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From the Principal - Mrs Maraga

19 October 2016

Year 6 Canberra/Snow Trip

Last week the Year 6 students and their teachers travelled to Canberra and the snow for the Year 6 camp. From all reports the students and teachers had a great time with the highlight being travelling to Thredbo while it was snowing. Everyone had a lot of fun with the now traditional snowball fights and playing in the snow. A big thank you to the teachers who attended giving up their personal time to ensure the students had some wonderful experiences and memories.

GPLA Enrichment Day

This Thursday, twenty students from Regentville PS will join 140 students from across the Glenmore Park Learning Alliance (GPLA), at an Enrichment Afternoon being held at Glenmore Park HS. The students are all from Years 5-8 and will have the opportunity to be involved in activities like Filmmaking, Archaeology, Drama and Dance led by expert teachers from GPLA schools. The GPLA is running this afternoon again this year after a highly successful event in 2015.

State Athletics Representatives

We wish Evander, Jacob, Mason and Jacob all the best for their involvement in the State Athletics Carnival being held this week. Keep an eye on Facebook for updates about their results.

Ballroom Dancing Competition

Our Ballroom Dancers will be competing again next week in the annual Ballroom Dancing Championships. This event is getting bigger each year as more and more students and teachers become involved. The dancers have been working hard all year for this event and those of you who were at Regentville Rocks would have seen a sample of their talent and commitment.

SRC Rainbow Day

Wednesday 26 October is the SRC Rainbow Day where students are encouraged to wear different coloured clothing as part of a SRC fundraiser. This is a gold coin donation with money going towards buying paint and equipment for a mural on the quiet area wall as part of the upgrade of the area.

Public Speaking

Term 4 is finals time for the Public Speakers. The Penrith District Cluster Final is being held at Regentville PS on Thursday 27 October with the Penrith District Final on Monday 14 November.

Kindy Orientation Day

Don't forget Kindergarten Orientation Day on Wednesday 9 November and Thursday 24th November.

Dates for the Calendar

25 October	Milo Blast T20 Cricket Regional Finals
25 October	Ballroom Dancing Championships
25 October	Public Speaking- Surveyors Creek PS
25 & 26 October	2017 Kindergarten Interviews
26 October	SRC School Rainbow Day
27 October	Public Speaking- Regentville PS
31 October	Public Speaking- Werrington PS
2 November	2017 Kindergarten Interviews
3 & 4 November	Year 4 Yarramundi Camp
9 November	Kindergarten Orientation Day 1
7 November-18	School Swimming and Water Safety Program
14 November	Public Speaking Finals
24 November	Kindergarten Orientation Day 2
25 November	Last day awards trading

ENROLMENTS FOR 2017

We are still accepting Kindergarten enrolment applications for 2017.

If you have a child, or a friend who has a child, who turns five before the 31 July 2017 now is the time to enrol.

Payments Due

	General School Contribution \$45 per student or \$90 per family (Instalments can be paid at any time)
26 Oct	School Swimming and Water Safety Program \$60

Parent Online Payments

Did you know that you can now make payments to your child's school online?

We have launched a new online payment portal linked to our school website to make it easier for you to pay for school related payments. This is a secure payment page hosted by Westpac.

What expenses can be paid online?

Voluntary School Contributions
Excursions/Incursions
Sports Carnivals
Textbooks

What cannot be paid online?

PSSA Sport
Canteen orders
Lost Library Book Reimbursements

How?

Log onto School site at
- www.regentvill-p.schools.nsw.edu.au.
Click on "Make a Payment" and follow the prompts to make a payment via Visa or MasterCard.

Swim School Reminder

Years 2 and 3 are invited to attend Swim School between Monday 7th November to Friday 18th November. Cost is \$60 for the 10 day program. Places are filling fast. Closing date is next Wednesday 26th October. Payment can be made by Cash, Cheque, Credit Card or through the school's Online Payment System.

Helpers Wanted.....

We are currently in the process of purchasing lots of wonderful new books for our students to read as part of their learning in English. We are also re-vamping the reading resource room.

If you would like to come along to help with some sorting, gathering, stamping and possibly some covering of books, we would love to have you.

