Welcome back to Term 4
We hope every family had a relaxing and enjoyable school holidays. This term is another busy time for students, teachers and parents. We welcome our 2016 Kindergarten students who will visit for five consecutive Wednesdays as part of the Kindergarten Orientation program.

Year Five and Six will be organising some fundraising events, and all students K-6 are getting ready to participate in the Music Count Us In! Australia-wide singing. These are just a few of the many activities and events happening soon.

World's Biggest Classroom
During Term 3, all students Preschool to Year 6 were asked to contribute to artworks which were entered into the World's Biggest Classroom. These artworks were created as plinths with the theme Going Global. These plinths were on display during the school holidays at Westfield Parramatta.

Preschool created their own plinth with both preschool groups helping to create artworks representing different cultural groups.
Students from K-6 created a plinth with environments from around the planet. Every student has a self-portrait included as part of a chain linking all of us to our planet. Students in 2R created images for each of the environments – cities, oceans, deserts and rainforests.
State Golf Championships
Wil Reece in Year 6 competed in the State Golf Championships for a second year in a row after finishing first in the Sydney West Golf. The State Championships were held at Blackheath Golf Course on 14 and 15 September. Wil placed 17th overall. Well done Wil!
**Staff changes**

At the end of Term 3 Mrs Zoe Stephens finished as our librarian due to health reasons. We welcome Ms Alison Houghton who will take over the Library RFF role for the rest of the year.

We welcome Mr Michael Hammond as 2R’s teacher for Term 4 as Mrs Ryan will be Relieving Principal for weeks 2 and 3 then on Long Service Leave until week 7.

**Commonwealth Bank Smart Financial Literacy**

At the end of Term 3, students in Years 1-6 participated in lessons provided by the Commonwealth Bank. These lessons are designed to increase students’ knowledge and understanding about saving money, knowing how to keep money safe, and understanding the importance of having a job to support lifestyle choices.

_Mandy Ryan_  
R/Principal

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**ASSEMBLY AWARDS**

Each fortnight, as a part of our Positive Behaviour for Learning across the school, we award students for meeting our expectations of being safe, respectful learners who belong. Each class teacher awards 1x Safe award, 1x Respect award and 2x Learner awards.
In 5/6G we are studying an exciting unit about Gold. We have been researching and reading and viewing a range of texts about gold and we have learnt many interesting facts. We wrote discussions on the topic: ‘Fresh air and water should be considered more valuable than gold’. We learnt how to write a balanced discussion by providing arguments both ‘for’ and ‘against’ the topic. We also talked about the meaning of the word ‘valuable’ in different contexts.

I will be discussing whether or not fresh air and water should be considered more valuable than gold.

Firstly, fresh air and water are both needs whereas gold is a want. For example, instead of using gold in buildings they could use timber or stone. Secondly, air and water are more valuable to natural wildlife considering animals don’t have a use for gold. Air and water are both priceless elements.

On the other hand, gold is rare, costs money and is expensive. Gold is malleable and used for many different things such as electronics and jewellery. If silver was used for jewellery it would tarnish and possibly leave a rash, depending on who is wearing it.

In conclusion, gold is more valuable in cost than fresh air and water because they don’t cost anything. However we can’t live without fresh air and water and if we are not alive there is no use for the gold.

By Mitchell

“Gold is used in technology. It’s even in my iPod!” – Nicolette

“Gold has been used to make jewellery for a long time, even in Ancient Egypt.” – Emily

“Natural gold comes in the shape of a nugget.” – Safiye

“Gold is ductile, which means you can bend it without breaking it, and you can make it into thin wires.” – Pat

Gold is precious and valuable and we have to dig up the earth for it. But what about fresh air and water? We need them to survive, so are they more precious and valuable?

Fresh air and water are vital needs for survival. Without them, you wouldn’t be breathing, but without gold, it’s not the end of the world. Not only do humans need fresh air and water, but so do animals and plants. Air and water can be easily wasted or damaged, which makes them precious.

Gold, however, is rarer than air and water. It takes time to find gold and it is so expensive. You can buy things with gold, but with air and water, there isn’t much use besides breathing and drinking. It can also be used to get other things needed for survival, like food and shelter.

The dictionary will inform you that the world valuable means ‘something of great worth, value and importance’. Gold is worth a lot of money, has great value but isn’t of great importance. Fresh air and water are important for a major reason but are priceless, which makes them special. Therefore, fresh air and water are, in fact, more valuable.

By Nigeen
The topic I will be discussing is if fresh water and air are more valuable than gold.

Firstly, water and air are very important to humans and animals. If we don’t have air or water we will die and this could lead us to extinction.

