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Regentville Public School

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From the Principal - Mrs Maraga

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Welcome to Regentville Public School for 2017!

Teachers and students are all excited to be back at school and are enjoying a slightly cooler day today! We are very fortunate that our classrooms are air-conditioned making learning in the classrooms very pleasant compared to the extreme heat outside. I have been very impressed by the commitment and dedication shown by the teachers and the enthusiasm of the children this week. The children have been very busily working in their classrooms. I can confirm that we will not need to restructure classes so the children will remain in their current class. 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 of the school plan continue to guide our work.

Creative, Successful Learners;
Inspired Teaching and;
Connected Cultures

Kindergarten students were all smiles on their first day!

Kindergarten students were all smiles as they began their very first day of school today. This is such an exciting time for the children as they make new friendships, learn new routines and many new skills. We welcome all our newest children to our school.

Parent Information Session, Sausage Sizzle and P&C on Tuesday 7 February

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 by an Information Session in the Library where we will be happy to answer any questions you may have. 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. The teachers will host parent forums for Kindergarten to Year 2 and Information Sessions for Years 3 to 6 over the coming weeks.

Later in the term we will host individual parent / teacher meetings to discuss your child and their goals for 2017.

At Regentville we value strong home/ school communication and are always happy to discuss any aspect of your child's education. If you would like to speak to your child's class teacher please make an appointment to meet with them. Appointments can be made by contacting our school office.

Our school grounds are taking shape!

Mr Brendan (General Assistant) has been very busy throughout the holidays. The school grounds are looking good and the addition of our new shade area adds another wonderful space for children to play being protected by the sun.



WHERE: Outside the Library

**WHEN: Tuesday, 7 February at
5.30pm, (followed by the first P&C
meeting for 2017...all parents invited!)**

MESSAGES FROM THE OFFICE

Welcome back after what we hope was a restful summer holiday.

Parents if you have not updated your child's Individual Health Care Plan could you please do so by the end of next week? It is very important we have the most up to date information for your child in the event of a medical emergency. Notes were sent home to parents whose children had an Individual Health Care Plan in 2016. Please return those to Mr Bamford as soon as possible.

If your child is new to the school or your child has a medical condition we should know about please contact Mr Bamford at the school as soon as possible.

If you have any questions relating to Individual Health Care Plans or the medical needs of your child please call the school office on 4733-1615.

Please label your children's clothing, drink bottles, containers and other items as our lost property bin gets extremely full of items not marked with student's names. If your child has lost a piece of clothing or drink bottle etc please visit the office as soon as possible to check the lost property bin.

Band starts on Wednesday 8 February. All 2016 band members meet at 8am in the band room for rehearsal.

Kindest Regards,
Mrs Ainslie McMillan

Teachers are Learners Too.....

At Regentville Public School we value professional learning for all staff to ensure our students engage in exciting and high impact learning. Our teachers are provided with a number of opportunities to expand upon their knowledge. Research shows that collaborative learning is highly successful for both students and teachers. It is this research that guides the work and opportunities that we provide for our teachers.

When teachers engage in collaborative professional learning it is your children; our students, who benefit.

This year teachers will be engaged in various learning such as;

- L3 training (second year for Kindergarten teachers, and first year for Year One teachers)
- PLAN Pods: twice a term where teams will work together to analyse data around students' learning and plan for high impact learning
- Whole staff professional learning around Numeracy and the research of John Hattie
- Whole staff professional learning to support the wellbeing of our students.

We will continue our focus on visible learning and formative assessment. Learning intentions, success criteria and goal setting will all be a significant element of classroom practice.

We encourage you to ask your child to share with you something he or she has learned at school each day, or to ask about their learning goals, or what the learning intention was for maths, for example.

2017 will be a busy year of learning for both our students and teachers and we look forward to sharing the journey with you.



Have you had a look at *school A to Z?*

School A-Z is a wonderful resource for parents and carers and a Department of Education initiative.

You can access the site using the following link or searching *schoolatoz*

<http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/home>

Jodi Bennett

Deputy Principal

Dates for the Calendar	
6 February	Portrait Photographs for all new students. For school use.
7 February	Welcome BBQ-P&C followed the P&C meeting at 7pm
15 February	Stage 2 & 3 Information Session
21 February	Swimming Carnival
22 February	Early Stage 1 & Stage 1 Information Session
1 March	District Swimming

Allergic Reactions

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.

Late Arrival/Early Leaving

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.

Swimming Carnival

The school **Swimming Carnival** is on **Tuesday 21 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 16 February 2017**. **We do not accept payment or permission slips on the day.**

Thank you, Mrs Healey

Star Performers

- Congratulations to all of the Kindergarten students and their parents for a smooth start to 2017.

2017 Class Structure

Class	Teacher	Class	Teacher
KB	Mrs Bland (Assistant Principal)	3C	Miss Clarke
KC	Ms Cavanagh	3G	Mrs Macleod-Jones
KG	Mrs Garde	3P	Miss Pulbrook (Assistant Principal)
KJ	Mrs Bell	3/4T	Mrs Tinker
KL	Ms Lees	4A	Mrs Wood (Wed-Fri) Mrs Sellen (Mon-Tues)
1P	Miss Cattell	4O	Miss Oaten
1G	Mrs Garland (M-TH) Mrs Warne (F)	4P	Mrs Penellum
1J	Mrs Jacka	4/5F	Mrs Faico
1L	Mrs Lalor (Assistant Principal)	5B	Mr Buckley
1/2F	Mrs Farran-McKee	5M	Mr Miskell (Assistant Principal)
2A	Miss Huynh	5/6R	Mrs Riches (Assistant Principal)
2H	Mrs Hahn	6C	Mr Christensen
2T	Mrs Tomasko	6P	Miss Pendlebury
2/3R	Mrs Robens	6S	Mr Scott
Reading Recovery	Ms Simpson (Assistant Principal) Mrs Ryan	RFF Music	Mrs Scott
Library	Mrs Healey Mrs Weir (W)	RFF PD/H/PE	Mrs Hand
L@ST	Mrs Newton (Mon-Wed)	School Counsellor	Mr Vidler

School Leaders 2017

The captains for 2017 are:- Reese Bennett & Harrison Turner

The school leaders are:- Olivia Steele, Ashley Jackson,
Zavier Button and Bailey Hagarty.

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.

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:- _____