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From the Principal - Mrs Maraga

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Welcome to an exciting year at Regentville Public School

It is a privilege to have welcomed our staff, students and their families back to an exciting year of learning at Regentville PS. This year we welcome Miss Bennett (Deputy Principal), Miss Pulbrook (Assistant Principal) and Miss Cattell to our staff.

I have been very impressed by the commitment and dedication shown by the teachers and the enthusiasm of the children at our school. The children have been very busily working in their classrooms with lots of reading, writing, maths and science activities already evident. This year we will continue our focus on ensuring our students are engaged in their learning, setting goals and reflecting on their successes and areas for development.

Our 3 strategic directions : Creative, Successful Learners; Inspired Teaching and Connected Cultures continue to shape the platform for our school plan and our ongoing commitment to providing quality education for all.

Kindergarten commence their first year of school

On Monday we greeted ninety-five Kindergarten students as they began their very first day of school. The children have had a very settled start to their schooling and their learning journey here at Regentville PS. This is such an exciting time for the children as they make new friendships, learn new routines and many new skills.

This year the children attended school prior to their first full day to complete the Best Start Assessment.

Parent Information Session, Sausage Sizzle and P&C on Tuesday 9 February

During our parent feedback sessions there were suggestions that new families to our school would like the opportunity to hear in detail how some things work here at Regentville PS. Topics that were highlighted included the Awards system, Assemblies and Regentville Rocks. To assist in sharing information, as well as welcoming new families and meeting up with our long term supporters to our school Miss Bennett, Mr Bamford and I will be conducting an Information Session for Parents. This session will start at 5.30pm outside the Library with a P&C supplied sausage sizzle, followed at 6pm with an Information Session in the Library where questions will be answered.

The first P&C meeting of the year will follow at 7pm and all are welcome to attend.

Stage Information Sessions and Parent Teacher Meetings

This year we will be hosting two opportunities for parents to come along to the school throughout first term. On Tuesday 16 February Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 parents will have an opportunity to meet with the teachers of each stage and learn about the exciting learning and events planned for their children in 2016. Years 3-6 will have the opportunity to come along and hear about the Primary happenings on Wednesday 17 February. Each year we schedule parent teacher meetings in term 1 to allow parents and teachers to meet and discuss the children and their learning goals for the year ahead. This year the meetings will be held later in the term. Further details will be sent home in the upcoming weeks.

8 Feb	Portrait Photographs for all new students. For school use.
9 Feb	Parent Information Session and BBQ (see item)
9 Feb	P&C Meeting 7pm. All welcome.
16 Feb	Swimming Carnival (Yrs 3 - 6)
16 Feb	Stage Information Night (see item)
17 Feb	Stage Information Night (see item)
29 Feb	District Swimming
18 Mar	Last Day Awards Trading
25 Mar	GOOD FRIDAY
28 Mar	EASTER MONDAY
7 Apr	School Disco
7 Apr	School Photos
8 Apr	End Term 1

- Swimming Carnival. \$10 for entry and bus. \$5 for entry only. **Due Thu 11 Feb**

The stage teams will be presenting information sessions for parents on the dates listed below.

These sessions will provide information regarding common activities and events in the stage.

There will be a time later this term for parents to meet with individual teachers.

Tues 16 Feb - 5.45pm (Kindergarten ES1)
- 6.30pm (Yrs 1 and 2 S1)

Wed 17 Feb - 5.45pm (Yrs 3 and 4 S2)

- 6.30pm (Yrs 5 and 6 S3)

Venues to be confirmed

There are an increasing number of students who have allergic reactions, some potentially life threatening, to peanuts. It would be appreciated if peanuts, and products containing them, be excluded from student's lunches and kept as treats for home.

A reminder that if your child arrives after the morning bell at 9am or has to leave prior to the 3pm bell they will need to report to the office to receive a late note/early leaver note. This procedure is a legal requirement that is necessary to keep our class rolls accurate.

