



# Ryde East Public School Newsletter

## Term 1 Week 8



20 March 2019

### RYDE SECONDARY COLLEGE BUDDING CHEF PROGRAM

### PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

#### Zone Swimming Carnival

Congratulations to all of our students who competed at the Zone Swimming Carnival last week. You represented our school with pride and displayed good sportsmanship throughout the event. A special congratulations goes to Vincent Gong who was successful in representing our school at Regional level. We wish you the best of luck, Vincent.

#### Public Speaking Competition:

I had the pleasure of attending the Public Speaking Competition held at Eastwood Heights PS last week. Both Andrew and Olivia were successful in representing our school at this event and did an amazing job presenting their speeches to 31 other students (competitors), parents and teachers. This was no easy feat! Thank you for being so professional and representing our school with pride. You did an amazing job!



#### Reading Resources

Recently we have spent \$15000 on updating and purchasing new reading resources for the teaching of reading. This money has been spent on readers that will assist students to learn how to read and practice their reading skills.

#### Parent Helpers



Thank you to the wonderful parents who have been coming into the school to assist us with organising new readers and also a new program called 'Words Their Way'. This is being taught throughout the school in various classrooms this year, but Stage 1 will all undertake this program in 2019. Thank you to the parents who came and assisted with photocopying and setting this up for each of the teachers. Your support is much appreciated!

## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT (continued)

### Facebook

We have decided to use a social media platform to promote our school. We are currently in the process of designing a school Facebook Page. The purpose of this is to create a partnership between the school and community to positively promote teaching and learning within the school, promote in-school activities and events, as well as excursions and camps. This will also provide us with a platform to promote the opportunities that students have by attending Ryde East PS and enable us to increase parent/community understandings of curriculum areas and school in general. We also intend to showcase our students' performances and extracurricular activities.



A substantial portion of our school funding this year has been used for school staff to engage in a considerable amount of professional learning in targeted areas to support the improvement of student learning outcomes. We would like to be able to strengthen the community's understanding of how staff professional learning directly benefits our students, and provide a platform for parents to see the types of lessons students are engaged in and the types of professional learning the staff are undertaking. We anticipate this will increase transparency of our core business of education.

This platform will be used to enhance information provided on the school website and in the school newsletter. We anticipate this will be up and running at the beginning of Term 2.

We will be sending home a permission to publish specially for the use of Facebook. We will be asking to use images of students, however their names will not be published with this, the description would explain the activity they are engaged with. You will not be 'tagged' in photos of your children, they will just be posted to the site. All posts will be monitored by school staff.

We are excited about this new opportunity to promote all the wonderful things that are happening at our school.

### School Plan 2018 -2020

Our school has very clear Strategic Directions that we have outlined to achieve our School Plan priorities and initiatives over the next two years. Below I will outline our 2019 priorities for our **Strategic Direction 2: Future Focussed Teaching and Learning.**



#### Purpose:

To prepare students across all curriculum areas with skills and capabilities to thrive in a rapidly changing and interactive world, engaging a sense of curiosity. Teachers are flexible and select from a range of effective teaching strategies to enable students to be leaders in their learning.

### **Project-Based Learning / Key Enquiry Skills**

In 2019 staff will implement the new Science, History and Geography syllabus documents.

All Staff will undertake Professional Learning in the area of Science at Field of Mars (\$3000) to support the implementation of this syllabus and promote outdoor experiences in the Living World.

All staff will undertake Professional Learning focussed on Critical and Creative Thinking Skills (\$3500) to support student learning in this area.

The Library program for students in Years 3 to 6 will be team teaching to promote project-based and enquiry learning.

## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT (continued)

### **STEAM**

2019 has seen the employment of a dedicated music teacher for all students K-6

In 2019 we will begin to coordinate and set up a maker space / STEAM room with access to robotics, green screen, 3D printer, electronic Lego etc.

In 2019 we have allocated \$50000 to technology resources and support in integrating technology across the school.

### **Parent Portal access on Sentral**

This week, Kindergarten students and new students to our school received a letter home to parents regarding how to access their parent portal. The parent portal allows parents to see information concerning their child, receive emails regarding attendance and to book interview times with teachers.

