Welcome to 2015!

A big welcome to all members of the North Ryde school community - new and familiar. A special welcome to all the new students, including the many excited Kinders who started yesterday. I wish everyone many happy and rewarding years at North Ryde Public School.

We have had a wonderfully positive start to the year. Thank you parents, for ensuring that your children were so ready to start the 2015 school year. Thank you also to the fabulous parents who have already lent a hand – selling uniforms, supporting the carnival and providing an inviting morning tea to our Kinder parents.

The North Ryde community is warm and caring and always willing to support others, and support the school. We know that there will always be some generous volunteers to assist with events that children participate in throughout the year. Our P&C is seeking someone who would be willing to provide leadership to our volunteers – a P&C President. The P&C already has a strong support network and experienced committee members. Please consider taking on this valuable, rewarding role. (See P&C News)

Welcome Breakfast on Friday at 8.00am

I hope everyone will be able to join the P&C and staff at Friday morning’s Welcome Breakfast. This is an opportunity to get to know other members of our school community. See you there.

Erika Southam - Principal

A wonderful Swimming Carnival!

What a beautiful day we had for our Swimming Carnival last Thursday. We were so lucky. We were so proud of our students’ efforts and excellent behaviour. Thank you and congratulations to everyone who participated.

For a sports event of this scale there is a lot of preparation behind the scenes beforehand, as well as the coordination of the event on the day. Especially when it is the second day of the school year! On behalf of the whole school community, I would like to sincerely thank Miss Sue Chiddy, Miss Erika Longhitano and Mrs Janeen West for ensuring that everything ran so smoothly. I would also like to thank our terrific teachers, support staff and the many parent and grandparent volunteers, for all the help they provided throughout the day.

Zone Swimming Carnival

The Ryde PSSA Zone swimming carnival will be held at Ryde Aquatic Centre on Tuesday 10 March. Students who have qualified will be given a permission note soon.

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Term 1 Week 2  3 February 2015

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KM | Chloe McGregor | Luca Leabon
KR | Clementine Israel | Alexander Jenkins
KA | Mikaela Gavranic | Lachlan Sim
1C | Jade Henderson | Charlie Royson
1N | Sierra Humphries | Leo Kostava-Little
2B | Summer Valbuena | Toby Underwood
2W | Georgia Moscos | Cameron Pollard
2N | Eva Briggs | Taj Gow
3L | Breanna Harrison | Luke Roysen
3/4N | Sarah Whitfield | Lucas Groenestyn
4W | Heidi James | Martin Chen
5M | Lucia Israel | Cooper Valbuena
5/6C | Michaela Price | Jake Nguyen

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Coming events for Term 1

Week 2

Thu 5 February  
Dance2BeFit – Years K-4  
Whole school assembly – 2.20pm

Fri 6 February  
Welcome Breakfast hosted by P&C – 8.00am

Week 3

Tue 10 February  
Parent/Teacher evening for Kindergarten, Year 5 and Year 6 – 5.30-6.30pm  
P&C meeting – 7.00pm – staffroom

Thu 12 February  
Dance2BeFit – Years K-6

Fri 13 February  
Summer PSSA begins

Week 4

Mon 16 February  
Museum evening 5.15pm

Wed 18 February  
4.30-5.15 Parent/Teacher evening - Year 1&2  
5.15-6.15 Band Information Meeting  
6.15-7.00 Parent/Teacher evening - Year 3&4

