



## SCHOOL CONCERT

# Ryde East Public School Newsletter

## Term 3 Week 7



**5 September 2018**

## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

### School Concert

'A Night at the Movies' showcased the talented students at Ryde East Public School last night. Students performed to a variety of hit songs from popular movies throughout the years. This was a fabulous opportunity to share our students' many talents with our families and the wider school community. Students performed to a sold out show and are very much looking forward to performing again for you on Thursday evening. I am extremely proud of all the students and teachers' efforts in pulling together this fabulous event.

### SASS Recognition Week

We would like to thank our School Administration and Support Staff (SASS) who work tirelessly to ensure that our students, staff and parents are supported and well taken care of. This week is an opportunity for us to more formally say THANK YOU to our wonderful administration staff, Mrs Beverley Abdulla, Mrs Mary Debs, Ms Irene Carrigy and Mrs Sue Turner; our fabulous School Learning Support Officers, Mrs Meriann Iacullo and Mr Joshua Lazarus; and our amazing General Assistant, Mr Greg Smart.

We all really appreciate everything that you do for us!



### Kindergarten Enrolments

We had a great turn out to our first Kindergarten Transition Session on Tuesday morning last week. The students all enjoyed a morning of activities, whilst the parents attended an information session about school readiness. Just a reminder that if you have a child ready to start Kindergarten in 2019, that you come up and collect an enrolment package so that your child has an opportunity to be involved in these transition visits prior to starting school.

## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT (cont'd)

### Father's Day Breakfast



What a successful event! With 450 RSVPs from fathers, grandfathers, children and some mothers, the Father's Day breakfast provided a variety of amazing hot and cold food prepared by our wonderful volunteers and a great opportunity for families to spend some extra time together to celebrate their dads.

A special thank you to Mrs Kelly Centellas and all of the parent volunteers who ensured this event was a huge success.



### Operation Art

Congratulations to the following students: Claudia B, Amelya. B, Regan. D and Zainab. D whose artworks have been selected through Operation Art. These students' artworks will be exhibited at the Armory Gallery, Sydney Olympic Park from September 15 until November 4 2018. Well done. What an amazing achievement.

### NAPLAN 2018

We have recently been informed that the 2018 NAPLAN results will be available from Thursday 13 September. Once these arrive at our school, we will ensure they are sent home with your children.

Katrina Verinder  
Principal

## ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

It is quite common for children to be unwell at this time of the year. It is important that parents recognise the need for their children to recover before returning to school. If your child displays symptoms such as fever, vomiting etc, we respectfully ask that they remain at home for at least 24 hours to avoid spreading the illness to other students and staff in the school.

Nicole Doig  
Assistant Principal

## Important Dates

### TERM 3

#### Week 7

**Thurs 6 Sept** School Concert  
Evening Performance  
**Sun 9 Sept** Ryde Band (Hall)

#### Week 8

**Mon 10 Sept** Regional Premier's  
Spelling Bee Final  
**Tues 11 Sept** State Dance Performance  
RSS Rehearsal  
**Thurs 13 Sept** Yr 2 music program  
introduction  
**Fri 14 Sept** Gold Card Assembly  
State Dance Matinee  
**Sun 16 Sept** Brick Fair

#### Week 9

**Mon 17 Sept** Sydney North Athletics  
Carnival  
**Sun 23 Sept** Working Bee (Yr 2)

#### Week 10

**Mon 24 Sept** ES1 Fairytale Day  
**Thurs 27 Sept** Music Program performance  
Concert  
**Fri 28 Sept** Last day of school

### TERM 4

**Mon 15 Oct** School returns

## STAFF NEWS

### 'TELL THEM FROM ME' SURVEY

This Term, our school will be participating in the *Partners in Learning* parent survey, another part of the *Tell Them From Me* suite of surveys on student engagement. The survey asks parents and carers questions about different factors that are known to impact on student wellbeing and engagement.



Running this survey will help our school understand parents' and carers' perspectives on their child's experience at school. These include: communication between parents/carers and staff, activities and practices at home and parent/carer views on the school's support of learning and behaviour. This valuable feedback will help our school make practical improvements.

The survey is conducted entirely online on smartphones, iPads, tablets, laptops or computers. The survey will typically take 15 minutes or less to complete and is completely confidential. The parent survey will be conducted between 27 August and 26 October. Although participating in the survey is entirely voluntary, your responses are very much appreciated.

To access the survey for our school go to: <https://nsw.tellthemfromme.com/rebs12>  
**I have also attached to the back of the newsletter a copy of the 'Tell Them From Me' parent survey Frequently Asked Questions (parents and carers)** which will provide you with further information about this survey.

