

What's on?

DECEMBER

- 11 Scripture Assembly
- 11 Thank You Morning Tea
- 12 Year 6 Raging Waters
- 12 Years 3-5 Surf Education
- 12 Stage 1 Hall Party Day
- 13 Kindergarten Graduation Assembly
- 16 Year 6 Farewell Dinner
- 17 Presentation Day
- 18 Students Last Day

JANUARY 2020

- 29 Students Return for 2020
- 30 Swimming Carnival

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Kindergarten 2020:

To ensure a smooth transition for Kindergarten students coming to Putney in 2020, we have timetabled visits to local preschools in addition to the two Kindergarten Orientation Days. These visits have enabled our staff to observe and talk to the children in their familiar environment and provided us with a wonderful opportunity to make valuable connections with the preschools. We have discussed the school readiness programs that have been implemented and explained Best Start and how this data is used. The exchange of information has been most beneficial and we would like to continue the partnerships established next year.

High School Transition:

The process of transition to high school began in Term 3 with our staff meeting with Year Coordinators and Deputy Principals of local high schools to discuss the learning needs of our students. Ongoing connections between primary and high schools are being encouraged in the Ryde network. It is important to further build connections to enhance student outcomes and engagement for our Stage 3 students.

Transition from Year 2 to Year 3:

Parents have asked for the Transition Information Session to once again be scheduled in the school calendar. The session will be held on the 10th December from 3:30-4:00pm in 4SK classroom. Thank you to Mrs St Flour for coordinating this session.

Class Composition 2020:

As planning for 2020 is well underway, it will be very likely that our class structure may include composite or multi-age classes, as was the situation this year. Multi-age classes are made up of students drawn from different year levels. They may be established at schools because of the uneven pattern of enrolment or because staff deem the composite structure to be optimal for student learning.

Some parents are concerned that if their child is placed in a composite that he/she may not be able to keep pace with the work; will have fewer friendships; that younger children will be overlooked or that older children will not be sufficiently challenged; that children with learning difficulties will suffer more anxiety; or that the curriculum for each year level will be inadequately covered.

Hattie's (2003) synthesis of research states that there is no discernible difference between composite and straight grade classrooms in terms of academic performance. Teacher quality is the greatest influence on student achievement. Teachers no matter what their class structure need to cater for individual learning needs. Classes that are not composite often have a wider range of learning needs.

Composite classes can be a very positive experience and benefits relating to student independence, responsibility and study habits are often highlighted. For example, younger children within a composite grade generally aspire to emulate older children in their work, and older children enjoy leadership and mentoring opportunities that lift their self-esteem.



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Parry the Panda

Therefore the findings are that no particular structure favours academic performance. The quality of teaching, combined with student interest and engagement, are considered more important to academic performance than class structure.

Student Reports:

Teachers are busy writing and finalising student reports to be distributed on Tuesday 17th December. It is always a good opportunity for students to reflect on their learning. Have a conversation with your child about their learning and their goals or aspirations for the year ahead.

Presentation Day:

We look forward to celebrating student achievements at our Presentation Day on 17th December at Riverside Girls' High School. Parents of students receiving awards have been sent an email notification and have been asked to RSVP the office by email as soon as possible. The Riverside Principal has asked that cars are parked on the street and not in the carpark.

ICAS Awards:

Congratulations to the students who were awarded High Distinction, Distinction and Credits in the ICAS Competition. Thank you to Mr Fung for coordinating our school's participation in the competitions.

Athlete's Foot Back to School Shoe Deal:

Don't forget if buying school shoes at Athlete's Foot Top Ryde to mention Putney PS as we receive \$5 for every pair of shoes sold. Thanks Robyn McLean for liaising with Athlete's Foot to ensure this was reintroduced in time for our Kindergarten Orientation last week. Pamphlets explaining the deal were distributed to students last week.

Healthy Harold Hyundai Fundraiser:

Thank you to the parents and community who have supported our school through this fundraiser.

Maintenance Update:

I can see light at the end of the tunnel or should I say corridor. All interiors and demountables have been painted. Cabinetry has been installed and waiting for sinks to be operational. The next stage of roofing will be the Kindergarten block.

Art Competition Winner:

Congratulations Alexandra R from 5F for being selected from over 150 entries in the **Public Education Foundation Christmas and Thank You Card Design Competition**. Alexandra's design of Colourful Snowman will be used this year on the Foundation's Christmas Cards. Alexandra will receive 25 cards and the school will also receive some to distribute.



