School Newsletter
Ryde Public School
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Coming Events for 2015

Date       Event
10/2/2015   School Swimming Carnival Year 2 – Year 6
11/2/2015   Kindergarten Welcome Picnic with parents 2-3pm
            Meet the teacher afternoon 3-6pm
12/2/2015   Community Coffee Hour
            School Hall 9.15-10.15am
18/2/2015   Stage 3 Excursion Parramatta Park & Yum Cha
            9am-3pm

PRINCIPALS’ REPORT

Hello

A very warm welcome to all our new families to Ryde Public School and welcome back to our returning families. It is a privilege to be part of your child’s/children’s educational journey.

Ryde Public School prides itself in being a school that provides a nurturing and inclusive learning environment that encourages students to develop a love of learning that carries them beyond primary school into lifelong learning.

This year Ryde welcomes a few new staff Mrs Polly Jones, Kindergarten, Ms Christine Lucas, Stage 3, Ms Olivia Smith, Stage 2 and school counsellors - Ms Lee Somers, Ms Tracy Ryman and Mr Colin Legg. Ms Tanya Kaye has also returned to us after her break at home being a fulltime mummy. I am sure you will join me in welcoming the new and returning staff.

An information evening is planned for next Wednesday. Each stage will present an outline of what’s on in the stage and general school and stage information. I will be present at the information evening and will provide some general and stage specific information to each sessions. A detailed note will be provided with times and venues for the meetings.

Should you wish to share information with your child’s teacher please contact the teacher via the office and the class teacher will contact you and arrange a mutually convenient time to meet. You are also welcome to email information to the school ryde-school@det.nsw.edu.au

The office staff will forward the email to both the teacher and the stage team leader. Please allow at least twenty four hours for teachers to respond to emails as they are on class and may only access their emails once a day. If a matter is urgent phone the office and ask for the team leader to call you back.

Team leaders are:
Kindergarten - Kate Wasson, (Erin Brawley)
Stage One – Tristan Carruthers (Rhonda Manners)
Stage Two and Support classes – Anne Barltrop (Jacinta Vale)
Stage Three - Julie Oliver (Emily Parlett)
Music, Art and Library – Ann Arnott

Each team leader has a team assistant who is available if the team leader is away or not available – names in brackets.

A reminder to check the school website for events and P&C news including the coffee morning to welcome new families next Thursday 12 February at 9.15am in the school hall. The website provides a great window into our classrooms – the teachers will have some children’s work up soon!

Michelle Collyer
PRINCIPAL
SCHOOL DIRECTORY 2015

Executive:
Principal                Mrs Michelle Collyer
Assistant Principal      Ms Anne Barltrop
                        Support Classes & Stage 2
Assistant Principal      Mrs Ann Arnott - RFF Staff
                        Music, Art & Library
Assistant Principal      Ms Julie Oliver Stage 3
Assistant Principal      Ms Kate Wasson
                        Early Stage 1
Assistant Principal      Mr T Carruthers
                        Stage 1

Teachers
Early Stage 1           Ms Erin Brawley KB
                        Mrs Polly Jones KJ
                        Mrs Sally Spencer KS
                        Ms Adriana Toto KT
Stage 1                 Mr Tristan Carruthers JC
                        Ms Monika Dolan JD
                        Ms Kim Le JL
                        Mrs Rhonda Manners JM
                        Ms Chloe Nichols JN
                        Ms Bonnie Richard JR
Stage 2                 Mrs Romaine Balayasuri MB
                        Ms Shirley Chin MC
                        Ms Olivia Smith MS
                        Mrs Jacinta Vale MV
Stage 3                 Ms Christine Lucas SL
                        Ms Emily Parlett SP
                        Mr Steve Russo SR
                        Ms Renee Salhab SS
                        Ms Julie Oliver SJ
                        Ms Lynda Gerrand SG
Support                Ms Emma Davis KJD
                        Ms Anthea Bell MSB
                        Ms Stephanie Lynam MSL
                        Ms Renee Vandenberg MSV
RFF Staff               Mrs Ann Arnott
Library                Mrs Megan Lee
                        Mrs Jenny Pocknall
LAST                   Ms Nadia Morcom
ESL                    Ms Kate Wasson
ESL                    Mrs Cathy Tall
Comm Lang              Mrs Ping Liu
Art/RFF                Mrs Jo Goodchild
RFF                    Mrs Megan Hudson
Reading Rec            Mrs Louise Howlett
Computers              Mr Steve Russo
Teachers               Ms Megan Gillmer
                        Mrs Tanya Kaye
                        Mrs Rebecca Yiu – Term 2
NDLC                   Mr Anthony Ryan
School Counsellors     Mrs Linda Gilford
                        Ms Tracy Ryman
                        Ms Lee Somers
                        Mr Colin Legg
SLSO                   Mrs Vicki King
                        Mrs Donna Boyd-Osmond
Administrations:
SAM                    Ms Julie Stark
SAO                    Mrs Gail Day
SAO                    Ms Nadia Turra
SAO                    Mrs Belinda Sallustio