**Mrs Wisniewski**  
**Assistant Principal**

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### LIBRARY NEWS

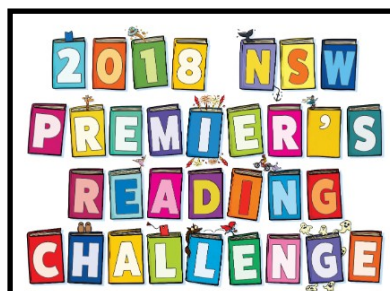
This is the final PRC announcement for the year as the PRC has now ended. The library also celebrated book week and we had our book swap, played many games and had a party in the library.

Congratulations to these students who completed the PRC: Daniel A KH, Liam D KAB, Kate D KH, Emma G KAB, Josephine G KH, Darcy J KH, Mitchell Palmer KAB, Emily R KF, Hayden C 1J, Lawrence D K1K, Michael M 2TS, Georgia 2L, Charlie P 3L, Lachlan 3/4D, Alex H 3/4D, Amelia K 4/5J, Molly J 3L, Frederick H 5/6W and Emily N 4/5J.

Friday 31 August was the last day for all students to complete the PRC. As I mentioned at the beginning of the year, I have been entering all students from K-2 who have completed the PRC. Students in Years 3-6 are encouraged to continue to enter books on their own.

A special platinum certificate from the NSW State Government is awarded at the end of Year 6 to those students who continue to keep up with logging books in continuously throughout their whole primary school life.

**Olimbia Karevski**  
**Teacher Librarian**

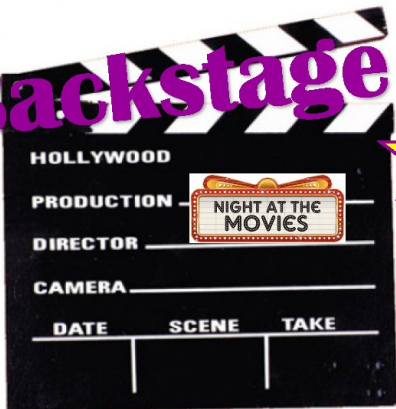




# SCHOOL CONCERT



## Backstage Pass



**Thank you to all the parents, family and friends who came to our school concert on Tuesday night. The students put on a spectacular show and cannot wait to perform again for you on Thursday.**

## STUDENT NEWS

### SILVER AT THE UNSW SCHOOL BAND FESTIVAL

The Clancy Auditorium at UNSW is a big stage for the Ryde East Performance Band, but that did not phase them at all. 15 members of the band played Haunted and The Incredibles with heart, enthusiasm as well as rhythm, harmony and melody in the Robert McNally Primary School Concert Band Event. Their practice and collaborative work earned them a silver medal for the second year in a row.



I, Lina and Lisa can not tell you how proud we are of Ellie, Sam, Hayden, Isabel, Megan, Sophie, Matthew, Ben, Claudia, Alex, Alexandra, Jake, Kristen, Johnathon and Erin. We hope the Performance Band and all the other wonderful musicians at REPS will inspire others to take part in the music program.

Kim Bunny  
Band Manager



## P&C NEWS

### AUGUST WORKING BEE

It was a rainy weekend, but we were able to go ahead with our Year 4 working bee, and we did manage to stay dry. With only 25 present we relied heavily on the children present and they rose to the occasion.



Completed tasks included:

- Raking and rotary-hoeing the soft-fall material around the playground equipment
- Weeding the rose gardens and tidying up the rose bushes
- Spreading mulch (so our entire supply of woodchip mulch is now used up!)
- Removing sticks, rocks and rubbish from the grassed areas and gardens
- Cleaning the playground drains alongside the hall
- Scooping up the leaves inside the tennis court fences
- Washing playground seats and tables
- Pressure cleaning the metal seats

We all enjoyed the usual morning tea and barbecue lunch thanks to the organisation of our class parents.

**NEXT WORKING BEE** will be for **families of YEAR 2 students** on **SUNDAY 23 SEPTEMBER**, and final scheduled working bee for this year will be Year 3 on Sunday 28 October. Please record your dates in your calendar!

Phillip Ward  
Co-ordinator





### ARTWORK FUNDRAISER

Our annual Artwork fundraiser is on again! Our teachers have been working with the students to produce fabulous artwork that can now be printed onto calendars, sketch books, diaries, mouse mats and cards. These make beautiful keepsakes and are also a great idea for Christmas/end of year/thank you gifts.

