Coming Events for Term 2

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23/5/2013 | Ryde Zone Cross Country Meadowbank Park
3/6/2013 | Kindergarten - Calmsley Hill City Farm
4/6/2013 | Stage 2 - Digital Woodlands Photography Excursion
5/6/2013 | Stage 2 - Digital Woodlands Photography Excursion
10/6/2013 | Queens’ Birthday – Public Holiday – NO CLASSES

Principal’s Report

Hello

I have to share the wonderful professional learning the staff at Ryde has participated in over the past week. Saturday 18 May all teaching staff headed to Truscott Street Public School, together with colleagues from Meadowbank, Ardell and North Ryde to hear the amazing Dr Loretta Gioccelli speak. Dr Gioccelli is an experienced educational expert who specialises in identifying strategies for students with additional learning needs. Dr Gioccelli unpacked differentiation for the audience focusing on small changes to classroom practice that will assist all students become better more engaged learners, she presented different theories of learning and who needs different strategies. Her lecture was over 5 hours and was highly engaging and created a lot of lively dialogue on the day and back at school. Teachers are keen to put into practice some of her suggestions and ideas. I have included her website as she also runs courses for parents and other interest groups. [www.doctorg.org](http://www.doctorg.org)

Yesterday Anita Chin was our guest for the day. Anita worked for the NSW DET for 9 years as a secondary mathematics teacher in South West Sydney and then for 4 years as a Regional Mathematics Consultant K-8 in metropolitan Sydney where she trained teachers in professional development programs such as *Count Me In Too* and *Counting On* as well as the implementation of the *Mathematics K-6 Syllabus* (BOSNSW, 2002) and the *NSW Quality Teaching Framework*. After working on the award-winning *NSW GO Maths* core teaching program, she joined ORIGO Education in 2007. During her 3 years as an International Mathematics Consultant she inspired teachers across Australia and the USA with conference keynote addresses, focused professional development workshops, and in-class demonstration lessons that showed her passion for practical, hands-on activities that engaged learners of all ages. This stemmed from her research at the University of Sydney into the use of concrete materials to teach Number and Algebra concepts in the middle years. Anita is now a private consultant and continues to support the teaching and learning of mathematics.

Anita arrived for an early 8.00am overview with staff and then spent the day in our classrooms teaching our students and inspiring our teachers. The focus for her day at Ryde was assessment for learning and learning as assessment. She provided strategies to differentiate tasks to reach all levels of the class from remediation to extension, and guided the students and teachers to where the learning was taking them. The language of maths was central to her message and her passion for maths was contagious.

We have invited Anita back for another workshop Term 1, 2014 to continue our journey as we begin to use the new syllabus.

Thank you to all the professional dedicated staff at Ryde for giving their time on Saturday and the early start yesterday – it is a pleasure to lead a team who are passionate about ways to better improve student learning!

Michelle Collyer
Principal
PARKING ON THE SCHOOL GROUNDS FOR DROP OFF AND PICK UP IS STRICTLY FORBIDDEN. IT IS FOR THE SAFETY OF ALL THE STUDENTS THAT THIS RULE MUST BE ADHERED TO AT ALL TIMES. PARENTS MAY ONLY PARK IN THE SCHOOL GROUNDS IF THEY DISPLAY A DISABLED PARKING PERMIT OR ARE COLLECTING THEIR CHILD FROM SICK BAY.

Woolworths Earn & Learn

SUPPORT OUR SCHOOL
COLLECT YOUR WOOLWORTH EARN & LEARN POINTS

The Woolworths Earn & Learn program is back. This community program enables schools and early learning centres throughout Australia to earn educational resources simply through the school community shopping at Woolworths. Last year the program provided 720,000 pieces of educational equipment to more than 12,500 schools and early learning centres. Schools selected from thousands of different items through the program.

TO PRINT YOUR WOOLWORTHS EARN & LEARN POINTS SHEET OR TO FIND OUT MORE

VISIT: woolworths.com.au/earnandlearn

YOUR EARN & LEARN POINTS SHEET MAY BE PLACED IN THE BOX IN THE SCHOOL OFFICE

Ryde Cross Country

On Wednesday 1 May, Ryde Public School participated in the Cross Country at Ryde Park. It was forecast to rain but we were lucky enough to get a beautiful day. Children from ages 8yrs–13yrs competed in the run which resulted in fantastic sportsmanship and enjoyment. During the race the teachers collected House points for the loudest cheerers, best listeners as well as participation in the races. Winners gained even more points for their House. When all of the points were added up Blaxland were the clear winners, with second place more than 75 points behind. The top 8 children from each race were then selected to represent the school in the Ryde Zone Cross Country which will be held on May 23 at Meadowbank Park. Special mention goes to these runners that finished in the top 3 of their age group:

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

KR  Sara B, Simbarashe M
JD  Nicholas P, Riley B, Michelle O
JS  Nicole C, Alice F, Braylee C, Omair A, Usman K
JT  Alexander K, Anabel K, Jake B
MC  Trinity T, Elijah W
MG  Wesley W, Sanobar N, Sadaf O
MO  Abi T, Aidan P, YiLei S, Shubh S
SB  Gabriel F
SM  Kaitlyn N, Darrel C, Abraham J
MSB  Raymond C
MSE  Jazz W, Damien M

Helpers Required
LIBRARY
Our school library occasionally requires helpers to cover new resources. If you are able to spare a few hours when our books are delivered please contact Mrs Day in the school office on 9809 3181.