Just a reminder to all parents if you do not have access to the parent portal, let your child's teacher know and they will send a letter home for you to join. Also if at any time there are any parents who would like to have a separate access code to the portal due to family circumstance, this can also be arranged by letting your child's class teacher know. We are encouraging all families to make sure they have access to the portal as we are soon to be holding parent teacher interviews.

### **Parent/Teacher Interviews**

Each year there is an opportunity for you to more formally meet with your child's classroom teacher to discuss their progress and achievements. This year our Parent/Teacher interviews will be held on one day/evening **Monday 8 April 2019**. Parents will be able to book an interview time with their child's class teacher through the Parent Portal on Sentral. There will be various times available to you throughout this day and evening. The Parent Portal will be open from **Thursday 28 March at 9am** and will close on **Thursday 4 April at 9pm**. If you are unable to access this information through the Parent Portal, please let your child's class teacher know and they will book you an interview time.

**Miss Katrina Verinder**  
Principal

## STAFF NEWS



### **PARENT INFORMATION SESSION: HOW TO HELP YOUR CHILD WITH READING**

On Tuesday 2 April at 2:30pm there will be an information session held in the hall for Kindergarten parents who are interested in getting some support with helping their children with reading at home. During this session we will talk about approaches to teaching reading, strategies to work on at different reading levels and ideas to help with learning sight words.

**Mrs Wisniewski**  
Early Stage One Assistant Principal

## STAFF NEWS (continued)

### 2019 NAPLAN ONLINE – INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

NAPLAN assesses literacy and numeracy – important skills that each child needs to succeed in school and life. The NAPLAN tests are designed to help us make sure students are on track with their literacy and numeracy development. Students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 participate in NAPLAN tests for reading, writing, conventions of language (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and numeracy.

Between Tuesday 14 May and Friday 24 May, our school will participate in NAPLAN Online. Students do not need to be computer experts to take the NAPLAN test online. Making sure students have computer skills is part of our school curriculum, and our teachers will ensure your child is familiar with the online format. To see the types of questions and interactive features of NAPLAN Online, visit [the public demonstration site](#).

*For more info:*

- [How to support your child during NAPLAN information for parents and carers](#)
- [Watch a video that explains NAPLAN Online](#)
- [Subscribe to ACARA's monthly parent newsletter, Parent Update](#)

If you have any questions about NAPLAN Online, please contact Mrs Doig or your child's teacher.

**Mrs N.Doig**  
Rel. DP – Instructional Leader

## Important Dates

### 2019 TERM 1

#### Week 8

<b>Thurs 21 Mar</b>	Harmony Day (9.20am—recess) K-2 Assembly (2B leading & performing)
<b>Sat 23 Mar</b>	Election BBQ
<b>Sun 24 Mar</b>	Working Bee (Kindergarten)

#### Week 9

<b>Wed 27 Mar</b>	Primary Assembly (4A leading)
<b>Thurs 28 Mar</b>	Regional Swimming Sydney North K-2 Assembly (2B leading & performing)
<b>Fri 29 Mar</b>	National Day for Action— Anti-Bullying Mufti Day

#### Week 10

<b>Tues 2 Apr</b>	Kinder Home Reading Information Session (2.30-3pm)
<b>Wed 3 Apr</b>	Gold Card Assembly
<b>Fri 5 Apr</b>	Winter PSSA starts P&C Disco

#### Week 11

<b>Mon 8 Apr</b>	Parent/teacher interviews
<b>Wed 10 Apr</b>	Colour Run
<b>Fri 12 Apr</b>	Last day of Term 1

### TERM 2

<b>Tues 30 Apr</b>	First day of Term 2
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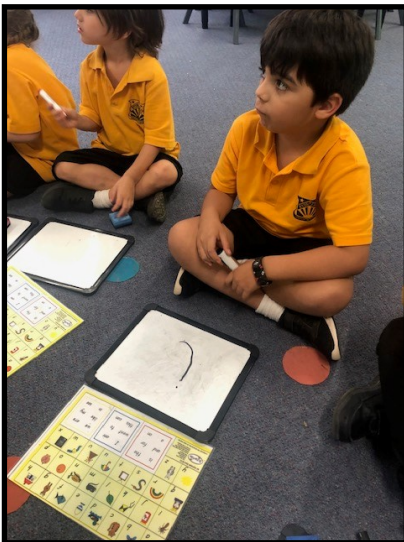
## HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

In this issue of the newsletter, there is information about the 'Twilight Tours' being conducted at Riverside Girls High this year.

