PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

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SASS Recognition Week
Last fortnight we celebrated SASS Recognition Week. This is a time when we recognise the outstanding work done by the School Administrative and Support Staff at the school. This year the theme for SASS Recognition week was “Vital to Education”. We know how true that is here at Rydalmere. We are very fortunate to have a wonderful team of SASS at Rydalmere. These staff members go above and beyond each day to assist with many aspects of school life. We sincerely thank:
* Mrs Kushturian
* Mrs Camporeale
* Mrs McKay
* Mrs Williamson
* Miss Ellie and
* Mr Tom

State Golf Championships
This week, Wil Reece heads off to Blackheath Golf Club to participate in the State Golf Championships. Best of luck to Will!!

Area Athletics Carnival
Last Wednesday 9 September, Ella represented Parramatta/Merrylands PSSA at the Area Athletics Carnival in the event of Discus. Ella placed 5th overall with a throw of 23.69m. This is an outstanding result – well done Ella!!

Soccer
We have just completed our first season of participation in the Junior and Senior PSSA Soccer Competition. Well done to both of our teams for their determination and dedication this year. Thanks also to Miss Gallace for coaching both teams and accompanying the teams to all of their games every week.
Celebrating the Arts
We had 20 of our 3-6 students represent our school admirably in Parramatta’s annual Celebrating the Arts Festival. Our choir students performed as part of the massed choir, performing five songs sung in two part harmonies. Jasmine performed as a small group soloist with a representative from every school’s choir. Well done to all of our students who participated. We look forward to entertaining you with some of the songs at a future date.

Staffing Changes Term 4
We have a number of staff taking Long Service Leave during Term 4, including myself. To maintain consistency and to minimise the disruption to our students, the following arrangements have been made:

- **Mrs Brady – Weeks 1-3**: replaced on Tuesdays by Ms Smith to continue our ESL program.
- **Mrs Zadow – Weeks 2-3**: replaced by Mrs Ryan with Mr Hammond on 2R.
- **Mrs Ryan – Weeks 4-7**: replaced by Mr Hammond on 2R. Mrs Aldred will relieve as Assistant Principal during this time.

Ms Smith and Mr Hammond are well known at RPS and are the perfect fit for their respective roles. I will send you all a ‘cheerio’ from Fiji!! 😊

The past fortnight has seen Mrs Martelli return to her pre-injury duties of 4 days per week, as she continues her recovery from her vocal condition. It has been lovely for the students and Mrs Martelli. We continue to wish Mrs Martelli good health as she reaches the final stage of her recovery. This will continue in Term 4.

Holidays
With only 5 days left of Term 3, the holidays will be here before we know it. I would like to thank all of our students and families for another fabulous term, and wish you all a safe and happy holiday period. During the holidays we will farewell the Glauser family who make their big move to Western Australia. We wish them all well.

I would also like to remind all families that the Labour Day Public holiday falls on what would be our first day back for Term 4. As such, all students and staff will resume school on **TUESDAY 6TH OCTOBER**.

Birds
It is breeding season and with that brings mother and father birds who defend their chicks at all costs. Please be mindful of the magpies and the plovers during this time.

Riding to School
Now that the weather is fining up, we have more and more students riding their bikes and scooters to school. This is great to see!! May I please remind students that the riding of any ‘wheels’, be it bike or scooter, is forbidden on school grounds. This extends to our preschoolers and toddlers too. This is for the safety of all people on our school grounds. Students riding to school should disembark from their bike or scooter at the school gate and proceed to the bike rack. We thank you for helping us to keep everyone safe.

At Rydalmere we take a S.T.A.N.D
A stand against bullying and a proactive approach rather than being a bystander. A group of Stage 3 students will present this to the school this week:

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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.

**Week 6 Results:**

Juniors – 4-1 (loss)

Seniors – 5-1 (win)

Well done to our Junior team for their great effort and continued positive team spirit. Our goal scorer was Will C (1). Keep up the great work!

**Week 9 Results:**

Juniors – 7-0 (loss)

Seniors – 3-1 (loss)

Despite our losses today we are all very proud of our soccer players who worked extremely hard as a team. Our goal scorer was Michael. Special mentions go to Barin and Elizabeth for their excellent defence and Sam for his amazing goal-saving skills.

What an exciting season it has been! Thank you to all the parents, families, students and teachers for your support of our PSSA team. Well done to our Junior and Senior soccer players who participated so enthusiastically and displayed great sportsmanship throughout the season!

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**ASSEMBLY AWARDS**

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**PSSA NEWS – RESULTS**

Congratulations to our Senior team on their fantastic win. Our goal scorers were Michael (2), Wil (1) and Oscar (2). What an excellent achievement!

_PSSA was cancelled in Week 7 due to Years 3-6 Camp and was washed out due to wet weather in Week 8._

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Week 9 Results:

Juniors – 7-0 (loss)

Seniors – 3-1 (loss)

Well done to our Junior and Senior soccer players who participated so enthusiastically and displayed great sportsmanship throughout the season!
Soccer News

On Tuesday 18th August, a team of students from 5/6G attended a Western Sydney Wanderers FC Soccer Competition. They had the opportunity to play several soccer games and fun activities against students from a range of schools in the region. Some of the games they enjoyed playing were Dynamic 2 v 2 and Soccer Tennis.

