



"Learn Wisely, Live Proudly"

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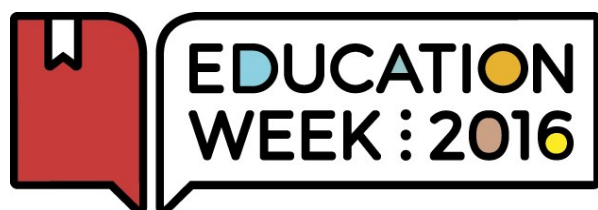
From the Principal - Mrs Maraga

27 July 2016

Welcome to our exciting Term 3, one where the great learning continues at Regentville.

Welcome back to a chilly start to the term. The children have settled quickly into their classrooms, where learning is productive and challenging each and every day. The children are working with their teachers in setting goals for their learning, each child being encouraged to work on continually improving and setting learning goals to achieve their personal best.

We welcome Mr Christensen who is teaching 6G while Mr Jones is relieving as Assistant Principal at Leonay PS.



**OPEN DAY and ART
SHOW** at Regentville PS.

Wednesday 3 August

This year our school will be hosting an Art Show in Education Week. Our Education Week celebrations will also include **Open Day with visits to your child's classroom encouraged**. The celebrations will be held on Wednesday 3 August. Classroom visits are scheduled for **Years K-2** 9:30 -10am and **Years 3-6** 10-10:30am. We look forward to showing the great things that are happening in each classroom and the fabulous art work created by children in all classes throughout the hall in our Art Show.

Our traditional Regentville Rocks and Book Fair will be held on Monday 5 September. The Regentville Rocks concert will be in the morning this year to avoid some of our previous issues with the heat. The Book Fair will be open until 2pm on this day. Parents are encouraged to visit our classrooms next week during Education Week as there will not be an opportunity at Regentville Rocks due to the earlier concert performance.

Maths Parent Forum - 30th August at 7.00 - 8.30 at Glenmore Park High School.

Mathematics is fun! This will be the focus of the parent forum to be held on Tuesday 30 August at 7.00pm. This forum is designed to cater for parents from all schools within our Glenmore Park Learning Alliance including parents from Regentville PS. Come along and learn about Mathematics and how we teach mathematics at school!

This will be an interactive session for parents of children from Kindergarten to Year 12.

P and C Meeting will be held on Tuesday at 7pm.

The next P&C meeting will be next Tuesday evening. All parents and caregivers are invited to come along and hear about what is happening in our school.

Ashleigh our star performer at the Opera House

Congratulations are extended to Ashleigh (6G) on her recent performance as a member of the Pulse Junior Dance Ensemble at the Sydney Opera House. Ashleigh was selected as a member of this dance group from students throughout Western Sydney Region. A fabulous achievement!

Kindergarten Enrolments for 2017

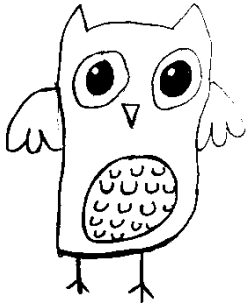
We are currently taking enrolments for children to commence school in Kindergarten in 2017. Enrolment forms may be collected at the front office. If you would like to discuss your child's readiness for school please contact the front office to make an appointment to speak to myself, Miss Bennett or Mr Bamford.

Dates for the Calendar	
1 Aug	CARES Bike Safety excursion - 4H
1 Aug	PVPAF tickets go on sale from 9am at Joan Sutherland Centre
2 Aug	P&C meeting 7pm. All welcome.
2 Aug	CARES Bike Safety excursion - 4G
2 Aug	ICAS English
2 Aug	Kindy Farm excursion
2 Aug	Girls Basketball State KO game
3 Aug	OPEN DAY and ART SHOW
4 Aug	CARES Bike Safety excursion - 4O
4 Aug	Milo Cup Cricket
9 Aug	Spelling Bee Stage finals
10 Aug	Olympic Games Day
16 Aug	Athletics Carnival Day Yrs 3-6
<i>More dates can be found on our Skoolbag app</i>	

Payments Due	
	General School Contribution \$45 per student or \$90 per family (Instalments can be paid at any time)
27 July	Mass Choir Rehearsal No 2 \$6
27 July	CARES Bike Safety- Year 4 \$10
28 July	Year 4 Yarramundi Camp Second Instalment Due \$50
28 July	Year 6 Snowy Mountains Camp 2nd Instalment Due \$100
2 Aug	School Athletics Carnival Years 3-6 \$7
3 Aug	Regentville Olympics Day K-6 \$4.50
5 Aug	Junior Choir PVPAF T-Shirt Purchase \$5
8 Aug	PVPAF Senior Dance Costume Hire \$20.00

