**PRINCIPAL’S REPORT**

**NAPLAN**
Our Year 3 and Year 5 students completed their NAPLAN assessments in Week 4. The areas tested were language conventions, writing, reading comprehension and numeracy. The results will be released by the Board of Studies Teaching and Educational Standards (BOSTES) in late Term 3.

**Virtual Tour**
You can now take a virtual tour of our wonderful school!! Best of all you can share this link with your friends and families to promote our beautiful school. To see this, please visit:


**School APP:**
Please download our school app so that you can stay up to date with the latest information.

**Bunnings BBQ**
Thank you to all of the families who supported our Bunnings BBQ on the weekend – we really appreciate it. We have the **Bunnings Cake Stall on June 6**, so we are looking for more generous donations of baked goods or volunteers to man the stall on the day.
Cross Country
Last week, 29 of our students represented Rydalmere PS at the Zone Cross Country Carnival. We had some excellent results from our students. The most notable achievement was from Patrick Ryan who placed third in his age division and has qualified for the Sydney West Cross Country Carnival. Best of luck Pat!!

Of excitement to our RPS students (but not as quite as exciting as Pat’s placing) was the opportunity to speak with local Parramatta Police on bicycles who were patrolling the area ensuring everyone’s safety. The police asked our students all about their events and in turn the police responded to some of their questions.

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National Reconciliation Week
From 27 May to 3 June, we will acknowledge National Reconciliation Week. Tuesday 26 May is National Sorry Day. Our students will participate in lessons on how Australians can better recognise the contributions, cultures and histories of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. This is in addition to the content already studied across all curriculum areas.

Notes
The office and classroom teachers regularly receive requests for notes that have been handed out. To help families with this, I would like to remind you that all notes sent out are posted onto our website for your convenience. I have provided screenshots below of how to access these 😊.

Go to our website: http://www.rydalmere-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/

Click on ‘News’:

Here you can access all of the notes given as a pdf file by clicking on ‘Read more’:

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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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LIBRARY NEWS

Next Wednesday Rydalmere Public School will take part in National Simultaneous Storytime! Every year a picture book, written and illustrated by an Australian author and illustrator is read simultaneously in libraries, schools, pre-schools, childcare centres, family homes, bookshops and many other places around the country. This year we will be sharing The Brothers Quibble written by Aaron Blabey. Let’s celebrate our love of reading.

Zoe Stephens

PSSA REPORT

PSSA is in full swing at RPS, although the weather has put a dampener on a few of our matches. Each fortnight we will update you with the scores for our teams. We would like to thank the P&C for purchasing the Soccer Jerseys for BOTH of our teams. We look forward to showing you some pictures of our fully ‘kitted-out’ teams in the next edition of ‘The Link’.

Week 3 – cancelled due to wet weather

Week 4: RYDALMERE vs BURNSIDE
Juniors = 0-5 (loss)
Seniors = 1-1 (draw)

Week 5 – cancelled due to wet weather

Next two rounds:
- 29th May – RPS vs Ermington West (Juniors only) @ Rydalmere Park
- 5th June – RPS vs Dundas @ Eric Primrose
Every Thursday afternoon this term, students have been working together in Peer Support groups. Students complete a number of games and activities, learning about friendship and how we can support each other. Our Peer Support leaders from 5/6G have been working hard preparing for each session and have been very impressed with the teamwork skills and cooperation demonstrated by the students in their groups. We all look forward to taking part in more Peer Support lessons!
There was an old lady who swallowed a baby.
I don’t know why she swallowed the baby.
She thought it was crazy!
By Aaesha & Amber

There was a zombie who swallowed a chain.
I don’t know why he swallowed a chain.
It’s because he thought it was a brain!
By William M

3/4M read a story called
"There was an old lady who swallowed a fly"
By Lucille Colandro.
The students wrote their own interpretations of this story and had to visualize the image and then illustrate it. The students enjoyed using their knowledge of rhyming words.

There was a cow who swallowed a tree.
I don’t know why she swallowed a tree.
She won’t tell me!
By Amelia

There was a fat cow who swallowed Bilal.
I don’t know why she swallowed Bilal.
And I don’t know how!
By Connor & AJ
This term, our educators have made some positive changes to our program, resulting in children becoming more actively involved in activities. Our planned learning experiences stem from feedback and suggestions from children, parents and educators. Our Journal reflects all the fun and exciting learning experiences and we would love for you to come and look through our journal which is placed on the Programming Corner, both Staff and Children are very proud of it.

The weekly program for this term in OSHC is as follows:

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We are pleased to announce that Rydalmere OSHC is now approved to accept preschool aged children for before and after school care. The educators will drop off and collect the children directly from the preschool. For more information please feel free to speak to Dola or Cathy.

Thank you to all the families who completed our menu survey. Our revised menu for winter will include the following suggestions made by families and children: Butter chicken with rice, spaghetti bolognaise, toasted sandwiches with a variety of fillings and nachos.

July Vacation Care program held at Ermington West will be available first week of June, we have a lot of fun incursions and excursions planned for the children based on their ideas and feedback received from families and children via our vacation care survey.

We will be hosting a community meeting on the 26th June 2015 more details will be available closer to the date.

Families can contact staff at the Centre by calling 0419 816 734 or emailing ryoshc@primaryoshcare.com.au  Centre Managers can be contacted directly by emailing headoffice@primaryoshcare.com.au.