Sample products are on display now in the office if you would like to see what they are like and price lists are also coming home with your children soon.

As well as the artwork produced in class, if you wish, you can also have products made using photographs or other scanned artwork e.g. work produced by siblings not at Ryde East, or a family project. These can be submitted online at [www.kidsartworks.com.au](http://www.kidsartworks.com.au); using the code KA10083 (please note that these must be landscape format for calendars & mouse mats).

All sales are through Flexischools. Please order separately for each child, as you would for lunches. If you are submitting alternate artwork, you will need the code you are given when you upload the image.

Finished products will be sent home with your children in early November. If you would like to purchase any surprises e.g. a diary to pop under the Christmas tree for your child, let me know and I can organise for these to be collected separately.

This is a fundraising event and all profits go back to the P&C to assist our school.

Orders close on 28 September.

Any enquiries to Tully Sharp-Butler  
0414 671 923 or at [tullybutler@yahoo.com.au](mailto:tullybutler@yahoo.com.au)



## P&C NEWS

Special thanks to all those who organised and attended the very popular Father's Day Breakfast. The event grew in numbers again this year with over 430 dads, granddads and kids attending. Events like these give our school community a chance to relax and connect with each other, and adds another aspect to our child's education and schooling experience.



Many of the events and programs we run, like this, are simple and fun to organise, and a great social event for those involved. They may only take a few hours a month, or even per year to manage. The more parent volunteers we have involved, the lighter the load on everyone and the more diverse we can spread our events and programs.

Next year we have many events and programs that have their co-ordinating teams stepping down, as many have run them for multiple years. The best thing is, the experienced co-ordinators are still at the school and happy to help walk you through how to put together the event.

I am inviting anyone who is reading this to think about lending a hand next year. We are looking for leaders for:

- the annual Trivia Night
- the school discos
- any current Kindy parents to run next years Kindy Mixer
- co-ordinating cake stalls
- school banking

Plus in the P&C executive team, we're looking for someone to help look after our school's external sponsorship and community relationships.

The above events are all voluntary, meaning there is no obligation for them to run. They could even get replaced by other new events or new ideas that anyone might have. However, the reality is if no-one comes forward, then it's possible that these events just won't exist next year.

I really look forward to hearing from any parents who want to want to get more involved with the P&C. I'm always available on my email [presidents.reps@gmail.com](mailto:presidents.reps@gmail.com)

Chris Seeto  
REPS P&C President.



**REPS P&C MUSIC PROGRAM**

# INSTRUMENT TRYOUT DAY

**SEPTEMBER 13 • SCHOOL HALL**

**YEAR 2 STUDENTS WILL BE TAKEN TO THE HALL BY THEIR TEACHERS  
YEAR 3-6 STUDENTS INTERESTED IN ATTENDING WILL NEED PERMISSION  
FROM THEIR PARENTS TO ATTEND**



**WE WILL BE OFFERING GROUP LESSONS IN TERM 4 FOR STUDENTS  
INTERESTED IN LEARNING A BAND INSTRUMENT. LESSONS WILL BE RUN  
AT A LUNCHTIME AND COST WILL BE \$100 FOR THE TERM PLUS \$100  
INSTRUMENT BOND (WHERE APPLICABLE).**

**MINIMUM NUMBER OF 4 STUDENTS REQUIRED PER GROUP**





## OOSH NEWS

### TERM 3 WEEK 5 & 6 REPORT

It has been another busy fortnight here at Ryde East OOSH. Week 5 began with children designing craft with the theme of calligraphy. Children designed wonderful craft including hieroglyphics, cartooning, as well as students creating their own comic book lettering. Activities were aplenty, including free play on the oval, scooter-boards in the hall and games such as dodgeball and hockey. Our dance class also continued Wednesday afternoon, with children having the opportunity to learn and improve their dancing ability.

Week 6 began with craft coming under the theme of Father's Day. Special craft was ordered in to allow the children to create special gifts for their fathers, including mugs, aprons, keyrings, normal cards and place mats. Students also had the opportunity to complete their homework on a Monday afternoon. Activities for the week included foxtails, free play, survival tag and relay races. Dance classes also continued a Wednesday afternoon for the interested children.

Overall it has been another enjoyable and fun-filled fortnight at Ryde East OOSH.

