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**PRINCIPAL’S REPORT**

Last ‘Link’ for the year!!
Another year has come and gone – how did that happen? What a fabulous year it has been for the students, their families and the staff here at Rydalmere Public School and Preschool. I am so proud of our achievements and every day I feel immense pride knowing that I am Principal of this wonderful school. I believe a picture speaks a thousand words, and so I’d like to reflect on the year that has been with a collage of photos showing some highlights of the year.

*Increase in student numbers from 101 to 115, plus our preschool at full capacity.*

Choir participation in Celebrating the Arts @ Parramatta Riverside Theatre

Harmony Day – another tree in our ‘Harmony Orchard’
Students who represented our school at District, Regional and State level in athletics, swimming, football and golf.
Outstanding NAPLAN results showing sustained growth in student achievement through the years

Easter Hat Parade

Harmony Day 2015:
Multicultural Feast

Harmony Day 2015:
WE ALL BELONG
Anzac Day Service

Our first induction of Library Monitors

National Simultaneous Storytime – using Video Conferencing

Winter PSSA – Junior AND Senior Soccer Teams

Music Count Us In
Education Week Open Day

Grandparents Day

EDUCATION WEEK 2015: CELEBRATING LOCAL HEROES

Science Show @ Ermington Library
Camp Wombaroo

K-2 Excursion to Wannabees

Teamwork, Challenges and FUN FUN FUN!

Community Hub development – thanks to our Hub Leader Reem Kashif

Primary OSHCare as our Before & After School Care providers – ONSITE
Book Week Activities

Dedicated staff who are ‘young at heart’ and make every second of your child’s learning count!!

Best wishes to our out-going Year 6 students as we farewell them for their journey into high school.

I would like to wish all of our families a safe and happy festive season – enjoy this time together. We look forward to seeing you all back here in 2016!!

Bek Zadow
Principal
What is happening in 2R?

2R has had a wonderful term learning with Mr. Hammond.

This term 2R has been learning about 3D shapes and making them into artworks.

In English all students have enjoyed working in literacy groups and having a chance to give news each week.

2R has also been enjoying doing some hands on cooking. We have made funny faces and play dough..... we are all excited to know what we will be cooking next.
4 December, 2015

**St. Vincent De Paul Christmas Hamper**

*This year Rydalmere Public School will be donating a food hamper to St. Vincent De Paul Society.*

*If you are able to donate any food items to this worthy cause, please leave your donation at the office in the box provided.*

*Thankyou*

*Bek Zadow*

*Principal*
P&C Last news for the year

THANK YOU

The P&C Members would like to thank all the Families, friends and community for all your help this year with our fundraising. What a great year it has been, just to name a few things we have paid for the bus for year 3/4/5/6 camp, given money to the school for smart boards plus many more wonderful things.

We have worked with the school with providing gifts for Mother’s Day, Father’s Day and many more great fun days.

NEWS: The canteen is closed but expression of interest forms have gone home. If you would like to help in any way to run our canteen next year, please fill these in and send them back. The saying is many hands make light work.

One little effort before we sign off for the year is if you would like to donate to the “Sharing the Dignity” cause, which is helping ladies in need, by donating a handbag filled with any items eg personal items, sanitary products, deodorant, soap, hair brush etc. These handbags give a smile to ladies that are either homeless or in a refuge. If you would like to donate to this lovely charity please bring in a handbag filled with these items BEFORE Friday the 11th December and leave at the P&C room or hand to a P&C member.

THANK YOU

PC committee members for 2015: We would love to thank our committee members this year who have done a fantastic job:

Nichole Elsoussi – President
Jo-anne Fourro - Vice
Maryanne Thompson – Vice /Uniforms
Paula Britz – Secretary
Loretta Jordan – Treasurer
Jenny Mercer – Canteen
Michelle Ly – Executive Parent Member

Delia Bebarragai – Executive Parent Member

We would love to wish all the Year 6 students all the best for the future and their high school selection also good luck to the parents and wish you all the best.

