COMING EVENTS FOR TERM 2

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P&C Committee:
On Monday at the morning assembly it was my pleasure to introduce the new committee members to staff and students. On behalf of Ryde Public School I would like to thank you for taking on this important role in our community. I am sure you will be hearing from our P&C Executive members about ways that you can support our students in the not too distant future. Congratulations and once again thank you for taking on the following important roles.
President: Mr Jason Chan
Vice-President: Ms Simone Cuneen
Secretary: Ms Linda Gilford
Treasurer: Ms Sue Edmonds-Brown
Events Coordinator: Ms Connie Tai

NAPLAN:
This week all students in Years 3 and 5 are participating in NAPLAN the National Assessment Program—Literacy and Numeracy (ACARA) for 2012. These standardised tests assess students’ reading, writing, language (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and numeracy. The results of the NAPLAN tests provide teachers with data that can help inform changes to teaching and learning in literacy and numeracy performance of students. The NAPLAN test results can also assist students and parents in discussing their child’s progress with teachers, identifying students who require greater challenges or additional support, identifying program strengths and weaknesses and allow for school program review and support (ACARA, n.d.).

School Website:
Please again make sure you regularly visit our fantastic Ryde Public School website as it is updated very regularly and is a great source of information about events.

Winter Uniform:
Just a reminder that students should now be wearing their winter uniform which also includes black schools shoes. Sports shoes should only be worn on sports days as part of the PE uniform.

Anne Barltrop
Relieving Principal

SCHOOL UNIFORM SHOP

Listed below are the opening dates and times for our School Uniform Shop for Term 2, 2012. If you are unable to attend the shop to purchase for your child please send in an order form with payment and we will fit your child with the correct sizes. Please be aware that receipts will be sent home with your child within three working days.

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Newsletter by Email
Please go to the Ryde Public School website www.ryde-p.schools.nsw.edu.au and follow the instructions if you wish to received and electronic copy of the newsletter each fortnight.
Achievement Awards

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

KB: Nicole C, Jacinta E, Jyla M, Amelie M, Jerome D, Chimedregze D, Harley J, Kearnu M, Alice F
KS: Olivia Q, Nicholas P, Jonathon K
JB: Shantelle S, Chang S, Farham D, Michelle O
JD: Lev T, Aimee B, Lucas S, Stella K
JG: Joyce S, Anush H, Sana O, Laura S, Nathan T
JS: James M, Emily L, Peculiar D, Daye C, Bella Z, Corey L
MK: Ethan B, Pablo N
MR: Nika S, Raphael M, Ha Neul K, Hui En L, Joan Y, Darrel C
MS: Sadaf O, Jeremy W, Alisha W, Atilla A, Jessica C
SB: Adnan R, Nina L
OC5: Janette P, Rachel W, Anna Y, Max C, Anthony L, Aayush B
OC6: Annabel L, Kelly Z, Evan X, Barry Z, Vanessa R
MSD: Nicolas S, Jack M, Thalia S, Jessica M

LIBRARY NEWS

Short Story School Challenge

Get Creative and help our school win $300 worth of books for the library!

To celebrate the National Year of Reading 2012, Ryde Library Service is running a Short Story School Challenge. The Challenge rules are:

1. The school with the most stories submitted wins.
2. There is no set theme.
3. Stories must be between 200 and 7500 words.
4. The story must be entirely your own work.
5. Entries close 15 June 2012.

To submit a story:
Email to rydelibrary@ryde.nsw.gov.au
Make sure you include your name, school and year.
Or hand it in at Ryde, Gladesville, Eastwood, North Ryde or West Ryde Libraries in an envelope titled ‘Short Story Challenge’.

The contact person for this Challenge is Gabrielle Wyllie telephone 9952 8367.
Parents should check with their class teacher to find out if the Challenge is being undertaken as a class exercise.

Steve Lawson
Teacher-Librarian

COMMUNITY NEWS

BECOME A VOLUNTEER HOST FAMILY

World Education Program (WEP) is inviting you to experience another culture in your own home by becoming a volunteer host family to an international student arriving in July 2012. Students from Italy, Belgium and The Netherlands are looking forward to experiencing life in Australia, making new friends and becoming a member of an Australian family.

Find out more!
Don’t miss out on this wonderful opportunity and contact WEP today to receive a full information pack for your family.

Chantel Woods
Inbound Exchange Administrator
Phone: 1300 884 733
Email: wep@wep.org.au
Online: www.wep.org.au
Kids need a minimum of 30 minutes exercise everyday – *do you do that?*

Did you know that *one step uses 200 muscles* – wow! That’s a lot! You only use 17 to smile.

See *it’s easy* to get that amount of exercise if you *walk to and from school* – *smiling!*

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**Why it’s good to walk to School?**

- **It’s fun** – you can meet friends and see things you would miss in a car
- **It’s good** for the environment
- **It’s a healthier** alternative than driving

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**How does walking to school help the environment?**

- Cars are responsible for nearly one fifth of household greenhouse gas emissions
- Walking just half a km every day to school saves about 500kg of greenhouse pollution every year
- Half of all car journeys are only 3 km – *how close to school do you live?*
Eastwood Marsfield Scout Group

Eastwood-Marsfield Scout Group has vacancies in both Cubs and Scouts for boys and girls who enjoy camping, canoeing, playing games, earning badges and having lots of fun. Those aged seven and a half to ten can join Cubs, which meets on Mondays during school terms at the scout hall at 72 Agincourt Rd, Marsfield from 6.45pm to 8.15pm.

Older boys and girls aged 10 and a half to fifteen, can join Scouts. They meet at the scout hall at 72 Agincourt Rd, Marsfield on Thursdays during school terms, from 7.30pm to 9.30pm.

For more information, contact Group Leader, Charles Donald on 9801-8808 or Cub Leader Mark Linton-Simpkins on 0400 844 396 or visit Eastwood-Marsfield Scouts website."