Thank you to Mrs Fowler for coordinating the entries into this and other design / art competitions which provide an authentic opportunity for students who have a passion for art and design to be recognised in the wider community.

Don't forget to get your entries into the P & C Class Art Raffle. Every day I hear students proudly show their parents or carers the amazing art that their class has completed. I'm actually quite jealous as I was thinking that the art would look great displayed on our newly painted walls.

Braille Award:

It was a proud moment attending the 2019 Braille Competition Award Evening to witness Sora W receive two awards.

Sora is very fortunate to have two dedicated teachers Mrs Logan and Mrs Robertson. They have worked tirelessly in collaboration with Miss Cullen and Sora's previous teachers to ensure Sora has every opportunity to achieve academic success.

Chess Competition:

Yesterday I attended the **Invitational Chess Challenge** at Holy Cross College Ryde. Putney entered 5 teams of three students from Year 2 to Year 6. Thanks again to parents for helping with transport to and from the event.

Team A

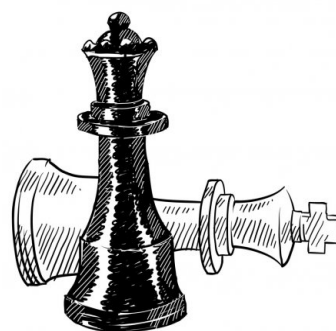
Brodie D
Jasper A
Josh O

Team B

Mitchell B
Luca D
Asher R

Team C

Daniel C
Radin H
Andrew E



Team D

Blake R
Callum M
Dimitri D

Team E

Riley C
Hayden R
Marlon B



Social Inclusion Day:

Last Thursday I had the privilege to escape the office and accompany a group of five students to the **Ryde Council Social Inclusion Sports Day** at the YMCA Indoor Sports Centre. Unfortunately the council neglected to inform the school or the centre about the day being cancelled!

Fortunately, Mr Ben Stevanovic and Mrs Tracey Duncan were with us and they took the students and parents through some soccer and basketball drills. We certainly earned the lemonade ice block at the end of our sports day!

A big thank you to the parents and of course Mr Ben and Mrs Tracey for helping us use the indoor space to our advantage so our students weren't too disappointed!



Ms Cimen's Retirement:

Ms Cimen has announced her retirement from full time permanent teaching at the end of 2019. The Putney community, especially the students and staff, will be sad to see her retire. I would like to wish Ms Cimen well in the next chapter of her life, a sentiment I'm sure held by the school community.

A school assembly will be held on the 16th December under the COLA and all are welcome to attend.

M. Brooks
Relieving Principal

Learning and Support:

Our Learning Support Team (LST) has been updating our Guidelines including LST Practices and Procedures that we will share with parents in 2020.

Our ethos for our school LST team is

Celebrate Difference to make a Difference.



STUDENT WORK SAMPLE



Ben teaches me soccer and basketball. I played with Sora, Nick and Luci.

Andreas D

When we went to North Ryde we played lots of sports. We played soccer and some basketball. There was going to be kids from a different school but there wasn't. Then we had an iceblock and some milo. It was so much fun.

Ollie C

TOP NOTE MUSIC 9807 1272 | 0404 871 272



In Term 1, 2020, we will continue to provide electronic keyboard organ / piano lessons at your school.

Students would be taught by Mrs Chiara who has been teaching group keyboard lessons for over 20 years for Top Note Music School.

Tuition is \$20.00 for a 45minute lesson per week. Family discounts for siblings are available.

To express your interest in providing this program, fill in the form, and return to your school or email at topnotemusicschool@gmail.com Friday 29th November, 2019.

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MUSIC LESSONS



Yes, I'm interested in my child in learning to play the piano/keyboard with Top Note Music School.

Child's Name Class.....
School.....

We have our own instrument Piano ☐ Elec. Organ/Keyboard ☐ None ☐

Parental Approval..... ☎ Contact Phone No.....



Stage One Incursion

On Friday 29th November, Stage One participated in hands on science investigations in the hall. Fizzics Education provided the students with explanations and experiments that involved the effects of friction and push and pull forces. Students were able to experiment themselves with a number of different science concepts, using materials such as magnets, skateboards, rockets, marbles, wheels, elastics and blocks. It was a very informative presentation and students learnt why things move and the effects of forces and friction on objects.