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

	K-2	3-6
Safe	Hollee – 1A	
Respectful	Amelia – 2N	Matilda – 3G
Learner	Hayden - KG	Samuel – 4G
Green	Alyssa – 3T	



Star Performers

- Well done to the debating team who won their round 3 debate this week.
- Congratulations to the Boys Basketball team who convincingly won their State KO game this week.
- Thanks to Mark Geyer and Super Amart Penrith for supporting our school by supplying foot-balls, bibs, markers, whistles and hats. Mark was also kind enough to sign autographs for half an hour.
- Well done to Ashleigh 6G on her performance at the Sydney Opera House as part of the Western Sydney Dance Ensemble.

Teachers Are Learners Too.....

It is Term 3 already and the excellent teaching and learning at RPS continues. It has been a pleasure to witness students who are engaged in meaningful learning in every single classroom here at RPS. Of course, the continued learning of teachers is a vital component in ensuring that we are delivering teaching which is in line with what current research is telling us.

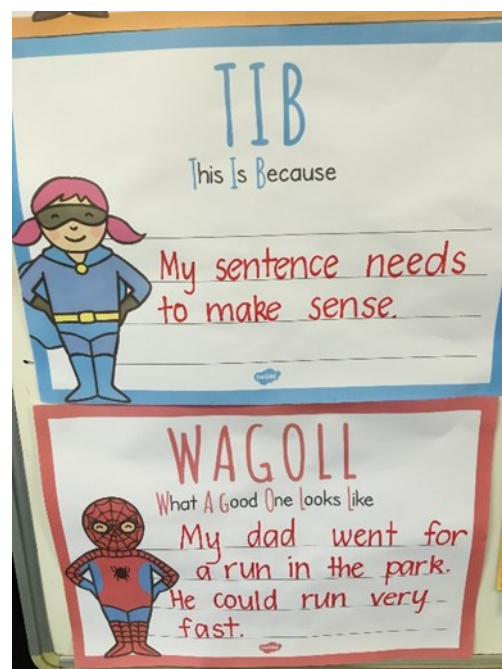
So what does the research tell us?

- The speed of learning doubles following effective feedback. Feedback should be 'just in time', specific to the student and provide the student with goals for 'where to next'
- Students who report on their own work or can explain why their work meets certain standards or criteria are more likely to be successful than other learners as they will be active in their own learning

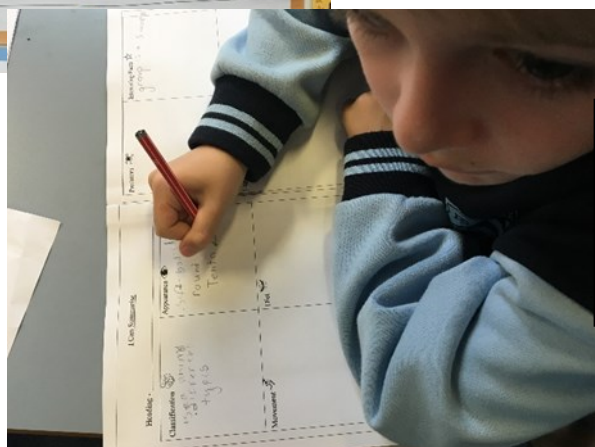
While there is a lot of exciting research around education, at RPS we are continuing to work very hard to engage students in monitoring their own learning by using 'just in time' feedback to set learning goals. As part of this, teachers across the school are using learning intentions to set the direction of the lesson, ensuring students understand what they are learning and why.



Learning intentions in KG



'I can' statements in 2H



Questions to ask your child/children over the next few weeks:

- Did you have a learning goal today? What was it? How did you know you reached it? What will you do differently next time?

Education Week Open Day

Wednesday 3 August Open Classrooms

K-2 classes 9.30am to 10am; Yr3-6 classes 10am to 10.30am

Art Show in hall from 9am. Gold coin donation.

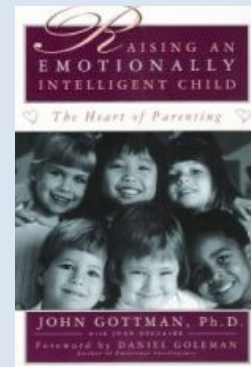
Official opening of Art Show at 11.30am.