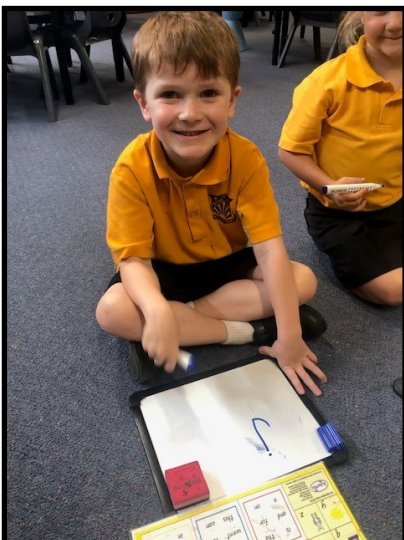
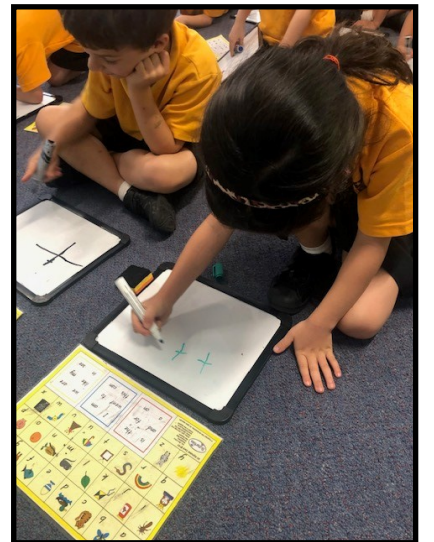
The tours are an opportunity for families that are considering Riverside Girls High for their daughter's secondary education. You will need to contact the school to book a place for the tour and information session as places are limited.

**Debbie Wilson**  
Assistant Principal

# SPOTLIGHT ON KINDERGARTEN



**SPOTLIGHT ON  
KJ—  
LEARNING TO  
WRITE LETTERS  
AND WORDS**



## P&C NEWS

### ELECTION DAY BBQ AND CAKE STALL – THIS SATURDAY!

Voting at the school on Saturday? The BBQ will be selling bacon and eggs rolls, sausage sandwiches and pulled pork rolls. There will also be a great selection of cakes and treats at the cake stall. We look forward to seeing you!!



Thank you to everyone who will be helping out at the BBQ and Cake Stall on Saturday. We now have enough volunteers for all the time slots!

Cake trays should have made it home and we look forward to collecting all the delicious treats on Friday afternoon in the staff room between 3-6pm. If you have not received a cake tray please bring along your treats on Friday and we will box them for you.

Thanks

**Sophia Andersson and Bill Olsen**

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### YEAR 6 PARENTS/ CARERS – FAREWELL MEETING

#### WEDNESDAY 3 APRIL AT 7.30PM, NORTH RYDE RSL

I am looking for volunteers to assist co-ordinate the Year 6 Farewell. The first priority is to gather a group of enthusiastic and dedicated parents to help plan the event in December 2019 and be part of the Committee.

We will be holding our first planning meeting on Wednesday 3 April at 7.30pm, at the North Ryde RSL. We will meet in the Foyer at 7.20pm to make it easy for members and non-members to sign in. If you are unable to make it but would like to be involved, please email me at [repsyear6farewell2019@gmail.com](mailto:repsyear6farewell2019@gmail.com).

**Alice Robins**

**Year 6 Farewell Co-Ordinator**



## HIGH SCHOOL NEWS



Riverside Girls High School's

### *Twilight Tour*

Thursday April 2<sup>nd</sup> from 4.00pm to 5.00pm with a Q and A

Bookings essential. Phone: 98164264

**Come to find out about 2020**  
Gifted & Talented Classes



Riverside: Recognised Leaders  
in STEM Education



## RIVERSIDE GIRLS HIGH SCHOOL

### Notice of Meeting

An information night about Riverside Girls High School Gifted and Talented program and classes for 2020 where the application and testing process will be explained.

When : Tuesday 26 March

Time: 6 - 6.30 p.m.

Location : School Hall

## P&C NEWS

### DISCO!

**WHEN:** Friday 5 April 2019

**WHERE:** School Hall

**INFANTS (K-2):** 5pm to 6.30pm

**PRIMARY (3-6):** 6.45pm to 8.30pm

'Dance Fever' will be hosting our disco again, keeping everyone entertained.