Thu 19 February  
Dance2BeFit – Years K-4  
Whole school assembly – 2.20pm

Sat 21 February  
Council Bi-elections

Week 5

Mon 23 February  
Stage 3 Incursion – Tinkering with Electricity

Thu 26 February  
Dance2BeFit – Years K-6

Week 6

Tue 3 March  
Walk-a-thon

Wed 4 March  
Stage 3 Incursion – CARES Bike Safety

Thu 5 March  
Dance2BeFit – Years K-4  
Whole school assembly – 2.20pm

Week 7

Mon 9 March  
Stage 2 – Schoolhouse Museum visit

Tue 10 March  
Zone Swimming Carnival  
P&C meeting – 7.00pm – staffroom

Thu 12 March  
Selective High School placement test  
Dance2BeFit – Years K-6

Week 8

Wed 18 March  
Disco K-2 5.00-6.15pm/ 3-6 6.30-8.00pm

Thu 19 March  
Dance2BeFit – Years K-4  
Whole school assembly – 2.20pm

Fri 20 March  
National Day of Action – Say no to bullying

Week 9

Mon 23 March  
Young Leaders Day – Year 6 attend  
School Photos

Wed 25 March  
School Photos

Thu 26 March  
Dance2BeFit – Years K-6

Fri 27 March  
Schools Clean-up day

Sat 28 March  
State Election

Week 10

Thu 2 April  
Stage 3 – Schoolhouse Museum visit  
Dance2BeFit – Years K-4  
Whole school assembly – 2.20pm  
Last day of term

Staff news

Our school numbers have grown significantly this year. In 2015 we will have 13 classes, including 3 Kindergartens. There are just a few changes to school staff.

- A big welcome to Ms Kay Lewin who will be working in the front office every day and Mr Steve Avis who will be our new General Assistant on Mondays and Wednesdays.
- We welcome three of our regular casuals to their new roles at NRPS. Miss Alison Kelleard will work with Mrs Bridget Flynn on KR. Miss Lilly Hellier will be teaching 2N, until a permanent teacher is appointed for this new class position (probably in Term 2). Miss Anita Lee will be our EALD (previously known as ESL) teacher. She will support the students who are still learning English, 3 days per week.
- We continue to have a wonderful team of learning support officers, Mrs Melissa Speed, Mrs Robyn Chapman and Mrs Jenny Rubbo, who will initially work closely with our new Kinder students, and also support other students with specific needs.
- Our increase in numbers has brought positive news for our library. Ms Bowyer will now be our Teacher Librarian for 4 days per week.
- Miss Jess Fazl will be on 3/4N on Fridays. On the other days she will be teaching each class for an hour, as part of the teacher’s release from face-to-face teaching time (RFF). Her focus will be on developing well-being and resilience in our students, implementing a Personal Development program. This will strongly support our new 3-year Management Plan

We are beginning our year with a great leadership team – four Assistant Principals. They will provide valuable support to students, parents, staff and the principal.

- Ms Marina Mattiuzzo  
  Supervisor of Kindergarten and Stage 1 classes
- Mrs Angela Churchland  
  Supervisor of Stage 2 classes and Stage 3 classes
- Mrs Kate Bowyer  
  Management Plan Team Leader and Computer Coordinator
- Miss Sue Chiddy  
  Sport Coordinator and Supervisor of Student Leadership

Classes for 2015

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Other staff supporting your child’s learning:

- Ms Kate Bowyer  
  Teacher Librarian
- Miss Jessica Fazl  
  Personal Dev lessons for all classes
- Miss Anita Lee  
  Teacher supporting English learning
- Mrs Gail Morris  
  Learning and Support Teacher & Reading Recovery Teacher
- Mrs Di Cleary/Mr Colin Legg School Counsellor/s
- Mrs Jackie Forsyth  
  School Administration Manager
- Mrs Kay Lewin  
  School Administration Officer
- Mrs Melissa Speed  
  School Administration Officer & Learning Support Officer
- Mrs Robyn Chapman  
  Learning Support Officer
- Mrs Jenny Rubbo  
  Learning Support Officer
- Mr Steven Avis  
  General Assistant

If you ever have concerns about your child, please see your child’s teacher first. At times, it may be more appropriate to contact the stage supervisor (see above) or principal. Please don’t let your molehills become mountains.
Skoolbag messages – on your phone or by email
It is highly recommended that you install the Skoolbag app onto your phone or join the Skoolbag email list. It will ensure that you always have information about school events and access to a school calendar and the school newsletter.

