**Strategic Directions**

Last fortnight in The Link I wrote about our agreed school vision. This edition, I would like to remind existing families and inform our new families of the strategic directions we set as a school community last year to guide our decision making and planning over the next few years.

**Strategic Direction 1:** Leadership and capacity building at all levels

**Strategic Direction 2:** Dynamic and engaging learning environment

**Strategic Direction 3:** Enhance school community values and culture

These directions unite us in the decision making for your children’s future.

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**Clean Up Australia Day**

Last week we participated in this national event that focuses on looking after the environment to support sustainability. It was lovely to see our students so on board with this day. Thank you Rydalmere PS students!!

**Bunnings BBQ**

Thank you to the P&C for running another successful event. I would like to acknowledge the contribution of all the families who made this day happen. Whether you donated an hour or 8 hours of your time, we thank you. Collectively, we make a great team Rydalmere Community!! We are having a BBQ at Bunnings each term (3 more this year) as well as a cake stall each term. Please continue your support – we appreciate your commitment for our children at RPS!!

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**DATES TO REMEMBER**

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**PRINCIPAL’S REPORT**
**Disco**

It was lovely to see so many families supporting the disco. Thank you to all parents who helped to organise this event and staff the food and drink stall. I would also like to thank the teachers who gave up their time to assist with supervision and the general running of the night.

**Parent/Teacher Interviews**

These are coming up in Week 10. This week each student will be sent home the booking form for their interview. Please return these asap so that we can secure your preferred time.

**Harmony Day**

On Wednesday 18th March, we will be celebrating Harmony Day, along with our annual Multicultural Feast. This was a fabulous day of sharing culture last year and is set to be a wonderful day this year. Mrs Brady has taken on the mammoth job of organising this event once again. Please keep an eye out for all of her important messages.

**Bek Zadow**

Principal
This year we will be celebrating Harmony Day on Wednesday 18th March. Once again, as part of our celebrations we will be holding a fabulous multicultural feast for everyone to share.

Please start thinking about the kind of food your family would like to contribute. In previous years the response has been outstanding with a huge variety of different dishes. Some suggestions might include:-

Salads, finger food, chicken dishes, lasagnes, pasta dishes, pies, fruit, sushi, a variety of vegetarian dishes, samosas, sandwiches, cakes, desserts, chips etc.

We especially like to include a variety of foods from different cultures, as well as traditional Australian food, such as lamingtons or meat pies.

A note will be sent home closer to the date outlining the day’s events.

Mrs C. Brady
ESL Teacher

LIBRARY NEWS

LIBRARY HELPERS

Rydalmere Library needs your help! We are looking for efficient and enthusiastic parents to help cover some of our new Library Books. The quicker we can get these covered, the quicker the children can enjoy reading them! Please contact Zoe Stephens or Bek Zadow to offer your much needed help. Please provide your best contact number, name and if you are happy to help once or on an ongoing basis.

Thank You
2R has had an exciting start the year. Lots of new and colourful furniture has arrived and the students have used the furniture for group work, individual work and whole class learning experiences. We are exploring Australian animals and their shelters this term. The reading area has a variety of texts about Australian animals. The students like to use an Australian animal puppet and read to the puppet. This is great practice for reading with expression!

Using the bean bag chairs to read as a group.

Reading to our Australian animal puppets.

New desks with stools we can gently roll on while we work.
CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA DAY
Rydalmere OSHC Centre News!

ryoshc@primaryoshcare.com  ph. 0419 816 734

February 2015.

Welcome to the year in OSHC (Out of School Hours Care). We hope that you have had a relaxing break over the holiday period and we look forward to sharing 2015 with you and your Family.

