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From the Principal - Mrs Maraga

16 November 2016

Congratulations to Mia, Lachlan and Isabella our Public Speaking finalists.

On Monday Cohan (Year 3), Mia (Year 4), Paige (Year 4) and Harry (Year 5) represented our school in the finals of the Penrith Valley Schools Public Speaking Competition. Each of these students have competed in a number of heats to progress through to the finals and have done an outstanding job in representing our school. Congratulations are extended to all our participants on their achievements.

In particular we extend our congratulations to Mia on winning the Year 4 competition, Paige on being awarded the runner up trophy for Year 4 and Harry for winning the Year 5 Penrith Valley Schools Public Speaking Competition. A fabulous achievement!

We welcome our new Kindergarten 2017 students and their families to our school.

Ninety five excited young girls and boys were welcomed to our school last Wednesday for the first of the Kindergarten Orientation visits. While the children were busily engaged in the classrooms their parents were provided with a range of information about schooling and in particular Regentville PS. The next orientation will be held on Thursday 24 November with a range of activities planned for both the students and their parents. Miss Bennett, Mr Bamford and I have also had the pleasure of meeting with our newest students and their families in interviews over the past weeks.

Learning to swim at Regentville!

Over the past weeks some of our Year 2 and 3 students have developed their swimming skills at the intensive learn to swim classes held daily at the pool. This Friday will see the completion of this year's swimming program. Congratulations are extended to our students for the progress they have made during this time.

Please ensure valuable items are not brought to school.

Your assistance in ensuring that your child does not bring their special toy or precious items to school is requested. It can be very upsetting for children to lose an item or have their toys accidentally broken.

Regentville PS uniform includes our school hat.

Our students always look wonderful in their full school uniform. This includes the wearing of our blue school hat. Would you please ensure your child brings their school hat to school. Special hats with other colours and designs should be kept for home.

Keep Up to Date With all our Events.

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

Dates for the Calendar

17 November	Year 6 Fun Fair
22-24 November	Talent Quest Auditions
24 November	Kindergarten Orientation Day 2
25 November	Last day awards trading
25 November	PSSA finishes
7 December	SOLE Expo
8 December	Talent Quest Finals
9 December	Gold & Silver Assembly
12 December	Presentation Day
13 December	Year 6 Graduation
14 December	Year 6 Farewell Dinner- School Hall
14 December	Last day the canteen is open
15 December	K-2 Party Day
16 December	Stage 2 Party Day
16 December	Stage 3 Party Day
16 December	Last day of school year for all students

Payments Due

8 December	K-2 Party Day \$5
9 December	3-4 Party Day \$15
9 December	5-6 Party Day \$20

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.

For an Application to Enrol package, please contact the school office.

SWIM SCHOOL LOST PROPERTY

If your child has lost swimmers, towels, goggles, underwear, hats, socks etc please check the verandah of 2N each day as items are hung out to dry.



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



SOLE EXPO

Week 9

Wednesday 7 December

9:00-11:00am

8:15-9:00

Registration outside the hall

Coffee and morning tea provided during this time .

What do we need to educate the students at Regentville Public School about?



All parents and caregivers are welcomed to attend a short presentation, followed by a student expo featuring four 'real world' projects they have been working on this year!

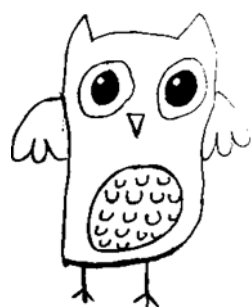
Sharing our success with our community!

**SOLE Project Classes:
3P, 3S, 4/5K, 5M, 6G**



Please click on the link below if you are interested in attending:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/5Y7HRG5>



Reggie says congratulations to the following people for being our weekly winners!

	K-2	3-6
Safe	Amy - KG	Shane - 3A
Respectful	Jasmine - 1G	Rebecca - 6J
Learner	Jack - 1G	Jesse - 3S
Green	Kai - 1C	

Penrith Valley Public Speaking

Congratulations to Cohan (3S), Mia (4G), Paige (4G) and Harry (5B) for making it to the Penrith Valley Public Speaking.