General Assistant:    Mr Richard Collyer

UNIFORM SHOP
OPENING DATES & TIMES
TERM 1 2015

STUDENTS TO RETURN TO SCHOOL IN
WINTER UNIFORM
AT THE BEGINNING OF TERM 2
OPEN DATES & TIMES FOR WINTER UNIFORM PURCHASES

Thursday 5/2/2015    8.30am-10.00am
Thursday 12/2/2015   8.30am-10.00am
Thursday 19/2/2015   8.30am-10.00am
Thursday 26/2/2015   8.30am-10.00am
Thursday 5/3/2015    8.30am-10.00am
Thursday 12/3/2015   8.30am-10.00am

PLEASE BE AWARE WINTER UNIFORMS MAY BE PURCHASED AT ANY TIME WHEN THE SHOP IS OPENED DURING THE TERM
If at present you are not receiving an Electronic School Newsletter via email and you wish to do so, please supply the school office with your email address and you will be placed on our parent email list.

For those parents who do not have access to the internet at home or work, a limited supply of hard copies will be available from the school office each fortnight for your child to collect after school.

**PARKING FOR PARENTS**

Parents/Carers please be aware that parking is available for drop off and pick up in the Argyle Avenue School car park, Tucker Street car park, surrounding streets and Top Ryde Shopping Centre.

**PARENTS MAY NOT PARK IN THE POPE STREET CAR PARK OF THE SCHOOL.**

This car park is for staff only.

If you use the Tucker Street and Argyle Avenue car parks we would like you to encourage your children to meet you at a prearranged spot near these car parks for pick up each afternoon.

**CITY OF RYDE**

**SCHOOL KISS AND RIDE/DROP OFF AND PICK UP AREAS**

A ‘Kiss and Ride Zone’ or ‘Drop–off and ‘Pick-up’ area utilises existing ‘No Parking’ zones around schools. In these areas, drivers may stop to drop off or pick up children, however **NO PARKING** rules apply:

- Maximum stop time is 2 minutes
- Driver must remain in or within 3 metres of the vehicle
- Vehicle must not be left unattended

Additional safety tips for school zones:

- Always drop-off or pick-up your child from the designated area, following the school’s procedures.
- Make sure children use the footpath-side door when getting in and out of a car.
- Make sure the hand brake is applied when the vehicle is stationary.
- Never double park.
- Never park across a pedestrian crossing.
- Never undertake a U-turn in close proximity to the school.

**Tucker Street Kiss and Ride Zone**

Council has responded to a request from the Top Ryde Early Learning Centre to put in place additional traffic safety devices in Pope and Tucker Streets, Ryde.

A temporary barrier has now been installed extending the median strip to prevent cars from illegally turning into the Early Learning Centre.

Safe traffic access to the Ryde Public School Kiss & Ride Zone in Tucker Street is from Buffalo Road, then south down Smith Street.

Alternatively, parents can park in the shopping centre before dropping their children off, or use the extensive Kiss & Ride Zone in Argyle Avenue.

Council Rangers will be regularly patrolling the area around Ryde Public School to ensure compliance with traffic regulations.

In the interests of the safety of our children and community, all parents and carers are urged to observe the rules for these zones.

**SAFETY TIPS FOR STUDENTS**

- Stay buckled up until the vehicle has stopped in the ‘Drop-off and Pick-up’ area.
• Make sure your school bag and other items are in a safe position, eg. on the floor.

• Be ready to get out of the car with your belongings when the car has stopped and you have unbuckled your seatbelt.

• Always get in and out of the backseat of the vehicle through the safety door - the rear footpath-side door.

