



# Ryde East Public School Newsletter

## Term 1 Week 6



**6 March 2019**

### SWIMMING CARNIVAL

### PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

#### SWIMMING CARNIVAL

We had a record 270 students attend and participate in this year's school swimming carnival. It was great to see so many students competing or just 'having-a-go'. All students who entered the pool achieved house points for their Sports House group. Finalist ribbons for students who placed first, second and third will be presented at the 3-6 Assembly in **Week 9 on Wednesday 27 March at 2:30pm.**



Congratulations and well done to all of the students who participated. It was really great to see so many children enjoying themselves and being proud of their achievements. Congratulations to the 32 students who will represent our school at the Zone Swimming Carnival in **Week 7 on Wednesday 13 March.**

Special awards will be presented to the individual champions, new record holders and house champions at our Gold Card Assembly in **Week 10 on Wednesday 3 April.**

Thank you to all of our wonderful volunteers who supported the running and organisation of this event and a huge thank you to all of our staff and Mrs Aquilina for organising such a great day!



## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT (continued)

### KINDY MIXER

This was a wonderful way for the P&C to welcome our new Kindergarten families to our school. It was a great opportunity for families to meet each other and to speak to parents who are already established in the school to ask questions or seek support or advice. Thank you to Mr Chris Seeto (P&C President) and the P&C Executive Team and volunteers who made this event possible. It was lovely to see so many parents there. Thank you to Mrs Wisniewski, Miss Jenkins and Miss Winsley for attending and supporting this event.



### 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 have outline eour 2019 priorities for our **Strategic Direction: Sustainable Evidence-Based Practices.**



#### Purpose:

To enhance evidence-based pedagogy through quality teaching practices, creating classroom environments that are student-centred and optimise learning progress for all students across a full range of abilities.

#### **Mathematics initiative**

In 2018, we created an educational partnership with Anita Chin to support the implementation of Mathematics across the school (\$30000). This will continue in 2019 to support the staff in curriculum implementation and differentiation of mathematics with a whole-school approach.

In 2019, we will host a parent information evening to support this initiative.

This year we have employed Mrs Nicole Doig as a Deputy Principal Instructional Leader to mentor and support teachers in class throughout the implementation (\$23500).

In 2019, we have allocated \$10000 to resourcing.

#### **Visible Learning**

In 2019 we have established a learning partnership with Corwin / John Hattie (\$25000) to support the introduction and implementation of this initiative across K-6. The focus of this initiative will be to introduce 'Learning Intentions and Success Criteria', have students set individual learning goals, and receive explicit feedback about their learning. This initiative will be done in partnership with Gladesville PS and Mowbray PS and is a three year commitment.

#### **English**

In 2019, we have allocated \$10000 to resourcing our English programs with quality literature and quality texts for guided reading.

## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT (continued)

### CYBER SAFETY

It is very important to be vigilant in the area of cyber safety. The eSafety Commission has reported that their research indicates "81% of parents hand their child an internet-connected device by the age of 4, so active parent engagement and oversight of a child's online activities is critical from the start. As children often do not have the maturity or judgement to cope with confronting content online, it is important to guide and instil critical reasoning skills, so that they are aware that not everything they see or receive online is real".



We encourage parents to co-view, co-play, ask questions about the games and apps they are using, and let them know you are there to support them if they are upset or uncomfortable about anything they see online.

The eSafety Commission has put out five top tips to help limit your child's exposure to harmful content online:

- Engage in your child's online activities – ask what apps, sites and games they're using and make sure they're age-appropriate
- Use parental controls on devices to help limit what your child is exposed to
- Let them know not everything they see online is real or true
- Help them report and block upsetting content they see on social media sites or apps
- Let them know they can come to you about anything upsetting they see online, and contact Kids Helpline if they need further support.

### NAPLAN

This year our students In Years 3 and 5 will be participating in NAPLAN online. NAPLAN online may be run over a two week period from Tuesday 14 May to Friday 24 May. We will notify you closer to the time of the exact dates that our school will be undertaking the assessment.



I hope you have a lovely fortnight.

Miss Katrina Verinder  
Principal



## STAFF NEWS

### ART CLUB 2019

This year Art Club will be running on Monday lunchtimes for any student from Year 2 to 6. We will be creating lots of different artworks and learning about colours, techniques and more.

Our first day will be Monday 11 March.

If you are interested please write your name on the sign-up sheet outside KW.