Secondly, water and air can be used for energy to power things up. For example, they can be used for wind power or hydropower, which can produce things we need to live, like electricity for warmth.

However, gold can be traded for money and is rare, when air and water are quite easy to find. Money is important for buying essential things like food and water. With money, you could also pay people to do good things like collect fresh water or plant trees.

So, as I discussed, you need air and water to live and you can use water and air to make energy. However gold is used for currency and helps us buy important things. All three resources are valuable in different ways.

By Jasmine

Should fresh air and water be considered more valuable than gold? This is what I will be discussing.

We need water and air to survive. Just like we cannot buy a human, water and air are priceless and this is why they don’t cost money like gold. Water and air are what keep us warm and cool but gold does not have the power to do this. Therefore, water and air are more valuable in this way.

However, gold can make all our dreams come true – it can give us a car, a house, toys or a boat. Imagine having a mountain of gold! Gold is made into many things like phones, photo frames and has been used throughout history for over 6000 years. It is also rare and hard to find.

In conclusion, water and air are more valuable than gold for our survival, but gold can also be used for many great things.

By Hayzam
Welcome back to Term 4 we hope you all had a great holiday

**Upcoming events**

Movie Night – 20\(^{th}\) November

**MOVIE NIGHT**

We are holding meetings regarding the movie night. If you would like to come and help be part of this great school community event, come and join us in the P&C room. Our next meeting is on Wednesday at 2:00pm. You will find attached a list of the raffle prizes please look in your children bags this week for the raffle tickets to sell and support our movie night.

**School banking**

Leonie Beasley (Alexis –Yr 1) has temporarily taken over the banking and this is done on Wednesdays. If you would like any information regarding banking please don’t hesitate to contact the office.

**Canteen**

The Canteen is open on:

- **Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday** for hot food & sandwiches & snacks
- **Friday** – Ice creams sold by Year 6 in canteen

**Uniform Shop**

The Uniform Shop is open every Friday morning between 8:50am and 9:15am. If you need anything during the week just come and see Maryanne.

**DON’T FORGET** Our next meeting will be held in the library at 6:30pm this Thursday 15 October. Come along and be part of the schools fundraising plans, there is no such thing as a bad idea.
Raffle Ticket Prizes for RPS Movie Night

List of prizes

1. Oatlands Golf Club 4 people round of golf for 18 holes $690 & Dooleys $50 voucher
2. Studio 1000 family sitting $545 & Powerhouse Museum family pass $30
3. Studio 1000 family sitting $545 & Ryde Aquatic Centre family pass $25.20
4. Studio 1000 family sitting $545 & Museum of Fire family pass $25
5. Ryde/Parramatta Golf Club 4 people 18 rounds of golf $280
6. Lollipops Playland 10 visit pass $149 & Manly Sea Eagle ball signed by Feleti Mateo
7. Lollipops Playland 10 visit pass $149 & Museum of Fire family pass $25
10. Lollipops Playland 10 visit pass $149
12. Dooleys Voucher $50 & City Extra voucher $50
13. Captain Cook Cruise for 2 people $98
14. Riverside Theatre 2 tickets to “A rabbit for Kim Jong-IL” $49 each
15. Australian National Maritime family pass $70 & Ryde Aquatic Family Pass $25.20
16. Taronga Zoo 2 adult pass $92
17. Scenic World family pass $88
18. Dooleys voucher $50 & 2 Australian Museum pass (kids free) $30
19. Dooleys Voucher $50 & Ryde Aquatic Family Pass $25.20
20. Jenolan Caves 2 adults & 3 children pass $75
21. Edge Rock Climbing 2 person entry and extras $50 and Museum of Fire family pass $25
22. Canterbury Olympic Ice Rink family pass $69
23. Featherdale Wildlife Park 2 adult passes $59
24. Ryde Aquatic Centre family pass $25.20
25. Edge Rock Climbing pass for 1 person $30

These prizes will be drawn at RPS Movie night on Friday 20th November. Tickets are $1
Two new workshops will be run in Term 4 by Leonie Beasley via the Community Hub. Bookings are essential to confirm your position. The other exciting new is that the Community Hub now have grant money to be allocated to fully qualified Early Childhood Educators to mind your children whilst you participate! Please contact Leonie if you would like to participate in one of these workshops. 0405 489 442 or mrsbee@dodo.com.au

Workshop Name: **KNITTING BEGINNERS**

There is no limit on number of participants with this workshop and all levels of experience welcomed.

**Date/Day/Time:**
Term 4, Week 2 to 8,
Thursdays 9.30am – 11.30am

**Aims and Objectives:**
- Participants learn basic knitting (garter stitch), casting on and casting off.
- By end of term all participants should be confident to work on their own.