PRINCIPALS’ MORNING TEA
The Principals’ Morning Tea is usually held the last week of each term. We require some helping hands for approximately an hour to set up and clean up afterwards for this occasion. If you can assist please call Mrs Day in the school office on 9809 3181.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Eastwood Marsfield Scout Group
Eastwood Marsfield Scout group is currently recruiting scouts and cubs. Scouts is open to boys and girls in years 5 and 6, and above and cubs is open to boys and girls in years 2, 3 and 4. Scout troop meets weekly in term time on Thursdays at 72 Agincourt Road, Marsfield from 7-9pm. Meetings include badge work, knots, first aid, construction and team games. Camping, hiking, water activities and competing against other scout groups happen throughout the year. Cub Pack meets weekly in term time on Mondays, same venue, from 6.45-8.15pm. Meetings include badge work, craft, games and lots of fun. Camping, hiking, bush breakfast, water activities and a camp fire night happen throughout the year. Recent camps include a 2 day Scout Hike and Sirius Cup Camp at Balmoral, featured in the TWT newspaper. If your child is active and adventurous, scouts or cubs could be for them. Contact Alison Bramnelly on 0410341504 or email group leader charles.donald@optusnet.com.au for more information, or turn up on the night and see the leader for scouts or Akala for cubs.

Ryde Supported Playgroup
Tuesdays 9.30am - 11.00am during School Term
Ryde Public School Hall (Tuckah St entrance)
Meet other parents and share experiences
Play and learn along with your child
Discover what services are in your community
Develop new skills and most importantly have lots of fun
Supported Playgroups Northern Sydney
Ph: 9410 0174 Email: spns@integricare.org.au

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**ADHD Group for Parents/Carers**

A FREE program

For parents/carers of Primary School aged children who have been diagnosed with ADHD

- This group is over 5 sessions and aims to provide assistance for parents and carers of children who have been diagnosed with ADHD.

- We discuss some of the routines, rewards and strategies that you may find useful in the day to day management of a child with ADHD.

**When**
Tuesday 18th, 25th & 2nd June

**Time**
10:00 am - 12:30

**Where**
Ryde Family Support Services
West Ryde Community Centre (Ground Floor)
No. 35 Neatby Road
West Ryde

**Facilitator**
Jan is a qualified Counsellor and Group Leader.

**Bookings**
Phone 9334 0911

**Free Childcare**
For pre-school aged children only. You must book a place for your child (we cannot accommodate children who have not been booked in). Full details regarding childcare will be supplied upon place confirmation.

FREE PARKING IS AVAILABLE NEXT DOOR TO COMMUNITY CENTRE, 7 ALEXANDRA RD.

WISH TO ATTEND?
PLEASE CALL US ON 9334 0911 TO BOOK, AS SPACES ARE LIMITED.
Ryde Family Support Service Inc.

This Group is for parents with children under 18 years still living with them, and who live in the following suburbs:

**Ryde / Hunters Hill Local Government Area:**
- Denistone
- Denistone East
- Eastwood
- Gladstone
- Hunters Hill
- Marsfield
- Macquarie Park

**Kuring-gai Local Government Area:**
- Gordon
- Killeen
- Lindfield
- Pymble
- Roseville
- St Ives
- Turramurra
- Wahroonga/Warrawee

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**Toddlers: Terrible or Terrific?**

Parents of 1 - 3 year olds

See things through your toddler’s eyes.

These workshops will help you to understand your toddler’s world.

Workshop 1: Understanding Your Toddler / Discipline & Tantrums (16/5)
Workshop 2: Walker without Tantrums / Toilet Training (23/5)
Workshop 3: Speech & Language Development / Sleep (30/5)

**Venue:** Cremorne Early Childhood Centre
108 Parramatta St Cremorne

**Date:** 3 sessions, commencing Thursday 16th May - 30th May
You may attend 1, 2 or 3 sessions

**Time:** 7:00pm - 9:30pm (2½ hours per session)

**Cost:** $40pp for 1 workshop, or $130pp for 3 workshops

For all enquiries and bookings, please phone: 9887 5880

All our course leaders are parents and trained educators.

**Child and Adolescent Parenting**
Grandparenting Workshop

Grandparenting is a changing and complex role in today’s world. This workshop will discuss practical ways to look after and enrich grandparent's relationships with their children and grandchildren.

Topics include:
- The role of grandparents in today’s world
- The challenges of being a grandparent
- Celebrating the joys of being a grandparent
- Supporting children/grandchildren through active listening & problem solving
- Discussion around real life scenarios eg self care, boundaries & discipline & grandparenting after separation/divorce

This workshop is organised by Child and Adolescent Parenting Northern Sydney Local Health District at www.nscdhs.health.nsw.gov.au/caparenting.htm

When: Thursday May 16th, 7:00 - 9:30pm
Where: Chatswood Community Health Centre
57 Hercules St, Chatswood
Cost: $40 per person bookings essential
Refreshments provided

Please phone 9887 5530 to book your place in this workshop.

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