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# *Regentville Public School*

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## ***From the Principal - Mrs Maraga***

**14 October 2015**

### **Year Six had a great excursion to Canberra and the snow**

Our Year 6 students had a fabulous three days on their trip to Canberra and the snow. Their tales of adventure and highlights of the three days are varied; however everyone was in agreement that a great time was had by all. The opportunities for our children to participate in such wonderful learning opportunities are only made possible by the generosity of teachers giving up their own time to accompany our students. A huge thank you goes to Mrs Riches, Mrs Bland, Mr Buckley, Miss Jacka, Mrs Bell and Mr Bamford for taking the children on such a memorable excursion.

### **KC to perform at the 2015 NSW Public Schools State Drama Festival next week**

KC will be 'strutting their stuff' on the stage next week at the Seymour Centre. Their performance 'Day One' has been selected to be showcased at this very prestigious event. Congratulations are extended to Miss Simpson and the talented KC!

### **Selective High School**

Information about the Year 7 2017 selective high school applications was distributed this week to all students currently in Year 5. All applications are required to be completed online. Additional information booklets can be obtained at the front office.

Parents can visit the website [www.schools.nsw.edu.au/shsplacement](http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/shsplacement) to get more information

### **Why is our school such a great school? How could we be even better?**

These are some of the questions we will be posing at our next P&C meeting on Tuesday 3 November. We will be exploring the School Excellence Framework and evaluating our progress in implementing our three strategic directions in the school plan:

Creative, Successful Learners;

Inspired Teaching;

Connected Cultures.

Please take the opportunity to participate in contributing to the education of the students here at Regentville PS by attending our P&C meeting. You can also be involved in providing input by responding to the Tell Them From Me Survey and by participating in our parent forums throughout this term.

Your input into how we can ensure we deliver on our vision for all within our community is very much appreciated and valued.

*We are a vibrant and innovative learning community that is committed to delivering excellence within a rich and diverse learning environment. Every student has the opportunity to achieve their personal best through engaged, active learning in a safe, respectful and supportive school. (School Vision Statement RPS School Plan 2015 -2017)*

### **Our school grounds are looking good.**

During the school holidays the new rubber surface under the fixed equipment and on the multi-purpose court was completed. The children have certainly enjoyed playing on these new 'spongy surfaces'. The next 'work in progress' beautifying our school is the widening of the path in front of the old schoolhouse.

### **School Website and Calendar**

Remember to keep an eye on the school website and our Facebook page to keep you up to date with events in this busy term.

### Dates for the Calendar

<b>19 Oct</b>	Milo Cup Cricket Regional Finals
<b>22 Oct</b>	State Drama Festival
<b>23 Oct</b>	Year 5 BASH
<b>27 Oct</b>	Ballroom Dancing Championships
<b>29 Oct</b>	Year 4 Camp
<b>30 Oct</b>	Year 4 Camp
<b>2 Nov</b>	Swim School starts
<b>3 Nov</b>	P&C Meeting
<b>4 Nov</b>	Kindergarten Orientation
<b>9/10 Nov</b>	Kindy 2016 Interviews (see item)
<b>20 Nov</b>	Last Day Awards Trading
<b>4 Dec</b>	Gold and Silver Assembly
<b>7 Dec</b>	Presentation Day

### Payments Due

<b>13 Oct</b>	State Drama Festival Rehearsal - \$15. KC
<b>15 Oct</b>	Year 4 Camp third instalment - \$50
<b>15 Oct</b>	State Drama Festival - \$30. Audience.
<b>21 Oct</b>	Swim School - \$60

General School contribution can be paid at anytime - \$40/\$80

### Stewart House Bags

Stewart house bags have been sent home this week. If you have unwanted items of clothing or anything else that is mentioned on the bag please place in the bag and return to the school hall (around the side facing the basketball court) prior to the Friday 30<sup>th</sup> October. There will be extra bags available at the office if needed.