- For the smartphone app search for ‘North Ryde Public School’ or
- To join the Skoolbag email list go the ‘Parents’ page of our website and click on ‘Skoolbag Communication Centre’. Click on ‘Subscribe for email’ (top righthand corner) and follow the prompts.

Parent –Teacher information evenings
We invite all parents to attend our parent information evenings. Meet your child’s teacher and find out about class routines, programs and teacher expectations. Please note that this is not time for an individual interview about your child.

- Kinder & Year 5-6 Tuesday 10 February at 5.30-6.30pm
- Year 1 & Year 2 - Wednesday 18 February at 4.30-5.15pm
- Year 3 & Year 4 - Wednesday 18 February at 6.15-7.00pm

Please note: We would prefer not to have children in the rooms. If you are unable to arrange an alternative you may bring your children to the COLA area beside the hall where they will be supervised. They will need to bring a quiet activity, e.g. toys, a board game or cards.

‘Parent As Tutors’ Reading Program 2015
For the last 8 years our school has run a very successful reading program supporting the needs of individual students. We would love to continue this worthwhile program in 2015 and are hoping to start as soon as possible.

We are looking for any parents/grandparents who can give their time to work with children on a one-to-one basis as a reading tutor. Time given by reading tutors can vary depending upon your availability. You can choose to attend 1 session a week or 2-3 sessions per week. Each session usually goes for 45 minutes.

Mrs Gail Morris (Learning and Support Teacher) is present at all of the morning sessions to assist you. A training session will be provided and you will get to see some of our current volunteers in action.

It would be wonderful if you could assist us this year by becoming (or continuing as) a reading tutor. A note requesting your support will be coming home soon. Please return it to the office. If you would like more information on how you can assist us with the Reading Tutor Program, please feel free to contact Mrs Morris. Thank you.

Mrs Gail Morris L&S Teacher

PSSA Sport
Information about PSSA Sport
Some districts and schools within NSW choose to offer some students the opportunity to play in the PSSA Friday sport competitions. We are lucky at North Ryde that we have a local PSSA competition. Miss Sue Chiddy represents our school at the regular committee meetings and coordinates our school’s participation.

We have dedicated staff who are willing to take on the extra responsibility of coaching a PSSA team and commit to the weekly coordination of transport and supervision. Please note that the number of Year 3-6 staff available to supervise determines the number of students that can be selected for PSSA teams.

Summer PSSA
For PSSA summer season we will be fielding representative teams in the following sports:
- Softball
- Tee-ball
- Cricket

Please understand that this is a representative position and places in these teams are limited and strongly contested. Students who are not placed in a team can be quite disappointed. Non-PSSA competitors will still be actively involved in a range of sporting activities at school.

Summer PSSA will commence on Friday 13 February. The bus fee continues to be $7 per week this year.

Ms Sue Chiddy – Sport Co-ordinator

Library News
“Let the wild rumpus start!”
Where the Wild Things Are (Maurice Sendak)

The wild rumpus of the NRPS library has begun for 2015 - a big welcome to our new students and their families and a big welcome back to all our other ‘wild things’!

Borrowing for students will commence in Week 3 (next week). Each class will visit the library for one hour each week on the following days:
- Monday – 2N, KM with Ms Bowyer
- Tuesday – 3L, 3/4N, 2B, 1N with Ms Bowyer
- Wednesday – 5M, KA, 4W with Ms Bowyer; 2W with Miss Kelleard
- Thursday – 1C, 5/6C with Ms Bowyer
- Friday – KR with Miss Kelleard

The library is also open during the first half of lunch on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays for borrowing, reading, gaming and just as a place for our kids to chat and beat the summer heat.

Students in Years K-4 must have a library bag to be able to borrow books. A cloth one is ideal but strong plastic bags (not ones used by supermarkets, please – they tear easily and don’t protect books very well) are also acceptable.