**Venue:**
P & C room, Rydalmere Public School

**Equipment and Resources:**
- Participant need only bring along 4mm knitting needles, however these will be available for purchase at the first workshop for a small price (actual cost). Wool will be supplied.

This is a FREE workshop.

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Workshop Name: **SEWN RABBIT**

All levels of experience welcomed. There IS A LIMIT on the number of participants due to availability of sewing machines. However if you have your own machine please bring along so that others without a machine can join.

**Date/Day/Time:**
Term 4, week 2 – 8
Fridays, 9.30am to 11.30 am

**Aims and Objectives:**
- Participants learn hand sewing and basic machine stitching to create one rabbit.
- By end of term participants should have one completed rabbit.

**Venue:**
P & C room, Rydalmere Public School

**Equipment and Resources:**
This is a FREE workshop. All materials supplied by the Community Hub.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

GIRRAWEEN HIGH SCHOOL

Invitation to Open Night 2015
To Your 5 Students And Their Parents

Girraween High School is an academically selective co-educational high school with a focus on providing a balanced and positive education experience for our students who aspire to achieve exceptional HSC results. The school has experienced and dedicated staff providing students with safe, engaging classes and well-equipped facilities.

You are invited to attend Open Night 2015 which will be held at the school.

The school will perform from 5.30pm and you are welcome to enjoy the performance. The Open Night will feature classroom tours, displays, presentations and the chance to meet students and teachers.

Registrations will be provided

Date: Tuesday, 3rd November 2015
Time: 6pm to 8pm
Venue: Girraween High School
110 Gibba Road
GIRRAWEEN NSW 2145
Tel: 9636 7290 or 9806 7303
Fax: 9806 3274
Web: www.girraween-schools.nsw.edu.au

HSC 2014 Achievements:
- Band 6 in all government schools
- 56 students achieved an ATAR of 96 with 17 students achieving an ATAR over 99
- 1 student achieved an ATAR of 99.80 (maximum ATAR 99.99)
- 23 students were "all-rounders" who achieved 99% or better in 10 or more subjects
- 79 students on the Distinguished Achievers List (Band 8 Results)
- 1 student placed 1st in the state for Science
- 1 student was placed 3rd in the state for Science
- 1 student was placed 4th in the state for Biology
- 1 student was placed 6th in the state for Biology
- 1 student was placed 17th in the state for Modern History
- 100% of students achieved the top two bands in English Extension 1, History Extension, Society and Culture, Engineering Studies, Japanese Extension and Japanese Extension

A Guidance Approach to Discipline

The Guidance Approach to Discipline program is going to assist you in managing your child’s behaviour. The facilitator aims to teach parents how to use various methods of behaviour management that will reduce conflict between parents and children. The relationship between you and your children will improve so that your child’s social and emotional needs are better met.

Topics include:
- Choice of beliefs
- Motivation without rewards
- Listening to children
- Meeting needs
- Resolving conflict
- Applying solutions

Details:
Where:
Telopea Schools as Community Centres Project. (Scci)
When:
Starting Tuesday 27th October for five consecutive weeks.
Time:
10:00am-11:30am
Contact:
Sharlene on 0489 978 721 or Pip on 9898 3448 for registration

FREE childcare and morning tea is available.

Rydelmere Bunnings
FREE ‘Sing Rhyme and Story Time’

This Early Literacy Program caters for children birth to five years of age. The half hour story time includes a combination of the following:
- Rhymes
- Finger plays
- Puppets
- Storytelling
- Dancing
- MORNING TEA PROVIDED

‘Sing Rhyme and Story Time’ sessions will be offered every Tuesday during school term (starting 13th October) 10:00am-10:30am.

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Telopea Schools as Community Centres Project Term 4 2015

MONDAY
Australian Red Cross Good Start Breakfast Club 6:30am-7:00am Talopea SSC Rooms
A healthy breakfast is provided free for Telopea Public School students in a friendly inclusive environment.

TUESDAY
Sing Rhyme and Story Time 10:00-11:30 Bunnings Warehouse Rydelmere
A weekly Early Literacy Program for parents/carers and children birth to 5 years. This program was awarded Honorable Nominations in 2014 Catholic Awards. This program provides parents to build their children’s literacy development.

WEDNESDAY
Service Club 8:30am-10:00am Telopea Public School Edmund Orchard
Telopea Public School students enjoy utilizing the school garden space through this leadership program.

THURSDAY
Australian Red Cross Good Start Breakfast Club 6:30am-7:00am Talopea SSC Rooms
Description as above

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Telopea Schools as Community Centres Project (Scci)
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