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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Fortnight in Review

Date Claimers

Mother's Day Breakfast and Stall

Thank you to the P&C volunteers and staff members who provided a

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magnificent breakfast of bacon and eggs, muffins and fruit for our mums prior to Mother's day. It was terrific to see such an amazing roll up on Friday morning. We also appreciate the generosity of Anne Sykes who donated the lucky door prizes and talent of our school choir who performed a Meghan Trainor song appropriately titled 'Mom'. Thanks Miss Butler and Miss Monardo for their fantastic work with the choir.

P&C volunteers also provided an opportunity for our students to purchase beautifully wrapped mother's day gifts. The stalls were very well patronised and thanks must go to the parents who purchased, wrapped and sold the gifts.

Last Friday was also a big day for our soccer teams who began their participation in the PSSA Winter Competition. This is an initiative organised by Parramatta PSSA to give students the opportunity to play team sports against other schools within the Parramatta District.

Two Junior teams and two Senior teams walk to George Kendall Park for the Friday morning competition accompanied by Miss Oliver and Miss Wagstaff, who is filling in for Mrs Gibbs while she is on leave.

Parents and carers are welcome to support our teams.

For those that are interested, Years 3 and 5 sat the NAPLAN test this week. Language Conventions and Writing were held on Tuesday, Reading on Wednesday and Numeracy on Thursday. No issues to report, it was just great to see our students trying their very best. Students who were absent for one of these assessments will be caught up today.

Also , Peer support sessions started this Thursday. Groups containing students from each year group are led by our senior students who have been trained to run activities aimed at developing resilience and communication skills. Thank you to Miss O'Flaherty and Mrs Brown for organising Peer Support.

Voluntary School Contribution


Notes went home this week regarding Voluntary Contribution. As mentioned in this note, the school spends a large amount providing resources, technologies and experiences that benefit all our students. Some of these include Athletics, Reading Eggs, iPads, new flexible furniture and subsidies for excursions and incursions.

Although the Department of Education provides an allocation per student, this does not cover extra resources needed by our students to maintain the high standards and innovative programs set by our teachers.

This year we are requesting a contribution of \$50 per student or \$100 per family to assist with budgeting for extra resources. Your generosity would be greatly appreciated.

All families who make a contribution before the end of this term will go into a special prize draw to be drawn at the Week 10 assembly.

A copy of the note is attached.

[Click here to download the Voluntary Contribution Flyer](#)
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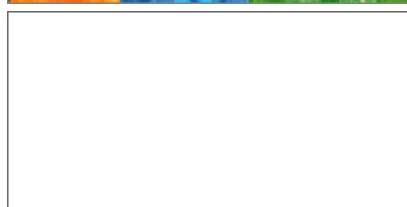
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P&C Positions

On Monday night we held a very well supported, positive and productive P&C meeting, which also acted as our AGM. At this meeting, the following office bearers were elected:

- President: Kellie Reid
- Vice Presidents: Melissa Fletcher & Phil Reid
- Treasurer: Priya Jagirdar



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Canteen Manager & Treasurer: Sharon Kay

P&C Executive Members: Tamika Haberfield and Elizabeth Nicolas

Secretary: Position Open (looking for volunteers)

Congratulations to these office bearers. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Caroline Sullivan in her role as president in 2017, as well as thank Jenny Snell who has stood down as our long-serving Secretary. Both these ladies have made significant contributions and on behalf of the students and the community, I would like to thank them for their efforts.

Extra helpers are always welcomed. Volunteers may register their interest by phoning the school or email repscommunity@gmail.com. I know they are looking for volunteers for the upcoming Rydalmere Bunnings BBQ on May 26 (See P&C section below for more details). We look forward to working together to provide further opportunities for our students.

Privilege Day – Week 5

The excitement is building as students who consistently meet our school expectations will be rewarded with some fun at activities at our Inaugural Privilege Day during Week 5. Some of these activities include movie sessions, bike riding, cooking groups, sports sessions, coding, dance parties and art/craft activities among other fun things.

