From the Principal

Wow – Another year almost over!!

I must start with thanking ALL of you – students, parents and staff for making my first year as Principal of Rydalmere Public School an absolute joy!! Reflecting back on the year, it seems as though the time has flown, but we all know how much hard work, effort and learning has gone into the year that was 2014. Last week, I had the pleasure of presenting to the P&C just ‘some’ of our highlights this year. I’d now like to share this list with you, a list that continues to grow!!

- Increase in student numbers from 95 to 101, plus our preschool at full capacity
Harmony Day celebrations with an African Drumming Extravaganza put on by the school
Celebrating our differences together in Harmony
• Easter Hat Parade

• Our Preschool Rated as **Exceeding National Standards**

• Education Week Open Day and Family Luncheon provided by the school

• Grandparents Day with High-Tea provided for Grandparents, Parents and their children
• Music Count Us in – we joined with 500,000 other students in Australia to sing ‘Paint Me a Song’
• Choir – performed at Celebrating The Arts and was only one of two schools to perform at the Christmas Celebrations in Parramatta

• Small School PSSA Soccer semi-finalists
• Outstanding NAPLAN results showing sustained growth in student achievement through the years
• Community Hub development – so many opportunities for our families and community members thanks to our Hub Leader Margarita Diaz
• Primary OSHCare in 2015 and beyond

• Media appearances x 6: New uniform, Harmony Day, Centre of Sydney, Grandparents Day, Winners of CHS academic challenge & Community Hub Crowd Funding.

• Students who represented our school at District, Regional and state level in athletics, swimming, football and golf
• Hapkido after school
• Playground painting & Sensory Garden

• K-2 excursion to the farm
• 3-6 excursion to Canberra and the snow

• XO rollout P-6
• Talk Like a Pirate Day

• Book Week Parade and visit by Author Michael Salmon

• Cumberland High School Band Performances each semester

• The dedicated staff who make every second of your child’s day at school meaningful

Good luck to our out-going Year 6 students – don’t be strangers, pop in and say Hi and tell us how you’re going. I would like to wish all of our families a safe and happy festive season. We look forward to seeing you all back here in 2015!!

Bek Zadow
Principal
**ASSEMBLY AWARDS: 28th November 2014**

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**Pre-School News**

**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 hold please phone 9881 1213.

**Christmas News**

To My Family and Friends

We are having a Combined Scripture Service and we would love you to be there with us.

When:  Wednesday 16th December 2014  
At:  Rydalmere Public School – In the Hall  
Time:  2.30pm
Rydalmere Community Hub Update:

-Our project ‘Art, Sewing and Craft for Social Innovation’ completed its Parramatch campaign successfully. Rydalmere Public School, Rydalmere Community Hub and our Multicultural Sewing Group want to thank everyone who pledged their support. This achievement is for everyone! We would like to let everyone know that our Multicultural Sewing Program is developing fantastic sewing and craft projects for next year. We will meet as usual, every Friday from 9.15 to 11.15 am.

-Our Fitness Program will be back next year! We will be 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: Last Friday we had a great breakfast with our school Principal Mrs Bek Zadow. She prepared eggs, toast and delicious pancakes for all students who come regularly to Breakfast Club. Thanks Mrs Zadow! Breakfast Club will be back next year, every Monday, Wednesday and Friday, from 8.30 am to 8.55 am.
**Community Hub Update**

**Rydalmere Playgroup:** Monday 05th December we had the visit from Louise, music therapist from Sing&Grow. The children sang, danced and played different types of instruments. Louise explained to parents the importance of music and dance to develop their children’s language and motor skills. Rydalmere Playgroup will meet Monday from 9.30 to 11.30 am in 2015.

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**ALL MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY ARE WELCOME TO PARTICIPATE IN THE RYDALMERE COMMUNITY HUB ACTIVITIES:** MUMS, DADS, UNCLES, AUNTIES, COUSINS, GRANDPARENTS, NEIGHBOURS, ETC. Please contact Hub Leader Margarita Diaz, if you have any suggestions or you would like to register for any our programs.

