# "Learn Wisely, Live Proudly"

## Regentville Public School

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From the Principal - Mrs Maraga

### **30 November 2016**

### **Gold and Silver Assemblies**

Next Friday will be a wonderful celebration of the achievements of many of our students here at Regentville. The Gold and Silver assemblies are always a special acknowledgement of the wonderful achievements of those children who have reached this very special milestone. We look forward to welcoming many families to our assembly to share this special moment.

### Teacher Professional Learning – L3

Tomorrow Regentville will be hosting a sharing and celebration day for all of the hard work and success of our Kindergarten teachers who have completed their first year of L3 training. There will be a number of teachers from local schools attending and this will be a fabulous opportunity for teachers to learn from one another. The Kindergarten teachers have maintained a continued commitment towards their own development in this area and the pleasing results of our Kindergarten students reflect this.

### **SOLE Expo**

There is a buzz of excitement in the school as students and teachers prepare for the SOLE Expo to be held on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> December at 9am in our hall. Students will be presenting the culmination of their learning in their SOLE teams throughout the year. All are welcome to attend to see the amazing work of our students.

### **End of Year Events**

There are lots of exciting events happening over the next few weeks and included in this newsletter is a sheet detailing the events, dates and times and any specific details. A copy of the sheet can also be found on the school Facebook page and the Skoolbag app.

### **P&C** meeting

Next Tuesday December 6, is the final P&C meeting for 2016. The meeting will be held in the library starting at 7pm. All are welcome to attend.

### **Stop Work Meeting**

There is a planned Stop Work meeting for Thursday 8 December. This meeting has been called by the Teachers Federation to endorse the new salaries agreement. We are expecting that there will be minimal, if any, impact to classes on the day. More details will be shared early next week. This day is also the Talent Quest Final which will not be impacted by the meeting.

### **Exciting times at school**

There is a buzz of excitement around the school as the end of the year comes rushing towards us. We are constantly reminding the students about remaining safe and respectful right through this exciting time. We would appreciate your support from home to reinforce this message with your children.

Dates for the Calendar				
7 December	SOLE Expo			
7 December	Edinglassie Lodge Visit			
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.



### **Library News**

There will be no more borrowing this term as we need to get all the books back and put them in order by the end of the term. Could all children please return their books to the library immediately.

Thank you.



Mrs Healey

# The Case of the Missing Shell By Briana Bates

Ruby woke to the sound of her mother pulling back the curtains. The sun splashed on Ruby's angelic face, like she was nothing but a drop of water. She put her feet into remarkably soft slippers that to her felt like soft sheep wool.

Ruby looked at the time, it was 8:30! She kicked off her slippers and ran downstairs to get ready for school. Once she was ready, Ruby ran to school like a dart flying through the sky. Ruby got to school at 9:00 o'clock sharp. She hopped on a bus to go to a Museum! Ruby sensed a tingle of excitement in the air.

When everyone arrived at the Museum, the kids ran off in single file. Miss Joe, Ruby's teacher, had to keep on saying, stop running! No! Stop! After a certain amount of time, Ruby and her friend Mary, wondered around with each other looking at all the artefacts. There was something that caught Ruby's eye. A shell in a glass tank! The shell was pearly white, and shimmery looking.

While everyone had recess, Charlie, a boy in her grade, finished quite early, and went into the room with the pearly white shell. When Ruby went in the room with the shell in it, it was gone! Ruby hurried to tell Miss Joe the awful news. Miss Joe, followed by the security ran in to investigate. Charlie strutted in the room like nothing happened. "I'll go look at the cameras, and until I do, this area is in lockdown." One of the security people said. After all that, the culprit was.... Molly! Molly was a shy, but cheeky girl. She pulled the shell out of her pocket and said, "fine, it was me, I was the one that did it."

Ruby was very satisfied. After all, who would had thought it could have been Molly?





Week 9 Wednesday 7 December 9:00-11:00am

8:15-9:00

Registration outside the

Coffee and morning tea provided during this time.







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	Cohan - KC Nick – 5/6R		
Respectful	Tennille – 2H	Nick – 5/6R	
Learner	Laura – 1C Ben 4/5K		
Green	Ethan - KB		

Please <u>support those in need</u> at Christmas by providing something for the GIVING TREE

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Donations can be placed in <u>class</u>

<u>collection boxes</u> or <u>directly under</u>

the <u>Giving Tree</u> in the <u>office</u>

between <u>21st Nov to 16<sup>th</sup> Dec</u>

Thank you for your kind donations!





# 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









### **End of Year Events Details**

Event	Date	Time	Other details
P&C Meeting	6 Dec	7pm	Library
SOLE Expo	7 Dec	9-11am	Classrooms – RSVP required. Coffee Van on site
Talent Quest Final	8 Dec	Yrs 3-6 9.15am to 11am K-2 11.30am to 1pm	In the hall. All welcome.
Gold and Silver Assembly K-2	9 Dec	11.20am to 12.15pm	Hall
Gold and Silver Assembly Y3-6	9 Dec	2pm to 3pm	Hall
Presentation Day Kinder to Year 2	12 Dec	11.30am to 1pm	Hall – limited seating
Presentation Day Years 3 to 6	12 Dec	9am to 11am	Hall – limited seating
Year 6 Graduation Assembly	13 Dec	9.30am to 11am	Hall
Christmas in the Quiet Area	14 Dec	Kindy 9am to 9.40am Year 1 9.40am to 10.20am Year 2 10.20am to 11am	Venue may be changed to Grove if the weather is too hot. Updates on Facebook and Skoolbag App
Helpers Morning Tea	14 Dec	11am to 11.30am	Library
Year 6 Farewell	14 Dec	5.30pm to 9pm	6pm dinner
Kinder to Year 2 Party Day	15 Dec	Two sessions of show 9.30am and 11.30am. Classes TBC	Show in the hall. Class Parties in classrooms
Year 3 and 4 Party Day	16 Dec	Y3 Aqua Golf Y4 Bowling 10am to 12pm	Pizza for lunch at park by Nepean River, near swings
Year 5 and 6 Party Day	16 Dec	Leaving 8.45am for Nepean Bell ride	Lunch at Tench Reserve. Return to school by 2.15pm
End Term 4	16 Dec	All students farewell Y6 in hall. 2.30pm	Students make an arch for Y6 to leave
Student Return 2017	30 Jan 2017	Y1 to Y6 students	
Kindergarten return 2017	1 Feb 2017	Kindergarten students	





**5PM:** Food and fun for everyone

7PM - 8:20PM: Christmas Carols



Fing friends, family, and a picnic rug



No alcohol please



In case of wet weather, join us at cnr William Howell Dr & Pritchard Pl

**6PM** Carol Service

(children come dressed as angels, shepherds or wisemen)

11PM Candlelight Service



Celebration services 9:30AM for everyone!

Rev John Lavender

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