When: Monday lunchtime

Where: KW classroom

Miss J Winsley



## Important Dates

### 2019 TERM 1

|                    | Week 7  |
|--------------------|---|
| <b>Tues 12 Mar</b> | Winter PSSA trials  |
| <b>Wed 13 Mar</b>  | Zone Swimming Carnival<br>Primary Assembly<br>2.30pm (5/6W leading) |
|                    | Week 8  |
| <b>Tues 19 Mar</b> | Winter PSSA trials  |
| <b>Wed 21 Mar</b>  | Harmony Day<br>K-2 Assembly (2B leading & performing)               |
| <b>Sat 23 Mar</b>  | Election BBQ  |
| <b>Sun 24 Mar</b>  | Working Bee<br>(Kindergarten)                                       |

## STEWART HOUSE USED CLOTHING APPEAL

Ryde East Public School supports Stewart House as its main charity. Stewart House is a special school that provides a residential program for children who may benefit from a 'holiday' away from their normal school/home environment.

You can help support this charity by donating used clothing. Stewart House bags will be distributed on Wednesday to the eldest child in each family and must be returned no later than Monday 11 March.

Please leave bags in the school foyer. Bags cannot be left after this date as the school has no place to store them.

Mr Bailey  
SRC Coordinator



## STAFF NEWS



Congratulations to all the Kindergarten students for how they have settled into school and their new routine. They are all working very hard and their teachers are extremely proud of them all. There will be a few things coming home next week that we need parents to be on the look out for:

**Best Start Feedback Report** – Each child will bring home their report next Monday 11 March. This report will provide you with an overview of the things they could do in literacy and numeracy at the start of Kindergarten when we met for the Best Start Interview. It will also inform you of the sorts of things they will be learning in these areas now they are at school.

**Home Reading** – Each child will bring home a blue home reading card that you can sign for each night of reading. This term we are only expecting the students to listen to a story you have read to them. This could be a book from home or from the library. Whilst reading you can encourage them to follow the words with you, talk about the pictures and what is happening with the characters. This card will stay in their folder at home until the 25 nights are completed.

**Sight Words** – The children will be bringing home a sheet of sight words. Some of them we have already learnt and the rest we will continue to focus on over the term. We encourage you to review these at home. Once they can read them all they will return them to their classroom teacher ready for the next level of words.

**News** – All parents should have received their news topics and their child's news day. This starts from next week too.

If you have any questions or concerns about any of these things please come and discuss with your child's teacher. We are more than happy to assist you.

Mrs Wisniewski  
Early Stage One Assistant Principal

## STAFF NEWS

### SPOTLIGHT ON TEACHING AND LEARNING



At REPS our staff value creating engaging learning environments where all students experience success. Professional learning centred around high quality teaching and learning in mathematics has been a focus of Strategic Direction 1, providing staff with continuous growth in pedagogical understandings. Caring classroom communities that work towards achieving mathematical goals to improve student learning outcomes are being developed through:

\* A Focus on Differentiation - Differentiation is the way in which teachers meet the needs of the diversity of students in their class. Teachers may differentiate the content, processes, product and environment to support all learners in the classroom. They pose different questions and provide point in time feedback to ensure all students can engage in all learning activities in a personalised way. Our teachers are continually researching and developing their skills in differentiated practice.

\*Collegiality among staff in the development of K-6 a scope and sequence of learning – Teachers work collaboratively to develop units of work that foster deep understanding of developmental sequences of learning. Classroom programs ensure students are supported in creating connections between different ways of solving problems, between mathematical representations and topics, and between mathematics and everyday experiences. Teaching and learning activities focus on tasks that are hands-on, practical and encourage students to think and work both independently and collaboratively, ask questions and take risks.

As a parent you can help by talking positively about mathematics and asking questions that relate to real world situations. Shared experiences involving cooking, measuring, counting, using money, dice games etc... will help to develop your child's mathematical understanding in the real world. The link below is an A-Z glossary providing illustrated examples of maths terms used in the classroom.

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/practical-help-for-parents-and-carers/learning-resources/maths/maths-a-to-z>

Mrs N. Doig  
DP – Instructional Leader



## STAFF NEWS

### LIBRARY NEWS

A quick reminder that the NSW premiers reading challenge began on Monday 4 March. We are encouraging all students to participate. On **Monday 11 March at 3:30pm** I will be running a parent workshop to assist anyone with using the Premiers Reading Challenge website.