Contact: margarita.diaz7@det.nsw.edu mobile: 0434 198 236

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SCHOOL BANKING

As the school year draws to a close it's time to wrap up school banking for another year. The last day for school banking will be Wednesday 10th December. We've had quite a few rewards redeemed by banking children this year, which is fantastic. Just last week the following school bankers received their rewards in assembly:
Oscar, Techit, Gabriel, Zach, Rhys and Luke. Lachlan and Hamish had also received rewards but being the children of the Banking Co-ordinator they refused to wait until assembly! Michael & Hyein also received rewards during this year.

There is a fantastic list of rewards each year for children to claim every 10th deposit. And don't forget, a deposit can be as little as 5c, it doesn't have to be big. This year, there were plush toy keyrings, scented pencils, handballs, projector cups, swimming bags and underwater toys. There will be a new range of rewards next year so I encourage everyone to get into school banking next year so they can claim some of these rewards (and learn to save money, of course!)

I hope everyone has a happy and safe Christmas/New Year and I will see you next school year for more school banking.

Melissa

Committee’s message

Another year has come to an end and as we all enjoy the festivities associated with end of year celebrations we remember the many achievements we as a P&C have made in 2014.

The P&C have hosted a welcome BBQ and a Halloween BBQ, several Bunnings BBQ’s and cupcake stalls. We have held Mother’s Day and Father’s Day stalls, had a successful Easter raffle and several smaller fundraisers along the way. The P&C held their first outdoor movie night which was enjoyed by many and received positive feedback from the school and its community. The P&C was also able to assist in the cost of the school camp for years 3 to 6 and saw the successful implementation of the new uniform.

All these things would not have been possible without the support of the school staff, parents and students of the school. Thank you to everyone involved in making 2014 a successful year and we wish you all a safe and happy summer holiday.

As the year finishes some dates to remember are:

School banking
Last school banking day is this Wednesday, 10th December

Canteen
Trading as usual, even the last day of school, with the exception of Tuesday 9th December (presentation day)

Uniform shop
The uniform shop will be open on Tuesday 27th January for uniform sales. This is a staff development day, students start school on Wednesday 28th.
Community News

The Warriors Fencing Club is made up of several fencing clubs business opened in various Sydney, NSW.

The Warriors Fencing Club offers lessons for children from 6 years upwards and is ideal for beginner and intermediate students from 6 to 16 years of age. You will find more information on our location and training times on our website

www.warriorsfencing.org.au

EMAIL US TODAY!
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School readiness program for Kindergarten 2015
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Thank you everyone who has supported us this year!
We have had a very successful year and great pleasure in teaching everyone.

Please stay safe during the holidays and have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Training starts 20th January 2015.
See you on the mat in Block C!
Free
Triple P Program - Seminar.
The power of positive parenting!
A five week parenting course.

The three P’s in ‘Triple P’ stand for ‘Positive Parenting Program’.
The program aims to support parents with behaviour management strategies for their
children both in the home and in school. The program is designed to develop
positive relationships, attitude, skills and conduct. Triple P teaches parents broader principles
that may be applied positively in most parenting situations.

Triple P helps parents:
• Create a safe, stable, supportive, harmonious family environment.
• Teach their children how to get along with others.
• To deal positively, consistently and decisively with challenging behaviours.
• Encourage appropriate behaviour.
• Develop realistic expectations of their children and themselves. Take care of
themselves as parents.

Date: Thursday, Commencing on the 20th of February 2014 for five weeks.
Time: 10am to 11:30am.
Venue: Telopea ‘Schools as Community Centres Project’ (SoCC)
Childcare: FREE childcare is available.
Register: Sharlene Pasqual (Family and Community Worker) Parramatta Mission
phone: 0448825219
Or Pip Martins Telopea SoCC Facilitator
phone: 9888 3448
email: pip.martins@det.nsw.edu.au

Bookings are essential for this FREE course.
Afternoon Tea will be provided.