PARKING AND TRAFFIC RULES - CHOOSE SAFETY OVER CONVENIENCE

The parking and traffic rules around our schools are there to protect your children. If you break the rules you may be fined. Below is a quick guide to some of the most commonly misunderstood traffic rules.

**NO STOPPING**

What does it mean? You cannot stop in this area FOR ANY REASON.

Why is it there? To keep sight lines clear for drivers and children so both have more time to avoid crashes

Penalty $304 + 2 Demerit Points (School Zone)

**NO PARKING**

What does it mean? You can stop in a NO PARKING zone for a maximum of two minutes to drop off and pick up passengers.

You must stay within three metres of your vehicle at all times.

Why is it there? To provide a safe place for older children to be set down and picked up without endangering other children

Penalty $169 + 2 Demerit points (School Zone)

**BUS ZONE**

What does it mean? You must not stop or park in a bus zone unless you are driving a bus.

Why is it there? To provide a safe place for large buses to set down and pick up school children.

Penalty $304 + 2 Demerit Points (School Zone)

**OTHER TRAFFIC RULES**

Pedestrian Crossings including Children’s Crossings

You must not stop within 20 metres before a pedestrian crossing or 10 metres after a crossing unless there is a control sign permitting parking.

Why is it there? To ensure that children can be clearly seen by vehicles approaching the crossing.

Penalty $405 + 2 Demerit Points (School Zone)

**DRIVEWAYS**

You may stop over the entrance of a driveway to pick up or set down passengers, but you may not wait there or leave your vehicle unattended.

Penalty $169 + 2 Demerit points (School Zone)

**FOOTPATHS AND NATURE STRIPS**

You may not stop on any footpath or nature strip, or even a driveway crossing a footpath or nature strip FOR ANY REASON.

Why is it there? You could easily run over a child or force pedestrians onto the road to get around you.

Penalty $169 + 2 Demerit points (School Zone)

**DOUBLE PARKING**

You may not stop on the road adjacent to another vehicle at any time even to drop off or pick up passengers.
Why is it there? Double parking forces other cars to go around you causing traffic congestion and reduces the view of drivers and children crossing the road.

Penalty $304 + 2 Demerit points (School Zone)

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Ryde Public School P&C Association
RydePandC@gmail.com

Welcome back everyone; hope you all had a safe and relaxing holiday! To the new families, welcome! We, the Ryde P&C, are looking forward to another exciting year.
Watch out for Pizza Days, Mother’s Day Stall, Father’s Day Stall, End of Year Disco, and other intriguing activities during the year!!

Fibian Hungerford
Ryde P&C President

Events
Community Coffee Hour, School Hall
Thursday, 12th February, 9:15am – 10:15am

Annual General Meeting, Staff Room
Tuesday, 17th February, 9:15am

Messages
Aussie Farmers Direct Fundraiser
If you already shop with Aussie Farmers Direct (AFD) they offer a fundraiser where they donate 2% of your spend to Ryde Public School.
Thank you to the parents who have already registered at AFD.
If you would like to register please follow the link at http://www.aussiefarmers.com.au/fundraising or call AFD on 1300 64 55 62.

Ryde P&C Google Group
Is our “P&C General Announcements” mailing list, it is used to announce upcoming P&C events. Please join the group to receive future general announcements by searching for “RydePandC” at https://groups.google.com.

“*The true purpose of education is to make minds, not careers.*”
-William Deresiewicz
Parenting Courses and Workshops are been offered in Term 1 2015. For information on these courses please email: daphne.lupton@health.nsw.gov.au or call 9887 5830.
In July our exchange student, Toon, joined our family. And when I say (almost) literally did that, he has become my teenage son. Our experience as a family has been amazing and unforgettable.

Toon is leaving this week and I feel like my son is growing up and leaving home. There is nothing regrettable that I can say about our time with Toon. Toon has been through all sorts of things with our family. Through good times, like the birth of our new daughter, and some good times (you nothing bad).

I would like to say my respects to Toon’s parents. They have done a wonderful job raising such a courteous, well-mannered, well-balanced son. We have so many forwarded stories from this exchange experience. We have enjoyed it so much that we are hosting again next July. We will have a few more years of life and will never forget Toon.

Thank you NIEF for the chance to meet Toon. It wouldn’t have been possible without the NIEF team. Only a quick few words to show my appreciation in meeting Toon and to NIEF.

Enrich your home with a curious exchange student in July 2015

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