More information about literacy programs, the 2015 Premier’s Reading Challenge and other library events will be made available shortly.

Ms Kate Bowyer - Teacher-Librarian
P&C Committee News

On behalf of the parent body of North Ryde Public School, I would like to welcome everyone back from a safe and relaxing holiday with friends and family. For those families who are new to our school, a very big welcome and we look forward to meeting you all over the next few weeks at one of our up-coming events.

Some of you, we have already had the pleasure of chatting to at our “Tea and Tissues” morning yesterday. This event has always proven to be such a wonderful welcome and support to our new parents.

A very special thank you goes to Ms Mattiuzzo, Kate Royson, Jodie Hutchison, Susan Kemsley, Loine Barbalace, Rebecca Ebel, Steve Ross-Bryant, Suma Gurram, Aggie Thornton, Jo Dalziel, Michelle Henderson and Lorrie Mardone and their team of Year 1 parents, for baking and co-ordinating this lovely morning tea.

At North Ryde Public School, the P&C is a group of parents and teachers, who volunteer their time to meet on a monthly basis to discuss various aspects of the school community and activities. We assist in providing equipment and facilities to the school through our fundraising efforts, we also provide many services to the school including, Uniform Shop, Band, Book Club, Student Banking and Tennis Court Hire. All of these services are available to us through the dedication of our P&C volunteers. We work very closely with Mrs Southam and her Management Team to co-ordinate events that support our students in their learning and many sports activities.

As a member of the P&C Federation, our P&C Team at North Ryde provide “a forum in which parents can develop their partnership with the school, and articulate their aspirations for their children’s education.”

The P&C oversees various sub-committees that enhance and support our school. The committee members that have kindly volunteered their time for 2015 are as follows:

President - Kate Derbidge (relieving until February)
Vice Presidents - Marcus Moscos & Kat Israel
Secretary - Nicole Starling
Treasurer - Steve Howison
Fundraising - Vacant
Uniform Co-ordinator - Trish Cleary & Emma Underwood
Band Co-ordinator - Alanna Hector
Public Relations - Lisa Thompson & Shari Sun
Communication Officer – Michelle Bellamy
Tennis Court Hire - Lynne-Marie Bowen

Our 2015 P&C team are also supported by a dedicated team of parents who help out in our Uniform Shop and our Band Committee and our team of Class Parents.

You will find out more about the role of our Class Parents at the Information Evenings that will be held in the next couple of weeks but a brief outline is shown below.

Class Parents – 2015

Each year, the P&C and the school ask one parent to volunteer on behalf of their child’s class, to be the class parent. The class parent provides assistance to the teacher and the P&C team to distribute the occasional email or communication to all parents within the class.

As the class parent:

- You will hold the confidential contact details of the parents of your child’s class.
- All communication will be either in person, by phone or by email (BCC – blind copies would be used to ensure security of personal information.)
- You will be the contact person for the class teacher. If the teacher needs helpers or some task done, you will contact your group of parents, seeking volunteers to assist.
- You will also be the contact person for the school’s parent body, the P&C. If the P&C require requires helpers or assistance for a social or fundraising event, you will be asked to email your class of parents to all for volunteers. eg, if the P&C needs help with events such as, the Walk-a-thon, Mother’s Day stall, Garden working bee, disco evening, etc.

Being involved with the P&C is a great way to meet other parents and it is where some life-long friendships are formed.

Positions Vacant for P&C Team – 2015

Calling all parents – We are still looking for a couple of parents to volunteer as our Fundraising Co-ordinators and one parent to volunteer as our P&C President.

Please consider how you might be able to assist us as the role of the P&C is extremely important in the life of our school community. Plenty of assistance and support will be provided in this role.

If you have any questions or are interested in sharing one of these roles with someone, please contact either Kate Derbidge or Erika Southam, or come and speak to one of the people on the P&C.


