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Carpark
Thank you to all our wonderful parents who ensure our children’s safety, by entering and leaving the school through the appropriate pedestrian gates. The car park gates are closed as a safety measure. Authorised vehicles may enter the school car park. These vehicles will be identified by a 2016 red permit. Parents may apply for a temporary permit at the Administration Office as required.

Student Levy
Thank you to those parents who have already paid their student levy. This certainly helps us provide resources and technologies that benefit all our students.

Water Play Day
Students in Preschool to Year 2 and 3/6D had the perfect solution to a sweltering day – water play. There are lots more images on our website photo gallery.

Meet the Teacher mornings
It was lovely to see so many parents at our ‘Meet the teacher’ mornings. Our dedicated and enthusiastic group of teachers have many stimulating programs for our students this year.

Swimming carnival
Our group of competent swimmers joined Yates Ave Public School for an exciting day of races. Congratulations to Jacob B, Kayla, Freeman, Xavier, Clare L, Jayden Mi, Danielle, Georgia, Jade, Oscar and Amelia who will represent our school at the Zone carnival at Parramatta Pool on Tuesday 1st March. Thank you to Miss O’Flaherty and Ms Krautloher for organising and officiating at the carnival.
Years 5 & 6 Local excursion
To supplement their classroom learning on ‘Factors That Shape Places’, students from Years 5 and 6 went on a walking excursion around Ermington identifying local issues such as traffic, residential development and rubbish in the river. They intend to bring their findings to the attention of our local member Geoff Lee.

Student Wellbeing
Congratulations to the following students on achieving Principal’s Awards:
Silver Level 2: Flynn, Amira, Reuben
Bronze Level 1: Mahdi, Gabriel, Alisa, Joanne
Bronze Level 2: April Rose, Kelsie, Sean, Chloe
Bronze Level 3: Ann, Kobe

Congratulations to Our Ozzie Mozzie Award Winners: 😊

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Lesley Coker & Angelique Brown
Relieving Principals
26 February 2016

1 March  Zone swimming carnival at Parramatta Pool
3 March  Assembly 1:55-2:25pm
4 March  Year 5 planting day at Western Sydney Parklands
7 March  Student leadership conference
8 March  Marsden High Open night 4:30-6:30pm
9 March  Marsden High Gala Day
10 March  Selective High School test
11 March  Official opening Playground renovations 10am
Garden Club Report

When is a bee not a bee?  
When it’s a student from the gardening club! Liam and Luke will explain…

“We self- pollinated the watermelon flowers by hand to encourage more watermelons. We were so excited to find rare Blue Bandit Bumble Bees in our garden.

We watered the beans and radishes we planted last week. We took heaps and heaps of weeds and grass away. We found one potato and lots of tomatoes to harvest. There were lots of new kids excited about joining the Garden Club.”

Luke D. (Year 4) and Liam B. (Year 5)  
for the Gardening Club

Is your child starting kindy in 2017?  
Here are some important dates for your diary

- ✓ Join us for MiniKindy  
  Thursdays  
  2nd, 9th and 16th June  
  11:30 – 12:45pm
- ✓ Playsessions on Fridays  
  26th August, 2nd and 9th September  
  2:00 – 2:55pm
- ✓ Orientation Day  
  Wednesday 2 November  
  9:30am

Please tell your friends and neighbours with Kindy aged children.

Please help

Volunteers still needed for the Bunnings BBQ at Rydalmere Store on Saturday 27 February.  
Phone René 0412 084 786

There are nits around. Please check your child’s hair over the weekend and treat if necessary
Preschool News
Both classes have settled in well to the routine. We have had a busy start to the year celebrating Chinese New Year and water play day. We have had two sustainability lessons presented by Cleanaway waste management representatives. The first lesson involved recycling our waste. The second lesson was all about worm farms and compost. Mrs Arbolino’s class was also invited to Ermington Library to participate in PaintParraRead.

OOSH news
We would like to welcome all our new families to Helping Hands OOSH and inform you of our exciting new program we have starting on 24 February. ‘Hungry Hermits’ happens on Wednesdays for 5 weeks. Through this program the students will learn how to care for a hermit crab including feeding and cleaning, giving a sense of ownership and responsibility.

The children are looking forward to our special program. At the end of the 5 weeks the children will be able to take home their own hermit crab. Please feel free to contact me regarding any questions about Helping Hands @REPS.

Best Regards
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