The competition took place at Glenmore Park Public School this Monday. All students spoke beautifully and represented our school with pride. Mia and Harry both won their division and Paige was runner up. Well done!!



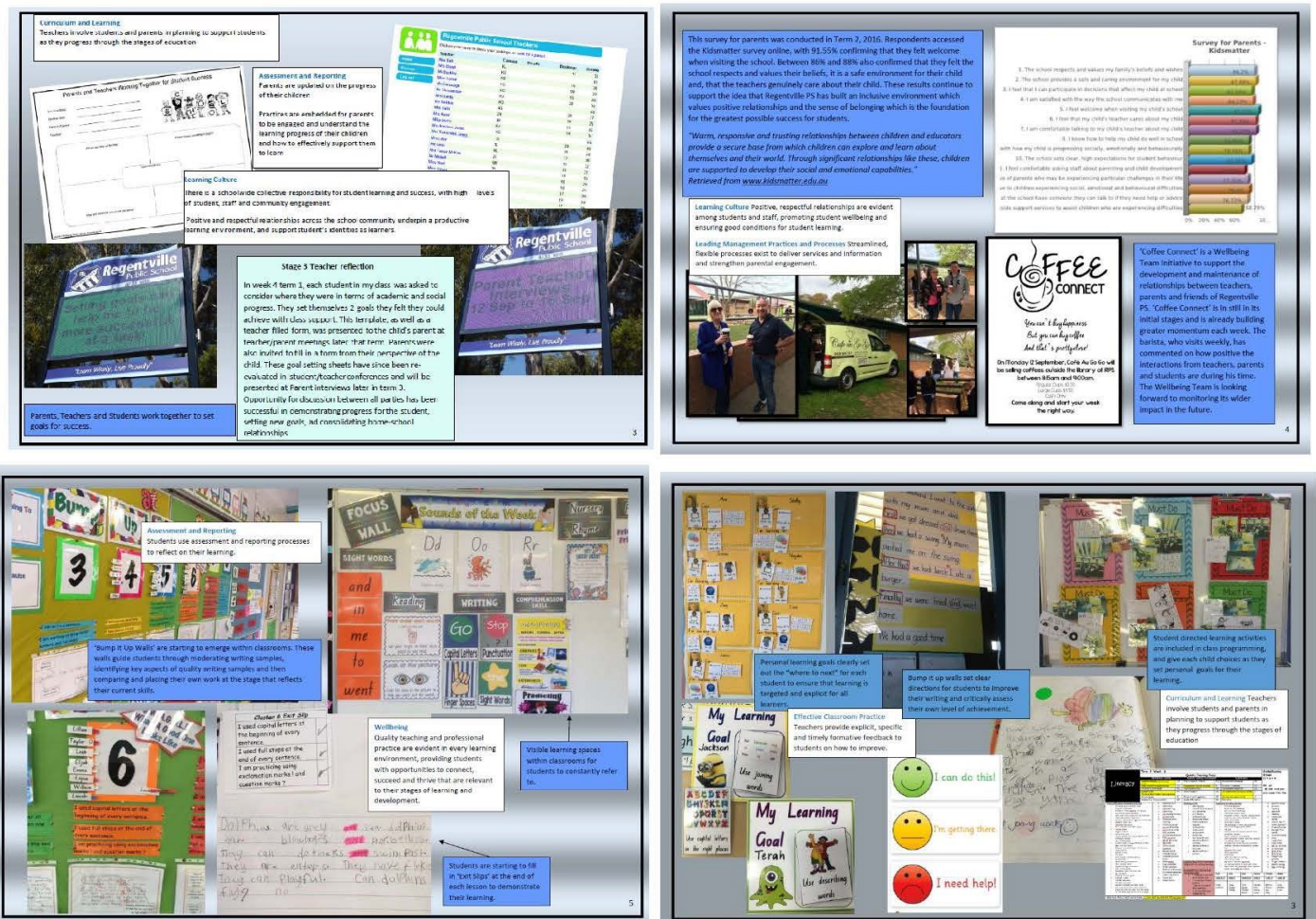
Teachers are learners too.....

