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From the Principal - Mrs Maraga

Mr Bruce is retiring after 36 years at Regentville!

After 36 years working tirelessly here at Regentville PS our very much loved General Assistant 'Mr Bruce' is retiring. The school community will join together next Tuesday afternoon to say a very special farewell to the longest serving staff member of our school.

The contributions that Mr Bruce has made to this school exceed any role statement. His hard work, commitment and the ability to always go above and beyond is a legacy that he leaves as he moves to a new chapter in his life. Mr Bruce is loved by all, a friend to everyone and a real gentleman. It is with sadness that we will say farewell, however we wish him the very best in his new role of retiree!

Please come along to celebrate such a wonderful career next Tuesday afternoon.

Stage Information Sessions are a great way to hear about the exciting things happening for your child!

Tonight we will host the second evening of Stage Information Sessions in the Library.

This is your opportunity to come along and meet the teachers and find out about the exciting learning planned for your child at Regentville PS this year.

Please join us tonight Wednesday 17 February in the Library.

Years 3 and 4 (Stage 2) 5.45pm to 6.15pm

Years 5 and 6 (Stage 3) 6.30pm to 7pm

Thank you to our families who took the opportunity to attend our sessions for Kindergarten (Early Stage 1), Years 1 and 2 (Stage 1) last evening. We very much value the strong partnership between home and school in supporting the education of all our students.

A wonderful day for our students at the Annual Swimming Carnival

The annual swimming carnival was held yesterday at Ripples Aquatic Centre. There were many excited students who competed in events throughout the day. Congratulations are extended to all the children who attended for their wonderful behaviour throughout the day. Thank you to Mr Miskell and Mrs Healey for their organisation of a very successful swimming carnival.

A huge thank you is extended to our parents who assisted throughout the day in a variety of roles including time keeping. The wonderful way the parents and teachers work together to provide the very best for our students is a real strength of our school.

P&C Meeting Annual General Meeting to be held on Tuesday 1 March 2016 - 7pm

Last week we welcomed many new parents to the P&C. The P&C meetings are a wonderful way for parents to be informed about activities and planning at the school and contribute to the decision making process at our school. The next P&C Meeting will be held on Tuesday 1 March. This will be the Annual General Meeting and will be followed by the regularly monthly meeting. Please jot the date in your diary and join us on the 1 March.

Dates for the Calendar	
23 Feb	Scripture lessons start
23 Feb	Mr Bruce Day (see item)
29 Feb	District Swimming Carnival
1 Mar	P&C AGM 7pm
11 Mar	Easter Raffle tickets distributed
14 Mar	Parent Teacher meetings (see item)
18 Mar	Last Day Awards Trading
24 Mar	Easter Hat Parade
25 Mar	GOOD FRIDAY
28 Mar	EASTER MONDAY
7 Apr	School Photos
7 Apr	Disco
8 Apr	End Term 1

Payments Due	
25 Feb	Year 3 & 4 Textbooks \$22
26 Feb	Year 5 & 6 Textbooks \$30
22 Mar	ICAS Competitions Year 2 – 6 \$various
30 Mar	General School Contribution \$50/\$100 (Instalments can be paid at any time)

Student Representative Council (SRC) 2016

The students listed below were elected by the class to be the SRC representative for 2016. They will attend meetings and discuss ways that the school can be even better.

KB	Noah H	3A	Jonah M
KC	Peyton H	3G	Matthew B
KG	Ava A	3P	Skylah H
KJ	Hugh K	3S	Heath W
KL	Nathaniel F	4G	Alex M
1A	Parker S	4H	Thomas E
1G	Maxim M	4O	Sienna B
1C	Ethan N	4/5K	Alex M
1L	Logan O	5B	Riley E
1/2R	Tyler E	5M	Olivia S
2F	Desiyah C	5P	Zavier B
2H	Tennille B	5/6R	Dominic M
2N	Amity W	6G	Isabella O
2T	Kayra D	6J	Caitlin H

Star Performers

- Well done to all of the students who “had-a-go” yesterday at the Swimming Carnival.
- Thanks to all of the parents who came to support and special thank you to the parent helpers on the day.

“Mr Bruce Day”

Celebrating the many contributions that Mr Bruce has made to Regentville School.