Got It! Tip of the Week

Many parents find their child's challenging behaviours hard to understand and frustrating to manage. It is important to remember that children's difficult behaviour is a way of expressing their emotional and physical needs. It can sometimes be tricky to know what your child is trying to communicate with his behaviour, however thinking about the emotions behind the behaviour is a great place to start.

Emotions guide our actions, and being aware of our feelings and the feelings of others helps us to handle our moods better, bounce back from emotional events faster, be healthier, get along better with people, and manage our behaviour better.



BOOK *Raising an Emotionally Intelligent Child : The Heart of Parenting* by John Gottman

Orders for Book Club close

3 August 2016



The *Tell Them From Me* student feedback survey

We are delighted that this term, our school, like many other public schools in the state, will participate in a Department of Education initiative: the *Tell Them From Me* student feedback survey. The survey aims to help improve student learning outcomes and measures factors that are known to affect academic achievement and other student outcomes. The focus of the NSW-wide survey is on student wellbeing, engagement and effective teaching practices.

You may remember that our students also participated in a *Tell Them From Me* student survey in Term 1 this year. Asking students to complete the survey twice in one year allows us to identify trends in student responses as well as track engagement and motivation across the school year.

More information about the survey is available at: <http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au/information-for-parents>

The survey is a great opportunity for our students to provide us with valuable and quick feedback on what they think about school life, how engaged they are with school and the different ways that teachers interact with them. Schools in Australia and around the world have used the *Tell Them From Me* survey to help improve how they do things at school.

We want to assure you that the survey is confidential. The survey is conducted online and will typically take less than 30 minutes to complete. It will be administered during school hours between 22 August and 21 October. Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary.

A consent form and FAQs for parents/carers about the survey is being sent home with students. If you **do not** want your child or children to participate, please return the form to school by **Friday 12 August 2016**. Copies of the form and FAQs are available from the website above.

The *Partners in Learning* parent feedback survey

This Term, our school will be participating in the *Partners in Learning* parent survey, another part of the *Tell Them From Me* suite of surveys (student, teacher and parent surveys) on student engagement. The survey asks parents and carers questions about different factors that are known to impact on student wellbeing and engagement. Running this survey will help our school understand parents' and carers' perspectives on their child's experience at school. These include: communication between parents/carers and staff, activities and practices at home and parent/carer views on the school's support of learning and behaviour. This valuable feedback will help our school make practical improvements.

The survey is conducted entirely online at home or on public computers. The survey will typically take 15 minutes or less to complete and is completely confidential. The parent survey will be conducted between 22 August and 21 October. Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary, however, your responses are very much appreciated.

More information about the survey is available at: <http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au/information-for-parents>



Regentville Rocks Book Fair

Our Regentville Rocks Book Fair is a reading event that brings to school the books children want to read. It's a wonderful selection of engaging and affordable books for every reading level. We look forward to seeing you and your family at our Book Fair!

Book Fair Date: Regentville Rocks Day, Monday 5 September
Shopping Hours: 8.30 am to 2 pm

Remember, all purchases benefit our school. Also, if you have spare plastic bags could you please get your child to drop them into the library so they can be used at the Book Fair. Thank you.

L Healey
Teacher Librarian



NSW Premier's Reading Challenge

The NSW Premier's Reading Challenge ends on **19 August 2016 (11:59 pm)**. All student reading records must be completed by this date.

Students in K-2 have completed the Reading Challenge and have all had their reading records validated. Students in Years 3 to 6 need to complete their own Reading Challenge record online. Thank you.

L Healey
Teacher Librarian

PARENT ONLINE PAYMENTS

Did you know that you can now make payments to your child's school online?

We have launched a new online payment portal linked to our school website to make it easier for you to pay for school related payments. This is a secure payment page hosted by Westpac.

What expenses can be paid online?

Voluntary School Contributions
Excursions/Incursions
Sports Carnivals
Textbooks

What cannot be paid online?

PSSA Sport
Canteen orders
Lost Library Book Reimbursements

When?

This payment method will go live on Friday 3rd June.

How?

Log onto School site at- www.regentvill-p.schools.nsw.edu.au.
Click on "Make a Payment" and follow the prompts to make a payment via Visa or MasterCard.