertake a site walk prior to the start of the pilot, and enable installation of the signage and bunting
- Organise your rubbish removal company to make an additional collection of school skip bins during the pilot
- Arrange any additional grass cutting as required
- Work with the AMU to review the property at the conclusion of the pilot, and enable removal of the bunting and signage
- Contribute to the lessons learned discussions at the conclusion of the pilot.

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DATES FOR THE DIARY

30 April	School Development Day – Staff Only
1 May	Students return
1 May	Opportunity Class 2019 Application website opens
2 May	Apple Ipad experience day-Spain
3 May	Apple Ipad experience day-Spain
8 May	Mothers Day Stall
9 May	Apple Ipad experience day-Spain
10 May	Apple Ipad experience day-Spain
10 May	Mothers Day Stall
11 May	Mothers Day Breakfast
11 May	Assembly 2.15pm
14 May	P&C AGM
15-17 May	NAPLAN Year 3 & Year5
18 May	Last day for Opportunity Class online applications
22 May	Belize Parent Teacher Interviews
25 May	Assembly 2.15

PBL AWARD RECIPIENTS

Week 9 – Respect: Listen to and follow adult instructions

Contractors Over The Holiday Period

Over the holiday period, there will be various contractors working in the school. The roofing on A and B Block (Primary and library blocks) is being replaced. This area will be fully fenced off over the holidays in an attempt to have it completed before students return. They will still be doing some minor finishing to gutters, etc when school returns.

In the second week of the holidays, a fencing contractor will be in the school completing the fencing on the internal ends of the staff car park. This will help keep our children safe with a clear barrier between the car park and the path that children use to walk to class. Further to this, it will prevent parents and students from walking through the car park in the morning and afternoon.

Wishing you all a safe and relaxing holiday. We will see students back here on Tuesday 1 May.

Mr Carters
Relieving Principal



Week 10 – Safe: Be in the right place at the right time



Current and Upcoming Expectations

Week 11	Responsible	Keep our school clean and tidy
Week 1	Respect	Use nice words and speak politely

OZZIE MOZZIE AWARDS AND ASSEMBLY

Congratulations to last week's Assembly Award recipients.



Our next assembly– Friday 11 May at 2:15pm
Class Belize will be presenting a performance item
All parents and community are welcome

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

Bronze Level 1: Isaac, William L

Bronze Level 2: Declan

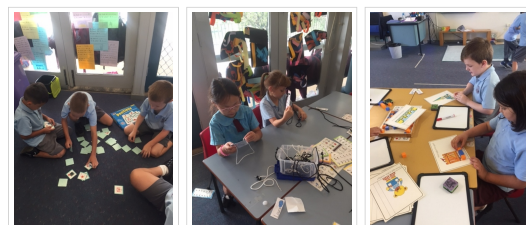
Bronze Level 3: Jessica

Congratulations to Our Ozzie Mozzie Award Winners:

Mike	Yara	Arav	Justin	Cooper
Kiyan	Amelia	Maxi	Yunhu	

CLASSROOM SPOTLIGHT - ARGENTINA

Argentina have been hard at work with Miss Andrews in 2018. Here are a few pictures of them in action!



STAFF PROFESSIONAL LEARNING

Regularly, teachers and staff undertake professional learning to keep up to date with the latest theory, research. Many of these are held after school hours! These sessions include:

- All staff attended a workshop at school to further develop their understanding of the Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) Framework
- All teaching staff participated in an online workshop related to the Literacy and Numeracy Progressions.
- Mrs Constantinou and Mrs Gibbs attended the Curriculum Differentiation Conference held at the University of New South Wales

Monday 30 April is our Term 2 School Development Day. The agenda of the day is listed below:

School Development Day Agenda Monday, 30 April Location: Rydalmere East Public School

8:30 – 9:00: Communication Meeting
9:00-11:00: Positive Behaviour for Learning – Setting Expectations
11:00-11:30 – Morning Tea
11:30 – 1:00: Team Planning and Executive Planning
1:00 – 1:30: Lunch
1:30 – 2:15: Work Life Balance
2:15 – 3:30: Team Meetings

NOTES FROM THE OFFICE

There's a lot of lost property in the basket in the front office. Please claim yours.

Please help us return lost property by labelling your belongings, particularly jumpers, hats and lunchboxes.

DEFENCE UPDATE

For Defence Families Information, please contact:

Donna Flanagan

Defence School Transition Aide

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Over the past two weeks, Defence Club have been busy preparing for ANZAC Day. With ANZAC Day falling during the school holidays this year, REPS held their ANZAC Commemorative Service on Thursday 12th April, prior to breaking up for the holiday break. Thank you to our School Captains Riley and Asiya for leading the Service so reverently. Also a big thank you to all the children in Belize for their assistance during the Service in their various roles. It was also a pleasure to listen to Summer's RSL ANZAC Youth Ambassador's speech about the The Importance of Remembering and Understanding the Meaning of ANZAC Day. Congratulations Summer!

Best wishes to Summer, Charlotte and Breanna as they represent REPS at the upcoming Dawn Service at Parramatta on the 25th April. I know that you will all do us proud. This year, the ANZAC Dawn Service will commence at 4.00am on the 25th April with a March from the Parramatta RSL Club to the Prince Alfred Square, where the Dawn Service will commence at 4.30am. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Have a safe and happy holiday and I look forward to seeing everyone again in Term 2 !

Donna Flanagan (DSTA)

If you have any queries, please don't hesitate to contact me. I am in the school every Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday. You can reach me through the school office or drop me an email at donna.flanagan6@det.nsw.edu.au. You can also find me on Tuesday mornings at the weekly morning tea.

Donna Flanagan (Defence School Transition Aide)



PRINCIPAL NETWORKS AND DIRECTORS, EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP - DAY 1, TERM 2, 2018

As you may be aware, there is a restructure of principal networks across the state with 40 new School Directors commencing their role next term.

For us, we are now part of the "Carlingford Principal Network." We were previously part of the Parramatta Network. Julie Kennedy, our existing director, was successful through the recruitment process in securing a permanent Director position in "The Beaches Network." Julie was a brilliant director to work with and the schools on the northern beaches are very lucky to have her. Our new director will be Dean White. Dean is an experienced director who is currently Director, School Operations and Performance, and will bring a great deal of knowledge and guidance to us in this role.

Our network of schools from a director point of view is a logistically common sense alliance. The change of principal network has no effect on our Community of Schools (Cumberland Community Connection - CCC) and I am pleased that all principals part of the CCC are keen to continue our strong working relationship. A list of schools in the Carlingford Principal Network are below.

Burnside Public School	Carlingford High School	Carlingford Public School
Carlingford West Public School	Cumberland High School	Dundas Public School
Eastwood Public School	Epping West Public School	Ermington West Public School
James Ruse Agricultural High School	Karonga School	Muirfield High School
Murray Farm Public School	North Rocks Public School	Oatlands Public School
Roselea Public School	Rydalmere East Public School	Rydalmere Public School
Telopea Public School	Yates Avenue Public School	Director, Educational Leadership – Dean White