Book Week
What a fabulous celebration of quality literature!! It was just wonderful to see so many of our students (and teachers) dress up to celebrate this event. This year’s theme was “books light up our world”. Our school was most definitely alight with favourite book characters owning our school that day!! Thank you to the parents, carers, family and friends who helped to make our day fantastic with your support of children in costume and your participation in our day. Thank you also for your support of our Book Fair which made great sales. Thank you to Mrs Stephens for all of her efforts in organising the day.

Kindergarten Enrolment 2016
Do you have a child who is turning 5 before July 31 in 2016? If so, NOW is the time to enrol your child at our wonderful school. Alternatively if you have neighbours and friends within our local area, please encourage them to enrol now. As we now provide every student in our school with their own designated XO (laptop) computer for the year, it is vital we know how many new students we will be getting so that we can have these ready to go at the start of 2016 for all new students. Please get enrolment forms from the office or download online and return to our office. KINDERGARTEN ORIENTATION BEGINS ON 16TH SEPTEMBER – ENROL NOW to be a part of this wonderful transition to school.

Late Arrivals
There are a number of students in our school who regularly arrive late to school. This is not ok, and ‘running late’ or ‘sleeping in’ is not an acceptable excuse.

Parents have a legal obligation to send their child to school every day unless they are sick. If your child is away from school, they must provide an explanation as to why on their day of return. We have made this very easy for parents and carers by enabling this function via our School App – please download this if you already haven’t.
Absences are serious business – please read the facts below:

## EVERY MINUTE COUNTS....

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<td>8 weeks per year or nearly a term a year.</td>
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Your child’s best learning time is at the beginning of the day... **Check the time school starts. DON’T BE LATE!**

## EVERY DAY COUNTS....

A day here or there doesn’t seem like much, but...

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<td>1 day each fortnight</td>
<td>20 days per year</td>
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<td>1 day a week</td>
<td>40 days per year</td>
<td>8 weeks per year</td>
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<td>2 days a week</td>
<td>80 days per year</td>
<td>16 weeks per year</td>
<td>Over 5 years of learning</td>
<td>Equal to finishing Year 7</td>
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<td>3 days a week</td>
<td>120 days per year</td>
<td>24 weeks per year</td>
<td>Nearly 8 years of learning</td>
<td>Equal to finishing Year 4</td>
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Give your child every chance to succeed... **Every day counts!**
National Science Week
Our K-6 students were lucky enough to be invited to Ermington Library as part of their National Science Week Celebrations. Our students were able to listen to a presentation and then participate in some hands-on activities. I would like to thank Ermington Library for this opportunity for our students.

Uniform Reminder - Hats
It is compulsory for students of our school to wear a hat when playing in an area that is not under cover. Our uniform policy requires students to wear a school ‘bucket hat’, not a baseball cap or any other of their choice. Students will be directed to wear the school bucket hat when playing outdoors. If they do not have their hat for the day, they will be required to play in the shade.

Camp
Congratulations to all of our 3-6 campers for their exemplary behaviour on their Camp to Wombaroo last week. I would also like to thank Mrs Finlayson, Miss Gallace and Miss Gray for accompanying the children on this trip. We saw students do things they never thought possible, and complete team work activities with brilliant results. Well done!!

Please see the photo collection below 😊

Nutrition Snippets
As a Mum, I know that finding after school snacks that fill their belly (without spoiling dinner) can be a challenge!! Here are some snacks that might just do the trick for you and your children:
Camp Wombaroo

Teamwork, Challenges and FUN FUN FUN!
**Upcoming events**
Father’s Day Stall – Tuesday 1st September in P&C room & 4th September – Michelle Ly
Movie Night – 20th 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 2nd September at 2:00pm.

**EARN & LEARN**
This is the LAST week to do your shopping at Woolworth’s to collect the Earn & Learn stickers. Don’t forget to bring in your Earn & Learn stickers sheet in to the school. It ends on the 8th September.
SHOP, COLLECT, STICK.

**Breakfast Club**
Don’t let your child go hungry if you don’t have time for breakfast at home. Don’t worry there is rice bubbles, corn flakes & sultana bran being served for free at the canteen. Just come on down.

