A quality education in a caring, innovative environment
July 2015 (Issue 1)

You’re invited
Open Day
Wednesday 29 July
9:30am

- Student performances during assembly
- Classroom visits
- Minecraft leaders’ demonstration in the Library
- Enjoy a picnic morning tea with your child
- Normal classes resume at 11:30am

Complimentary morning tea for parents

Athletics carnival

Our Cumberland Community schools Ermington West PS, Rydalmere PS and Rydalmere East PS held a joint athletics carnival for all students K-6 at The Crest Athletics Field at Georges Hall. Students from TAFE and Marsden High School joined us allowing for a packed program of track, field and novelty events. Thank you to the parents who travelled to the field to cheer on the students and help in the canteen. A huge thank you to Kat Jones for taking on the role of canteen coordinator for this event.

Teachers on leave

Miss O’Flaherty and Miss Lodewijks are on leave until early week 3. We are very fortunate to have Ms Konemann and Miss Morrison teaching 4/5/6O and K/2L respectively. We also welcome Miss Wagstaff to our staff four days per week, Miss Morrison three days per week and delight in the return of Mrs Coker three days a week.

Student teachers, Miss Newnham and Miss Fuary, are drawing on the expertise of Mrs Brown (1B) and Mrs Hungerford (2H) during their practicum period. We welcome them to our school and thank the teachers for guiding our future educators.
**Student welfare**
To promote the anti bullying message the school has purchased wristbands. These will be presented to acknowledge students whose actions represent the “Stop bullying it’s everyone’s responsibility” message. Congratulations Zaid on being our first recipient!

**Reward picnic**
As a reward for following school expectations students enjoyed a picnic day at local parks. Students in K-2 and ASD classes were ‘over the moon’ at the variety of play equipment in parks close to the school while the primary students either walked or cycled to Blaxland Riverside Park to enjoy the amazing facilities there. Congratulations to these students on meeting our school’s expectations.

**ADF community member needed!**
Our application for funding for a Defence School Transition Aide (DSTA) was successful and we look forward to developing our program. The DSTA position has been advertised and I am inviting interest in being on the interview panel from any of our ADF families.

Please contact the school office on 96382250 if you are interested in being the panel community member

**In the classroom**
I enjoyed a visit from two kindergarten students, Kaiyeisha and Rafael, to show me their outstanding writing. They had written several well punctuated sentences that were correctly sequenced and most interesting.
Drama workshops
We were delighted our application for the Sydney Theatre Drama Program was successful. Teaching artists will be working in all primary classes and with Year 1 focusing on inference, comprehension and descriptive language. Sessions commenced this week and run for 7 weeks.

School uniforms
It is an expectation that every student wears full school uniform each day. School uniforms promote a sense of belonging and unity and should be worn every day with pride. Should you require assistance with the cost of purchasing uniform items please contact me directly. Absolute confidentiality is assured.

P&C Bunnings Barbecue
Muchas gracias to those families who helped out at the recent Bunnings barbecues. More details are in the P&C section.

Successful grant application from PCC for sporting equipment
As reported in the P&C news, our P&C were successful in gaining a sporting equipment grant. We are very appreciative of Suzanne Barber’s efforts in submitting this application. Students are being consulted regarding prioritising the equipment they would enjoy having in the playground.

 Debating
We hosted Dundas Public School for our 4th round Premier’s debating challenge yesterday. Our team, who is coached by Miss Razon, took the negative side and debated whether we should increase the time spent doing sport at school. Congratulations to Hussnia, Fatma, Rawda and Kayla.

Stewart House Clothing Appeal
Bagsful of good, clean wearable clothing, manchester and accessories should be brought to the office. Collection day is Tuesday 4 August.

Woolies Earn and Learn
The Woolies Earn and Learn program has started. Collect stickers from any Woolworths store, bring the completed cards to school and pop them in the box in the office. Our school will be able to redeem these for educational resources. The program closes on 8 September.