Date: Thursday 3rd November

Time: 9am-11:30am



 **Coffee Connect**
Parents and teachers, come and connect with the people in our school community and enjoy a coffee.
Served fresh by 'Café Au Go Go'
Monday mornings
next to the library.
CASH ONLY

Book Club-

Issue 7 Scholastic Book Club
closes on
Wednesday 26th
October.

Teachers Are Learners Too.....

Wow...it is Term 4 already. This year has seen many wonderful professional learning opportunities for our teachers which has resulted in some new great things happening in classrooms for your children.

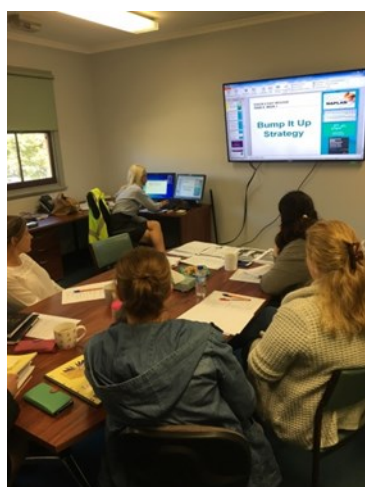
What has taken place so far in 2016?

- L3 training for Kindergarten teachers
- TEN (Targeting Early Numeracy) and Focus on Reading training for teachers new to RPS in 2016
- Further learning around TOWN (Taking Off With Numeracy) for teachers of Years 3-6
- Ongoing training around student wellbeing
- Learning and collaborative work around formative assessment
- Revisiting student writing and further developing consistent teacher judgement
- Work around the School Excellence Framework, data informed practice and evaluative thinking.....
- Accreditation at higher levels group has been formed and teachers are currently working on gathering and annotating evidence
- Lesson observations, instructional rounds where groups of teachers observe practice within our school and at other schools, has become a practice within the school

Last week and this week, all of our teachers have been/will be engaged in professional learning around the Bump It Up Strategy, which focuses on analysing student data to understand the point of need in learning for students and ensuring high expectations of every child at all times.

Teachers have read and discussed research which suggests what works best to improve student performance. CESE, the Centre for Education Statistics and Evaluation has provided us with a documents 'What works best: Evidence-based practices to help improve NSW student performance' which looks at seven themes from an increasing bank of evidence for what works best in enhancing student educational outcomes. If you would like to access this document, please use the link below.

<https://www.cese.nsw.gov.au/publications-filter/what-works-best-evidence-based-practices-to-help-improve-nsw-student-performance>



It is a pleasure to work alongside our teachers and witness the amazing work they do each and every day for all children at RPS. The time and effort they put into their own learning and development is a testament to their dedication.

*Jodi Bennett
Deputy Principal*

Stage 2 teachers doing work around the Bump It Up strategy



Rainbow Day

When - Wednesday 26th October

Why - This is an SRC fundraiser to raise money for a mural in the Quiet Area.

Donation - Gold coin

Details - students come dressed in the colours of the rainbow.

SRC Reps - bring old painting clothes.

Christmas in
the Quiet Area
2016



Save the Date

When: Wednesday 14th December

Who: Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2

Time: Kindergarten 9-9.40am
Year 1 9.40-10.20am
Year 2 10.20-11.00



K-2 would love you to join us for an end of year Christmas celebration. The children can wear red and green clothing to help celebrate this special day☺

More information to follow at a later date☺

Year 6 Canberra Snow Trip

Students from Year 6 have recently undertaken an education tour of our national capital. Students were given the opportunity to participate in a variety of educational programs with a focus on Australia's history, culture, heritage and democracy.

The Australian Government recognises the importance of all young Australians being able to visit the national capital as part of their Civics and Citizenship education.

To assist families in meeting the cost of the excursion the Australian Government is contributing funding of \$20 per student under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate program towards those costs. The rebate is paid directly to the school upon completion of the excursion.