On **Tuesday 23rd February** the school community will be honouring Mr Bruce Chamberlin as he retires after 36 years serving Regentville Public School as our General Assistant. An assembly will be held at 2.15pm on the basketball courts to honour Mr Bruce, dedicating his workroom, henceforth to be known as Mr Bruce’s Shed, and forming a guard of honour, down the main pathway.

Several generations of our school community will have known Mr Bruce. Over the years he has kept our gardens and playground spick and span. You many have seen him retrieving hats or lunchboxes from the roof or bushes, or watched him as he dangled from a ladder putting up the mirror ball for the disco. Throughout his service Mr Bruce has been the smiling face on the path with a kind word and a high-five for each and every child. You are most welcome to join us as we farewell our friend and colleague for the last time.

To honour Mr Bruce **Tuesday 23rd February** will be

Mr Bruce Day,

and children are encouraged to come to school dressed as Mr Bruce.

Ideas for dressing as Mr Bruce:

- Well-worn shorts, t-shirt and floppy hat
- Overalls
- Tennis whites (Bruce was a champion tennis player in his time)
- Bowls gear (Bruce is an avid bowls player)
- A jockey (Mr Bruce loves a flutter on the gee-gees)
- Kids could even bring their toy tractors and mowers



**Join us in celebrating Mr Bruce, and his many contributions to our school.
The place will not be the same without him.**

Student Attendance

Teachers are required by law to maintain accurate rolls recording student attendance. At Regentville PS we have an online system for Student Management that includes a roll marking function. Teachers mark rolls electronically each day between 9am and 9.30am to record student attendance. Students who arrive at school after the 9am bell are required to present at the front office to have their time of arrival recorded and then return to their class with a system generated receipt for the teacher. A similar procedure is required for students leaving before the 3pm bell. Parents are to go to the front office to have the time of departure electronically recorded and a system generated receipt is to be given to the class teacher on pickup. These procedures are necessary for us to have accurate records of student attendance at school.

Student attendance is monitored by class teachers and by myself on a regular basis. An important part of monitoring student attendance is receiving notes explaining absences so that the rolls can be adjusted accordingly. (A proforma that could be used if required can be found on the school website in the Current Notes section) The students are being reminded on a regular basis that when they return to school after being away they should have a note from their parents explaining the reason for the absences. Teachers and I will send home request notes if we have not received an explanation note within three days of the absence.

If you would like further clarification about student attendance procedures please feel free to contact me at school.

David Bamford
Deputy Principal

Student Attendance Fast Facts

- **100% attendance will be recognised at the end of the year with a special certificate.**
- **Explanation notes should always come in the day of return.**
- **Arrival after the 9am bell requires a receipt from the front office.**
- **Departure before 3pm requires a receipt from the front office before picking up your child.**
- **Attendance is monitored regularly by class teachers and by the Deputy Principal.**
- **The Department of Education no longer grants exemptions for family holidays and they are counted in the number of days absent by a student.**

Procedures for Payments to School

With a school population of 715 students the processing of payments can be a time consuming task. We would like to clarify the procedures for any payments to school, eg. excursions, textbooks and performances.

- All payments to school are to be made using an envelope (there is a supply in the front office and in classrooms) with the student's name, class, correct amount and reason for payment clearly labelled;
- Credit card payments can also be made by completing the school envelopes or alternately using the credit card form on the school website;
- There is **no change given** so correct money is required;
- All envelopes are to be deposited in the payment shute situated inside the foyer in the corridor to the Principal's office;
- All notes that are sent home, including notes requesting payments, can be found on the school website in the "Current Notes" tab;
- Payment deadlines are set one week prior to the event and are clearly stated on the note;
- Late payments can only be accepted after contact with either Mrs Maraga, Miss Bennett or Mr Bamford. NB. There may be times that unforeseen circumstances cause a late payment. (We need to have payments finalised by due dates so that processing can take place, rolls for attendance can be generated, bookings for buses and venues can be confirmed and orders finalised.)
- If you are having difficulties making payments before the due date, please contact Mrs Maraga, Miss Bennett or Mr Bamford prior to the payment deadline.

Your assistance with these procedures will help towards making paid events safer and more enjoyable for all students.

Parent Teacher Meetings Week 8 (14 - 18 March)

Teachers will be conducting interviews with parents in Week 8 of this term. These interviews will allow for discussion about your child's strengths and areas for support.

We will once again use the online booking system to arrange times with more information in the next newsletter.

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 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 _____ of class
_____.

Parent Name:- _____