I have changed a few things in the Library this year to help students with updating their PRC log. I have placed a worm that will have all PRC codes accompanying books that we have read in the library, this allows students to be able to place these codes onto their PRC log.

Once your child has completed the PRC, a special mention will be put in the newsletter and their name will be written on a star and put on the hall of fame.



### PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE

Tips for parents and carers for participating in the Challenge :

- Familiarise yourself with the new PRC student website. There is a video on the PRC Support site that you can watch that demonstrates how to login, search for books and add them to a Student Reading Record (SRR).
- Visit the Premier's Reading Challenge Support website. It allows you to search for information about the PRC and how to use the PRC website and also how to contact the PRC team.
- Set reminders for Challenge opening and closing dates in both your and your child's calendars.
- Find out your child's logon details. For public schools, students' logon will be the same one they use to access computers and the internet at school. Non-government students will need to contact the PRC Coordinator at their school if they cannot remember their login details.
- Assist your child to borrow books from the school or local library. Listen to your child read and talk about the story/ characters/ information. Read to or with your child if she/he is participating in the K-2 Challenge.
- Help your child to add books to her/his Student Reading Record **regularly**.
- Follow The Arts Unit on Facebook and the NSW PRC on Instagram to keep up to date about information about the Challenge throughout the year. We regularly run contests and Author events your child may be interested in taking part in.

Contact your child's PRC coordinator. Mrs Karevski:

- Your child has any difficulty using her/his logon details to access the PRC website.
- You are concerned that your child's name is spelt incorrectly in the PRC website.
- If you need to check your child's Challenge history, please contact your child's PRC coordinator.

Your child's online Student Reading Record must have the required number of books recorded to complete the Challenge by the student closing date. School PRC coordinators have an extra two weeks to validate the SRR. **Only students with a validated SRR are eligible for a certificate.**

**In the final weeks of the Challenge, log on regularly to the website to check the status of your child's SRR.** Contact your child's PRC coordinator if you are concerned your child's SRR has not been validated.

Here are some websites to help you with navigating around the new look PRC website:

<https://prcsupport.freshdesk.com/support/solutions/articles/24000023273>

<https://online.det.nsw.edu.au/prc/studentExperience.html#/>



## STAFF NEWS (continued)

### HARMONY DAY PARENT PRESENTERS NEEDED

We will be celebrating Harmony day on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> of March 2019, between 9:20 am till 11:35am. We invite all parents to come and join the celebration. Children will be encouraged to dress in either traditional costume or wear an orange item of clothing.



The day will begin with a parade in the playground (outside the Kindergarten buildings), which may be moved to the hall in the case of poor weather. Following this, our guests are welcome to come to the library with K-2 students, or in the hall with years 3-6. Where they will be shown some cultural presentations from parents, teachers and students. Then guests are invited to join us for a shared morning tea at 10:45am. We ask that students contribute a small plate of food for our shared morning tea to help celebrate different cultures. Please label all ingredients in the food that you bring to school.

We still need parents to present, so please let us know if you can.

These are some ideas that you can present:

- Play a game or sport
- Teach a dance or song
- Playing an instrument to the students i.e. didgeridoo, bagpipes, accordion, harmonica, drums etc.
- Sharing a traditional story or facts about their country
- Learning how to speak your language (for example: greeting, numbers and simple phrases)
- If you like you can even form a group with other parents to present something from your culture

If you are interested in presenting an item for harmony day please email you name, phone number, write down what cultural heritage you are from and what you are thinking of presenting to Miss Sin [li-sa.sin1@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:sa.sin1@det.nsw.edu.au)

We will need to know by as soon as possible.

Lisa Sin and Olimbia Karevski  
Harmony Day Coordinators

## STUDENT NEWS

Congratulations to Rowan C and Angus K, who have been selected to represent Ryde Zone at the Sydney North AFL trials.



I went to Meadowbank Tennis Club last Friday to play PSSA Zone Tennis.

It was a smaller draw this year as there were only three other girls competing. I won all my matches and came first.

I am now going to travel to Gosford in March to compete in Sydney North for area.

I am looking forward to representing REPS at the next level.

