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From the Principal - Mrs Maraga

11 December 2013

Gold and Silver Assembly recognized the achievements of our students

On Friday we had the opportunity to acknowledge and congratulate the recipients of the gold and silver awards. The receiving of a silver or gold award really reflects the hard work and effort that students have continued to demonstrate over a long period of time. Well done girls and boys on your great efforts.

Annual Presentation Day Assemblies

Our Presentation Day Assemblies held on Monday provided the opportunity for the school community to celebrate and acknowledge the accomplishments of some of our students who achieved personal success this year at school. Congratulations to all our recipients of awards for your wonderful achievements this year.

Congratulations also are extended to the beautiful junior choir who entertained the audience during the K-2 assembly for their joyful Christmas songs. The lovely singing of such sweet voices was a joy to listen to.

Year 6 Graduation and Farewell

Yesterday the very special Year 6 Graduation Assembly was held. The students in Year 6 have been great role models for others here at Regentville PS. I wish them continued success as they leave us to continue their lifelong learning. I am sure they will take with them very many happy memories and special friendships from their time at our school. I encourage them to work hard and continue to strive to do their best at high school.

Tonight the school will continue the celebration for our Year 6 graduating students with the official Year 6 Formal Dinner. Thank you to our wonderful teachers and very dedicated parents who have worked tirelessly in making these such memorable events for our students.

Parent Helper Morning Tea

On Wednesday the teachers held a special morning tea for our parents and community members to say thank you for their support throughout the year. We are very privileged at Regentville PS to enjoy such wonderful support from our parent community. This support allows us to give our students opportunities that they would otherwise not have. Regentville PS is a wonderful school, with wonderful families, that deserves the outstanding reputation it holds throughout the area.

Farewell to Mrs Price, Mrs Allan, Ms Hourigan, Mrs Stevens and Mrs Westcott

In 2014 we will say farewell to Mrs Price as she leaves our school to work as a volunteer teacher in Nepal for the next two years. Mrs Allan and Ms Hourigan will be taking extended leave with the view to retiring later in the year. Mrs Stevens is starting maternity leave as she and her family await the arrival of a beautiful baby. Mrs Westcott will continue to work as a casual teacher at Regentville but she is also hoping to spend more time with her family. I would like to thank each of these teachers for their contribution to educating children here at Regentville PS. They have always displayed a passion and commitment to improving learning opportunities for all students. Their great contribution to educating students is very much appreciated and they will be missed. Our school community wishes them joy and happiness as they begin new chapters of their lives. Our school will welcome Ms Lees, Ms Cavanagh and Mrs Garde to our school in 2014.

Staffing for 2014

The class structures for next year have been tentatively organised for 2014 with the expectation that the anticipated number of enrolments will actualise into the real numbers when school starts next year. We are expecting to form 28 classes K-6. There are currently only 27 classrooms at our school so an additional class will necessitate the installation of a demountable classroom once the actual numbers are confirmed. This does mean that there will need to be a class temporarily working in the Library as their home base. If the numbers of students required to maintain the 28 classes are not reached then some restructuring within the school will be required. While the uncertainty is not ideal we have planned to ensure all children will be provided with quality teaching from the first day of school next year.

Happy Holidays

Thank you to all our parents for your wonderful support throughout the year. I wish you a wonderful holiday and look forward to seeing you in 2014, for another exciting year of learning at Regentville PS.

12 Dec	Talent Quest Final - 9am
13 Dec	Last Day Canteen Trading
16 Dec	K-2 Party Day
18 Dec	Stage 2 and Stage 3 Party Days
18 Dec	End Term 4
29 Jan	Yr 1-6 students return
30 Jan	Kindergarten students start

I would like to thank all my canteen volunteers for their help this year. Without them we would not be able to open every day.

A big thank you to the Farhangmehr family for their kind donation to the canteen before leaving for Western Australia.

Finally, a very Merry Christmas to all the students and their families.

School Leaders 2014

Angus Bolton (Captain)
Jack Benson
Isaac Coldicott

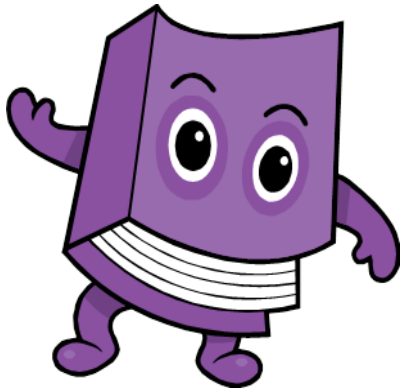
A green Christmas tree with a yellow star on top, decorated with yellow and red ornaments.