The school **Swimming Carnival** is on **Tuesday 16 February** at **Ripples Swimming Centre, St Marys**. Please ensure that your child's **green permission note** and **money** is returned to the **office** by **Thursday 11 February 2016**. Their pink (girls) or blue (boys) **entry form** is to be returned to the **library** by the same date. **We do not accept entries on the day.**

You will note that there is the option to request an outside lane on the entry form. **We will try and accommodate your request, but cannot guarantee it.** Please tick the outside lane box only if you absolutely have to. The pool is well supervised and we do have a life guard.

Thank you.

Mrs Healey



Star Performers

• Congratulations to all of the Kindergarten students and their parents for a smooth start to 2016.

Parent Information session and BBQ

On Tuesday 9 February, we will be conducting an information session for new and existing parents about general school operations. The session will be led by Mrs Maraga, Miss Bennett and Mr Bamford.

The P&C will be putting on a sausage sizzle from 5.30pm outside the library before the session starts around 6pm in the Library. There will be an opportunity for parents to ask questions in person or by writing them down on paper provided on the night. Topics will include:-

- Teaching and learning;
- School operational matters;
- Office procedures;
- Programs and activities available to students, and
- Calendar events.

If you require further information about this session please feel free to contact the office on 47331615.

School Leaders 2016

The captains for 2016 are:- Jessica C and Harrison B.

The school leaders are:- Katie D, Romy D, Anthony C, Lachlan S

House Captains 2016

	Oxley (Green)	Macquarie (Yellow)	Jamison (Blue)	Tench (Red)
Boy Captain	Brock T	Cooper D	Gabe V-M	Joshua C
Girl Captain	Lilli F	Yasemin C	Carly R	Lilyann K
Boy Vice Captain	Blake T	Evander K	Luke D	Bailey H
Girl Vice Captain	Ashley J	Kate D	Jorja L	Willow H

Class	Teacher	Class	Teacher
KB	Mrs Bland (Assistant Principal)	3A	Mrs Everingham(M,Tu) Mrs Warne (W-Fr)
KC	Ms Cavanagh	3G	Mrs Macleod-Jones
KG	Mrs Garde	3P	Miss Pulbrook (Assistant Principal)
KJ	Mrs Bell	3S	Ms Stuart
KL	Ms Lees	4G	Miss Geisker
1A	Mrs Tinker Mrs Jones	4H	Mrs Hand
1C	Miss Cattell	4O	Miss Oaten
1G	Mrs Garland (M-TH) Mrs Martin (F)	45K	Mrs Penellum
1L	Mrs Lalor (Assistant Principal)	5B	Mr Buckley
12R	Mrs Robens	5M	Mr Miskell (Assistant Principal)
2F	Mrs Farran-McKee	5P	Miss Pendlebury
2H	Mrs Hahn	56R	Mrs Riches (Assistant Principal)
2N	Miss Noal	6G	Mr Jones
2T	Miss Long	6J	Miss Jacka
Reading Recovery	Ms Simpson (Assistant Principal) Mrs Ryan	RFF Music	Mrs Scott
Library	Mrs Healey Mrs Weir (W)	RFF PD/H/PE	Mr Scott
L@ST	Mrs Borg	School Counsellor	Mr Vidler

Procedures for Mobile Phones at school

- Students should only bring mobile phones to school if parents deem it necessary to make contact before and after school.
- Mobile phone contact is not needed during school hours because any emergency contact can be made through the office.
- Phones should be brought to Mr Bamford's office as soon as the student arrives at school.
- Phones can be picked up from the office at 3pm.

We cannot take responsibility for any loss or damage to phones that are left in student's bags.

Road Safety Around the School

A number of parents have contacted the school to report incidents regarding the dropping off and picking up of students around our school.