Thank you,

Dola, Cathy, Maria and Suzanne.
A BIG REMINDER PLEASE DO NOT DROP YOUR CHILDREN AT SCHOOL BEFORE 8:30. WE NOW HAVE OOSH AVAILABLE IF YOU NEED SOMEONE TO LOOK AFTER YOUR CHILDREN.

**Upcoming events**

Cake Stall - 6th June – Co-ordinator – Leonie Beasley

**Breakfast Club**

Breakfast club please come and join us in our new location in the Canteen from 8:30am. Open every day Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday.

**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 Co-ordinator) 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.

Don’t Forget: The Canteen is Open on

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

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

**Uniform shop**

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

If you need winter uniform please remember that it takes 3 weeks for the order to come in and it has to be paid for when you order. We Do Not stock the winter tracksuit or pants in the uniform shop. Our Supplier has run out of Track jackets so there is a big delay in getting these in, but you can still order these and wear the Track pants with a jumper on Friday.

**School banking**

Melissa Ball (Hamish yr 1 or Lachlan yr 3) Co-ordinates the banking. This is done on Wednesday’s. If you would like any information regarding student banking please don’t hesitate to contact the office.

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**Thank You**

A Big thank you to Jenny Mercer & Nicole Elsoussi for running the Bunnings BBQ and to all the people that helped on the day either by cooking or selling sausages. Also to people that couldn’t help but came and supported our school by buying a yummy sausage. We raised over $1535.50 on the day.

**Soccer Jerseys**

A big thank you to Nicole for finding soccer Jerseys for our PSSA soccer teams to wear. The P&C has donated these to the school for the teams to wear.

**Don’t Forget** Our Next Meeting will be held on Thursday 18th June in the library at 6:30pm.

**ART & CRAFT COMMUNITY HUB**

**In General**

The Art & Craft Community Hub are looking into providing some other art and craft workshops for our school parents and local community. Some of our suggestions were candle making, pottery, ceramics, mosaic, beauty, screen printing, knitting, and cake decorating.

Make sure to keep yourself updated by reading the schools newsletter each fortnight.

**Community Cooking Group**

In June the Community Hub will start up its cooking group again. Thursday mornings in the canteen, please see Reem – Year 6 Parent (Volunteer co-ordinator). More details to follow.

**Para-Match Project**

The Para-Match Project is powering along with nearly 19 bags complete! We then will start on 2 blouses to complete the whole project mid June.
**Alteration Service**

We had our first order last week and look forward to more parents utilising this service!

The purpose of this service is to provide easy access and affordable uniform alterations to RPS parents with expansion to personal garments, not only to RPS parents but also the wider community.

The Alteration Service is available on Fridays in the Uniform Shop (8.45 – 9am).

Prices for alterations:

- Slacks/Pants - $5.00
- Dress – hem only - $7.00
- Dress – hem and side seems expanded - $10.00

No sport tracksuit alterations at this stage due to specialised zipper machine being needed.

**Sitting Service**

Last newsletter we noted that Teresa our Community Hub leader has offered to provide child minding whilst you sew. This will possibly start in term 3 with view to a more permanent arrangement – fingers crossed! Teresa is currently looking into this.

Obviously spaces will be limited due the working with children ratio, so get in quick. Teresa (Community Hub) is available Wednesday, Thursday and Friday – she can be found through the school office or on School Grounds.

**P&C Aprons**

The school P&C have engaged the Community Sewing Group to sew 6 aprons that will be used for P&C fundraisers such as the Bunnings BBQ’s and Cake Stall stands. These are currently in progress whilst we obtain materials needed. The group plan to have them completed by end of term 2 if not sooner.

**Future plans – Sewing, Art & Craft**

- Term 3, our Facilitator (Fariba) will be giving lessons on Sewing for beginners and follow on lessons for current members of the group. Please see her if you are interested.
- Discussions are in progress where the Community Art & Craft Group will man a table at a community event and sell items made by the Hub.
COMMUNITY NEWS

PLAY RUGBY LEAGUE WITH THE NORTH RYDE HAWKS JRLFC
Rugby League Is Played On SUNDAYS
Fun and Safe For Everyone

Our Under 7s and Under 9s are looking for new players to join our dynamic teams.
Registration cost is $85.00 which includes high quality Jersey, Socks and Shorts.
The season has just begun and welcoming new registrations for the next few weeks.

Club Activities Such As Tug-O-War, Relay Race, Kicking Competition
As Well As Weekly Wrap-Ups Where The Players
Get To Tell Everyone About Their Game That Day

Join Our Friendly, Fun, Family Club
CONTACT: Sam 0404 865 004 or
Amanda 0425 326 288
Come along and try it out on our Thursday night training at ELS Hall in Kent Road Marsfield

DO YOU HAVE A CHILD DIAGNOSED WITH AD/HD?
ARE YOU LOOKING FOR POSITIVE STRATEGIES TO HELP MANAGE YOUR CHILD’S BEHAVIOUR?

Is your child between 6 and 12 years old?

You are invited FREE OF CHARGE to attend a well-known parenting program at Macquarie University.
The program is designed to assist parents to manage challenging behaviour and build a positive relationship with their child.
The program is part of an evaluation study and participants will be asked to attend evening sessions and to fill in questionnaires (anonymously).

For more information or to express interest in this study please contact:
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