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"Learn Wisely, Live Proudly"

From the Principal - Mrs Maraga

14 December 2016

Semester 2 Reports for Semester 2 2016

The semester two reports were sent home on Monday 12 December. These reports provided information about your child's progress over the last two terms. If you would like to speak to your child's teacher about the report please contact them to arrange a suitable time.

Classes 2017

Next year the students from Years 1 to 6 will commence school on Monday 30 January 2017. As in previous years we will place the students into temporary classes until we know exactly how many students are attending Regentville PS. Once we have determined exact numbers we will inform you and the students of their permanent class placement for 2017.

We will be welcoming many new families to our school community next year as well as farewelling our large Year 6 Group this year. I know that as always, the new parents and students will be warmly welcomed to our school by all. At this stage we are expecting approximately 720 students to make up our school next year.

Kindergarten 2017

The first day of school for our Kindergarten students at Regentville will be Wednesday 1 February 2017. It will be an exciting time for them and their families as they commence their formal education at 'big school'. The wonderful P&C will be providing their now traditional "Tea and Tissues" in the hall for all parents. All parents are invited to come along for a cuppa and a chat after their children have joined their class.

Parents are also booking in timeslots for their child's Best Start Assessment to be held on either Monday 30 and Tuesday 31 January 2017. If you require more information about this please contact the school office.

Thank you to P&C

A big thank you to the wonderful members of our P&C. Their tireless work running discos, stalls and supporting students and staff at our school is very much appreciated.

Thank you to helpers

A school this size with all that is happening cannot function without the support and at times, help from parents and grandparents. On Wednesday the staff provided a morning tea as a way of saying thank you to the many helpers this year. It was lovely to share a special event with many of the people who have helped this year in many different ways to support student learning. Your time and efforts is very much appreciated by all.

Thank you to our fabulous staff

The wonderful staff at Regentville PS all contribute to making this such a fabulous school. Our Clerical Staff, the Learning and Support Officers, the General Assistants and our Teachers all contribute to ensuring we provide the very best opportunities for all our students.

I would like to thank them all for their wonderful contributions to the education of many children here at Regentville PS and wish them every success and happiness in the future.

Happy holidays

The last day for students this year is Friday 16 December.

I would like to wish you all a happy and safe holiday filled with lots of enjoyable family time. I look forward to welcoming our students and parents in 2017 refreshed and ready for the excitement of the new year.



History Heroes mural design depicting 148 years of Education at Regentville PS

On Monday of this week our Library wall came to life with the painting of the mural researched and designed by The History Heroes SOLE students.

There has been lots of interest and discussion generated from the pictures on the mural. In particular the banner that reads 'Help Save Our School Regentville'.

This banner depicts an important slice of Regentville PS history. In 1990 the development of Glenmore Park, with plans for a new school 200 metres away at the bottom of the hill, was a threat to Regentville PS, one of Regentville's land marks. Concerned residents attended a meeting to plan positive action. A committee was formed and a name chosen SOS- SAVE OUR SCHOOL. Door to door surveys, letter writing, signs and engagement with the local papers and radio station helped gather momentum.

A sign was erected on the roof of the schoolhouse, after it disappeared one night, the community was angered. A new sign was sewn together from people's bedsheets and with short notice over 100 people raised the sign which attracted media attention.

This was all co-inciding with a state election. The Minister of Education subsequently announced that the department would purchase extra land adjacent to the existing school site as the first school for Glenmore Park. Regentville PS remained and has continued to grow thanks to the actions of those community members many years ago.

This significant event in the history of Regentville is captured in the mural along with other important artefacts in our school's history.



Dates for the Calendar

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
30 January 2017	Students in Years 1-6 return
1st February	Kindergarten students commence

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.

MESSAGE FROM THE CANTEEN

I would like to wish all the students and their families a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Thankyou to all my wonderful canteen helpers, without their help we would not be able to open every day.

Mrs Simmons



MESSAGES FROM THE OFFICE

Thankyou to all parents, caregivers, students and teachers for a wonderful 2016 school year. If you are leaving the school at the end of this year please contact Mrs Gerrish before Friday 16.12.2016.

Lost Property– If you are missing any items including drink bottles, lunch boxes and uniforms please check the lost property bin located in the front office.

As we are overflowing with lost items we will empty the bin this Friday.



We wish you a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Have a safe vacation and see you back on Monday 30th January 2017.

Mrs Siczak, Mrs McMillan, Mrs Gibbs,
Mrs Gerrish, Mrs Beck and Mr Canning

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	

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



Donations can be placed in class
collection boxes or directly under
the Giving Tree in the office
between **21st Nov to 16th Dec**

Thank you for your kind donations!

CHALKDUST THEATRE COMPANY

Red Riding Hood

A Musical Pantomime
Directed by Sara DeVries

17th-22nd January

Tuesday-Friday 11am, Saturday - Sunday 2pm

**Norman Lindsay Gallery
14 Norman Lindsay Cres
Faulconbridge**

All tickets only \$15!



Bookings

www.trybooking.com/NXIQ

Penrith Christmas Lights

Community Event

Friday, December 16

- ★ Free BBQ, drinks 6 - 8:30pm
- ★ Free Glowsticks for Children (and adults too!)
- ★ Nativity scene
- ★ Free Face painting
- ★ A Christmas sleigh for children & families to enjoy
- ★ Cafe will be open
- ★ Christmas Lights turn on at 8:30pm
- ★ Santa arrives @ 8:30pm

Saturday, December 17

- ★ Same as Friday but better!!
- ★ Free Petting Zoo: Lambs, ducks rabbits, chickens etc... Great for children and families. 6:30 - 8:30pm
- ★ Free Horse drawn carriage rides - a loop around the surrounding streets of the church area 6:30 - 10:30pm

Sunday, December 18

- ★ Carols at the Park at Roger Nethercote Park, Caddens
- Sausages, games & crafts start at 5:30pm
- Carols start at 7:00pm



JOY
to the world

 Glenmore Park
Anglican Church

CAROLS

SUN DECEMBER 18

Blue Hills Oval, Glenmore Park

5PM: Food and fun for everyone

7PM - 8:20PM: Christmas Carols



Bring friends, family, and a picnic rug



No alcohol please



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

CHRISTMAS
EVE **SAT 24TH**



6PM Carol Service

(children come dressed as angels,
shepherds or wisemen)



11PM Candlelight Service

CHRISTMAS
DAY **SUN 25TH**

**8AM &
9:30AM**

Celebration services
for everyone!
(creche available)



IMPORTANT ROAD SAFETY REMINDER FOR PARENTS AND CARERS THESE HOLIDAYS

As the school holidays approach, it is important to remember when walking near roads, on footpaths, near driveways and in car parks always:

- **hold your child's hand.** Until they are at least 8 years old children need to hold an adult's hand. Until they are at least 10, children should be closely supervised by an adult and hold hands when crossing the road.
- **talk to your child about road safety.** Talk about how to be safe when near roads. Be a good role model.
- **point out road safety dangers and differences** in new environments. This is especially important when on holidays in different surroundings. Roads, footpaths and pedestrian facilities may look different in holiday areas.



The best way to keep your child safe on or near the road is to hold their hand.

Talk with your child daily about road safety.

Remind other adults and carers about this too.

You can find out more at [Transport for NSW](http://transport.nsw.gov.au).

<http://roadsafety.transport.nsw.gov.au/stayingsafe/children/pedestriansafety.html>

Have a safe holiday break!