The 3rd December was the International Day of People with Disability. Kurt Fearnley is the patron for 2019.

Kurt Fearnley has won three Paralympic gold medals, two Commonwealth Games gold medals, and more than 40 marathons, including the New York, Chicago and London marathons.

In his role as 2019 patron, Kurt Fearnley hopes to encourage Australians to take concrete action, to help make change in the lives of people with disability.

Kurt believes that “People with disability are entitled to the same respect, independence and choice as others. We need to talk honestly about the barriers in society that prevent this and work together to break them down.”



Kurt Fearnley is indeed an inspirational Australian.



ICAS

The ICAS tests run by UNSW Global are designed to identify and celebrate academic excellence. As such the tests are intended to be quite difficult. Well done to all students who attempted these assessments. Special mention to our Year 6 participants, on average, outperformed the rest of Australia on all four tests. We would particularly like to congratulate the following students on their achievements:

Writing

Credit - Jade B, Alexander C, Kyan G, Hannah H, Samuel S, Amelia G, Alexa P, Harry S, Louisa J, Alanah S, Joshua O, Eliza J, Oliver K

Distinction - Genevieve D, Protiti K, Annika L

High Distinction - Ella G

Spelling

Credit - Alexander C, Quinton C, Annika L, Alexa P, Eryn K, Louisa J, Jordan P, Alanah S, Jasper L, Jet F, Isla A

Distinction - Rahul B, Hugo H, Kyan G, Joshua A, Amy B, Amelia G, Protiti K, Isaac C, Ella G

High Distinction - Jasper L, Joshua O

English

Credit - Rahul B, Genevieve D, Cailyn W, Josephina T, Amelia G, Ingrid J, Alexa P, Isaac C, Louisa J, Ella G, Alanah S, Eliza J

Distinction - Catherine D, Jet F, Oliver K

High Distinction - Tahlia H, Joshua O

Mathematics

Credit - Hugo H, Billy G, Oliver H, Chantal L, Ingrid J, Protiti K, Annika L, Mitchell S, Eryn K, Luca K, Thomas T, Mitchell B, Louisa J, Thomas G, George P, Ella G, Alanah S, Jasper L, Micah H, Oliver K

Distinction - Genevieve D, Kyan G, Isaac C, Lucas B, Catherine D, Logan W, Joshua O

High Distinction - Joshua O, Jet F

N. Fung

ICAS Coordinator

Around the Grounds

Congratulations to the Junior Cricket team and coach Mrs Hedge for being the only Putney team who made it through to the Summer PSSA semi finals last week. Putney Junior Boys played Hunters Hill in an entertaining match but unfortunately Hunters Hill won with the score 117- 79.

Thank you to all PSSA coaches who have taken sports teams this year and for our parent support throughout the year.

L. Hedge

Cricket Coordinator





A Roomful of Stories at Ryde Library

January School Holiday
Program 2020



The Magic Jester

Prepare to be amazed! The Magic Jester brings wonder and joy in his incredible show, with magic, comedy and juggling.

When: Monday 20 January

Where: Ryde Civic Hall

Time: 11.00am – 12noon

Age: 5 yrs+

Cost: \$10.00. Bookings essential.

Teonimation: Animation Workshop for Kids

Learn the art of making stop motion movies and create cool characters. Lights! Camera! Action!

When: Monday 12 January

Where: West Ryde Library

Time: 1.30 – 3.00pm

Age: 8 years+

Cost: \$25.00. Bookings essential.

Under the Sea

Make your own under the sea adventure 3D book.

When: Wednesday 8 January

Where: Eastwood Library

When: Wednesday 15 January

Where: Gladesville Library

When: Wednesday 15 January

Where: West Ryde Library

When: Wednesday 22 January

Where: North Ryde Library

Time: 11.00am – 12noon

Age: 5 years+

Cost: \$5.00. Bookings essential.

Capture your Dreams Workshop

Create and decorate your own dreamcatchers to make all your dreams come true.

When: Wednesday 8 January

Where: Ryde Library

When: Thursday 9 January

Where: North Ryde Library

When: Tuesday 14 January

Where: West Ryde Library

When: Thursday 16 January

Where: Eastwood Library

When: Tuesday 21 January

Where: Gladesville Library

Time: 11.00am – 12noon

Age: 5 years+

Cost: \$5.00. Bookings essential.