Our brand new Centre here at Rydalmere Public School has been beautifully set up and furnished and is all ready to offer fun and exciting programs to your child from 7.00 to 9.00am and from 3.00 to 6.00pm each day. We offer breakfast and afternoon tea. The service is regulated under the National Law and we are fully compliant with all government regulations, approved under ACECQA (Australian Children's Education and Care Authority). We have qualified staff and comprehensive health and safety systems. You may be interested in reading more about the National Quality Framework on the following website http://www.acecqa.gov.au/. Please come and meet our staff- Dola Haddad (Co-ordinator) and Cathy Ho (Assistant Co-ordinator). You will also meet Maria Karam Regional Manager and the Centre’s Educational Leader. Please see the Parent Information Board for information about certified staff as well as our invitation to participate notices and Community Term Planner, menu and program details.

We are looking forward to collaborating with and sharing the Rydalmere Community.

See you soon!

Have a great day

Dola, Cathy, Suzanne and Maria
WOW Week 6 of Term 1 and we are as busy as ever..

Upcoming events

Bunnings Cake Stall – 14th March
Election BBQ - 28th March

Canteen

The Canteen is Open on

**Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday** for Hot Food & sandwiches & snacks

**Friday** – Ice creams sold by Year 6s in canteen.

Thank you to all that ordered pancakes for Pancake Day it was a great success. You definitely kept us on our toes with all the orders.

The Canteen also organises the roster for crunch & sip so if you think you could spare 30 minutes in the morning to cut up fruit for the classes to share please come down and see Jenny.

You will see a couple of new faces helping out with the canteen this year but if you would like to spare a few hours and help your children out come down and see Jenny (Canteen Co-ordinator) or phone her on 0419 299 784.

School banking

Melissa Ball (Hamish yr 1 or Lachlan yr 3) Co-ordinates the Banking and this is done on Wednesdays if you would like any information regarding banking please don’t hesitate to contact the office.

Uniform shop

The uniform shop is open every Friday morning between 8:50 and 9:15, but if you can’t make it on that day and would like to buy anything just come and find Maryanne and organise a time to suit you both.

Any old uniforms can still be donated to the Uniform shop.

THANK YOU

School Disco

A Big Thank you to all our helpers for the School Disco on Friday 27th February

Glen Spurdle, Lisa Tahatos, Jenny Mercer, Nichole Elsoussi ,Natalie & Nadia Elsoussi, Maryanne Thompson, Loretta Jordan. It was a great night.

**Bunning BBQ** The Co-ordinators were Reem Kashif, Jenny Mercer & Maryanne Thompson on Saturday 21st February. It was a great successful day and without our helpers this would not have happened, we would like to extend a big thank you to ALL our Parents & Teachers that helped out at the Bunnings BBQ, also to the families that came and supported our school by buying sausages.

Our Next Meeting will be held on Thursday 19th March in the Library at 6:30pm

Come along and meet our new committee members and be involved in planning and chatting for the year ahead.

A Big Thank you to our new committee members for 2015

**President:** Nichole Elsoussi

**Vice President:** Jo-anne Fourro

**Vice President:** Maryanne Thompson

**Treasurer:** Loretta Jordan

**Secretary:** Paula Britz

**Parent Representative:** Michelle Ly

**Parent Representative:** Reem Kashif

**Parent Representative:** Delia Beberaggi

**Canteen Co-Ordinator:** Jenny Mercer

**Uniform Co-Ordinator:** Maryanne Thompson

Have a Good week
Marsden High School
Open Day
Tuesday 10th March
4.30pm to 6.30pm

Principal’s address 4.30pm
Followed by School Tours

Partners in education with: Macquarie University
Northern Sydney TAFE
Johnson & Johnson

Take this opportunity to meet our students and staff and see all that Marsden High School can offer.

For further information please phone 9874 6544
email marsden-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au
Winbourne St
West Ryde 2114
COMMUNITY NEWS

THE BLUE STAR iSPORT
Parramatta

The New Kids Fitness Program
Starting 6th March till 28th August, 2015
Fridays 4 - 5pm
$5 a visit
After School Snacks Provided

For more info contact Ada and Zehab on 9656 8242

Anglicare
Family and Relationship Service

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Anglicare: Family and Relationship Service
Level 3, 16 Park St, Parramatta 2150
Bookings Essential: 1300 851 844 or email
If the phone is not answered please leave a message and a staff member will return your call.
Childminding is available for these courses.