**Dates to Remember**

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**Principal’s Report**

**Change of Dates**
Please be advised of a number of ‘date’ changes we’ve had to our Term 1 school calendar due to circumstances beyond our control. Please not the new dates below:
- School Photographs: **29 April & 2 May**
- Parent/Teacher Interviews: **4 April**
- Healthy Harold: **5-7 April**

**Parent/Teacher Interviews**
These are coming up in Week 11. Soon, each student will be sent home the booking form for their interview. Please return these asap so that we can secure your preferred time.

**Clean Up Australia Day**
This Friday we will participate in national Clean Up Australia Day, an event that focuses on looking after the environment to support sustainability. This will take place within the school grounds.

**Money and Permission Notes**
Just a friendly reminder that, all money and permission notes must be posted into the mailbox at our Office Block. No money is to be handed in to classroom teachers. Our office staff will receipt the money and send the receipt home to you.

**Mrs Zadow is out and about!!**
This fortnight I have enjoyed participating in lessons with each class. I saw:

**Preschool** – gooey, slimy sensory play. The children had their hands elbow deep in the wet gooey slime. They make sounds with it, poured it from hand to hand, smelt it, rubbed it and made a lovely mess. I had fun putting my hands in it too!!
KG – writing number stories with ten teddies. I heard that four teddies went on a holiday to Queensland and Miss Gray wanted to know how many were left? Kindergarten told me there were six teddies left and they even wrote that number sentence on their own little whiteboards!!

1M – I visited 1M in the library where they all had their heads in books!! They asked lots of questions about where to find books they were interested in. It was lovely to see that so many of them had their library bags, which means they can borrow!! A favourite title (that was also something I loved as a child) was ‘Where’s Wally’.

2A – I had the pleasure of working with 2A in the garden as they planted celery in one of our garden beds. We planted, watered and then had a quiz about celery. I gave out 10 Blue Wrens to various students for the positive way in which they were attending to their learning.

3/4G – This is a class of measuring maestros!! I saw students really testing themselves to estimate accurately. They loved measuring to see how accurate they were – I loved hearing the dialogue between students after they had measured; justifying why they estimated that number, providing solutions for being more accurate next time and each student offering insight into their ways of thought – rich dialogue at its best!!

4/5/6M – Wow!! This class’ knowledge of history is amazing!! I really enjoyed hearing the students recounting what they have learnt, telling me interesting facts and then THEM testing me to make sure I was listening!!

Parking on John Street
I would like to remind all drivers who drop-off and pick-up students at Rydalmere PS that you must observe the ‘no stopping signs’ and road rules at all times. It is NEVER ok for a car to stop on a crossing to either drop-off or pick-up a child. It is NEVER ok to ‘double-park’. Drivers that do this are putting children’s lives at risk. Please do the right thing by our students. The Ranger from Parramatta City Council was here booking a number of parents last week and they will be present again throughout the year.

Bek Zadow
Principal

ASSEMBLY AWARDS

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WHAT’S HAPPENING IN 3/4G

This term, 3/4G have been enjoying a range of cooperative, experimental and practical activities to support their learning across all KLA.

In Mathematics, we worked in groups to use our knowledge of measurement to estimate the length of a metre using strips of paper. Our estimates were very close!

During PE lessons, we have been building our fundamental movement skills and strengthening our teamwork skills during a variety of relay races and group games.

For Visual Arts, we have been applying our fine motor skills to master the art of freehand sketching, then using paint to bring our drawings to life. We are very proud of our artworks!
RYDALMERE OSHC CENTRE

SCHOOL NEWSLETTER INCLUSION

February 2016

The children that currently attend our Centre are having a fantastic time, however we would really like more children to enrol so that we can expand on our current range of activities. We welcome everyone, and are more than happy to pick up the Kindies and Preschool children from their classrooms.

We are aware that the school does not allow children to be on the school grounds before 8:30am, due to not having a supervising teacher on duty. We are sure that there are plenty of parents who struggle getting to work on time, yet worry about ensuring their children are not left unattended and uncared for. To counteract this issue, we suggest the flexibility of having a casual enrolment in OSHC. This means that you can have the option of using care whenever suits you best. Before school care commences from 7:00am until 8:45am, breakfast and a range of exciting activities are provided then we send the children to school. After school care starts at 3:00pm and goes until 6:00pm. The children have afternoon tea, more activities, outside play, games, sports and Homework Club.

If you would like more information regarding enrolment and fees, you can contact the service with the contact details below. Please keep in mind that if you are entitled to recieve CCB and CCR, you will be exempt from paying the full service fees. We are also able to provide you with a quote beforehand.

The centre Co-ordinator, Cathy Ho, and the Centre Regional Manager, Alison Hurst, will be attending the P&C meetings together each term, and we look forward to meeting you all.

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.

Best wishes Alison, Cathy and Isabella
Northmead Creative and Performing Arts High School.

OPEN DAY Tuesday 8th March 2016

Year 6 students entering Year 7, 2017 & Year 5 students (Year 7, 2018)
Student Morning session 9.15am – 1.00pm
Evening session 5.00pm – 7.00pm - School tour and open house.
7.00pm – 8.00pm - Formal presentation in the hall.
Enrolments for Years 8-12, welcome.

AUDITIONS FOR 2017, YEARS 7 TO 12

Northmead Creative and Performing Arts High School has a long tradition as a centre of excellence in the Creative and Performing Arts. An exciting opportunity is available for talented students to audition for placement in our outstanding CAPA programs.

Students in the specialist streams are afforded a wide range of opportunities to excel in their chosen field with extensive co-curricular programs and a whole school approach to fostering our gifted students’ talents.

Auditions will be held for Dance, Drama, Music, and Visual Arts on Monday 14th to Friday 18th March 2016. The cost of auditions is $50.00.

Applications close and forms need to be submitted to NCPAHS by Monday 7th March 2016.

For application forms, please contact Mrs Stepić on 9830 4116.
Forms can also be obtained via our school website.

SCHOLARSHIPS

Year 7 Scholarships
- Creative and Performing
- Academic
- Sporting

GIFTED & TALENTED ACADEMIC PLACEMENT TEST FOR 2017

Date: Thursday 24th March 2016 at 9.00am
Cost: $65.00 payable to the front office by Wednesday 16th March 2016.

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