Cubetto Robotics Workshop

Learn how to code and take Cubetto on amazing adventures.

When: Wednesday 8 January

Where: Ryde Library

When: Thursday 16 January

Where: Gladesville Library

Time: 3.00 – 4.00pm

Age: 5 – 7 years

Cost: \$10.00. Bookings essential.

Meet Edison Robotics Workshop

Discover the world of robotics, and learn how to code them with fun educational activities and games.

When: Tuesday 14 January

Where: West Ryde Library

When: Monday 20 January

Where: Ryde Library

Time: 2.30 – 4.00pm

Age: 8yrs+

Cost: \$10.00. Bookings essential.

K'Nex Engineering Workshop

Create amazing machines and work together to build impressive mechanical structures.

When: Wednesday 15 January

Where: Eastwood Library

When: Wednesday 22 January

Where: North Ryde Library

Time: 3.00 – 4.00pm

Age: 7yrs+

Cost: \$5.00. Bookings essential.

Outdoor Stories and Songs

Join us for a fun-filled award winning session with songs, stories and more!

When: Friday 17 January

Where: The Piazza Dining,
Top Ryde City Shopping Centre

Time: 10.30am – 11.00am

Age: ALL AGES

Cost: FREE. No Bookings required.
Bring your hat and sunscreen.

School Holiday Rhymetime

When: Friday 10 January

Where: Gladesville Library

When: Tuesday 14 January

Where: North Ryde Library

When: Friday 17 January

Where: Gladesville Library

When: Tuesday 21 January

Where: North Ryde Library

When: Friday 24 January

Where: Gladesville Library

Time: 10.30 – 11.00am

Age: 0 – 2yrs

Cost: FREE. No Bookings required.

School Holiday Storytime

When: Tuesday 21 January

Where: Eastwood Library

Time: 11.00am – 12noon

Age: 2 – 5yrs

Cost: FREE. No Bookings required.



City of Ryde

FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO BOOK:

Online cityofryde.eventbrite.com.au Phone 9952 8352 Visit Any Ryde Library branch

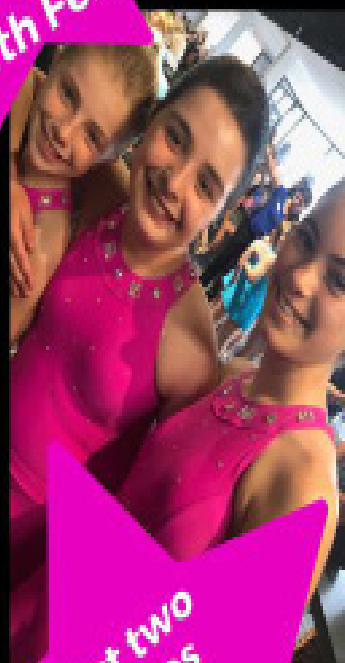
JOIN US IN 2020!

What is Physie?

- Physie is an affordable, low impact dance sport for girls aged 3+ right through to ladies, starting from \$5 per lesson
- It increases- posture and core strength - balance and flexibility- grace and coordination
- A combination of aerobic exercise and dance, physie provides opportunities to work individually and as part of a team, while making lifelong friends
- Building resilience, self confidence and empowering young girls and women of all abilities.

★ **PUTNEY
PHYSIE**

Classes
start
11th Feb!



First two
classes
free for
new
members

Class Times - Tuesdays*

St Chads

3-4 Years 350-415pm

5-8 Years 415-515pm

9-12 Years 515-615pm

**Putney
Primary**

13-16 Years 630-715pm

Seniors 715-820pm

Ladies 830-945pm

* Extra Saturday Classes from Term 2



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EPphysie



Are you preparing your child for success in the 'Asian Century' by learning Chinese? Facts: **Mandarin Chinese is the world's most spoken language** with 1 in every 5 people in the world speaking it, and the second most spoken language in Australia; in NSW primary schools, Chinese is the most popular LOTE program; China is Australia's largest trading partner; and **learning Chinese enhances cognitive capabilities by using both sides of the brain** (whilst most other languages including English, French, Spanish etc only use the left side of the brain)!

ChiFUNese is the leading provider of Chinese language education at 60+ schools and early learning centres around Sydney. Our students feel happy and inspired to learn because it's fun and easy!