Ruby Thompson



**SPOTLIGHT ON K-6 PE PROGRAM**

**Students are all enjoying the PE program run by**

**Mr Hurkett**



## P&C NEWS

### DISCO – SAVE THE DATE!

**WHEN:** Friday 5<sup>th</sup> 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 school disco again this year!

The theme is to be advised and the cost will again be \$10.00 – this covers the cost of the disco, a glow item, a packet of chips with drink and ice-block per child.

Tickets will be available via the Flexi-School App, which also confirms your permission for your child’s attendance. We will let you know when you can purchase tickets via the App soon!

**Volunteers Needed:** If you’re able to help on the night please let us now via the App when purchasing your child’s ticket. Please note all volunteers will need a WWC confirmed with the office.

**Important:** REPS discos are for students only i.e. siblings or parents who are not volunteering are not permitted to stay in the hall.

Also, no photos or filming to be posted on social media and all parents and carers to collect their child/ren promptly on the finish time. These measures are to make life as simple as possible for all our wonderful volunteers and keep a safe and happy environment for all your children.

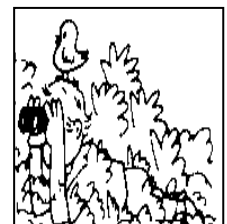
For more information, please contact:

Samantha Younes – 0402 009 641 or [disco.reps@gmail.com](mailto:disco.reps@gmail.com)



### SCHOOL WATCH—NEW MEMBERS WANTED!

With the departure of some long-standing members at the end of 2018 as their youngest ones moved on to high school, **NEW MEMBERS ARE NEEDED.** We invite anyone who can occasionally take a 15-minute stroll through the school to join us. Kindergarten parents are especially welcome.



The identity of school watch members is not publicised. School watch members simply walk around the school grounds after hours, to **observe and report** if anything needs attention.

Team members do not confront anyone; if there are unauthorised persons or activities on the school premises we contact school security and/or the police, and have them deal with the situation.

Our School Watch team does not hold any meetings, but members are kept posted with information by email or, if urgent, by phone or text message.

If you are willing to join our team or would like more information, please write a note or email the school office with your name, phone and email contact details and they will pass on your message.

Phillip Ward  
Co-ordinator



## P&C NEWS

### WORKING BEE SUNDAY 24 MARCH FOR KINDERGARTEN FAMILIES

Our next school working bee will be **Sunday 24 March**, 9am – 12pm. All kindergartener 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

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### **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:



## RIVERSIDE GIRLS HIGH SCHOOL

### Open Day Postponed

Notice to all interested parents of prospective Riverside students  
Due to unforeseen delays with construction works we have decided to postpone Open Day. Advertisements in The Weekly Times, The Northern District Times and The Inner West Courier will advise you of the new date later this term. Your Primary School will be informed and the school website will inform you of the new date.  
We sincerely apologise for any inconvenience.



Dear Principals, Music teachers and Band directors.

The Conservatorium High School would like to inform your talented music students that:

### **AUDITIONS NOW OPEN FOR 2020**

Application to AUDITION for Con High entering 2020 are now open.

Go to <https://conhigh.nsw.edu.au>

APPLY tab then 2020 Entry Application.

Closing date for registration is 7th June 2019.





## OOSH NEWS

### TERM 1 – WEEKS 3 & 4

It has been another busy fortnight for us here at Ryde East OOSH. We began the week by celebrating the community celebration of Valentine's Day, with children creating craft that reflected this. These included creations such as flowers, cupid's arrows and Valentine's cards. We continued to implement children's suggestions for activities which included free play on the both the oval and under the COLA, dodgeball and time spent on the play equipment. The menu had wonderful food options for the children, which included pasta, waffles and macaroni and cheese.

Week 4 began with the children suggestion for craft, which was Disney. Children were able to make some of their favourite Disney creations, which included Monsters from Monsters Inc, magical mermaids and nemo and Dory for Finding Nemo. Our activities varied to cater for all the children, which included hockey under the cola, games up at the hall, as well as our usual free play on the oval and under the COLA. There were some wonderful food options available for the children which included, cheese and bacon rounds, chicken noodles and pasta bake, along with fresh fruit every afternoon. Overall it has been another fun filled week here at Ryde East OOSH.

