From the Principal - Mrs Maraga

Great learning continues at Regentville PS
Congratulations are extended to our students and teachers on the way they have commenced the 2013 school year. Students and teachers have been very busy with children working well in their new classes. There is already beautiful work on display in classes and the excited ‘buzz’ of learning across the school. It is a terrific way to start our school year.

Kindergarten commence their first year of school
Last Thursday we greeted 107 Kindergarten students and their families as they began their very first day of school. The children have settled very quickly making new friends, learning new routines and many new skills.
Thank you to Mrs Stevens, our P&C President, for organising an informal ‘Tea and Tissues’ morning tea for our parents after their children had gone off to their classrooms. It was lovely to meet some of the parents of our newest children during this time.
Our Kindergarten teachers have been conducting the Best Start assessment with the children during their first days of school. More information about Best Start will be given to parents at the Meet the Teacher Evening on 19 February.

Speech Pathologists join our school this year
Our school is very fortunate to have the services of two Speech Pathologists who will be working at our school each week. Simon Astley and Aimee Clark will be working in the Kindergarten classrooms, alongside the classroom teacher, in supporting the receptive and expressive language development of all Kindergarten students. Stage 1 students identified through the Learning Support Team will also have the opportunity to work with our Speech Pathologists in small targeted groups.
Throughout the year our teachers will be working with the Speech Pathologists in professional learning sessions to learn about how to best develop all students language skills. We are also planning some parent workshops in the future.
This exciting initiative has been funded from the Empowering Local Schools National Partnership.

‘Meet the Teacher’ on 19 February
We have planned an afternoon and evening where parents have the opportunity to come along and meet their child’s teacher on Tuesday 19 February. All parents are invited to attend these sessions where you will have an opportunity to meet the teachers and gain insight into what your child will be learning throughout the year.

P&C Meeting 19 February
The first P&C Meeting will be held on 19 February. The meeting will commence at 7:30 pm following the ‘Meet the Teacher’ sessions and will be held in the Library. All parents and caregivers are invited to attend this meeting where you will have an opportunity to view our newly refurbished Library as well as hear about what is happening at our school.
From the Principal - Mrs Maraga (continued)...

Regentville PS Newsletter is ‘Going Green’ in 2013
We will change the way the school publishes our fortnightly newsletter next term. Currently the school produces 500 paper copies of our newsletter. These can be quite lengthy with some newsletters being 5 or 6 pages. The cost to the school and the environment is therefore significant. We are asking parents to access our newsletter on the school website www.regentville-p.schools.nsw.edu.au instead of receiving a paper copy. This will allow us to publish more student work, photographs and detailed information that is not possible using paper copies. The school website is updated on a regular basis and newsletters will continue to be published every second Wednesday.

We realise that some families may require paper copies of our newsletter because they don’t have easy access to the internet. If you would like to continue to receive a paper copy of the Newsletter we ask that you return the reply slip included in this Newsletter to the front office.

Our school ‘Facebook’ page continues to be updated daily and is also a great source of current information.

Literacy, Numeracy and Student Wellbeing are the School Priorities for 2013.
Our Strategic Plan for 2013 continues to focus on the improvement of student achievement through quality teaching and learning.
Key Strategic Directions are:
• Improving student achievement through quality teaching and learning in all areas with a particular emphasis on Reading, Comprehension, Writing, Spelling, Grammar and Numeracy;
• Developing a deep understanding of the new English Syllabus;
• Continuing to refine our Consistent Teacher Judgement practices through the Assessment and Reporting process; and
• Providing the opportunity for all students to be positive learners, engaging with the curriculum as 21st Century learners.

Eight ways to get your kids organised
Are you ready for morning madness, late assignments, yesterday's half-eaten lunch sweating in the schoolbag? Just like adults, children cope much better if they can manage their time and their environment wisely.

Smart foods to boost learning
Mother Nature is full of foods that help us think and feel better. What do you give your child to help them think more clearly, and enhance concentration and memory?
Well done to the 107 new Kindergarten students for their smooth transition into ‘big school’.

### Dates for the Calendar
- **19 Feb**: Meet the Teacher Night (See item)
- **19 Feb**: P&C Meeting 7.30pm
- **20 Feb**: Swimming Carnival at Ripples
- **5 Mar**: P&C Annual General Meeting
- **6 Mar**: District Swimming

### Payments Due
- Swimming Carnival: 13 Feb Yrs 3-6 $10 or $5

### Classes 2013

#### KINDERGARTEN
- KA Mrs Everingham
- KB Mrs Westcott
- KC Ms Simpson (Assistant Principal)
- KG Mrs Garland
- KM Mrs Martin

#### STAGE ONE
- 1B Mrs Hahn
- 1H Mrs Hayman (Assistant Principal)
- 1L Mrs Hand
- 1W Miss Wiles
- 12L Miss Leone
- 2D Mrs Delforce
- 2R Mrs Robens
- 2S Mrs Stuart
- 2W Mrs Warne