Scholastic Book Club

This week your child will bring home a brochure from Scholastic Bookclub. Bookclub is a great way to get reasonably priced books for your child and support your school. It also always has clearly marked books that are part of the Premier’s Reading Challenge and all brochures are age appropriate. You must order before or on the due date which is clearly marked on the order form of your brochure. Please ensure to order on time.

You can order in a couple of ways. Online through “The Loop” or send in to school in a clearly marked envelope with payment. If you order online please do not send order through to school (it does tell you this as you order). If you order via “The Loop” there is only one form of payment (credit card). However, if you choose to send through to school, you can pay by cash, credit or cheque. Sue Goggins is our Volunteer Co-ordinator for BookClub and is happy to answer any questions you may have. She can be contacted on Mobile: 0422 352 062.

Sue Goggins – Book Club Coordinator
Uniform Shop News

Uniform Shop Opening Hours - 2015
The Uniform Shop will be changing their opening hours due to parent feedback and the availability of our new team of volunteers.

The school website has the 2015 Order Form. We also encourage parents to use the option of email ordering and payment via EFT/Direct Bank Transfer. This is the easiest and quickest way to get your order!

Hats – 53cm and 55cm
We have just signed off on the artwork for the new hats and we should receive our stock by the end of Week 2 or the start of Week 3. For those parents who are waiting on a hat, please drop by the Uniform Shop on Friday to see if they have arrived.

Please note that hats are now $12.00

If you are waiting to purchase your school hat or you have ordered a hat and are waiting for it to arrive, students must bring an alternative sun safe hat to wear during recess and lunch time.

2015 – Year 3 Students Sport Shirts

Has your child started in Year 3, 4, 5 or 6 this year? If so, they will now be required to wear the sports shirt on Fridays. We have plenty in stock, so drop into see us and pick up a top now so that you can name it before the sport begins. The students get very excited about wearing the sport top at the start of the year.

A very big thank you to Tania Thomson, Rosemary Howells and Kate Derbidge for spending a couple of afternoons up at the Uniform Shop during the holidays to do a complete stocktake of all our uniforms. Another very big thank you to Rosemary Howells, and the Derbidge Family, who constructed all the new shelving units for the Uniform Shop storeroom out the back.

I’m sure you all appreciated having the Uniform Shop open on Tuesday of last week. The Uniform Shop is usually open twice a week but our uniform volunteers make themselves available for this special open time at the start of Term 1 only. This enables parents to purchase those last minute uniform items in preparation for our first day of the new school year. We would sincerely like to thank Kate Royson, Natalie Wren, Samantha Culham, Tania Thomson, Rosemary Howells and Kate Derbidge for the extra time they took out of their holidays to ensure that all paid uniforms were packed and ready for collection and for making it possible for parents to pick up any last minute items before the start of term. It would appear that this time is greatly appreciated by parents as there was a continuous flow of customers during the afternoon.

The Uniform Shop will have regular information in the school newsletter, so keep an eye out for the Uniform Shop News.

Trish Cleary and Emma Underwood – Uniform Shop Coordinators

Canteen News

Canteen manager
We welcome the new Canteen Manager, Mrs Carol Briggs. She will be serving from 8.40am every morning.

Canteen menu
A copy of Term 1 2015 is on the back page of this newsletter. It can also be found on the school website and on Skoolbag.

School24 Canteen Accounts
The online canteen will be up and running from this week. Please read the below for some important changes regarding the School24 system.

Account top-ups
A reminder that the bank account used for School24 online top-ups has now changed. This has changed from the P&C bank account to the Lion Catering Group. The new account details are:

Bank: NAB
Account Name: No Ceilings Pty Ltd
Account Number: 149396592
BSB: 082286

If you top up your account using a Direct Bank Transfer, please allow 2 – 3 working days for the funds to clear and your account to be topped up.

