PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

Strategic Direction Focus

Last fortnight in The Link I wrote about the strategic directions we have set as a school community to guide our decision making and planning over the next few years. This edition, I would like to focus on Strategic Direction 2.

Strategic Direction 2: Dynamic and engaging learning environment

A major framework that underpins the success of our students at Rydalmere PS, is that of PBL (Positive Behaviour for Learning). This works with each of our students knowing that students at Rydalmere PS are: “Safe, respectful learners who belong.” Our classroom and playground rules are based on this and all of our reward systems link to these behaviour expectations.

Each day, your children have the opportunity to earn ‘blue wrens’ and ‘green wrens’. They accumulate these on their sticker chart in the classroom, and when full, they trade this for a Principal’s Gold Wren. This is an exciting time for your children, and a significant achievement. Once your child has five Principal’s Gold Wrens, they are able to trade these for a Principal’s Medallion. Our Assembly Merit Awards, while not tradable for a higher award, are an important recognition of your child acting as a safe and respectful learner.
Bunnings Cake Stall

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 stall happen. Please continue your support – we appreciate your commitment for our children at RPS!!

Parent/Teacher Interviews

These are on Tuesday 31st March. Today 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.

High School Forms - DUE BACK BEFORE 20TH MARCH!!!

Football Champions

Congratulations to Michael Geddes and Sam Reece for gaining selection in Parramatta/Merrylands Zone PSSA Rugby League team. A further congratulations Michael for also being selected as a part of the Parramatta/Merrylands/Eastern Districts Zone PSSA Touch Football team.

Swimming Champions

Last fortnight I had the pleasure of managing our Swimming team at the Parramatta/Merrylands Zone carnival. Our students did themselves proud, through respectful sportsmanship and great results. Many of our students placed in the top 10!! Congratulations to Michael Geddes who was successful in qualifying for the Area carnival which is on today – best of luck Michael. In an exciting end for RPS, our school was crowned 3rd overall for the Zone carnival – what an outstanding result!!

Bek Zadow
Principal

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.

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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.

Mrs C. Brady
ESL Teacher
WHAT’S HAPPENING IN 3/4M?

3/4M have been looking at number patterns in Mathematics. We have also explored patterns in the environment and in art. Wassily Kandinsky was a Russian artist, who had the special ability to “hear” colours and “see” sounds. Using his painting *Color Study: Squares With Concentric Circles*, we started our own artwork, creating patterns with shapes and with colour.

Above: Wassily Kandinsky’s *Color Study: Squares with Concentric Circles*
Rydelmore 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 Rydelmore 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 Rydelmore Community.

See you soon!

Have a great day

Dola, Cathy, Suzanne and Maria
Upcoming events
Election BBQ - 28th March
Easter Raffle – Due Date Monday 30th March

Canteen
The Canteen is Open on
Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday for Hot Food & sandwiches & snacks
Friday – Ice creams sold by Year 6s in canteen.
We Are looking for Volunteers to help in the canteen just remember without your help the canteen will not run so come on down and see Jenny (Canteen Coordinator) or phone her on 0419 299 784.
This is a treat for your children so please think about helping even for a couple of hours..

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.
On Tuesday 17th March we are putting in an order for Winter Tracksuits so if you need to order one come in to the uniform shop on Tuesday morning between 8:40-9:00 to try sizes. Don’t forget with winter uniform they have to be paid for before order goes in. Any old uniforms can still be donated to the Uniform shop.

Easter Raffle
This year we are holding our annual Easter Raffle again, Tickets will be sent home with your children they are either 50cents each or 3 for $1.
If you would like any more tickets please come and see the School office.
Don’t forget to bring in your donations to more that is donated the more Hampers you have a chance of winning.
THANK YOU

Bunnings Cake Stall
A Big Thank u to Reem Kashif for organising the Cake stall and to all our helper that either helped bake delightful treats to be sold or to the People that took time out of their weekend to help sell the freshly baked treats at Bunnings. Also we would like to say thank you to Bek Zadow for always coming to help support the school. We Raised $479

Election BBQ & Cake Stall
Volunteers are needed on Saturday the 28th March to help either by cooking the BBQ or serving food or cooking donations to sell at the cake stall.. If you can help please let Nichole Elsoussi (P&C President) know or the Office.

DON’T FORGET 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. Have a Good week & thank you again for supporting the P&C
COMMUNITY NEWS

Meet new friends...
Have fun...

PLAY FOOTBALL
Register online at
www.myfootballclub.com.au
www.parramattacityfc.com.au

New Under 6 Players
FREE REGISTRATION

Eric Primrose Park,
John St Rydalmere
Angelo Arnaoutis 0428 223 091

NOW OPEN SPECIAL
14 DAY GYM PASS
ABSOLUTELY FREE!
OR 1 week FREE Bootcamp trial or 1 FREE CrossFit Class

NOW in Parramatta and Castle Hill
rushhour.net.au 1300 00 7874

The artist in me!!
fine art classes for budding artist
the kids enjoy learning with colours and nature of drawings

Art Teacher - Maguire Melito
Venue @ PCYC Parramatta
Time - Thurs 3:45 - 4:45 pm
Age - 4 - 10 yrs
Contact - 0229638262
Email - parramatta@pcycnsw.org.au

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

ANGLICARE Family and Relationship Service
February - April 2015

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Couples Communication Course
The Group Edition of Prepare/Enrich is designed to bring couples of various relationship stages together in one group. This experience can lead to a dynamic skill for all. Couples benefit from the realism and interpersonal learning that happens when they witness how other couples cope with life’s stresses and express themselves. The group process and content not the ability to re-energise couples with hope and optimism for their future relationship together. https://www.dss.gov.au/couples-commu/couples-relationship(difficulties)