Thank you.

Kim Scott

### Gardening Club

Due to the extreme heat experienced during week one of gardening club this term and further hot days expected, we have decided to bring the last gardening club day forward.

The last day for the Gardening Club will now be:

**Week 4: Tuesday the 27<sup>th</sup> of October.**

The children have been a wonderful group to work with and we hope they have enjoyed this year's gardening experience.

Many thanks once again.

Mrs Everingham Mrs Bell Mr Scott

### PSSA Sport

Penrith PSSA is trialling morning sport instead of the middle session this term. We are trialling the collection of money on THURSDAYS at recess in the quiet area. If students are away from school on Thursday they will still have the opportunity to pay on Friday morning before heading off to sport.

### Star Performers

- Well done to all of the Year 6 campers who went to Canberra and the snow last week. They were great ambassadors for our school. Big thank you to the teachers who looked after them.
- Congratulations to Mia, Lachlan and Isabella who have advanced to the final of the Penrith Valley Public Speaking competition.
- Good luck to the Milo Cup cricketers next week in the regional finals.
- Good luck also to Evander 4O and Joseph 56R who are off to State Athletics later this term.

## **SPELLING BEE REGIONAL FINALS**



On Friday 11<sup>th</sup> September Blake 45K, Lachlan 34S, Luke 6B and Emily 6B competed at the Regional Spelling Bee Competition at Faulconbridge Public School. These students proudly represented Regentville and tried their absolute best. Although no students progressed to the next level of competition we can all be extremely proud of them!

### **Public Speaking Competition**

This week, Regentville Public School hosted the first cluster final of the Penrith Valley Primary Schools Public Speaking Competition. We had six talented speakers who each presented wonderful and highly engaging speeches. The public speakers were:

Year 3 – Mia 3G

Year 4 – Lachlan 4O

Year 5 – Jessica 5P and Lachlan 5J

Year 6 – Isabella 6B and Katie 6B

Mia and Lachlan both won their divisions and Isabella was runner up in hers.

These students were successful in qualifying for the Final on November 9<sup>th</sup>.

Congratulations to all speakers and good luck to Mia, Lachlan and Isabella for the final.

### **School Swimming Scheme**

Swimming School is running again this year. We have two sessions starting from the 2<sup>th</sup> November to the 13<sup>th</sup> November. It is open to students from Year 2 and year 3. With the summer holidays approaching it is a wonderful opportunity for your children to develop necessary skills in swimming and water safety. Notes have been handed out to students and money needs to be returned by 21<sup>th</sup> October. Remember places are allocated on a first in basis.



Any queries please contact Mrs Hand

## *Tell Them From Me:* Partners in Learning survey



You're invited to participate in the *Tell Them From Me (TTFM)* Partners in Learning survey designed for parents and carers. This survey complements the TTFM student and teacher surveys, which focus on student engagement, wellbeing and effective teaching practices. All Department of Education schools have the opportunity to participate if they choose.

### Why should I participate?

Parents and carers are an important and valued part of the school community. Schools can use survey feedback to make practical improvements and inform school planning.

### What does it involve?

This online survey takes about 15 minutes to complete. It is anonymous and voluntary. If you have more than one child at this school, and feel that your children's experiences differ, you can complete the survey more than once.

### How can I participate?

You can access the survey in your own time, and this closes 23 October 2015. Follow the link below on your computer or tablet:

1. Login: <https://nsw.tellthemfromme.com>
2. Your School's Parent Username = **parent17222**
3. Your School's Parent Password = **Reg2951**

More information on the Partners in Learning survey can be found on the NSW Department of Education's TTFM website: <http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au/>





## Book School Interviews Online

### Dear Parents

We are conducting interviews for Kindergarten 2016 students and their families as part of our orientation program.

You can now book meetings at times that suit **YOUR FAMILY BEST**.

Go to [www.schoolinterviews.com.au](http://www.schoolinterviews.com.au) and follow these simple instructions.