Classes at Putney P.S. are held on **Tue 3.25-4.25pm**. To enrol, please go to www.chifunese.com/enrol/. Get a **\$100 discount** for the ChiFUNese Mandarin classes by applying for a **Creative Kids voucher** at <https://www.service.nsw.gov.au/transaction/apply-creative-kids-voucher> and email the voucher details to admin@chifunese.com to redeem.

The ChiFUNese difference:

- **Fun, multi-sensory learning** through games and hands-on activities;
- **Clever mnemonics** for remembering pronunciation and characters;
- **Small classes** for maximum engagement and participation;
- **Cultural enrichment** through Chinese festival celebrations;
- **Multimedia online learning** for additional practice at home;
- **Support and feedback to parents** including student reports;
- **Team of professional teachers** who are experienced and passionate.



Fun games



Arts and crafts



Cultural activities

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Carols on the Common

The 27th Carols on the Common – Carols in North Ryde

Join us for a local event at Sydney's second largest Christmas Carols in the heart of Ryde.

The 27th annual Carols on the Common kicks off on SUNDAY 15 DECEMBER at 5:30 pm with live entertainment and Carols begin at 8 pm. The night ends with a firework display at 9:15 pm.

Don't forget to bring a picnic blanket and some nibbles. Food will also be sold by a range of vendors on the night. Rides and other amusements will be available from 5:00 pm onwards. It's best to bring cash, as cards may not always be accepted.

Visitors are asked to bring a reusable water bottle and to take their rubbish home at the end of the night. Water refill stations will be located around the event as there will be no bottled water sold.

Money raised on the night goes to worthy causes such as ROMAC (Rotary Oceania Medical Aid for Children)- an organisation bringing sick and ill children from nations all over the world for life changing surgery in Australia. This year's Carols on the Common will feature a moment of silence and bucket collection for the victims.

--- Getting there ---

Rotary Carols on the Common is held at the North Ryde Common (Cnr Twin Rd and Wicks Rd, North Ryde). Parking is available on-site and in surrounding streets. Amenities such as food, drinks and bathrooms are all located on-site.

Parking is available on-site for a small donation. Be sure to get there early, as this usually fills by 6 pm. Entry to parking is via Wicks Rd. Additional parking is available in the neighbouring streets.

More information : <http://www.carolsonthecommon.org.au/>

Facebook Event : <https://www.facebook.com/events/194275988193771>

Rotary Carols on the Common

Carols, Fireworks, Rides Entertainment, Food

Join us for a family-friendly night of carols in the heart of Ryde. Kicking off at 5:30pm and running through the night is live entertainment, followed by the acclaimed Carols performance and awe-inspiring firework display. Dozens of rides and food trucks operate throughout the night, and proceeds go to worth causes such as ROMAC - an organisation bringing sick children from nations all over the world for life changing surgery in Australia.

 Jordyn Richards	 John Smolders AM	 Master of Ceremonies Stephen Sim	 Music Director & Chairperson Rosantha Gallo OAM	 Eleanor Taig	 Cheryn Viazny	 Jane Meney	 Backing by Leichhardt Celebrity Brass
 Royal Rehab Lifestyle Community Choir	 Granny Smith Queen 2019 Lucy Fong	 Rock and Soul Choir	 Singing Stars & Santa Claus	 Davin Griffiths-Jones School of Performing Arts	 After 5	 Macquarie Performing Arts	 Youth Choir and Orchestra Sydney

www.carolsonthecommon.org.au

Sunday 15th December **Rides & Entertainment from 5:30pm** **North Ryde Common**
Carols & Fireworks Show from 8pm **Cnr Wicks & Twin Rd**



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 Bronze PLUS • Action Sound, Driessen Insurance Brokers • Bronze • Konica Minolta, Lush Hair North Ryde, Mitsubishi Electric
 RASAIID Community Tent • MP John Alexander OAM, MP Victor Dominello, Lady Anne Funerals West Ryde
 STROKE NSW Community Tent and Royal Rehab Community Tent • Ryde-Eastwood Leagues Club, Sasco Developments
 Lost Elves Tent • Bendigo Bank North Ryde • Community PLUS • Electric Sunshine, Helloworld Top Ryde, Midway Cellars, Sign Your Wall, The Ranch
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through your school
will be donated back
to your school