Note that Credit Card and PayPal payments are now available for account top-ups. This means that you no longer have to wait for a top-up to be approved before placing your order.

School24 Membership Fees
As mentioned last year, the P&C will no longer be subsidising the Family Membership Fee each term. When parents log into the system now, they will have an option to select a payment plan.

- Pay As You Go Plan: Parents will pay $0.25 for each order placed online.
- Unlimited Plan: $2.20 per family per quarter paid in advance for the year. This plan is suited for parents with more than one child at the school or for those that use the online canteen regularly.

If you have insufficient funds in your account, there is an option to pay using Credit Card or Paypal. This will mean you don’t have to wait for your account to be topped up.

Student Classes – Parents, please update your child’s class
To ensure that all lunch orders are delivered to the correct class, please help to change your child’s class details from the Home Page. To do this, click on ‘Setup Students’. Then under the menu, ‘My Students’, click on ‘Edit’ or ‘Remove’ to change the class for each child. On the right-hand side, you will have the option to change the class. Click on the drop down list to select the new class.

Please ensure this change is made before you place any online orders.

New Cut-off times
Please note that the new cut-off time to place orders is 9.00pm the day before. You will not be able to place orders for the following day, after this cut-off time.
Band News

Exciting news
Due to the positive enrolment numbers for our 2015 Band Program, this year there will be three school bands! The names of each band are still to be confirmed. Student will find out this week which band they will be in.

- Band 1 (most capable students)
- Band 2 (students with some band experience)
- Band 3 (new band students)

Term 1 Rehearsal Start dates

- Band 1 – Mondays 8.00-9.00am (starting 16 February)
- Band 2 – Tuesdays 3.10-4.10pm (starting 17 February)
- Band 3 – Tuesdays 8.00-9.00am (starting later when ready)

Students are expected to be in the hall by 7.50am or 3.00pm for set-up and roll call.

Instrument Lessons
All instrument lessons will commence next Friday 13 February. All lessons will be between 8.00-10.30am on Fridays to reduce impact on our school activities.

On lesson days instruments should be stored safely inside the classroom or in the staffroom – not outside.

Instrument Servicing
A very big thank you to Tania Thomson, Imelda Crimmins and Kate Derbidge for delivering and collecting our band instruments for servicing during the holidays. We are looking forward to distributing most instruments to parents at the Band Information Evening.

Band Information Evening for parent of all band students
There will be a Band Information Evening for new Training Band and Concert Band members on Wednesday 18 February 2015 from 5.15-6.15pm in the school hall. Please be punctual as there is a lot of information to tell you about this year’s program. This will also provide an opportunity to ask questions.

In the meantime, further information about the band program, including costs, can be accessed from the KMA enrolment website or you can read through the 2014 Band Information Booklet (soon to be updated) at https://www.sites.google.com/site/nrpspc/band/band-booklet

Should you have any further questions, please email northrydepsband@gmail.com

School Tennis Courts
These are available for regular or casual hire. Please contact Lynne-Marie Bowen. She also coordinate the hiring of our sports court.

Welcome breakfast

Welcome 2015 NRPS families!
Whether you are new to the school, or an old hand, you are invited to come welcome in the new school year.

When: Friday 6 February
Time: 8.00am – 8.50am
Where: COLA area

This is a great opportunity to catch up with old friends and make new ones, not to mention having a great start to your Friday with some yummy breakfast treats!!!
We would love to see you all there.

Thank in advance for all the lovely helpers so far and please feel free to lend a hand on the day if you can. If you need any further information or would like to assist please feel free to contact Daniela 0417 331 889 or dani.raz@optusnet.com.au

P&C Sponsors / Fundraising Links

Donations are rolling in every month from our local Ritchies IGA Store in North Ryde. In the last 2 years, Ritchies IGA in North Ryde has donated $2,414.60 to our School P&C, all due to our parents and School Community who show their Ritchies Community Benefit Card every time they shop. Don’t forget to show your Community Benefits Card when you shop during the school holidays and if you need a new card, please see the staff at the front desk and nominate North Ryde Public School as your preferred beneficiary.