**Theme – “Wild Animals”** as suggested by the SRC, so kids can dress in something with Animals/As animals or if they are not into themes remember to just come and have fun!!

Cost \$10.00 - includes disco, glow item, chips, drink & ice-block

Tickets can be purchased for the disco using Flexi-Schools **and** you provide permission for your child to attend at the same time, just log on and place your order **by Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> of April:** <https://www.flexischools.com.au>

If you have children across both infants & primary, please select the relevant disco for each.

**DISCO helpers are needed** - please volunteer via Flexischools when purchasing your child's ticket if you are able to help on the night

### Please NOTE:

- REPS discos are for students only, no siblings are to stay in the hall or parents who are not volunteering
- No photos or filming to be posted on social media
- Whilst not preferred, cash payment can be accepted on the night at a cost of \$15
- Please collect your child(ren) promptly on finish time

These are measures to make life as simple as possible for all our wonderful volunteers, and keep a happy safe environment for all your children.

Any enquiries please contact:







### P&C MUSIC PROGRAM NEWS

The Music Committee met last week as we have a very busy Term 2 coming up with the Music Day and our first competition for the year at the Ryde East Music Festival. We are looking for parent volunteers to help us fill the following positions in the committee: woodwind contact parent, strings contact parent and someone to oversee the Music Practice rewards. If you are interested in any of these or if you'd like to be involved but not sure how, please contact us.

The position of Coordinator will also become vacant at the end of the year and we need someone (or two someones) willing to step up. We would love to be able to start showing you the ropes early to ensure a smooth handover. No musical knowledge is needed, just good organisational skills.

#### **MUSIC PROGRAM MEMBERSHIP**

If your child is learning an instrument outside of school (like piano for example) and you would like for them to participate in our upcoming music day and other events, please contact us at [rydeeast-music@gmail.com](mailto:rydeeast-music@gmail.com)

Membership is \$100 and covers the cost of the Music Day (coming up in May) as well as the opportunity to perform at the concerts organised by the Music Program. This cost can be covered by the Creative Kids Vouchers once we are an approved provider.

#### **MUSIC DAY – 19 MAY**

It will be a wonderful day of fun and learning, where everyone in the music program participates. This day is an essential part of the preparation currently underway for our bands and ensembles as they get ready to compete at the Ryde East Music Festival, The Wahroonga Music festival and to perform at the Festival of Instrumental Music at the Sydney Opera House and the Gold Card Assemblies. Remember, **everyone** should attend – the cost of this important day has been included in the annual Music Program Fee.

We have yummy lunch options available and are preparing an exciting closing item.

Parents are welcome to come along and “shadow” their child, but you will need to make sure you have completed the working with children form as per the school requirement.

Registrations will open next week, a notification will be sent out through the school app.

#### **DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES**

Term 2 – Sun 19 May, Music Day

Term 2 –Mother’s Day Breakfast

Term 2 – Sunday 26 May, Ryde East Music Festival: Both Bands competing

Term 2 – Sunday 16 June – Wahroonga Music Festival: REPS Band and Performance Band competing

Term 2 – Term 2 Concert with out Tutors as the Special Guests. Date: TBA

#### **COMMITTEE CONTACT DETAILS**

**Coordinators:** Lina Diaz & Lisa Cowgill, [rydeeastmusic@gmail.com](mailto:rydeeastmusic@gmail.com)

**Secretary:** Jennifer Harrison – [musicsecretary.reps@gmail.com](mailto:musicsecretary.reps@gmail.com)

**Treasurer:** Nick Barnes – [repsband@gmail.com](mailto:repsband@gmail.com)

Have a wonderful week!

Lina Diaz & Lisa Cowgill

REPS P&C Music Program Coordinators

### SCHOOL BANKING - COMMISSION

Thanks to the fantastic efforts of our students we have raised \$2,767.00 for our school through the School Banking Contributions Program in 2018. Early this year we received our Annual Contribution of \$330.00.

These funds will go towards the purchase of valuable resources for the children and our school. Ryde East Public School benefits from the activity of our school bankers by receiving commission on a Regular Savers Contribution of \$5 for every 10 School Banking deposits processed per student and an Annual Contribution each calendar year when the first School Banking deposit is processed. The amount paid is based on the number of students who made at least one School Banking deposit in the prior year.