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It has been a very productive start to Term 4 with a lot of wonderful professional learning taking place for our teachers. In Week 4, our school presented an amazing body of work to an external validation panel, showcasing the brilliant things that take place each and every day at RPS. This body of work, some snapshots of which can be seen below, was the culmination of a collaborative effort from all staff across the school. The validation panel was full of nothing but praise for the work that takes place at our school. As a collective, students, staff and you, our school community, we should feel very proud of the combined effort to ensure our students receive the best education.

Take a look at some examples from our validation evidence sets:



Currently we have teachers meeting at regular intervals in what we have called Plan Pods to examine student data and share ideas around teaching practice to meet the needs of students. These planning times are proving very useful with positive feedback from all involved. As always, I find it such a pleasure to be able to witness the dedication and genuine care for the learning of each and every student at our school.

If you are on Twitter, please follow us so we can get the word out there about the amazing work at RPS. We currently have 60 followers....let's see if we can build on this.

Jodi Bennett

Deputy Principal

Please support those in need at
Christmas by providing something
for the **GIVING TREE**



Donations can be placed in class
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the Giving Tree in the office
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Happy families work together

"Dad, will you tell Tina not to come into my room?" Twelve-year-old Luke was complaining about his six-year-old sister. Luke's Dad, Robert, had only just got home and was still hanging up his coat. "Dad! She's bugging me!" called Luke as he led Tina by the hand into the lounge room. "A 'hello' would be nice," said Robert. "Yeah, hi. I'm trying to do my science project. I need my space," Luke replied. "Tina, how about you stay out here with me?" Robert suggested. Tina was not very keen on this idea. "But I want to play and you'll be too busy," she whined. "Here we go again", thought Robert. "If only we all got on better."

Managing family relationships so that everyone's most important needs get met can be hard work. All families have times when tempers get frayed, feelings get hurt and misunderstandings occur. Maintaining positive connections when these things happen requires good communication and creative management.

Effective communication means that everyone has a say and is listened to. This can be a challenge in busy families. Pressure to get things done can mean there seems to be little 'quality time' for talking and listening to each other. Whether or not time is a problem, negative styles of communication often undermine relationships. This occurs, for example, when family members speak to each other disrespectfully or use put-downs.

Building positive family relationships does not mean having no conflict. Dealing with conflicts positively, as well as making time to relax and do fun things together, help to strengthen family relationships.

Set the tone for positive communication

Research on communication in families shows the importance of parents and carers communicating warmth and caring *and also* setting clear expectations for children's behaviour. Making time for family members, communicating effectively and supporting each other are important ways of strengthening families and building positive relationships.

Parents and carers can set a positive tone for communication through their own example. The way you listen, and the attention and importance you give to what family members say, is as important as what you say to them and how you say it. This may not always be easy, especially when you are tired or busy and have to deal with complaining or conflict. However, listening and acknowledging others' feelings and wants helps to reduce conflict and improves communication.



Working together as a family

Discussing things as a family is often very helpful for dealing with concerns and negotiating solutions to conflicts before they get bigger.

- Talking together provides an opportunity to clarify roles and expectations.
- Be sure to talk about what is working well in family relationships and not just the difficulties.
- Build trust in family discussions by respecting and listening to everyone's views without judging or putting them down.
- Encourage children as well as adults to hear and understand each other's views and needs.

Discussing things as a family can encourage children as well as adults to solve problems creatively. For example, once he understands that Tina just wants him to play with her, 12-year-old Luke might negotiate to spend a half-hour playing with her after dinner in exchange for her giving him uninterrupted time to get on with his homework. Having a chance to express needs in positive ways encourages healthy communication, support and cooperation.

Things to discuss

- Set up chores roster
- Tina wants to play more
- Luke wants space when he has to do schoolwork
- Dad (Robert) wants more hellos and hugs



Listening and talking

It is easier for others to listen and accept your point of view when the way you say it communicates respect and care. For example, Robert could say to Luke, "I know you had to get your science project done but I still want you to say 'hello' when I come home." This shows that Robert understands Luke's position, and wants Luke to understand his.