If you would like to be part of the P&C for 2016 please come along to the AGM which will be held on the 18th February in the Library at 6:30.

DON’T FORGET Our last Meeting for the year will be held in the library at 6:30pm on Thursday the 10th December.
Raffle Ticket Prizes for RPS Movie Night

1. Oatlands Golf Club 4 people round of golf for 18 holes $690 & Dooleys $50 voucher - Mike
2. Studio 1000 family sitting $545 & powerhouse museum family pass $30 - Emily
3. Studio 1000 family sitting $545 & Ryde Aquatic Centre family pass $25.20 - Hamoun
4. Studio 1000 family sitting $545 & museum of fire family pass $25 - Tarryn
5. Ryde/Parramatta Golf Club 4 people 18 rounds of golf $280 – Oz Kebab
6. Lollipops Playland 10 visit pass $149 & manly sea eagle ball signed by Feleti Mateo - Maz
7. Lollipops Playland 10 visit pass $149 & museum of fire family pass $25 - Aaeesha
8. Mission Code Red Laser Skirmish 10 missions $130 & Australian museum 2 adult pass (kids free) $30 - Sakura
10. Lollipops Playland 10 visit pass $149 - Hagop
12. Next Generation one Month Membership - Dudley
13. Dooleys Voucher $50 & city Extra voucher $50 - Sejin
14. Captain Cook Cruise for 2 people $98 - Damian
15. Riverside Theatre 2 tickets to A rabbit for Kim Jong-IL $49 each - John
17. Taronga Zoo 2 adult pass $92 - Laily
18. Retro Popcorn Maker $95 – Ryan
19. Scenic World family pass $88 - Donna
20. Dooleys voucher $50 & 2 Australian Museum pass (kids free) $30 - Elizabeth
21. Dooleys Voucher $50 & Ryde Aquatic Family Pass $25.20 - Terry
22. Jenolan Caves 2 adults & 3 children pass $75 – Paul
23. Edge Rockclimbing 2 person entry and extras $50 and museum of fire family pass $25 – Zac
24. Canterbury Olympic Ice Rink family pass $69 – Sophie
25. Featherdale Wildlife Park 2 adult passes $59 - Graeme
26. Ladies Pamper Hamper - $55 - Aaeesha
27. Ryde Aquatic Centre Family Pass - $25.20 - Rami

The MM guessing competition number was 1954 and was won by Amelia

Emma won a prize for selling raffle tickets
Aaeesha won a prize for selling most tickets
Pre – purchase tickets family was the Lee family.

Thank you everyone for participating and well done to all the WINNERS.
RPS Knits...

This Knitting Group has made a fantastic effort to complete the Project Unity blanket for our PC room this term. This coming Tuesday (8th) will see the blanket completely stitched and ready for use. I’d like to thank all those participating... Delia, Pinny, Enelee, Nichole, Loretta, Jennifer, Maryanne, Michelle, Jo-Anne, Leonie and even Michelle’s Mum, Noelene, pitched in knitting a square whilst visiting.

What an achievement Ladies, well done!

We plan to continue this group in 2016 so if you wish to join the group you are most welcome too. We meet on Tuesday mornings 9.30 am to 11.30am.

Hope to see you there,
Leonie

RPS Sews...

Last Friday was our last sewing group meeting. The group had sewn a knitting roll to keep knitting needles tidy. Throughout the term we have made Rabbits, Wraps, Eye masks and Knitting tidy rolls.

This group will continue next year with a change of day and time – Tuesday afternoons 1-3pm. You are welcome to join us. We will be making a simple patchwork square throw.

A list of materials you will need are:

- A selection of cotton fabrics (2.5 mtrs in total) – I suggest 4-5 colours, a combination of patterns big prints, dainty repeats and plains.
- Backing Fabric – 110 x 160 cm (suggestion of calico or contrasting fabric)
- Wadding – 115 x 165cm
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