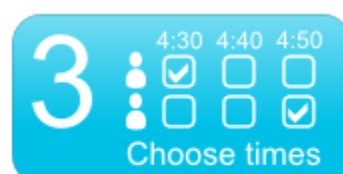
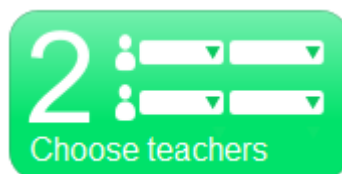
**BOOKINGS CLOSE Friday 6 November 2015**

School event code

3UBW9

Go

Enter THIS school event code.  
Then follow the 3 simple steps.



When you click **finish**, your interview timetable will be emailed to you automatically - **check your junk mail folder** if you do not receive your email immediately. You can return to [www.schoolinterviews.com.au](http://www.schoolinterviews.com.au) at any time, and change your interviews - until bookings close.

For parents that don't have access to the internet at home, at work, at a friend's house or on their phones, interview times can be booked by contacting the front office and someone will be able to log in and find a time. Parents may send a note to school with the approximate times they require, or phone the school on 47331615. Interviews are 30 minutes and will be held in the office area.

Parents can change their interview bookings, any time prior to the closing date, by re-visiting the [www.schoolinterviews.com.au](http://www.schoolinterviews.com.au) website, and using the event code. Remember to use the same name and email address, you used when you made your original booking. Parents wishing to change their interview times after the closing date, should contact the school directly on: 47331615

We would love to hear what you think about online booking. If you get time, click on the "contact us" button on the [www.schoolinterviews.com.au](http://www.schoolinterviews.com.au) website, and leave some feedback - anonymously if you wish, but please include the school's name and suburb.



# K-2 Sports Carnival











## Stepping Stones Triple P Parenting Seminars Series

### Helping Your Children Reach Their Potential

#### Is this you?

Most of the time, you know you are doing a good job with parenting. But there are times when things get a little tricky. Like when your toddler won't eat her dinner. Or your six year old won't share his toys. If only someone could give you some ideas to make those times easier! If this sounds like you, then a Stepping Stones Triple P seminar may be right for you.

#### What is a Stepping Stones Seminar?

Stepping Stones Triple P seminars tackle the most common issues for parents of children with a disability. Seminars are for large groups of parents – possibly 20 or more. It's an informal presentation, a little like a public forum. There are three seminars that each last 90 minutes and cover a different topic. We encourage parents to try to attend all three.

Seminar Topic	Dates	Time
Positive Parenting for Children with a Disability	23 October 2015	10am to 12pm
Helping your Child Reach their Potential	30 October 2015	10am to 12pm
Changing Problem Behaviour into Positive Behaviour	6 November 2015	10am to 12pm

**Where:** South Penrith Neighbourhood Centre, 3 Trent St, South Penrith

**Cost:** FREE – As this is part of a research project

**Who:** Any parent/caregiver of a child with a disability age 2-12 years

**How:** To register your interest in free parenting support contact the Stepping Stones Triple P research team via phone: 02 9114 4106; email:

[fhs.steppingstones@sydney.edu.au](mailto:fhs.steppingstones@sydney.edu.au) or website: <http://www.triplep-steppingstones.net/au-en/get-help/find-a-stepping-stones-session/>

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# Artists at Regentville

Four students' **Amity (1G)**, **Dylan (1H)**, **Annabelle (1B)** and **Eamon (KC)** artworks were selected to represent Regentville Public School at the annual 'Operation Art' exhibition.

**Annabelle (1B)** will have her artwork firstly be exhibited in The Art Gallery of NSW before touring regional galleries for a year before becoming part of the Westmead Children's Hospital permanent art collection. She was selected from approximately 900 other children for this honour.

**Eamon (KC)** will have his artwork displayed in a regional hospital in New South Wales. He was selected from approximately 900 other children for this honour.

