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FROM THE PRINCIPAL...

Prep Open Days

On Tuesday and Thursday of this week we have held our Prep, 2015, open days. It was very pleasing to see so many excited young children experience a morning at Regents Park State School.

As the saying goes, a picture paints a thousand words.



Mike Wright Retirement

On Friday night we farewelled Mr Michael Wright. Michael had been Deputy Principal at Regents Park since 1998. Michael has now retired and is enjoying planning more international travel and spending time with his family. We wish him well and thank him for all he has done for Regents Park over the years. Previous principals Di Buchan and Rita Bishop attended the dinner and joined me in sharing stories about Michael's time at Regents Park, with the overwhelming opinion that he was always a gentleman, kind and caring and always with the children's best interest at heart.

Lockdown 5 August 2014

Yesterday afternoon at around 2:45 pm QPS officers were observed in the school grounds. Officers went down onto the school oval and into the Vince Bull Environmental Park at the rear of the school. I was assured that there was no threat to students.

At around 2:55 pm QPS informed me that they needed a few more minutes in order to ensure the person they were looking for was no longer on the grounds. On advice from QPS the school was placed in Lock Down. At approximately 3:10 pm we were advised by QPS to end the Lock Down and allow students to leave the classrooms.

Like all schools, Regents Park State School has a practiced procedure for lockdown. This entails:

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- 1 On hearing the signal all students and staff are to remain/enter the closest classroom
 - a. Check for anyone in the immediate vicinity and bring them into the room
 - b. Lock all windows, doors and blinds
 - c. Sit under desks, tables etc out of view of the windows
- 2 Remain silent

Wait for the all clear to be called.

Yesterday our procedures were adhered to and the Lock Down was very successfully carried out so that students were calm and felt safe.

Due to the timing of yesterday's incident there were a number of parents on the school grounds and not all of them were able to enter a classroom. If you arrive at the school and you hear announcements or music playing you are best advised not to enter the grounds; return to your vehicle, move away from entrances. Please be assured that your children, our students are our primary concern and their safety is paramount for us.

A special assembly was held today to re-assure all students and staff that they were safe at all times and congratulate them on exhibiting STAR behaviour in following our Lock Down procedures. It was also an opportunity to give all the facts that we have.

**Yours in Education
Marilyn Moballe, Principal**

AUGUST	
Thursday 7	Prep Open Day
Monday 11	EKKA Holiday
Tuesday 12	Prep Parent Information Evening 6:00pm to 7:00pm
Tuesday 12	P & C Meeting
Wed 13	Junior Sports Day
Saturday 23	Tournament of Minds - Villanova
SEPTEMBER	
Monday 8 to Friday 12	Year 7 Camp
Tuesday 9	P & C Meeting
Saturday 13	P&C Indoor Netball Tournament
Tuesday 16	Prep Blue and Prep Green – Toohey Forest Excursion
Thursday 18	Prep Red – Toohey Forest Excursion

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL NEWS

Prep Enrolments 2015

An information evening for parents of prep age children for 2015 will be held on Tuesday 12 August at 6pm in the RPSS Library. Please come along to hear about our prep programs and ask any questions regarding your child attending prep at Regents Park State School.

Junior Sports Day

Next Wednesday 13 August is Junior Sports Day. This involves all classes from Prep to Year 3. I would like to encourage all families to come along and enjoy a family fun day on the main oval. The RPSS P & C will be providing a BBQ. Come along and watch the children participate and cheer on their sporting house.

Maths Team Challenge



Today we had 2 teams of Year 6 & 7 students represent RPSS at the Logan West Cluster Maths Team Challenge. The teams were:

Team 1	Team 2
Albert Yr 7	Sara Yr 7
Teagan Yr 7	Regan Yr 7
Aidan Yr 7	Sapphire Yr 7
Hannah Yr 7	Mikayla Yr 6
Darian Yr 6	Chloe Yr 6

Both teams performed very well and we are extremely proud of their efforts.

A huge congratulations to Team 1 who came equal 1st!

NAIDOC DAY

On Friday 25 July, we celebrated NAIDOC DAY. There was a terrific vibe in the school as students all participated in the art



activities. Please ask your child to explain the meaning behind their artwork. Students really enjoyed performances of both Aboriginal and Torres Straight Islander dance at the whole school assembly. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Sheri, Aunty Peggy, all of the helpers for the art activities and the dancers. Thanks also to Mr Michael Pucci who attended our special assembly. This day has certainly become an annual celebration on the RPSS calendar.

Kelly Uittenbosch, Acting Deputy Principal

Instrumental Music 2015

It is widely accepted that students require three years of woodwind, brass and percussion to perform in quality bands. With the transition of Year 7 to high school in 2015, Year 4 woodwind, brass and percussion will be added to the instrumental program in primary schools. More information will be distributed as we plan as a school how to cater for these changes.

BEHAVIOUR ENHANCING LEARNING LEADER NEWS

1, 2, 3 Magic and Emotion Coaching Parent Course

The **three-session program** for parents and carers will be presented at Regents Park State School, Emerald Drive Regents Park.

When: Tuesday evenings

Dates: August 19 & 26 and 2 September

Time: 6:30 – 8:30pm

Where: The staffroom

The course is being offered free of charge.

Learn:

- ✓ How to discipline without arguing, yelling or smacking
- ✓ How to sort behaviour
- ✓ How to handle challenging and testing behaviours
- ✓ Choosing your strategy, the three choices
- ✓ Using emotion coaching to encourage good behaviour
- ✓ 7 tactics for encouraging good behaviour

Registration

Register for this course at the front desk in Administration or by contacting Mandy Knudsen at Regents Park State School on 3802 4333 or by email mknud4@eq.edu.au.