Debating

Our school has entered two teams in the Premier's Debating Challenge and are preparing for our first debate on Tuesday against Winston Heights Public School. Good luck to Miss Splarn and the debating teams.

Zone Cross Country

The Zone Cross Country will be held on Tuesday 29 May at Don Moore Reserve at North Rocks. Please ensure permission notes and \$17 payment are returned as soon as possible. Good luck to our students who have progressed to Zone level.

Parent/ Teacher interview for Class Belize

Just a quick reminder that Parent teacher interviews for Mrs Brown's Class Belize will be held Tuesday 22 May. Some interview times are still available. To book a time with Mrs Brown, use the following link.



Click here to book a time

<https://rydalmereeps.sessionkeeper.com.au/>

Select the teacher

Select an available time

Complete the information table, noting the mandatory fields

Confirm the booking

As always, have a great fortnight.

Mr Carters

Relieving Principal



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POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR FOR LEARNING

PBL Award Recipients

Week 1 – Respectful: Use nice words and speak politely

Congratulations to the following students: HeeJoo, Evelyn, Sisca, Riley, Ben, Bilal, Esha, Ahmad and

Lacey.



Week 2 – Safe: We stay in the right place at the right time

Congratulations to the following students: Sebastian, Joanne, Ben, Ryder, Motootua, Arav, Declan, Zoe and Serayah



Current and Upcoming Expectations

Week 3	Respectful	We are inclusive and considerate of others
Week 4	Respectful	We always do our personal best

All Settings Expectations

Be Safe	Be Responsible	Be Respectful
We: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• keep our hands and feet to ourselves• stay in the right place at the right time• move safely and sensibly• we use our equipment appropriately	We: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• listen to and follow instructions• use our manners and speak politely• are inclusive and considerate of others• look after our school and the things in it	We: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• always do our personal best• engage and participate in all activities• look after our belongings• wear the school uniform with pride

OZZIE MOZZIE AWARDS AND ASSEMBLY

Our next assembly– Friday 25 May at 2:15pm
Mrs Chow’s Class China will be performing at assembly.
All parents and community members are welcome

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

Bronze Level 1: Kaitlyn T, Lucas M, Harry H, Lacey K, Kingston

Bronze Level 2: Isaac L, Samantha H, Jayden L, Emelia, Thomas C, Billie T

Congratulations to Our Ozzie Mozzie Award Winners:				
Mitchell L	Summer W	Jaxson	Ali A-S	Omar A-G
Motootua	Lachlan D	Alyssa J	Uroomah	Aydin C
Alex P	Zoe M	Shahan	Harper C	Ceren C
Daisy P	Bilal	Alisa A	Patrick B	Ethan K

CLASSROOM SPOTLIGHT

Earlier this term, Kindergarten Classes China and Brazil received new flexible furniture. We are loving it! My class, China, have been doing small group activities during their literacy and numeracy sessions.

Mrs Chow

Miss Splarn’s Class Spain has welcomed Mr Andrew Wright in their classroom for four days. Mr Wright is a consultant iTeacher and has been working with the class to develop their ipad skills, installing apps and troubleshooting.

PROFESSIONAL LEARNING

Staff have been busy at Rydalmere East updating their own Professional Learning. Last week, we continued working on PBL expectations in various settings across the school. Also last week, we were joined by 33 executive members from the Carlingford, Parramatta and Ryde networks to work together with some of our executive members to learn about Growth Coaching.

PRESCHOOL NEWS

Applications are now open for our 2019 Preschool with preference given to those who have siblings enrolled at REPS and those who reside in the local area.

Preschoolers need to be turning 4 by 31 July 2019.

Sessions run on a 5 day per fortnight basis to comply with the Department of Education's guidelines and will operate as follows:

Class 1 will attend Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday then Monday and Tuesday for the second week.