Student Wellbeing
Congratulations to the following students on achieving Principal’s Awards:

Gold Level 1: Daniel A
Silver Level 2: Jemma
Bronze Level 1: Farshad

Keryn Hinchcliffe
Principal
24 July 2015

Dates For Your Diary

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Triple P (Positive Parenting Program)
Commencing 4 August
9:15 – 11:15am in Admin block
Presenter – Sharlene Pasqual, Family & Community worker for Parramatta Mission
Please register with Sharlene on 0439 978 721 or sharlene.pasqual@parramattamission.org.au
Congratulations to Our Ozzie Mozzie Award Winners:

| Elizabeth | Kobe | Kaiyeisha | Rafael | Jai |

**Library News**

Congratulations to Bowie and Mauro who were the lucky winners of the ‘Borrowers Book Club Prize’ for Term 2. The ‘Borrowers Book Club Prize’ was introduced this year to encourage students to borrow books every week. Every time a student borrows from the library they get a ticket in the draw. Twice a term a ticket is drawn out at the school assembly and the winner gets to choose any book, up to the value of $30, from the current issue of Scholastic Book Clubs. Now that’s what I call a fantastic prize! So make sure that you child/ren brings their library bag every week, not only for the chance of winning a fabulous prize but also to savour the joy and wonderfulness that books and reading brings to us all.

Ms Ivanek

**P&C News**

**Sausage Sizzle Fundraisers**

THANK YOU to the families who have helped out with the recent Bunnings Sausage Sizzles. The P&C raised $2198 at the June & July bbqs (that’s a lot of sausage flipping!) Our appreciation goes to the following families: Smith/Thomas, Welsh, Barber, Williams, Jones, Gott, Kelly, Beasley, O’Hara, Spenceley, Clarke, Oakey, Grant, daCosta, Amjed

**Grant Win - $3000 for Sports Equipment**

The P&C has won a Grant from Parramatta Council of $3000 for Sports Equipment to support the “More Kids, More Active, More Often” program.
The teachers will be consulting with the students on what equipment to buy for use with class sport and in the playground.

**Playground Redevelopment Update**

We recently met with the playground designer to view the draft concept plans for the new REPS playground. He should have the full concept plans ready for presentation next week! We are very excited by this project. The $48108 State Govt “Community Building” Grant + $5000 contribution by P&C will be used to redevelop the central part of the playgrounds (from flag poles to hall) into a Nature Discovery Play Zone.

**Community notices**

Cumberland High School
Year 7 2016
Gifted & Talented Program
Applications now open
Scholarship opportunities available
Applications close 14 August 2015
Phone 9871 7718
www.cumberland-h.schools.nsw.edu.au
Position Vacant

Defence Housing Aide at Rydalmere East Public School
(10-15 hours per week for approx. one year)

- This position aims to support Defence Housing students and their families to integrate into the wider community with the main focus being the children's social and emotional wellbeing.
- The role addresses issues including the impact of mobility on the students' education, transitions in and out of school and parental absences.
- No specific qualifications are required as training and programs will be provided.
- A 'Working With Children' check will be required.
- To obtain a sample role description or duty statement, please contact the school on (02) 9638 2250 or email rydalmereep.school@det.nsw.edu.au

National Tree Day

Sunday 26 July
10am – 1pm
Ponds Subiaco Creek Reserve
South
Kariwara Street Dundas
To register
http://treeday.planetark.org/site/10006793
Free BBQ lunch for registered volunteers.

Blacktown C.A.R.E.S Bicycle
Education Open Day

Wednesday 23 September
(in the school holidays)
At Auto Place x Peter Brock Drive
Prospect
10am to 2pm
BYO bike and helmet
Adult supervision required
Enquiries
caresprospect@police.nsw.gov.au

FREE OPEN NIGHT
* Joey Scouts (6-7 years) Monday 3 August 6:30-7:30pm
* Cub Scouts (7½-10 years) Tuesday 4 August 7:00-8:30pm
1st Ermington Scouts, Cnr Bartlett St & Kissing Pt Rd
More info available @ school office

Come and Join Newington Auskick
The AFL would like to invite you and your child down to Newington Reserve on Friday 24th July at 3:30pm-4:30pm. We will be hosting a parent information session for a Auskick Centre starting in your local area.
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Tuesday 6 October – staff and students return for Term 4