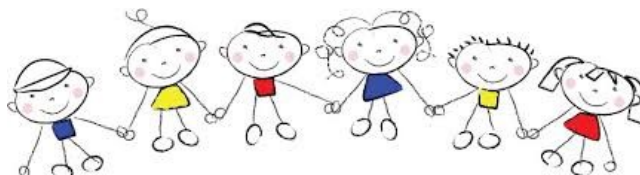
### RYDE EAST VACATION CARE

Ryde East Vacation Care program is available now. **Booking ends on Sunday 23 September, so book early.**

A range of fun and action-packed activities are offered to keep the kids active and entertained during the day and these activities are:

- 1 Oct – **Public holiday**
- 2 Oct – (Ex) Vision Gymnastic
- 3 Oct – (Inc) Andy Jones – What's the Joke?
- 4 Oct – (Ex) Featherdale Park
- 5 Oct – (Ex) Luna Park
- 8 Oct – (Inc) Tennis Extravaganza
- 9 Oct – (Ex) The Beatles
- 10 Oct – (Centre) Sandtastic & Stickertastic Creation
- 11 Oct – (Ex) Blaxland Riverside Park
- 12 Oct – (Ex) Movies & McDonalds

Booking forms are available on the centre's website <http://www.rydeeastoshc.com.au> OR contact Parthi on 98783773 OR email [rydeeastoshc@optusnet.com.au](mailto:rydeeastoshc@optusnet.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 Simone Haslehurst on 0414 965 225 or Cyndi Yu on 0430 202 071.



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# COMMUNITY NEWS

**Fireworks FUNdraiser**

3pm Saturday September 8, 2018  
Lincoln Street, Eastwood

- Performances • Aussie Wildlife Show • Face Painting
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**Program September 8, 2018**  
Welcome to **Eastwood Heights Public School**

**RIDES**  
2.30pm Wrist bands and tickets available to collect or purchase  
3.30, 4.30 & 5.30pm  
Come and take a photo with our wildlife guests

**AUSTRALIAN WILDLIFE SHOWS & DISPLAY**  
3.15 - 4.00 Epping Boys High School Jazz Band  
4.00 - 4.10 Eastwood Heights PS Dance Group  
4.10 - 4.15 Welcome from School Principal Mr Kammerer  
4.25 - 4.35 Eastwood Heights PS Training band  
4.35 - 4.50 Eastwood Heights PS Intermediate band  
4.50 - 5.05 Eastwood Heights PS Senior band  
5.10 - 5.15 Official opening by Mayor of Ryde Jerome Laxale  
5.15 - 6.00 Arrow Martial Arts  
6.00 - 6.30 JDANCE Performance Studio  
6.30 - 7.00 Avenue D Performance Studio

**PERFORMANCES**  
(Stage 1 - Primary area)

**RIDES**  
3.00 - 3.30 Eastwood Height PS Jazz Band  
3.30 - 4.00 Eastwood Heights PS Ukulele group  
4.00 - 4.45 East Ryde Primary School band  
5.00 - 5.30 Holly and Darren  
5.30 - 6.15 Ryde Secondary College Jazz Band

**FIREFORKS**  
7.15pm Down on the Oval

**FOOD**  
Asian, AJ's Indian, Korean, BBQ, Fresh Food, Cakes, Coffee, Popcorn, Snow Cones, Gelato and Fairy Floss

**STALLS**  
Heath Dockary Di Jones, Glow Products, White Elephant, Second Hand Books, Second Hand Kids Clothes, Face Painting, Value Vouchers, Kids Craft Activity, Showbags & Novelties.

**SIDESHOW GAMES**  
Dunny Roll Throw, Hoopla, Duck Fishing.

To contact a member of the EHPs P&C Association today, please phone 0423 705 708.

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# Tell Them From Me student survey

## Frequently Asked Questions (parents and carers)

Centre for Education Statistics and Evaluation

### 1. What is the *Tell Them From Me* student survey?

The *Tell Them From Me* student survey asks questions about factors that are known to affect academic achievement and other outcomes. It aims to help improve the learning outcomes of students. The survey is designed to measure, assess and report insights from the student point of view at the school and system levels. The focus of this NSW survey is on student wellbeing, engagement and effective teaching practices.

### 2. What kind of questions will the survey ask?

The survey questions relate to the following measures for **primary schools**:

Participation in sports and extra-curricular activities	Behaviour at school	Effective learning time
Use of ICT for learning	Homework behaviour	Teaching relevance and rigour
Sense of belonging	Interest and motivation	Perseverance
Positive relationships	Effort	Experience of being bullied
Valuing school outcomes	Skills and learning challenge	Advocacy at school
Positive teacher-student relations	Expectations for success	Positive learning climate

The survey questions relate to the following measures for **secondary schools**:

Participation in sports and extra-curricular activities	Homework behaviour	Expectations for success
Skills and learning challenge	Academic self-concept	Behaviour at school
Experience of being bullied	Truancy	Sense of belonging
Interest and motivation	Effective learning time	Aspirations: finishing Year 12, University, TAFE
Positive relationships	Effort	Teaching relevance and rigour
Wellness	Valuing school outcomes	Positive learning climate
Academic buoyancy	Advocacy at school	Advocacy outside school
Positive teacher-student relations	Use of ICT for learning	Perseverance

### 3. How have schools been selected to take part?

The survey is open to all NSW government schools at no cost to them. Your child's school has decided to participate.