K-2 Athletics Carnival



Year 2 Boys		
1 st - Joel	2 nd - Beau	3 rd Harrison
Year 2 Girls		
1 st - Grace	2 nd - Addisyn	3 rd - Hailey
Year 1 Boys		
1 st - Ethan	2 nd - Eamon	3 rd - Chris
Year 1 Girls		
1 st - Logan	2 nd - Bella	3 rd - Ava
Kindergarten Boys		
1 st - Will	2 nd - Hugh	3 rd - Noah
Kindergarten Girls		
1 st - Gabriella	2 nd - Terah	3 rd - Lilly

Intention to apply for Year 7 entry to a selective high school in 2018

Dear Parent/Carer

Selective high schools cater for highly achieving academically gifted students who may otherwise be without classmates at their own academic and social level. These schools help gifted and talented students to learn by grouping them with other gifted and talented students, teaching them in specialised ways and providing educational materials at the appropriate level.

Applications for selective high school placement are considered mainly on the basis of the Selective High School Placement Test results and school assessment scores. The Selective High School Placement Test will be held on Thursday 9 March 2017.

If you would like to have your child considered for Year 7 selective high school entry in 2018, you need to do so soon. You will need to **apply on the internet** using a valid email address (not the student's email address).

Detailed instructions on how to apply online will be available from 11 October 2016 in a printed application information booklet and at www.schools.nsw.edu.au/shsplacement. The application website opens on **11 October 2016** and closes on **14 November 2016**. **No late applications will be accepted.**

There are no paper application forms. If you do not have internet access, you could apply at a public library. If you have a disability that prevents you from using a computer, you can contact the Unit for assistance after 11 October 2016.

You must submit only **ONE** application for each student. Remember the tear-off strip below is not an application and the school cannot apply on your behalf.

Yours sincerely



Karen Maraga
Principal

Cut along the dotted line and return the completed slip below to this school by next Friday 21 October.

Note: THIS IS NOT AN APPLICATION FOR ENTRY TO A SELECTIVE HIGH SCHOOL. This is a notice to your primary school only that you *intend* to apply.

TO APPLY YOU WILL NEED TO REGISTER AND THEN APPLY THROUGH THE HIGH PERFORMING STUDENTS APPLICATION WEBSITE.

Intention to apply for Year 7 entry to a selective high school in 2018

Student's name: _____ Class: _____

I am interested in applying for selective high school entry in 2018

Yes ☐

No ☐

If Yes EITHER

I have internet access and will be applying online

☐

OR

I do not have internet access

☐

Signature of parent/carer: _____ Date: _____

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School Student Transport Scheme Applications open 10 October 2016

From Monday 10 October 2016 parents, guardians and students over 16 years, will be able to apply for 2017 School Student Transport Scheme (SSTS) travel pass by visiting www.transportnsw.info/school-students

Information for parents and students

School travel passes only need to be updated when a student:

- changes address, or
- changes school or campus.

A new application is required when:

- applying for an SSTS pass for the first time,
- enrolling in Kindergarten,
- progressing from Year 2 to Year 3,
- progressing from Year 6 to Year 7, or
- requesting an additional pass as a result of a new shared parental responsibility situation.

For more information on planning your school travel, visit www.transportnsw.info or contact your local operator.

Passes for 2017 travel

Opal network: Please remind ALL your students to keep their School Opal cards for travel in 2017. These cards will be automatically deactivated for school holidays and then reactivated for school travel in term one. Current School Opal card can be updated with changes of school, home address or operator.

Rural and regional travel: Student's travelling with operator issued passes will receive a new pass in the new school year.



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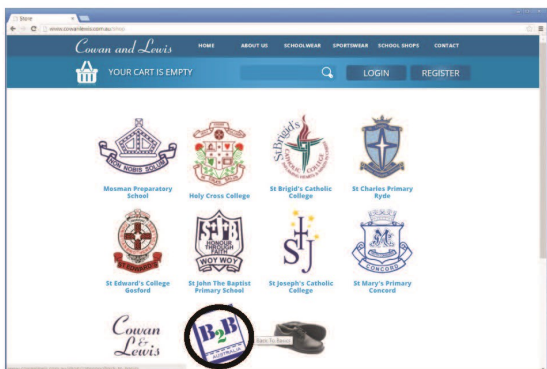


