Coming Events for Term 1

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Easter Break

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School Holidays

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Principal’s Report

Tomorrow morning, Thursday we will invite parents to attend a special morning P&C meeting so we can elect a new committee. Feedback from our families is that mornings may be a better time to get together.

The school Harvest Fair Committee is extremely busy finalising events for Saturday 23rd March. A note will go home this afternoon allowing families to advance purchase ride vouchers at a discounted price. There will also be a note about Mufti day: the gold coin donation will provide funds for us to create baskets of goodies to be used as prizes for the Chocolate Wheel. McGrath Real Estate at Ryde has been very helpful arranging the donation of the Chocolate Wheel. They have also generously donated a citizenship award to the school that will be given out monthly and a special annual award.

Our baby chicks have arrived and classes are visiting to watch the hatchings. Students can also follow the hatchings on our website, through webcam! Once the chicks are a little older they will be moved to their chook yard which is due for completion in the next few weeks. This will add an extra dimension to eco gardens and provide further authentic learning opportunities for our students.

The New South Wales teaching syllabuses are changing from the beginning of next year as a result of the implementation of the National Curriculum. The first areas to change will be Maths and English. This year will be a year of change as teachers begin trialling and working with the new documents in preparation for the mandatory implementation next year. An additional Staff Development Day has been provided by the Department of Education for the beginning of Term 2 to allow teachers to engage in planning, dialogue and learning. Ryde Public School will use this day to audit our skills, develop an implementation timeframe and identify key areas for additional learning for our staff. The teachers have already spent many hours after school working in stage teams and committees to identify the changes required in their teaching practice and to identify new resources that will be required for success in student learning. This is a great opportunity for all the staff to
look at best practice and reflect on how students learn best. We will offer workshops for parents later in the year to explain the new curriculum and the NSW syllabuses and what it means to your child’s learning.

Ryde Public School has a great new playgroup that meets every Tuesday morning in the school hall. The service is well resourced and gives, mums, dads, grandparents and carers the opportunity to meet, chat and engage in play with their little people. The group is growing each week and I really would like to encourage you to visit. The social interaction benefits both the big and little people!

Michelle Collyer
Principal

Achievement Awards
Congratulations to the following students who have been presented with an Achievement Award for earning five Ryde Rewards:

JD  Nadia T, Riley B, Michelle O, Matei S
JS  Joyce S, Tiffany T, Yiqing Z, Lucas S
JT  Nicholas P, Keerat K, Alexander K, Jacob W
JW  Elisha D, Siyeon K, David J, Alyssa C, Laura E,
MC  Thomas P, Jenaya C
MK  Hamze D, Angela P
MO  Shubh S, YiLei S, Yomna Q, Sarah F, Charlie B
SB  Jessie W, Gabriel F, Abhi S, Natalie I
SM  Kaitlyn N, Angela L, Dylan N
SR  Aseemahmed N, Timothy H
MSD Jordan S, Samuel M
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Kim Clifton: #0401 733 760
www.rydepanthers.com

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I am a mother of two kids who are currently in Ryde Public School. I have opened a Family Day care in Ryde. I belong with a registered scheme. I can care for kids from 8 months to 6 years at my home. The fee is $7.50/h, minimum 8 hours a day. CRB and CCR are also available. If you would like to register your child please contact me at 04265185235 or sabohigul@hotmail.com

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