Parthi Trivedi

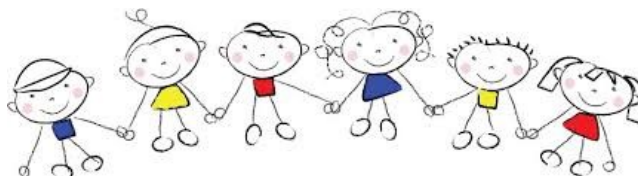
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## COMMUNITY NEWS

### 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.



### Inner West Bulls U10's Local Competition



Come and play basketball at the Inner West Bulls! We are currently looking for primary school kids to get active, make new friends and (of course) to play basketball. The Inner West Bulls also accepts the NSW Active Kids Voucher.

Whether you are looking for a team or entering a team, we can help accommodate. Make sure to send your son's/daughter's full name and date of birth to Richard Connelly, Junior Competitions Manager.

Age Group: Boys and Girls born in 2010, 2011 + 2012  
Location: Club Ryde X Sports Hall, Ryde (724 Victoria Road, Ryde)  
Day/Time: Sunday mornings from 8:30am (games approx. 45 minutes)  
Length of Comp: February to June (break during school/public holidays)  
Contact: Richard Connelly - [Juniors@innerwestbulls.com](mailto:Juniors@innerwestbulls.com) - 0401 486 196



#RunWithUs

## EASTER HAT PARADE

COXS ROAD MALL NORTH RYDE

Enter **KIDS** get creative to win great prizes!!

to WIN! Each entrant receives a gift

- donated by Ray White North Ryde | Macquarie Park

Prizes sponsored by: Ray White, EVENT CENTRE, COXS 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 Coxs 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: Coxs 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



# COMMUNITY NEWS

## TWILIGHT COMMUNITY MARKET

FIND, SHOP, CONNECT

### FEATURED STALLS

QUALITY PRODUCE + HAND-MADE ARTS  
AND CRAFTS + SPECIALTY GIFTS



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ARTISANALE  
CHOCOLATE



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PRETTY  
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6-8 CUTLER PDE  
NORTH RYDE



MAR 9TH  
4PM-8PM



SEARCH  
NRCC MARKETS



## Become a foster carer

Help us make a positive difference to the lives of children in your community. As a Key Assets foster carer, you will be provided with 24/7 support, a dedicated social worker and on-going training.

Change a child's life today:

- 📞 1800 WE CARE
- 🌐 [iwanttofooster.com.au](http://iwanttofooster.com.au)



## BECOME A HOST FAMILY IN JULY 2019!



REQUEST A FREE INFO PACK / SMS 'HOST' to 0428 246 633

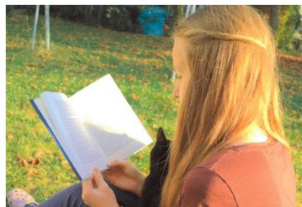


### HOSTING AT A GLANCE:

- Hosting is voluntary
- You choose your student
- Students attend high school full time
- 24/7 support provided
- Host families come from all over the state
- Students come from all over the world and stay for a short term (8-10 weeks), a semester or a year.

### HEAR FROM A HOST MUM

"Hosting has been one of the most rewarding and exciting experiences for our family. Romane, our student, was definitely one of the most kind and pleasant people we have met and right from the start was a perfect fit for our family. Being able to share this experience has had a positive effect on all of my young children."  
Host mum, Candice.



### CAMILLA (16) ITALY

Ciao!  
The list of activities I like to do in my free time is long, so I am never bored! Singing is my biggest passion and I hope to become a singer one day. I love reading. I also really enjoy photography. When it comes to sport, swimming and basketball are on top of my list! Thank you if you are going to choose me, I promise I'll be a perfect "daughter"!

MORE PROFILES: [WEP.ORG.AU/HOST](http://WEP.ORG.AU/HOST)

[WEP.ORG.AU/HOST](http://WEP.ORG.AU/HOST) / 1300 884 733 / [INFO@WEP.ORG.AU](mailto:INFO@WEP.ORG.AU)

## Learn *Music* on the keyboard at School

Great songs! Musical activities!  
Cool music knowledge!



- 🎵 Convenient at-school venue 🎵
- 🎵 Small group - 45 min weekly lesson 🎵
- 🎵 Competitive rate - \$29 per session (GST Incl.) 🎵
- 🎵 Instrument not required initially 🎵

To enrol, please call 9411 3122 or visit  
[www.learnmusicatschool.com.au](http://www.learnmusicatschool.com.au)  
Limited vacancy!

Violin Incl. Piano (VIP) Music est. 1984 [www.learnmusicatschool.com.au](http://www.learnmusicatschool.com.au)