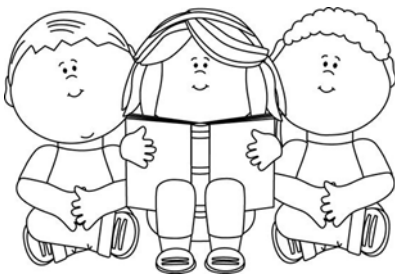
There are several key points that need to be highlighted:-

- The 'Kiss-and-Drop' zones **are not** parking areas. They are designed for parents to stay in the car with the engine running, to drop off/pick up, then leave. Under normal circumstances this process should take no longer than 20 seconds. Council Rangers and Highway Patrol cars randomly patrol these areas;
- Students have been asked not to walk out into the bus bay area at the back to get into waiting cars;
- The car park areas are not to be used to pick up students or as pedestrian access. **CAR PARKS ARE FOR STAFF PARKING ONLY.**
- There are pedestrian crossings at the front and rear of the school that should be used at all times. Adults need to model safe practices to all students;
- Parking on or near the pedestrian crossing is illegal and extremely dangerous.

We are aware that parking spaces are limited, however, it is everyone's responsibility to ensure that our students are not put in danger.

Some parents ask their children to wait 5 to 10 minutes before coming and picking them up. If you are able to wait a few minutes, the congestion eases to make picking up quick and easy.

We look forward to your support with these issues to help make our school area safe for the students.



Library News

Borrowing of books will commence next week, so could you ensure that your child has a library bag. Students are allowed to borrow 2 books at a time.

A yellow note with information about the NSW Premier's Reading Challenge will be sent home. I would encourage all students to participate in the Challenge.

Happy reading.
Mrs Healey

Blue Awards and Silver/Gold Trading System

Blue Awards are one of the many ways that teachers can acknowledge student achievements in the classroom. These awards are presented at Friday assemblies to students and records are kept of all students who receive an award.

Once a student has collected 4 Blue Awards they can bring them to school and give them to Mrs Garland (Kindergarten to Year 2 students) or Mrs Macleod-Jones (Year 3 to Year 6 students) to be traded in for a Silver Award. **This can be done anytime up to the Friday two weeks before the Gold and Silver Assembly for each term.** No awards can be accepted after this date as time is needed for printing of awards and sending home invitations to parents.

A **Silver Award** will be awarded to a student who has earned and submitted 4 Blue Awards and has also satisfied the criteria on the award,

“Very Good Behaviour, Consistent Effort, Positive Attitude, School Citizenship”

It is important to note that Silver Awards may be withheld from a student if they do not satisfy the criteria stated on the award. This is an important part of the process that protects the integrity of the award. Silver and Gold Awards are presented each term in the second last week at a special assembly and parents receive an invitation to attend the assembly to see their child receive their award.

A **Gold Award** will be awarded to a student who has earned and submitted 3 Silver Awards and has also satisfied the criteria on the award,

“Excellent Behaviour, Consistently High Effort, Enthusiastic Attitude, Outstanding Citizenship”

In addition to receiving Blue Awards from their class teacher, students can collect 4 smaller awards from Library lessons, and RFF lessons (Music and PD/Health/PE) that can be traded for a Blue Award. *NB. Computer classes have been replaced by PD/Health/PE classes this year. Therefore a mixture of Computer awards and PD/Health/PE awards can be traded for a Blue Award.*

While this process may seem complicated the purpose is to acknowledge individual students on a regular basis and encourage the qualities outlined on the Silver and Gold Awards in all students.

If you require clarification about any part of this process, please contact Mr Bamford at school.

4 x Small Library Awards = Blue Award

4 x Small PD/Health/PE and Computer Awards = Blue Award

4 x Small Music Awards = Blue Award

4 x Blue Awards = Silver Award*

3 x Silver Awards = Gold Award*

2 x Gold Awards = Honour Board*

*** NB. These awards may be withheld if the stated criteria are not met.**

This will be the only paper copy of the newsletter sent home this year unless we receive the slip below.

All future newsletters will be emailed to addresses on our school files. Please contact the school if you have recently changed your email address.

Digital Newsletter

The newsletter is available on the school website and it is also emailed to parents to reduce the cost of producing paper copies. There are also a small number of copies available in the front office display.

If you are not able to access the internet at home to view the online version or receive the email version of the school newsletter, please return the attached slip to Mr Bamford so that a paper copy can be arranged.

If you would like to discuss this matter further please feel free to contact Mrs Maraga, Miss Bennett or Mr Bamford.

I am unable to access the internet to view the school newsletter online.

Please send me a paper copy with my child:-

Class _____.

Parent Name:- _____