Saving regularly is an important habit to get into, whether you're saving a little or a lot. Keep up the great work and remember, School Banking day is every Thursday.

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### SCHOOL BANKING FOR SIBLINGS

We were recently asked the question: "Does Ryde East Public School accept banking for "siblings"?" Brothers or Sisters not yet at Ryde East Public School or those that have moved onto other schools or High School. The answer is YES !!!

We are happy to process banking from both younger and older siblings. Older siblings will only be able to bank with us until they turn 18 (then their account will be automatically converted from a Youthsaver account and they will no longer be eligible for the school banking program). Younger sibling accounts can be set-up prior to them commencing school, then they will continue with the same student no. once they start school. If you are sending a sibling's book to school, please elastic band them together with the student book to ensure they are returned to the correct classroom.

We have a few banking days remaining in Term 1 – so make sure you submit any reward requests before the end of term. Any reward items ordered in the last 2 weeks will arrive in Term 2. If your child does not know their token balance – easy – pop a note in with your child's banking, then we can provide the token balance and eligibility for rewards.

If your child has not yet joined the School Banking program and you are interested in setting up an account for them, an account can be opened at any time throughout the year either online by visiting the CBA website at [www.commbank.com.au/schoolbanking](http://www.commbank.com.au/schoolbanking) and click on the link to open a Youthsaver account or pop into your nearest CBA branch with your identification and your child's passport or birth certificate.

Reminder: Due to changes in the CBA processing system, the Thursday School Banking can only process 1 deposit per week. If we receive 2 deposits, it will be processed as 1 deposit and amount adjusted accordingly.

If you have any questions you can contact us at [schoolbanking.reps@gmail.com](mailto:schoolbanking.reps@gmail.com) or phone Elspeth Orlandi on 0402 850 044.



## P&C NEWS

### WORKING BEE SUNDAY 24 MARCH FOR KINDERGARTEN FAMILIES



This is a reminder that our next school working bee will be **Sunday 24 March**, 9am – 12pm. All kindergarten families especially are invited to an enjoyable morning helping to maintain our school environment. Children are welcome too, under parent supervision. **THIS IS THE ONLY WORKING BEE FOR KINDERGARTEN THIS YEAR** and a great way to get to know others in our school community, so please come if you can.

Tasks will include:

- Rotary-hoeing the soft-fall material around the playground equipment
- Preparing for planting the vegetable gardens near OOSH
- Shredding dead leaves and branches
- Weeding gardens and spreading mulch
- Mowing and brush-cutting long grass near trees and fences
- Cleaning playground drains and along the kerbs
- Washing playground seats and tables
- Pressure cleaning the metal seats and Covered Outdoor Learning Area (COLA)



Morning tea and a barbecue lunch will be provided.

Please wear old clothes, hat and work gloves. Bring any useful tools you may have, such as gardening or cleaning equipment, spades, buckets, brush cutter and wheelbarrow, to supplement our school equipment.

Vehicular entry and parking will be available via the Badajoz Rd gate.

On arrival, please sign in outside the canteen and check with me before commencing any work. If doubts arise owing to weather, a decision will be made on the morning and those who have provided a phone contact number will be advised by SMS if a decision is made to cancel.

To assist with task planning and catering, please return the tear-off slip below to the office by Friday 22 March; or send a note telling how many of your family are coming. All members of our school community are welcome, even if you are not a kindergarten class family.

**Phillip Ward**  
Co-ordinator

#### **SCHOOL WORKING BEE - SUNDAY 24 MARCH 2019 – please return this slip to the school office**

Family name: \_\_\_\_\_

No. of adults: \_\_\_\_ children: \_\_\_\_

Would you like to stay for lunch?      Yes c      No c

Contact phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Equipment / tasks with which you may help:

## P&C NEWS



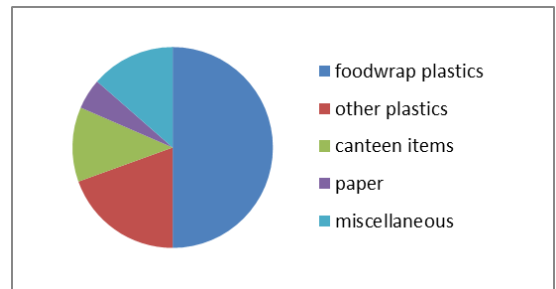
**RYDE EAST NATURAL ENVIRONMENT GROUP** collected and surveyed rubbish in our school grounds on Friday 1 March which was Clean Up Australia Day For Schools.