#### STAGE TWO
- 3H Ms Hourigan
- 3P Mrs Price
- 3O Miss Oaten
- 4B Mr Buckley
- 4G Mrs Macleod Jones
- 4R Mrs Robertson (Assistant Principal)
- 45M Mr Miskell

#### STAGE THREE
- 45M Mr Miskell
- 5S Mrs Riches
- 5P Mrs Palmer
- 56B Mrs Bland (Assistant Principal)
- 6R Mr Roberts
- 6S Mrs Sellen

### Star Performers
- Well done to the 107 new Kindergarten students for their smooth transition into ‘big school’.

### 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.

### 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.

### School Leaders
The captains for 2013 are:- April Abela and Marcus Guy.

The school leaders are:- Claudia Dixon, Jessica Stone, Adrian Guy, Thomas Smith.

### School Admin Manager
Mrs Siczak

### School Admin Officer
- Mrs Howson
- Mrs Gibbs

### General Assistant
Mr Chamberlin, Mr Canning
Swimming Carnival

Our swimming carnival will be held on Wednesday 20 February at Ripples, St Marys. All children from Year 3 to Year 6 will be expected to attend. Non swimmers will participate in novelty events. An entry form (pink or blue) for competitive swims will be sent home on Thursday 7 February. If you want your child to compete in the swimming races, please fill in, sign and return the entry form as quickly as possible to Mr Miskell’s classroom. Permission notes (green) and money need to be returned to the office money chute. Also, if your child is in Year 2, turning 8 this year and can competently swim 50 metres they can attend the swimming carnival. If you have any enquiries about the swimming carnival please contact Mr Miskell or Mrs Healey. Thank you.

Mrs Healey
Librarian

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 must be brought to Mrs Maraga’s office as soon as the student arrives at school.
- Phones are to be picked up from the office at 3pm.

In previous years we have had several students following these procedures without any problems. However, if students and parents are unable to follow these procedures, the privilege of bringing a phone to school may be withdrawn.

‘Meet the Teacher’ Night

Tuesday 19 February is the annual ‘Meet the Teacher’ night. It is an opportunity to come to school and hear an overview of the activities and routines for this year. The stage teams have been planning collaboratively and therefore parents are invited to attend each stage presentation. There will be an opportunity to have a quick informal chat to individual teachers with more formal meetings being planned for later this term.
As always, parents can contact the school at any time throughout the year to arrange an interview with their child’s class teacher at a mutually convenient time.
Times for the ‘Meet the Teacher’ meetings will be published early next week.

Digital Newsletter

As many of you are aware, the newsletter has always been available from the school website. Due to the increasing cost of producing almost 500 newsletters, from the beginning of next term we will not be sending home a paper version of the newsletter. There will be a limited number of paper versions available from the notes display case in the front office.
If you are not able to access the internet at home to view the online 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:- __________________________
2013 Office Money Collection Procedures

Please note the following:

- **The due date for payments will be clearly marked on each note. No money can be accepted after this date. If there are extenuating circumstances, please contact either Mrs Maraga or Mr Bamford.**
- Money and permission notes for excursions and other school activities are to be placed into the supplied payment envelopes.
- All details on the front of the envelope are to be completed including child’s name, class, reason for payment and amount enclosed.
- The correct amount of money must be provided. Change cannot be given.
- The envelope is to be placed in the payment chute in the office (next to the framed cricket jersey) **before school starts**.
- Payments for Bookclub should also be placed (in a separate envelope) in the payment chute.
- PSSA Sport payments for Years 5 and 6 will continue to be collected by teachers on Friday mornings before school.
- Receipts will be issued for each payment. Please check the details are correct on each receipt and notify the office of any discrepancies.

Please remind your child of these arrangements.

Marilyn Siczak
Administrative Manager

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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. **CARPARKS 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.
Computer News

This week we celebrate Safer Internet Day (SID) 2013 which takes place this week Tuesday 5 February with the theme ‘Online rights and responsibilities’ and the slogan ‘Connect with Respect’.

The students started their computer lessons this week and as of Tuesday started their first unit and research with Cyber Safety with the main message to stay safe and have fun on the internet.

I would encourage parents to visit the website cybersmart at: http://www.cybersmart.gov.au.

This site is divided into several categories (age groups) with age appropriate information, engaging and interactive activities to support online safety.

The students can visit ‘Young Kids’ (0-7 years old) ‘Astro Circus’ and learn about Zippep and his circus friends with online safety information. The interactive activities allows the students and parents to register and log in.

The ‘Kids’ section (8-12 year olds) allows the students to ‘get the facts’, have fun and speak out in regards to online safety. The students are encouraged to share their cybersmart learning and knowledge with their family. The students have been asked to complete the online quiz with you as part of their computer homework during the next two weeks.

How cybersmart are you?

This site also offers a ‘Teen’ (13-18 years) section with important information about social networking and online friends.