Our RPS students were very well behaved, wore their jerseys with pride and displayed excellent sportsmanship, both on and off the field. Whilst they didn’t make it to the finals, they won a game and drew another game. They should be very proud of their outstanding effort. Congratulations to our team for a fantastic day!
Preschool Bunnings Excursion
Preschool Stories about going to Bunnings

I had so much fun at Bunnings. I did not know I was going to Bunnings with my friends, but I love going to Bunnings and now we can go to Bunnings with Mum and Dad.

Outcome 5: Children are effective communicators. Our children are developing an understanding that written text conveys meaning. They are beginning to understand how symbols and pattern systems work.

I love when we paint pots. I love going as much as my friend. We can go to Bunnings again.

By Ella
1G Artworks Term 3

We were inspired by beautiful pink trees that you see as you walk down the road. We also looked at some beautiful cherry blossom artworks and photos of cherry blossom trees from around the world. These are our paintings of cherry blossom trees which we did with sponges to create the lovely flowers.
A RAT in a Stripy Sock was a book that 1G read recently. This story was about a Rat who made the best out of a bleak day with one striped sock. We loved the cityscape pictures and have drawn our rat with their sock and written about what they would use their sock for.
**Upcoming events**

Movie Night – 20th November

**EARN & LEARN**

Thank you to everyone that has brought in EARN & LEARN stickers. What a great effort by all the children, parents, pre-schoolers & teachers. At the moment we have over 15,000 stickers. If you STILL have some at home DON’T forget to bring them in so we can get some educational equipment. We will be able to tell you in our next link what we have got for all your great effort. It will be not delivered until next year.

**Father’s Day Stall**

Thank you to Michelle Ly for running the Father’s Day Stall. We hope all the Dads, Grandpas, Step-dads, Poppys, Fathers, Pops & Papas, had a great day on Father’s day Sunday 6th September. We also hope they enjoyed the handpicked gifts all the children at the school had fun buying for them. This made a profit of over $500.

**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.

**Canteen**

The Canteen is Open on

**Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday** for hot food, sandwiches & snacks

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

**FUNDRAISING**

With all of our fundraising efforts this year, we have again paid for the camp bus for Year 3,4,5 & 6 which was $1950. We also contributed $15 per child ($630) to help keep the costs down. Thank you again to everyone that helped with our fundraising efforts.

**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 school’s fundraising plans, there is no such thing as a bad idea.

Some of the Agenda items at this month’s meeting are

OOSH

Strategic Planning Meeting

By-Laws

Incorporation

Canteen Menu Health Check

Plus many more
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

The Parramatta Viva 7’s play centre is at GIPPS ROAD SPORTING COMPLEX
GIPPS RD, GREYSTANES

Competition starts on Friday 9th October 2015 and runs every Friday night. Age groups are from U6’s through to Open (18+)

$99 PER PERSON
which includes a cool Viva 7’s t-shirt.
9 people needed to make a team.
You can register as an individual or you can register a team.

Go to www.viva7s.com.au for more information and to register your interest in playing this summer’s hottest competition.
For more information, please email viva7s@twobluessoccer.com.au

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STAY FIT AND HAVE FUN WITH YOUR MATES AND FAMILY
VIVA7s.com.au

NSW PARLIAMENT PRESENTS

FAMILY FUN DAY

2nd OCTOBER 2015
COME ALONG FOR A LOOK AT AUSTRALIA’S FIRST AND OLDEST PARLIAMENT HOUSE

NO NEED TO BOOK
ALL WELCOME!
10:00 AM - 3:00 PM
MACQUARIE ST. SYDNEY
www.parliament.nsw.gov.au
ENQUIRIES: 02 9230 2047

FREE ENTRY

FUN ACTIVITIES

• PHOTO AND DRESS-UP OPPORTUNITIES
• TOURS OF THE LEGISLATIVE CHAMBERS
• MYSTERY EGG HUNTING COMPETITION
• SATURDAY COSTUME MAKING WORKSHOP
• ROVING HISTORICAL CHARACTERS
• ART AND CRAFT DISPLAYS

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PENRITH OBSERVATORY

SCHOOL HOLIDAY EVENTS

Thursday 24 September
10 am – 12 noon
School Holiday Hands-on Science Program
ROCKET WORKSHOP
Lots of fun for kids of all ages. Make and launch your own paper rocket and watch water rockets being launched. The program will also include a short presentation, a 3D astronomy movie and SAFE and detailed viewing of the sun through our telescopes (weather permitting).
Cost $15 child/adult

Astronomy Night
CHECKING OUT OUR NEIGHBOURS
A close up look at our solar system with some of the latest news about Pluto.
The evening will also include a 3D astronomy movie, a tour of the dome area and an opportunity to view the night sky through the observatory’s telescopes

Saturday 26 September
7 pm – 10 pm
School Holiday Hand-on Science Program
ROCKET WORKSHOP
Lots of fun for kids of all ages. Make and launch your own paper rocket and watch water rockets being launched. The program will also include a short presentation, a 3D astronomy movie and SAFE and detailed viewing of the sun through our telescopes (weather permitting).
Cost $15

Thursday 1 October
10 am – 12 noon
Astronomy Night
THE LIVES OF STARS
How do stars form and what happens when they die?
The night will include a 3D astronomy movie, a tour of the dome area and an opportunity to view the night sky through the observatory’s telescopes.

Cost:
Astronomy Nights: $18 adult, $12 child/concession and $50
Workshops: $15 per child/adult

Bookings are essential:
Contact:
Tel: (02)4736 0135 Email: penrithobservatory@westernsydney.edu.au