School Newsletter
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Coming Events for Term 4

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Principal's Report

Week Four at Ryde Public School is one of the busiest on the calendar, Monday night saw our choir and dance group participate in the Ryde Schools' Spectacular. I can not thank the staff enough for the contribution they made to make this event the success that it was. Alice Mee and Alexandra Bright led the teaching and the coordination of our choir and dance. Alice Mee also shared the conducting and arrangement of music for the Combined Choir for all the participating schools.

Later this week we welcome the new students for the Opportunity Classes for a visit and the local preschool to see what life is like in Kindergarten at Ryde.

Thank you to the P&C for the car boot sale on Sunday, many families either participated or visited, the sausage sizzle was a great success.

The wireless installation is progressing well and the school is liaising with the Department's Technology Consultants on how to successfully introduce a range of platforms and devices to our students. We recognise that technology is rapidly changing and our aim is to provide the students with the opportunities to keep up to date in a meaningful manner that engages and invigorates learning.

Michelle Collyer
Principal
Northern Sydney Region Health Promoting Schools Seeding Grants 2012

Anna and Jayden met a special guest when representing the school at the Northern Sydney Health Promoting Schools Seeding Grants 2012. As members of the SRC they accepted a grant for $1000.00 for a program to Promote a Positive Playground. Equipment such as cards, board games and horse shoe sets, will be purchased to extend the passive play options for students who require a more settled playground experience.

Choir sings in Parliament House, Canberra

Last week selected members of the school choir joined students from six other local schools to perform in the Grand Hall in Parliament House Canberra. They sang at the opening of the Bennelong Cup, a table tennis competition between Australia, Korean and China. Miss Mee conducted the students whilst they sang the Australian National Anthem and an Australian favourite, Kookaburra sits in the old gum tree, in English, Mandarin and Korean.

Assisting your child with Mathematics: Parent Sessions

Based on information gathered from the survey completed last term, we will be offering three parent sessions to assist understanding of the primary school Mathematics curriculum. These will be held on:

Tuesday 27 November 2-3pm
- Focusing on early number skills and Mathematics in Years K-2. Including understanding place value, 10s frames, friends of 10, content covered, expected levels & ideas for at home.

Tuesday 4 December 2-3pm
- Focusing on Number in Years 3-6 including language, mental strategies, trading and decomposition, content covered, expected levels & ideas for at home.

Thursday 6 December 6:30 – 8pm
- A combination of both sessions above, repeating all the information.

Additional topics will be covered in 2013.

If you are interested in attending these sessions, please return the form below before Friday 23 November.

Mathematics sessions for Parents

Child’s Name: ____________________________

Class: ____________________________

Tick sessions you will be attending:

- [ ] Tuesday 27th November 2-3pm
- [ ] Tuesday 4th December 2-3pm
- [ ] Thursday 6th December 6:30 – 8pm

Parent/s attending: ____________________________
Learning an instrument at school in 2013

Is your child interested in learning an instrument at school? Lessons are available on all concert band, string ensemble and keyboard instruments. Instrument hire is also available as needed. Lesson prices range from $10.00 in a group of up to five to $33.00 for a private half hour lesson. If your child would like to begin lessons next year or you would like more information about learning an instrument, please complete the cut off slip below and return to Miss Mee.

Musical instrument Lessons 2013
I am interested in more information about lessons on band, orchestral or keyboards at school. I understand the minimum cost is $10.00 per week for a half hour lesson.

Child’s Name: _____________________________
Class: __________________
Contact number or email: ____________________
Parent’s name: ______________________________
Parent signature: ___________________________

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

KP Nicole C, Jacinta E, Alice F, Siyeon K, Jyla M, Yiqing Z, Samir K, Lachlan M
JB Sanobar N
JD Alyssa C, Lev T
JM Laura E, Ikrash A, Ashleigh C, Sofya S, Raphael B
JS YiLei S, Peculiar D, Annie H, Son P, Aidan P, Emily L, Bella Z, James M
MK Aashita S, Chen Ming F, Patrick V, Ethan B, Ruth J, Johnny D
MR Loya I, Joan Y, Sahaf K, Abhi S, Takunda T
MS Elijah W, Mackenzie S, Jessica C, Kenneth C, Atilla A, Alisha W
SB Nikki A, Yash R
SC Brina C, Kyla C, Maxine G, Natalie I, Rizky A, Nicholas I

OC5 Sophie X, Anna Y, Max C, Rachel W
MSD Nicholas B, Ryan E, Nicolas S, Martin J
MSR Samuel M

Chickens coming to RYDE! Help needed.
As part of the environmental program at Ryde we will be raising and caring for chickens at the beginning of next year. We plan to have them hatch from eggs in an incubator and raise about 6 chicks. It will be a wonderful opportunity for the students to learn how to care for animals, learn responsibility and to be self sufficient. If there are any parents or community members who have a second hand coop (big enough for 6 chickens with 2 nesting boxes) or would be interested in building a coop with some of the children please let Mrs Tall know. We will also need to fence off an area for them to roam freely. Any help to set up our chicken home would be much appreciated. Many Thanks, Mrs Tall

Your school’s principal, Ms Michelle Collyer, has agreed for the school to take part in a research project being conducted by a team of researchers from the University of Newcastle. The research is called the Aspirations Study and is led by Professor Jenny Gore. This research is being conducted in partnership with the NSW Department of Education and Communities. Students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 from about 30 schools will take part the study. Students, their parents/guardians and teachers will be invited to participate.

The main purpose of the Aspirations Study is to identify the influences on students’ educational and career aspirations. The study involves questionnaires and interviews with participants over four years.

We will be sending out invitations for families and teaching staff to participate in this study in the coming weeks. Please keep an eye out for this invitation. Should
you have any questions please feel free to email aspirations@newcastle.edu.au or call a member of the research team on (02) 4921 8761.

COMMUNITY NEWS

There is more to Australia than Vegemite and Barbecues!

Bring a piece of the world into your home by becoming a volunteer host family to an exchange student from Italy, Canada, Finland or Brazil in January.

Visit New Places – Revisit Old Favourites!
Hosting a student encourages families to see Australia through the eyes of an exchange student. Invite a motivated teenage student into your home for a term, semester or year and gain a new family member and friend for life.

Become a WEP Host Family – It’s Easy!
Simply submit your host family application and choose your student. Before you know it you’ll be communicating with your new family member while everything else is organised by WEP!

FIND OUT MORE!
Contact Sylvia Kelly at WEP today for a FREE information pack.

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