The P&C thank you all for your support through these connections with our local businesses.
The Athletes Foot
The Athletes Foot at Macquarie Centre and Top Ryde, continue to support our school each year. Any shoes purchased by any member of the family at any time of the year can help – The Athletes Foot donates $5 to the school for every pair of shoes purchased by NRPS families. (Remember: - The Athletes Foot also sell Clarks Shoes)

Accidents do happen – please bring spare clothes
Please ensure that your child has a spare pair of undies and socks in their school bag. ‘Accidents’ happen, and especially for younger children. If your child can put on their own clean clothes, it can make the situation a little easier to fix.

Lost property
Please label all your child’s belongings clearly with their first and last name. Also please regularly check your child’s belongings to ensure that they are labelled and that do not belong to someone else. The lost property basket in the school foyer is checked regularly and labelled belongings are returned.

Allergy alert
We are an “allergy aware” school and staff is trained to deal with allergic reactions. We currently have several students at our school who have allergies. Some of these students can have serious, even life-threatening, reactions. We strongly request that you do not provide your child with nut-based foods, especially peanut butter. We also ask that you explain to your child that they must not share food at school.

Student emergency plans or health plans for 2015
If your child has an allergy or requires medication, such as asthma puffers or antihistamines, you must supply the school with a current health plan. Please ensure that the medication, epipens, puffers, etc, held by the office are fresh and not out of date. Thank you.
Schoolhouse Museum News
At School At War
To mark the Anzac Centenary we have a new program that targets Years 3-6 students called At School At War. Students will take on the role of 1915 school pupils and undertake a range of activities that contributed to the war effort at home. They will also do Junior Cadet training compulsory in all Australian schools from 1911-1929. Program overview: http://www.schoolhousemuseum.org.au/school-war/, NSW school children’s contribution to WW1: http://www.schoolhousemuseum.org.au/nsw-schools-anzacs/

The new program is extremely popular with schools and NRPS students will be doing it as part of the 1897 students that have filled our Term 1 bookings.

School safety - IMPORTANT INFORMATION
We all care about our children. To ensure the safety of our precious young people, we ask that all parents and carers be good role models when in and around our school grounds, especially near carparks. Please reinforce the guidelines and rules below with your child/ren.

Pedestrians
- Cox’s Road must be crossed at the designated crossings/lights and all young children must hold an adult’s hand
- All pedestrians and students are to enter and leave the school via pedestrian gates – NOT VIA VEHICULAR DRIVEWAYS
- Within a carpark, all young children must hold an adult’s hand

Carparks
- Drivers please watch carefully for any pedestrians, especially when crossing the footpath
- Both carparks have designated drop-off/pick-up zones which must not be blocked
- The carpark in front of the hall:
  - is for pick up and drop off only, maximum stay 15 minutes
  - has a disabled space for its specific use only
  - has designated car spaces for Expore and Develop Childcare Centre which are not to be used by school parents.
    (Please respect this request. It is part of the Childcare Centre’s lease agreement with the school.)
- Our carparks can become very busy and slow. Please remain calm and polite at all times. Little people have big ears!
- Please report any witnessed offences to the office

Bicycles and scooters
- No unsupervised child is allowed to ride a bike to and from school under the age of 10
- All children must wear helmets when riding bikes or scooters - particularly to and from school - whether it is hot or not
- Bikes or scooters should be walked across roads
- Bikes or scooters must be walked within the school grounds

Printable 2015 homework calendars
Kids and families run more smoothly when there's a plan - so print out School A to Z’s 2015 homework and study calendar, which includes key dates and school holidays. Find out more at http://bit.ly/2015SchoolCalendar.

Term 1 school invoices
Invoices for this term will be sent home soon. Your prompt payment is greatly appreciated.

