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"Learn Wisely, Live Proudly"

From the Principal - Mrs Maraga

15 February 2017

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

Tonight we will host the first of our 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 15 February in the Library.

Years 3 and 4 (Stage 2) 5-6 pm

Years 5 and 6 (Stage 3) 6-7pm

The following week teachers will be hosting forum workshops for parents of students in Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2.

We look forward to welcoming parents of our younger students on Wednesday 22 February in the Library.

Kindergarten (Early Stage 1) 5-5:45 pm

Years 1 and 2 (Stage 1) 6-7 pm

P&C Meeting Annual General Meeting to be held on Tuesday 7 March 2017

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 7 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 7 March.

House Captains congratulated at Assembly last week.

Congratulations to our students who were selected as House Captains and Vice-Captains for 2017. This is an important position leading their House Teams throughout the year. We wish them well in their first leadership role at the swimming carnival next year.

SRC Badges to be presented on Friday

On Friday the elected student representative of each class will be presented with their SRC badge.

Congratulations are extended to each of the students who have been selected by their peers to represent their class as a member of the Student Representative Council.

How can we help children achieve their best?

What does the evidence say? Research from the Centre for Education Statistics and Evaluation indicates effective practices that lead to high growth in students achievements.

From the research we know that:

High expectations are linked with higher performance for all students.

What does this look like in practice at Regentville PS?

- Explicit Bump It Up Walls in classrooms to show students what performance benchmarks are;
- Students setting goals for their learning and being encouraged to pursue higher levels of achievement;
- Teachers providing explicit feedback to students as to how they can improve.

How can parents help?

- Encourage your child to talk about their learning goals. Discuss how they are going in their learning and talk about where to next.

Dates for the Calendar	
15 February	Stage 2 & 3 Information Session
17 February	PSSA begins
21 February	Swimming Carnival
22 February	Early Stage 1 & Stage 1 Information Session
28 February	Scripture starts
1 March	District Swimming

Allergic Reactions

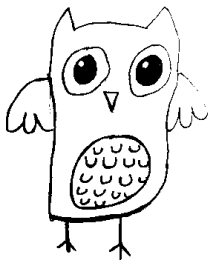
There are an increasing number of students who have allergic reactions, some potentially life threatening, to peanuts. It would be appreciated if peanuts, and products containing them, be excluded from student's lunches and kept as treats for home.

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 tomorrow **Thursday 16 February 2017**. We do not accept payment or permission slips on the day.

Thank you, Mrs Healey

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



	K-2	3-6
Safe	Jake- 2H	Breiana- 4/4T
Respectful	Spencer- KG	Jemma – 3/4D
Learner	Michael - KJ	Jemma – 3P
Green	Peyton- 1P	

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.

Star Performers

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.**