Each year Regentville Public School has a Giving Tree standing in the office foyer. Each year visitors, children and staff watch as the number of gifts grow. Local charities have benefitted from the generosity of our school community in previous years.

Once again we are asking for that Regentville generosity. If each family could please donate an item of food or a gift to be placed under our Giving Tree to be distributed amongst local charities.

Star Performers

- ★ • Congratulations to all of the award winners at the Presentation Assemblies held on Monday.
- ★ • Well done to the Year 5 and 6 students and teachers for an outstanding Year 6 Graduation Assembly. There wasn't a dry eye in the house!
- ★ • Thanks to the parents and teachers for preparing the hall for tonight's Year 6 Farewell.
- ★ • Great job by Louise Piltz looking after Bookclub, Katrina Snowball and Sally Simmons looking after Lost Property and Martina Birksmith looking after Clothing Pool. Your efforts are greatly appreciated.



Library News

A stocktake needs to be completed, so **all books are due back to the library now**. Please check your child's bag for overdue notices and return the books. All children who participated in the NSW Premier's Reading Challenge will receive their certificates this week. The Gold and Platinum Certificates will be presented at the primary assembly on Friday. The following children are to be congratulated on this achievement:

Gold (4 years participation)

Caitlyn Birksmith, Aydan Crowe, Sarah Demenezes, Krystal Fenech, Alex Hale, Alyssa Hamersma, Jess Harrison, Sienna McKee, Jacob Morrissey, Kasey Quye, Ashleigh Rodriguez, Paige Broadbent, Tianna Ellis, Sebastian Holloway, Dom Mills, Nathan Price, Harrison Randell, Mackenzie Bannister, Jack Benson, Angus Bolton, Luke Gibbons, Mitchell Gibson, and Will Mather.

Platinum (7 years participation)

Sophie Giordano and Mitchell Warren

Beat the school holiday boredom with the MILO T20Blast in the Blue Mountains

Cricket NSW in conjunction with local cricket associations, will be holding two T20 Blast programs in the school holidays!

Lower Mountains MILO T20 Blast

When: Thursday 23rd & Friday 24th January 2014 8.30am – 2pm

Where: Glenbrook Park, Glenbrook

More Information: Jonathan Lees | 0418 749 185
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Christmas Exposition

By Tahlia

I must have a Rebelle Heartbreaker Bow. A heartbreaker bow is an incredible nerf bow that shoots arrows that are rubber so that no one gets hurt.

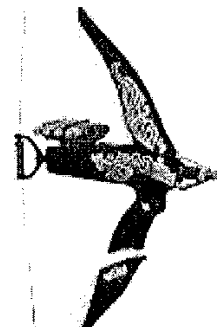
The reason why I must have a heartbreaker bow is because firstly I've always intended to be a green nature guardian. A bow would make the perfect match.

Secondly a Heartbreaker Bow would be a great entertainment toy. Especially when mum is cleaning the house, you can get right out of the way!

The Heartbreaker Bow would make life much easier because if my brother was being very annoying or naughty, we could shoot him. My cousin and I like to play a game that involves shooting, and we could use the bow to shoot the bad people.

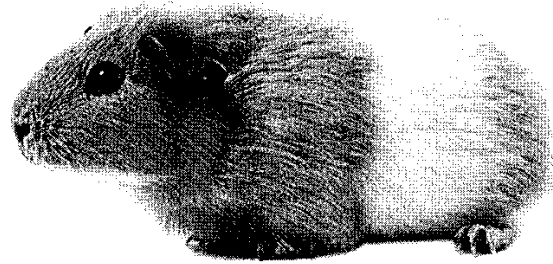
I must have a heartbreaker bow because I intend to be a green nature guardian with a bow. Having a bow would allow me to develop a responsible attitude towards owning weapons.

I must have a heartbreaker bow!



A Guinea Pig For Christmas PLEASE!

Developing a responsible attitude is essential in life. Pet ownership is perfect for the first steps in developing this responsibility.



Receiving a Guinea Pig for Christmas would provide me with the opportunity to develop my responsibility and maturity. I must have a Guinea Pig!

Caring for something that is dependent on me, would take my responsibility to a new level. Having a Guinea Pig would show how mature I can be.

To take my responsibility to a new level I would have to have something to be responsible for. A Guinea Pig would fit perfectly.

A responsible, mature child – every parent's dream. My dream is a Guinea Pig.

Kane Markwick