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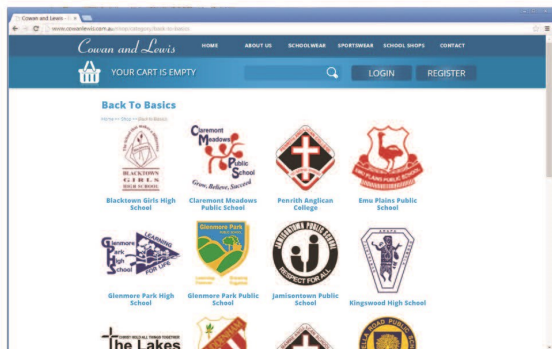
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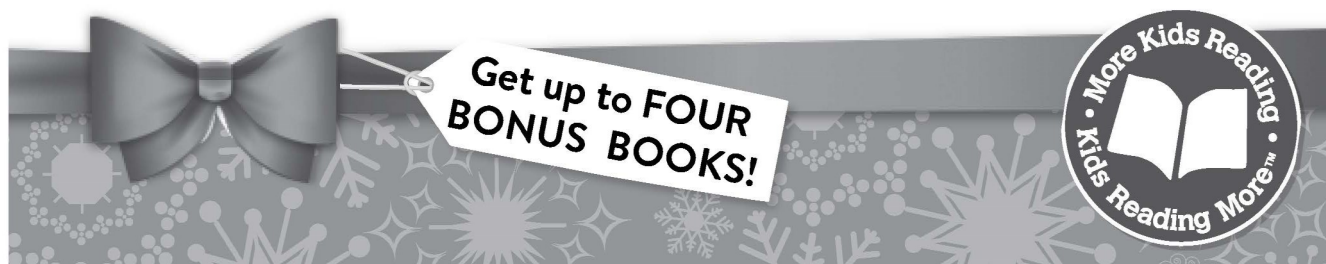
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Book Club

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How to use the Gift Function on Book Club **LOOP** scholastic.com.au/LOOP

Follow these **easy** steps!

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2 Select the **ORDER** tab

3 Select your **ISSUE**

4 Check the box **GIFT ORDER**

NOTE: ALL ITEMS ON THIS ORDER WILL
BE MARKED AS A GIFT.



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CHRISTMAS CARD COMPETITION

Please complete your drawing within the box below. Drawings can be portrait or landscape.

A large, empty rectangular box with a thin black border, intended for a child's drawing.

Childs name: _____

School: _____

Parents name: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

I, _____, give permission for my son's/daughter's artwork,
first name, school grade and school to be used in Christmas Promotion.



Regentville PS Skoolbag App

If you haven't already downloaded our school app please do so. It's a great way of receiving up to date information from your school. We are using the Skoolbag app as an additional way to communicate with parents about what is happening at school. The instructions below detail how to download the free app.



How To Install Skoolbag On Your Smartphone

For iPhone and iPad users:

1. Click the "App Store" icon on your Apple device.
2. Type your school name in the search, using suburb name will help.
3. You will see your school appear, click "Get" then "install".
4. The app is FREE to download.
5. When installed click "Open"
6. Select "OK" to receive push notifications, when asked.
7. Click the "More" button on the bottom right of the App, then "Setup".
8. Toggle on the Push Categories that are applicable for you by tapping the on/off switch.



For Android users:

You must first have signed up with a Google Account before installing the app.

1. Click the "Play Store" button on your Android Device
2. Click the magnifying glass icon at the top and type in your school name, using suburb name will help.
3. Click the school name when it appears in the search.
4. Click the "Install" button.
5. Click "Accept" for various permissions (please note, we do not modify any of your personal data on your device).
6. Click "Open" when installed.
7. Click the "More" button on the bottom right of the App, then "Setup".
8. Toggle on the Push Categories that are applicable for you by tapping the on/off switch.



Please Note: Some brands of Android phones need the setting in "Notification Manager" changed to "Allow" instead of "Notify" in order for the push notifications to work. The phone must also be running at least version 4 system software to run the app.

For Windows 81 Phone and Windows 81 or 10 device users:

1. Go to the Windows Store on your 81 Windows Phone or Windows 81/10 Device
2. Search for "Skoolbag" in the keyword app search
3. Install the Skoolbag app
4. Find your school either by using the keyword search or location service.
5. Click the "Pin" icon to pin the school tile to your Windows Phone home screen.
6. Click the "More" button on the bottom right of the App, then "Setup"
7. Toggle the Push Categories that are applicable to you by tapping the on/off switch.

Please Note: The Skoolbag Windows App is for 81 version Windows Phones, or Windows 81 and 10 devices.