Mrs Donna Farran-McKee
Computer Co-ordinator

“If we teach today as we taught yesterday, we rob our children of tomorrow.” John Dewey

How do you know which app is worth it?

As the app store fills with more and more apps it becomes a very time consuming job trawling through thousands of apps searching for the right one. There are so many apps out there it is often difficult to distinguish which apps are worthwhile. One way to find out if an app is worth paying for and downloading is to look on a review website to see what other users have thought about its functionality and limitations. The app store itself has a place to review each app and give it a star rating. Another website which reviews over 600 hundred apps is: www.learningappidguide.com

This website was started by Bronwyn Sutton who is a Speech Pathologist. The apps she reviews are designed to help children from the ages 2-12 years old in the areas of Social Skills, Literacy, Language, Early Language, Emotions and Sensory skills. There is a free trial offered.

Miss Leone
**Cricket NSW Events**

Come to the **MILO T20 Blast**, starting Friday February 8th from 6.00pm.
MILO T20 Blast is a fast, fun and active new sports program. For girls and boys aged 8-12, it is for those who know the basics of cricket and want to experience the action of T20, whilst encouraging maximum participation.

Friday, February 8th 2013  
Time: 6:00 – 7.30pm  
Location: Dukes Oval, Park St, Emu Plains  
For more information contact Jonathan Lees 0481 266 673 or jonathan.lees@cricketnsw.com.au

For girls and boys ages 8 and below, Cricket NSW will be running a **MILO in2CRICKET** Program starting Wednesday February 6th from 4.00pm. MILO in2CRICKET program is dedicated to helping kids learn how to play cricket! The activities are designed to be inclusive, action-packed and fun!

Wednesday, 6th February 2013  
Time: 4.00 - 5.00pm  
Location: Howell Oval, Penrith (next to Penrith Panthers football stadium)  
For more information contact Kane Radford on 0430 329 267 or kane.radford@cricketnsw.com.au

Flyers are available from the notes display in the front office.

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**Canteen News**

The canteen will be closed on the day of the school Swimming Carnival, Wednesday 20 February.

**THE LUNCH BOX IS EMPTIED AT 9.00AM SHARP, ANY ORDERS AFTER THAT TIME MUST BE HANDED TO THE CANTEEN STAFF.**

CHILDREN THAT FORGET TO PUT THEIR ORDERS INTO THE CANTEEN WILL BE PROVIDED WITH A SANDWICH.

ANY LATE LUNCH ORDERS PHONED INTO THE CANTEEN WILL ONLY BE PROVIDED WITH A SANDWICH. (P&C policy)

Juice cups/Ice Blocks may be ordered with lunch orders. Students will have to come to the canteen with their bag at lunchtime to collect their product.

Lunch & Recess orders must be on separate bags. Recess orders need to be picked up from the Canteen.

When a student goes home sick, only the cost of items that can be re-sold will be refunded. You may collect the lunch order before you take your child home.

Please write students name and class on recess/ lunch orders. Please DO NOT use staples or excess sticky tape on recess/lunch bags.

**NB. No money is held overnight. Exact money required before recess.**

Sally Simmons, Canteen Supervisor
CANTEEN PRICE LIST  Effective February 2013

CANTEEN IS OPEN:  9.00:am to 1.45pm daily

ALL LUNCH ORDERS ARE TO BE WRITTEN ON A PAPER BAG (lunch orders and recess orders MUST be on SEPARATE bags) and placed in the silver box near the canteen BY 9:00am. If you don’t have a paper bag please write on an envelope and add 20c for a bag. If a bag is NOT paid for, your child will be given a cheaper menu item.

LATE lunch orders will be given a Vegemite, Chocolate Mud Spread or cheese sandwich.

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Drinks

| Lunch |
| Pop Top Juice – Apple/Blackcurrent, Orange, Apple $1.60 |
| Juice Bomb-Apple/Raspberry, Apple/Blackcurrent, Vanilla/Lime $2.00 |

Hot Meals

| Hot Meals | |
| Flame Grilled Chicken Burger with lettuce & Mayo $3.00 |
| Cheeseburger (meat, cheese, sauce) $2.70 |
| Chickenburger (Chicken pattie, mayo, lettuce) $2.70 |
| Large Pie $2.50 |
| Sausage Roll $2.20 |
| Macaroni Cheese (includes Fork) $2.90 |
| Fried Rice (GF) (includes Fork) $2.90 |
| Potato Bake (GF) (includes Fork) $2.90 |
| Pasta Twists (includes Fork) $2.90 |
| Pizza (Hawaiian, Cheese & Bacon) $1.90 |
| Chicken Nuggets ($0.50 each) $0.50 |
| Mini Corn Cobs $0.80 |
| Chicken Tenderloin (Salt N Vinegar, Original) $1.40 |
| Yummy Drummy $1.10 |
| Party Pie $0.90 |
| Sauce- Tomato, BBQ, Sweet ‘n’ Sour $0.30 |

Sandwiches (Rolls extra $0.60 each)

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GF - GLUTEN FREE

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