#### 4. How will taking part in this survey benefit my child's school?

The *Tell Them From Me* student survey will provide school principals and school leaders with insight into student engagement, wellbeing and effective teaching practices at their school, from the perspective of students.

Data collected from the survey responses are quickly compiled into reports for school leaders. Principals can then use this information to help them identify emerging issues and plan for school improvement.

#### 5. What does my child need to do to participate in the survey?

The survey typically takes less than 30 minutes and is conducted entirely online through a secure website operated by the survey developers, *The Learning Bar*. Schools will make computers or laptops available so that students can complete the survey during school hours.

#### 6. Does my child have to participate?

No, participation in the survey is optional. Your child will not take part if either you or your child do not wish. If, during the survey, your child is uncomfortable, he/she can choose to stop the survey at any time. The majority of questions in the survey can be skipped. Parents/students have a right to apply for access to, and correction of, a student's information.

#### 7. Will the school be able to identify my child from their responses?

Staff in schools will not be able to identify individual students from their responses. To ensure confidentiality, participating students will receive a unique username and password. Where fewer than five students respond to a question, the results will not be made available.

A small number of staff in the department's Centre for Education Statistics and Evaluation (CESE) will have access to individual student responses for the purpose of state-wide

analysis. Individual students' data will be held on a secure server with access strictly limited to CESE researchers. The researchers are interested in trends only – not in individual student responses. No student will be identified in any publication. No school will be identified unless they have given permission.

#### 8. What sort of analysis will be done on the survey data?

Once the surveys are completed by students, reports are prepared and in most cases are available to schools within three business days. School leaders can use the data to better understand the experiences and views of students at their school. CESE will undertake state-wide analysis of the survey data in conjunction with existing student data held by the department, including performance data.

The results will help all schools better understand the relationship between wellbeing, engagement, effective teaching and student learning. Results from CESE's analysis of this data will also help teachers and principals discuss what works to improve student outcomes. This supports the department's continuing focus on quality teaching and leadership. The data will be retained for future analysis to help us better understand the nature of student engagement and wellbeing over time.

#### 9. Can all school students participate in the survey?

The primary school survey is designed for students in Years 4 to 6. Schools are encouraged to allow as many students as possible in these year groups to participate. Secondary schools are encouraged to allow as many students as possible in Years 7 to 12 to participate.

#### 10. When will the *Tell Them From Me* survey happen?

The surveys will be conducted in all participating schools at the end of Term 1 and (optionally) Term 3/4.



## What is CESE?

The Centre for Education Statistics and Evaluation (CESE) is part of the NSW Department of Education.

CESE has been established to improve the effectiveness, efficiency and accountability of education in New South Wales.

CESE will identify and share what works, creating new opportunities to improve teaching and learning across all of education.

**More information about CESE is available at: [www.cese.nsw.gov.au](http://www.cese.nsw.gov.au)**

## What is *The Learning Bar*?

*The Learning Bar* specialises in research-based design and facilitation of student assessments and survey solutions for both primary and secondary students. The in-house research team led by the President, Dr J Douglas Willms, undertakes extensive projects used in the school system to affect national policy. It is against this research that the survey, *Tell Them From Me*, has become the largest national school survey in Canada, used in nine of the ten provinces. Globally, more than 6,300 schools and 5.4 million students have participated in the survey over the last twelve years.

Dr Willms recently held the Tier 1 Canada Research Chair in Literacy and Human Development. He plays a lead role in the development of questions on student engagement for the OECD's Programme for International Student Assessment (PISA).

For purely administrative purposes, *The Learning Bar* will also have temporary access to identifiable student responses to the survey questions. Other than *The Learning Bar* and CESE researchers within the department, identifiable student responses will not be disclosed to any other person or body other than as required by law.

**More information about *The Learning Bar* is available at: [www.thelearningbar.com](http://www.thelearningbar.com)**

If you have any questions about the parent survey, please contact CESE via email: [TTFM@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:TTFM@det.nsw.edu.au) or by telephone: **1300 131 499**.