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

**BUNNINGS CAKE STALL**
A BIG Thank you to Loretta Jordan/Pursey for organising the Bunnings Cake Stall that helped raise the amount of $390.10 on Saturday 29th August. Thank you to the families that donated delicious homemade treats to be sold and also to the families that helped sell these. The families that helped cook or sell include Beasley, Ly, Kashif, Glausser, Pursey, Elsoussi, Thompson, Bales, McKay, Jordan/Pursey, Thomson, Chirgwin & Mercer

THANK YOU.

**Aprons** A BIG Thank you to the Community Hub Sewing Group (Leonie) for sewing Aprons that can be used at the Bunnings BBQ or cake stall to help promote our wonderful school. We just wanted to say thank you! They look fantastic - I am sure you will all agree.

**Canteen** The Canteen is Open on Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday for Hot Food & sandwiches & snacks
Friday – Ice creams sold by Year 6s in canteen

**DON’T FORGET** Our Next Meeting will be held on Thursday 17th September in the library at 6:30pm. Come along and be part of the schools fundraising plans, there is no such thing as a bad idea.

Welcome back to the Year 3,4,5 & 6 from camp. We hope you had a great time.
Fathers Day Stall will be open on:

- Tuesday 1st September for students only
- Friday 4th September for students

Gifts range in price from $1 to $7.

Gifts for Fathers and Grandfathers.

Parents are invited to purchase items on Friday 4th September from 9am.

Pictured items are available for purchase from the stall, plus many more.
COMMUNITY HUB NEWS

RYDALMERE PUBLIC SCHOOL

COMMUNITY HUB - WORKSHOPS TERM 4 2015

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.

**CHILDCARE IS AVAILABLE, BOOK EARLY.**

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.

**CHILDCARE IS AVAILABLE, BOOK EARLY.**
We aim to broaden children’s experience in OSHC by acknowledging community events which are initiated by health, cultural or environmental issues. Recently we have been talking about Schools tree day, International forgiveness day, International day of friendship and Aboriginal Islander Children’s Day. Please feel free to drop in and look at our Children’s Meeting book as this is where our discussion with the children is recorded. We also like to include community participation in the service by inviting families and other visitors to the Centre. If you have any suggestions for an interesting visitor or initiative of this type please speak to staff at the centre. Similarly, if you have something to share with the children, such as information about your work life or cultural background, or even a simple story or cooking experience, we would love to have you.

A recurring theme in our program for the upcoming weeks is the Commonwealth Youth Games (CYG). CYG is taking place in Samoa and educators have been celebrating this with the children, by incorporating group sport experiences into our program.

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.

See you soon!

Dola, Cathy, Helena and Suzanne.
COMMUNITY NEWS

Go4Fun

Want ideas on raising healthy, active and happy kids?

FREE healthy lifestyle program for
7 – 13 year olds
Parramatta, Granville and other locations

1800 780 900
go4fun.com.au

WEST RYDE
Rovers

WEST RYDE ROVERS
CRICKET CLUB
SEASON 2015/2016
IMPORTANT NOTICE

MORE players needed in the following age groups:

• U8/9’s
• U10’s
• U11’s

Registration details go to:
Please don’t hesitate to contact us
if you have any questions:
Tim French (Club Secretary)
mob: 0402 890 657
email: roverscricket@gmail.com
(Club registrar)
email: rovers.juniorregistrar@gmail.com

KU Rydalmere Preschool
Celebrating 50 years of service

Dear Families and Friends,
You are invited to join us in celebrating KU Rydalmere Preschool’s 50th Anniversary of providing quality early childhood education and care to local families.

When: Saturday 19 September 2015, 10:00am - 1:00pm
Where: KU Rydalmere Preschool
89-91 Park Road, Rydalmere

The celebrations will include formalities from 11:00am followed by children’s activities including face painting, animal farm, a raffle, BBQ and much more.

Please RSVP by Friday 4 September
P: 02 9638 5075 E: ku.rydalmere@ku.com.au

KU is proudly a not for profit organisation

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