Survey results are summarised in the graph below.

A total of 508 items of rubbish were collected, plus 23 items of lost property, which were sent to the lost property room.

Some interesting observations:

- We did not have enough time to collect all rubbish.
- Most rubbish on the bottom oval was in the vicinity of the seats at the top of the bank.
- 54 chip packets (not available at school) were found on the bottom oval.
- There was no overall decrease in rubbish found since our previous survey which was in August last year.



**Phillip Ward**  
Co-ordinator

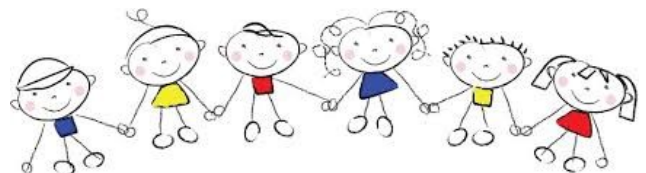
## OOSH NEWS

### TERM 1 – WEEKS 5 & 6

Ryde East OOSH has enjoyed another fortnight, filled with enjoyment and entertainment for both the children and the staff. Week 5 began with the centre embracing the children's suggestion of superheroes for our craft theme. This led to creations such as Captain America shields, Thor's Hammer and Spiderman handprints. Our activities for the week included oz tag, scooter boards and bin ball, along with free play under the COLA and on the oval. The children were also treated to food such as yoghurt, scones with jam and cream, and yellow rice. Afternoon tea was served along with freshly cut fruit.

Week 6 begun with a new season, that was reflected in our Autumn craft. Children created crafts such as autumn leaves, scarecrows and super sunflowers. We continued to integrate the suggestion of the children into our activities, running activities such as play on the equipment, Newcomb ball and our newly started Zumba program on a Wednesday afternoon. The children were provided with a variety of food options, including pikelets, Weetbix slice and tuna wraps. Overall, it has been another fortnight at OOSH, filled with enjoyment and quality experiences for both the children and the staff.

Parthi Trivedi  
Director  
Ryde East OHSC  
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Email: [rydeeastoshc@optusnet.com.au](mailto:rydeeastoshc@optusnet.com.au)  
Website: <http://www.rydeeastoshc.com.au>



## COMMUNITY NEWS

### TENNIS COURT HIRE

The school tennis courts are available for hire out of school hours for a nominal fee of \$20.00 per hour for each court.

Contact Margie Simpson on 0407 280 864.



### UNIFORM SHOP NEWS (New uniforms only)

The Uniform Shop is open every Tuesday morning from 8.45am — 9.45am or order online and have it delivered to your child's classroom.

[www.picklesschoolwear.com](http://www.picklesschoolwear.com)

Sara Rich — 0450 771 545

### ♥♥♥ PRE-LOVED UNIFORMS ♥♥♥

Open Tuesday mornings from 8.45am—9.30am, Pre-Loved Uniforms are available from the canteen window alongside the New Uniform Shop. Donations are welcome and all proceeds go to the school. We are also selling 100% cotton shirts for \$27.50. Payment is by CASH only. For any queries, please contact Lenora Joziassse on 0416 088 718 or Cyndi Yu on 0430 202 071.



NORTH RYDE GOLF CLUB

## APRIL SCHOOL HOLIDAY CLINICS

PGA PROFESSIONAL - ALEX EMMERSON  
BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL - CALL 9888 5518 TO BOOK!

AGES: 6 - 8 YEARS OLD  
THURSDAY 18TH APRIL - 2:00PM - 5:00PM  
\$100.00 PER PERSON - LIMITED TO 8 PER CLASS

AGES: 9 - 14 YEARS OLD  
FRIDAY 26TH APRIL - 12:00PM - 4:00PM  
\$120.00 PER PERSON - LIMITED TO 8 PER CLASS

## EASTER HAT PARADE

COX'S ROAD MALL  
NORTH RYDE

Enter to WIN!  
KIDS get creative to win great prizes!!  
Each entrant receives a gift

