From the Principal

School Planning 2015-17

Our next cycle of planning for 2015-17 is well underway at Rydalmere PS. After extensive surveying of students and staff, coupled with presentations and discussions at our last two P&C meetings, a survey has been designed for you to voice your opinion on our strategic directions for the next few years.

We require three strategic directions - one for each of the following areas:
1 - staff
2 - learning environment and
3 - our school community.

Please complete the survey - we value your opinion. [https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/87VM8WV](https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/87VM8WV)

We will continue this consultation with you, our school community, throughout Term 4 to ensure the directions we take reflect your voice. This process is about achieving the best for your children, and making the great things we do at RPS even better!!
2016 Selective High School Applications

The 2016 Selective High School placement test will be held on Thursday 12th March 2015. Selective High Schools are a strategy used by the Department of Education and Communities to cater for the learning needs of gifted and talented students transitioning from Year 6 into high school. Application for 2016, Year 7 Enrolment in a Selective High School is available online (a note was sent home to all Year 5 students with this information) and this closes on Monday 17th November, 2014. Please ensure any applications are completed online by the closing date as late applications for Selective High Schools 2016 will not be accepted. The following link will connect you to the application process:
www.schools.nsw.edu.au/shsplacement

OSHC Tender

I am pleased to announce that the tender for our Out of School Hours Care service was awarded to Primary OSHCare, led by Suzanne Blythin. Primary OSHCare will commence their licence on the first day of Term 1, 2015. We will have information packs and enrolment forms for our service ready very soon, as well as a parent information session coming up.

Good Food Workshops

On Monday 13th October, we were lucky enough to have the Red Cross visit to do a ‘Good Food’ workshop with students from Years 3-6. The workshop involved an information session on healthy eating and the food groups, as well as some interactive floor activities. All students were then able to make their own healthy sandwich on wholemeal bread.......and eat them!! I would like to thank our Community Hub Leader, Margarita Diaz, for organising this for our students.
Grandparent’s Day

Last Monday we held our Grandparent’s Day celebrations. This was a wonderful celebration organised by our Community Hub Leader, Margarita Diaz, and was supported by a grant we received from Council of the Ageing (COTA). Thank you to Mrs Diaz and all of our students and families who contributed stories about their Grandparents. Each family received a book as a keepsake of this event. We had a wonderful turnout of Grandparents and Parents for this event. A feature this year was the High-Tea that was organised, completed with musical accompaniment from Serena’s grandmother. We even made it into the newspaper again!! You can access the article on page 7 of your Parramatta Sun paper or online via the following link: http://www.parramattasun.com.au/story/2642603/rydalmere-pupils-talk-through-generations/?cs=1497

Bek Zadow
Principal

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5/6ZG have been reading the verse novel *Toppling* by Sally Murphy. We have been learning about how to read and write verse poetry, and the effect of verses on the reader.

First we wrote descriptive poems about our friends. Then we used our sense of smell to write an evocative verse about a familiar place. We hope you enjoy reading our work!

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**Life can be really boring but at least I have my friend —Max.**

Max loves Rugby League and touch and Oz Tag. He likes TV, He likes cars but not FIFA. He likes art but not English. He has a dog and a cat, two parents and a brother. 

*By Michael Geddes*

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**School is fun but the best thing is when I get to see her —her meaning my friend Alison.**

Alison likes gymnastics and Danish Rounders and swimming. She likes fancy jewellery and picture books. She likes music but not maths. She likes art but not spelling. She has one sister but no brothers and an iPod 5 and two parents and lots of make up. She’s nice and she’s shy and a little crazy sometimes. She’s musical and friendly and helpful. She’s the best the best friend ever.

*By Nigeen Ansari*

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**Golf courses smell like freshly cut grass and trees and sand and water and duck droppings and drinks and snacks in the clubhouse.**

*By Wil Reece*

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**Old people’s homes smell. They smell like soap and herbs and fresh flowers and ointment and eucalyptus.**

*By Emily Mclean*

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**Home smells like delicious dinner and flowers and cat food and snacks and a freshly opened pack of pretzels.**

*By Jasmine Smith*

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**The fish market smells like sea salt and boats and smelly fish and stinky squid and fishermen out at sea.**

*By Oscar Phalaklang.*
VISION SCREENING CLINICS

It is important to identify eye problems early before children start school.

If your child is 4 - 5 years old you can make an appointment for a free vision test in your area.

Bookings are being taken until Friday 19th December 2014 or from Monday 12th January 2015 (M-F 8.30am – 12.30pm)

Clinics will be held up until December 2014 and will be available in the last week of school holidays in January and again in April 2015.

For further information and/or details of clinics held please phone 9881 1213.
Rydalmere Community Hub Update:

- Our Multicultural Sewing Group is back for Term 4. This term we are learning to make a woman’s shirt. Everyone is welcome to join, from all skill levels, every Friday from 9.00 am to 10.30 am.

- A Multicultural Cooking Club: “Let’s Get Cooking” started last week at the school. The theme for October is “Food from Pakistan”. We made delicious chapatis! This program will run every Wednesday from 9.15 to 10.30 am. Our next dish is Gulab Jamun. This a fantastic opportunity to make new friends, learn new recipes, gain a variety of cultural knowledge, and eat delicious food.

- Join our Fitness Program! We are offering low impact Fitness Classes every Wednesday and Friday, at the school Hall, from 9.15 am to 10.15 am. Join the fun!

-Breakfast Club: Join us every Monday, Wednesday and Friday, from 8.30 am to 8.55 am. Fruit Salad Fridays will be offered some weeks. Breakfast Club, like the movie, but with real, delicious and nutritious breakfast!
**GRANDPARENTS DAY CELEBRATION:** We received great feedback! Comments have been very encouraging to continue engaging grandparents to school activities. Here are some:

“Thank you for a great morning. The stories were nice, the food was yummy. It is great to see parents and grandparents welcomed at school events”.

“Can we start a Rydalmere Grandparents Club? We could meet every month to support our grandchildren with some activities”.

“The singing was lovely. Also, students reading Grandparents’ history/stories was terrific”.

“Please do it again!”

“This day really showed how much the children love their grandparents”.

**Rydalmere Playgroup:** We have started a new literacy project. Playgroup families are now able to borrow books from our Playgroup library. Happy reading!

**Rydalmere English as a Second Language Group** is aimed at beginners of English language. We meet every Friday afternoon, from 2.00 pm to 3.00 pm. Please register soon as places are limited.

**ALL MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY ARE WELCOME TO PARTICIPATE IN THE RYDALMERE COMMUNITY HUB ACTIVITIES:** MUMS, DADS, UNCLEs, AUNTIES, COUSINS, GRANDPARENTs, NEIGHBOURS, ETC.

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Follow us: [https://www.facebook.com/rydalmerhubcommunity](https://www.facebook.com/rydalmerhubcommunity)
Cooking Club

‘Let’s Get Cooking’ to make new friends, learn new recipes, expand our knowledge about different cultures and traditions, and eat delicious food!

October Theme

Food from Pakistan

Where: Rydelmere Public School
When: Every Wednesday
Time: 9.00 am – 10.30 am

To register and further information, please contact:

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FREE Triple P 0-12

Positive Parenting Program gives you the tools to:
• Encourage behaviour you like from your child
• Deal positively and consistently with problem behaviour
• Take the stress out of parenting

DATE: Thursdays:
13th, 20th, 27th November & 4th December 2014
TIME: 1 pm – 3 pm
VENUE: Rydelmere Public School
(307 Victoria Ln, Rydelmere)

For more information contact:

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Margarita Diaz at Rydelmere Public School on 0434 198 236