Grounds levy
When you receive your school invoice this week, you will notice that there is a P&C Grounds Levy per family. As we have such large grounds in relation to the number of children at our school, the Education Department funding is not sufficient to keep and maintain our magnificent space.

The Grounds Levy helps us to give the children access to our whole facility. Through the year one of the major expenses relates to the maintenance of our trees to ensure that the grounds are safe. We thank you for making this voluntary contribution.

Have any of your details changed?
Please contact the office ASAP if you have changed your address, phone number or emergency contact details. You can also update you details using the Skoolbag app. See parent eForms.
School Newsletter  Term 1  Week 2

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Community news

BLAST kids club

FIFTY SEVEN

TENNIS WORLD NORTH RYDE
TERM 1 LESSONS

COME AND TRY RUGBY LEAGUE DAY

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ONLINE Registrations for weekend WINTER SOCCER
NOW OPEN

Boys and Girls Welcome!
ALL AGES CATERED FOR starting from Under 6’s:
Mixed League Competition - play Saturday
Girls League “PINK Panthers” - play Sunday

SPECIAL OFFER 2015:
ALL PLAYERS – 10% discount if paid on or before 22.2.15
FREE SOCCER BALL with each Junior/MiniRoo Registration

REGISTRATION INFORMATION DAYS:
* Information – Top Ryde SCentre – 7th Feb 2015 – 10-2pm
* Registration FAMILY FUN DAY – ALL WELCOME
RCSC/ELS Hall Park, Kent Rd
8th Feb 2015 - 10-4pm
Wherever possible, friends are placed in the same team.

For more information:
Scan the QR code on the left to take you to the website
secretary@rydepanters.com - Kim Clifton - # 4041 733 760

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Lessons are also available at your school!
## North Ryde Public School
### Canteen Menu

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<td>Ham, Cheese &amp; Tomato (Toasted)</td>
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<td>Salad Sandwich (lettuce, cheese, tomato, carrot)</td>
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### SALADS
- Caesar Salad                                  | $4.00 |
- Garden Salad                                   | $3.50 |
- Greek Salad                                    | $4.00 |
- Add Chicken, Ham or Tuna                       | $1.00 |

### HOT FOOD
- Stone Baked Pizza (Hawaiian, Cheese or Supreme) | $3.00 |
- Macaroni Cheese (H)                            | $3.50 |
- Beef Lasagne                                   | $3.50 |
- Beef Pie (H)                                   | $3.20 |
- Sausage Roll (H)                               | $3.20 |
- Pizza Roundas                                  | $2.50 |

### CHICKEN
- 6 Pack Chicken Nuggets with Sauce (H)          | $3.50 |
- Sweet Chilli Chicken Tender Strips (H)         | $3.00 |
- Cup a Noodles - Orientals or Chicken           | $2.50 |

### BURGERS
- Crumbed Chicken Burger with mayo and lettuce   | $4.00 |
- Beef Burger with lettuce and tomato            | $4.00 |
- Cheeseburger                                   | $4.50 |
- Beef Nachos                                    | $3.00 |
- Hot Dog (Chicken) with Tomato Sauce/Mustard (H, GF) | $3.50 |
- Peel Top Portion Sauces                        | $0.20 |

### DAILY MEAL DEALS - with COOKIE AND WATER 600ml

**MONDAY**
- Crumbed Chicken Burger (Mayo/lettuce) $6.00

**TUESDAY**
- Cheeseburger $6.00

**WEDNESDAY**
- Sushi Roll 100g (Vegetarian/Chicken/Tuna) $6.00

**THURSDAY**
- Fried Rice (GF) $6.00

**FRIDAY**
- Baked Fish Fillet with Wedges & Tartare Sauce $6.00

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**Healthy Choice**  **Balanced Choice**  **Occasional**

(V) VEGETARIAN  (H) HALAL  (GF) GLUTEN FREE  27/01/2015

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Welcome Kindergarten 2015!