- donated by  
Ray White North Ryde | Macquarie Park

Prizes sponsored by:  
RayWhite  
EVENT  
COX'S ROAD MALL  
NORTH RYDE

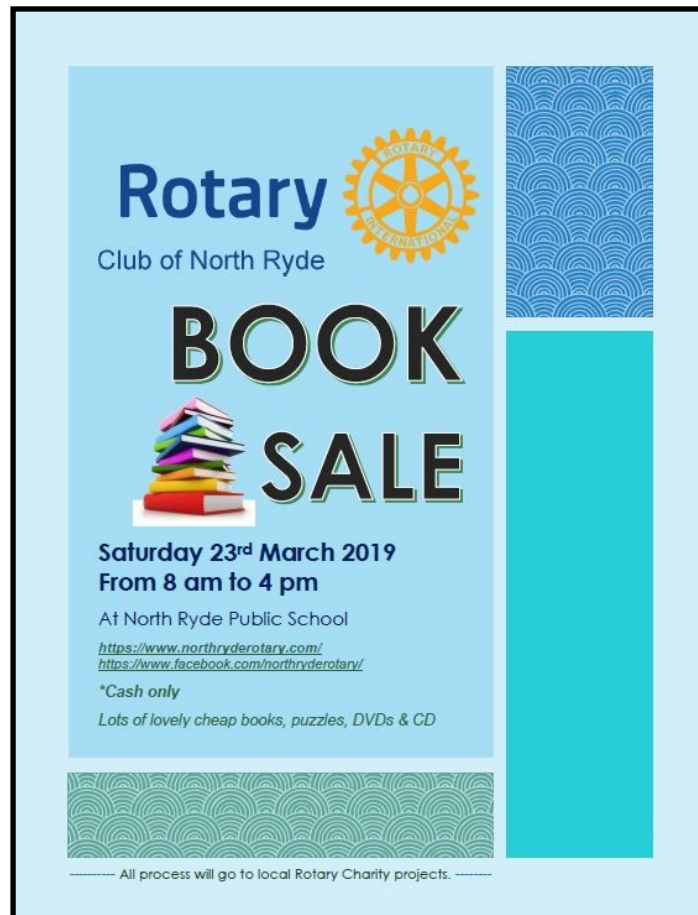
1<sup>st</sup> Prize:  
Family Day Pass to  
Taronga Zoo / Sydney  
(Family - 2 Adults & 2 Children)  
Ray White North Ryde | Macquarie Park


2<sup>nd</sup> Prize:  
Event Cinemas  
Family Movie Pass  
Event Cinemas

3<sup>rd</sup> Prize:  
\$50 Shopping Voucher  
at Cox's Road Mall


Special guest appearance by the Easter Bunny.

Event Details:  
Entries open to kids Years K - 4  
Date: Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> April, 4pm - 5pm  
Entries close Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April  
Venue: Cox's Road Mall, North Ryde  
Parents, enter by simply emailing your child's details :  
age, contact number and school.  
Email: [angelina.bon@hotmail.com](mailto:angelina.bon@hotmail.com) or [roseanna@rgmusic.com.au](mailto:roseanna@rgmusic.com.au)  
Enquiries: 0438 416 379



**Rotary**   
Club of North Ryde

# BOOK SALE



**Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2019**  
**From 8 am to 4 pm**

At North Ryde Public School

<https://www.northryderotary.com/>  
<https://www.facebook.com/northryderotary/>

*\*Cash only*

*Lots of lovely cheap books, puzzles, DVDs & CD*

----- All proceeds will go to local Rotary Charity projects. -----



# TRIVIA NIGHT

**Saturday 4 May 2019**  
**6.30pm for 7.00pm**

**\$25 per person**

**Tables of 8**

**BYO snacks and drinks.**  
**Tea and coffee will be provided.**

**Supporting**  
**Ryde Hunters Hill**  
**Canada Bay Life**  
**Education Centre**  
and the provision of wheelchair access to the Life Education Van

**North Ryde School of Arts**  
**Community Hall**  
**201 Coxs Rd, North Ryde**  
Ample parking available

**BOOKINGS**  
**BY 30 APRIL 2019:**  
Ann 0418 662 217  
[aclsmith@bigpond.net.au](mailto:aclsmith@bigpond.net.au)  
Payments per table to:  
BSB 633 000  
Account 163 462 328

**Rotary**   
Club of Ryde