Class 2 will attend Thursday and Friday then Wednesday, Thursday and Friday for the second week.

Our fees remain unchanged at \$30 per day with concessions given for

- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island Status
- Commonwealth Health Care card holders
- Those experiencing financial difficulties

More information is available on our website - just click onto the Preschool tab.

Have a look at the preschool gallery for images of our pre-schoolers having fun this week.

YEAR 6

Our Year 6 students were happy to receive their Year 6 T shirts this week. Some comments were:

'I think they are awesome.' – Ashleigh

'It's really comfy and I like it because it represents Year 6.' - Asiya

DEFENCE UPDATE

For Defence Families Information, please contact:

Donna Flanagan

Defence School Transition Aide



This week during Defence Club we have been having a bit of fun making paper planes. The children have enjoyed decorating, folding and flying their planes. The hall has been filled with lots of excited chatter.

Defence Club is held in the hall every Tuesday (Infants) & Wednesday (Primary), at the 2nd lunch bell (1.30pm). We always have a chat & a bit of fun over a craft activity. Please continue to remind your Defence children about Defence Club and encourage them to come along. Attendance is voluntary and the children can simply attend whenever they feel like some company.

As you will already know, the **Invictus Games** is coming to Olympic Park in October and I am excited about the possibility of organising an excursion to the Games. The Invictus Games is an international sporting event for wounded, injured and ill veterans and current service men & women. The Games will host more than 500 competitors from across 18 nations, celebrating the healing power of sport.

The Department of Education have collaborated with the Invictus Games to create the **Invictus Games 2018 Education Project** and REPS will be given the opportunity to apply for tickets through a ballot system for Years 4, 5 & 6 students to attend a workshop & event at the Invictus Games.

In anticipation of this excursion and to assist with the ticket application process, an **Expression of Interest note** will be sent home this week to **all students in Years 4, 5 & 6** (not just Defence children). If your child is interested in attending, please return the note to school ASAP. The ballot opens in approximately a week and a half. Please also let me know if you are interested in attending as a parent volunteer (your attendance will be dependent upon the number of children attending). We will look into doing some fundraising throughout the school in coming weeks to assist with the cost of the excursion.

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 via email at donna.flanagan6@det.nsw.edu.au. You can also find me on Tuesday mornings at the weekly morning tea.

Best wishes for the weekend

Donna Flanagan (DSTA)
Defence School Transition Aide

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Phone: 02 9638 2250

P&C NEWS

The P&C will be holding a fundraising BBQ at Bunnings Rydalmere on Saturday 26th May 2018.

The stall runs from 8.30am until 4.30pm.

All money raised goes directly back into the school (eg: irrigation system, subsidising excursions etc).

We are calling for volunteers who are able to give up an hour of their time throughout the day to assist with cooking or serving?

If you are able to assist, please email kellie.reid@sanofi.com or message/call 0427 613 500.

Thanks in advance.

Kellie Reid
P&C President

OOSH NEWS

Dear Families

The children have been participating in Mothers Day art and craft as well helping to decorate the hall for the wonderful Mothers Day breakfast. During the Mothers Day breakfast the children loved being able to interact with friends and families whilst having a hot breakfast. During the lead up to Mothers Day the children were able to participate in a variety of art activities which allowed them to express their emotions in regards to how much their mums and families mean to them.



With the colder weather approaching in the mornings the children have been enjoying a variety of indoor games which keep us fit and warm. In the afternoons the children have been enjoying going outside to enjoy a variety of sports. Soccer and AFL is becoming popular with the children as they are starting sport outside of school.

We have started a reward system to help us with recognising children's positive behaviour throughout the week. Children are able to select from the prize box as a reward for doing the right thing.

Don't forget to let us know if your contact details or your care needs change.

Kind regards

Melissa Fletcher
Helping Hands Rydalmere East
Phone 0475 823 785

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