Small things, like saying, "How was your day?" and really listening to the answer, make a difference to the quality of communication in families. Saying sorry when you make a mistake or hurt someone's feelings is also really important.

Ways to build caring family relationships

- Show affection (eg hugs and kisses)
- Offer help and support
- Do fun things and laugh together
- Make time to talk
- Really listen to each other

This resource is part of a range of KidsMatter Primary information sheets for families and school staff. View them all online at www.kidsmatter.edu.au



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Reserve, Penrith

Speeches and White Ribbon
Oath reading commence
6:30pm at Tench Reserve

Penrith Council is proud to support White Ribbon Day to help bring an end to violence against women in our community. Join us and show your support at this free community event.

Current statistics show that nearly three women are killed every week by a former or current partner. Too many Australian women live with fear and violence. It could be your mother, wife, sister, daughter, friend, partner, colleague... Stopping the violence is everyone's responsibility.

Food stalls and live music at Tench Reserve until 7.30pm. Don't forget your sunscreen, hat, comfortable walking shoes and water.

FREE SHUTTLE BUS BACK TO WEIR RESERVE FROM 6.30PM. WHITE RIBBON MERCHANDISE WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE AT THE EVENT WITH ALL PROCEEDS GOING TO THE WHITE RIBBON FOUNDATION.

For more information contact Roslyn on 4732 8512.

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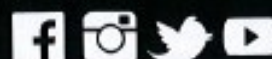
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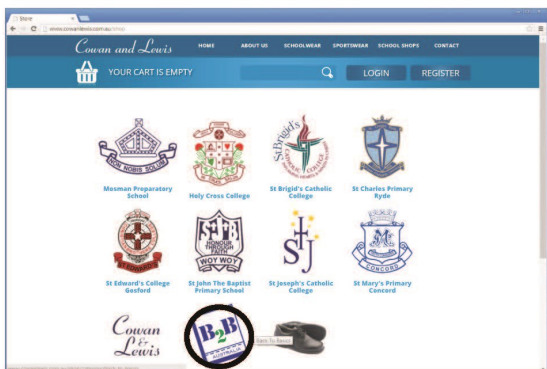


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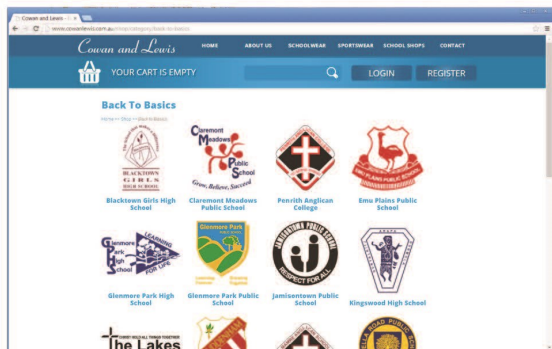
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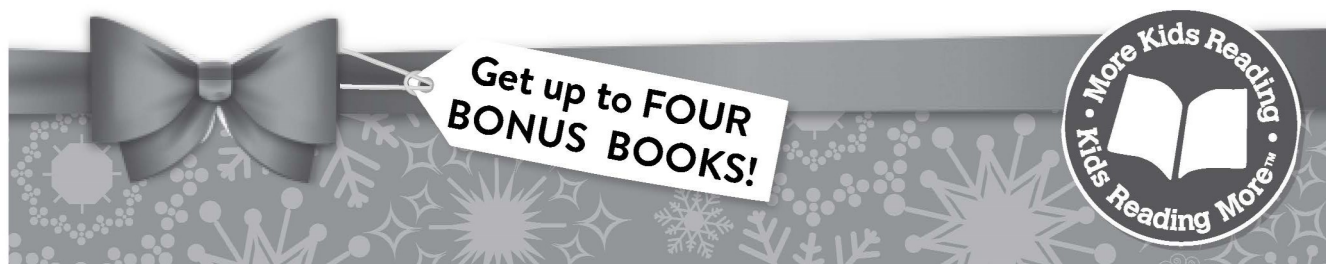
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