Hope to see you there!

STAR CLUB

We are currently preparing for our STAR club at the end of the term. If you have can give some time or would be interested in running an activity please let us know. Our students love the activities and look forward to celebrating another term of STAR behaviour.

Forward your interest to Mandy Knudsen at mknud4@eq.edu.au or phone the school on 3802 4333.

Mandy Knudsen
Behaviour Enhancing Learning Leader

BUSINESS SERVICES MANAGER NEWS

Casual cleaners wanted Please phone office on 3802 433.

Natasha Dunne, BSM

LOTE NEWS

The World Cup triumph is wearing off and students are now preparing for their oral reports on the results of their country in the tournament. The students are using their access to Language Perfect to participate in the Education Perfect competitions for Maths and English at the moment.

Maths results: Congratulations to Albert T (7G) for a Bronze Achievement and Baxter H (7B) who have received a Credit Certificate and encouragement to Chloe H in Year 6. English results: Encouragement to Chloe H in Year 6.

Frau Hay, LOTE Teacher

PHYSICAL EDUCATION NEWS

Congratulations to our students from Years 4-7 who competed in the Regents Park Track & Field Carnival. A great 2 days was had by all and some students recorded some fantastic results. 54 of our students will represent the school in the coming days at the Greenbank District Carnival at Browns Plains Little Athletics Centre. School carnival results are below:

House Championship:

4th Wattle – 356 points/ 3rd Hibiscus – 532 points/ 2nd Banksia – 659 points/ 1st Jarrah – 733 points.

Age Champions:

9 Years – Cooper & Charli
10 Years – Oscar & Shekinah
11 Years – Declan & Keadyn
Opens – Te' Rakato & Kaysha

Junior Sports Day will be held next Wednesday 13 August. Please check school bags in the coming days for a program.

Billy Vine, Physical Education Teacher

YEAR 5 CAMP



Early this Term Year 5 shared an amazing experience at Tallebudgera Active Recreation Centre. For 3 days our students took part in fantastic team building activities, learned to surf, challenged themselves on the high swing and enjoyed an abundant supply of food.

We were lucky to have had great weather for most of the camp and the beach proved to be an enjoyable alternative classroom.



We are very proud of the way students represented our school by constantly demonstrating our STAR and You Can Do It behaviours. Congratulations Year 5!

Jason Dale, Year 5 Teacher

1/2YELLOW NEWS

In 1 / 2 Yellow we have been very busy. We have been learning about Folk Tales and Fairy Tales. We have learnt they are very similar but it is the magic that makes it a fairy tale. We have read many fairy tales and this week we are looking at several versions of The Three Little Pigs.

In Science we are learning about our world and how important it is to conserve (that means save) our resources. We are starting a garden and making posters to make people more aware. Every day in our class is very busy so every day counts! We are all trying to earn 10 stars by attending every day!

Kathy Ferguson, Class Teacher

DENTAL VAN NEWS

If you wish your child to be seen by the Dental Van please call on 0412 096 663 or visit the Van between the hours of 7:30am to 4:00pm, Monday to Friday.

Dental Ladies

LOGAN CITY BUS SERVICE

The Logan City Bus Service will be operating a Saturday Urban timetable on Wednesday 13 August due to it being a Public holiday in Brisbane for the Exhibition. Regents Park State School will be operating as a normal school day, if your child/children catch a Logan City bus to and from school you need to check the Saturday timetable for an appropriate service for this day.

Any queries are to be directed to 3200 6754 or 3200 9606, Monday to Friday from 8:30am to 4:30pm.

UNIFORM SHOP NEWS

Open 8:30 – 9:30am Thursdays.

Items can be purchased outside these hours through Munch Monitor or ordering through the office. **Orders are filled daily** and then left in the office for collection.

Winter is here!

Bomber Jackets \$24.00, V-Neck Jumpers \$21.50 and Trackpants \$18.50.

Uniform Shop Convenor Required

We need volunteers to take over the running of the Uniform Shop from Term 4. This involves serving, managing stock levels and organising the Prep Orientation morning and back to School Hours.

Uniform Shop Helper Required

We need volunteers to help serve in the Uniform Shop during opening hours. Opening Hours can be changed to suit your schedule. Please see Kim at the Uniform Shop or e-mail pandcpresident@regeparkss.eq.edu.au if you can help.

Kim Pike, Uniform Shop Convenor

P & C NEWS

Indoor Netball Tournament

For our major fundraiser this year, the P&C have decided to hold an inaugural Indoor Netball Tournament. This will be at OzSports Springwood on Saturday 13 September. It's going to be lots of fun and we are hoping everyone can put together a team! Due to a huge amount of interest we now have: Mixed – Social and Competitive, Ladies – Social and Competitive and Juniors 8 – 13 years. Check out our flyer on our website for team registration and payment details, or grab one from the office.

We would also like to hold some trade stalls – if you own a small business and would like to have a stall on the day please email Mel at hain_melissa@yahoo.com.au for more details.

More details in the next Platychat!

Junior Sports Day

On Wednesday 13 August at Junior Sports Day, the P&C will be selling hamburgers, sausage sizzle and drinks. Hamburgers will be \$4, Sausage Sizzle \$2 drinks and water for \$2. We will also be having sports house colour lollies!