Regentville P&C Committee elected at the AGM

We are indeed very fortunate to have such a supportive and hardworking parent body here at Regentville Public School. I would like to extend the appreciation of the staff and students for the hard work carried out by the 2012 P&C Committee. Their work in fund raising has enabled our school to provide opportunities and access to resources for our students that would not otherwise be possible. The valuable insight provided by the P&C in decision making and policy shaping is also very much appreciated. Special thanks is extended to Fiona Stevens who has done such a wonderful job as P&C President over a number of years and to Olga Corona for her fabulous work as P&C Treasurer as they vacate these positions.

Congratulations are extended to our newly elected P&C Committee for 2013.

President  Craig Palmer
Secretary  Mark Hamersma
Treasurer  Anthony Boros
Vice President  Fiona Stevens
Vice President  Olga Corona

Fund Raising Committee: Fiona Stevens, Kylie Hamersma, Katrina Snowball

Canteen Committee: Michelle McFarlane, Jacqueline D’Argent, Sue Hopton, Holly Parker, Leonie Malisani, Fiona Stevens, Advisor Sally Simmons.

Swimming Success Continues for Regentville PS.

Congratulations to our outstanding swimming team on their domination at the District Swimming Carnival. Regentville were once again crowned the champion school in Penrith Valley. All the students competed enthusiastically with many students achieving personal bests. Congratulations to our record breakers, what a fantastic achievement.

The outstanding success continued yesterday at the Sydney West Carnival. (See our Star Performers for all the highlights!) Congratulations to all our talented swimmers, what champions you are!

Staff Development Days

There will be two Staff Development Days at the beginning of Term Two this year. The NSW State Government has granted an additional Staff Development Day to all schools for Term 2. The allocation of an additional School Development Day on Tuesday 30 April 2013 is specifically to support planning for the implementation of the new NSW syllabuses for the Australian curriculum. Children will return to school on Wednesday 1 May.

K-2 Easter Hat Parade

Easter bonnets of all shapes and sizes will be on display when our K-2 students join together for the Easter Hat Parade on Thursday 28 March. We look forward to parents and family friends joining us as we celebrate Easter.
From the Principal  (continued)

Parent Teacher Interviews
There have been a pleasing number of parents who have taken the opportunity to meet with their child’s class teacher this week to discuss their child’s learning and set goals for their future learning. The new online booking system appears to have been a success and we are hoping that the earlier interview time was also a positive initiative. The Assessment and Reporting Committee will be surveying parents to gain feedback as to the success of these new approaches.

Parent Forum
The next Parent Forum will be held on Tuesday 2 April at 2pm. The topic of the forum will be NAPLAN. During this session parents will have an opportunity to look at past NAPLAN assessments and discuss how they can support their child’s learning at home. This forum should be of interest to any parent irrespective of whether their child will be sitting the NAPLAN this year or at some stage in the future. There are some sample tests on the NAPLAN website www.nap.edu.au.

A new facelift for our schoolhouse!
The beautiful schoolhouse building is currently being painted. The schoolhouse building was once the Principal’s residence and schoolroom catering for students who lived in the Regentville area. The building was erected in 1881-1882 and has seen many coats of paint throughout its history! This historic building will look fabulous once the painting is complete.

Is your child a responsible digital citizen?
We’re always reminding our kids to "pick up after yourself" and "cover your mouth when you cough", but lately many parents have had to add rules like "don't bring your mobile to the dinner table" and more importantly, "don't use my credit card to shop online".
We're the first generation of parents responsible for equipping our children with 'digital citizenship' skills – how to use technology safely and responsibly, and how to evaluate, manage and use the information and tools they find online. There are some useful advise available for parents on the Department of Educations A to Z website. http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/technology/using-technology/raising-good-digital-citizens

Facts about fractions
If you’ve forgotten 3/5 of primary school maths and 7/8 of high school maths, what’s left? Ah ha! Kids need help learning how to add fractions too. The only thing left is to print these fact sheets. Find our more: https://www.det.nsw.edu.au/eppcontent/glossary/app/resource/factsheet/4013.pdf

Sounding out aloud
**Star Performers**

- Congratulations to the District Swimming Team who won the carnival last week. Well done to Blair Williams Senior Boy Champion, Jack Benson 11yrs Boy Champion and Zahlie Vidler Junior Girl Champion. District records to Blair Williams Boys Open 100m Freestyle, Joshua Auld 11yrs Boys 50m Breaststroke, Zahlie Vidler 10yrs Girls 50m Freestyle and the Senior Boys Relay team of Blair Williams, Jack Benson, Joshua Auld and Angus Bolton who took an astonishing 9.5 seconds off the old record!

- Outstanding effort by the swimmers at the Sydney West Carnival.

  **Regentville PS 1st in the Individual point score for the third year running!**
  - Joshua Auld - 2nd 11yrs 50m Breaststroke, 3rd 11yrs 50m Butterfly, 4th 11yrs 50m Backstroke
  - Jack Benson - 2nd 11yrs 50m Freestyle, 2nd 11yrs 50m Butterfly, 3rd 11yrs 50m Breaststroke
  - Harrison Bolton - 1st 8yrs 50m Freestyle
  - Zahlie Vidler - 2nd Jnr 50m Backstroke, 3rd Jnr 200m IM, 3rd 10yrs 50m Freestyle
  - Blair Williams - 1st Open 100m Freestyle, 1st 12yrs 50m Freestyle, 1st Snr 50m Backstroke, 1st Snr 50m Butterfly, 2nd Snr 200m IM
  - Chloe Williams - 2nd 8yrs 50 Freestyle
  - Junior Boys Relay - 1st William Mather, Mekhai Williams, Harrison Bolton, Max Allender-Rice
  - Junior Girls Relay - 6th Chloe Williams, Anna Giordano, Saffron Snowball, Zahlie Vidler
  - Senior Boys Relay - 1st Blair Williams, Jack Benson, Angus Bolton, Josh Auld (new record)

Great achievement by all the swimmers who competed.

- Congratulations to the following students who were selected for District and Sydney West teams:
  - Sydney West Basketball - Blair Williams, Natalina Suaalii, Caisha Bennett (reserve)
  - Sydney West Cricket Girls - Tazma Miles
  - District Rugby League - Blair Williams, Chad Baikie, Blake Gannon, Joseph Suaalii, Matthew Kirkwood
  - District Cricket Boys - Adrian Guy
  - District Soccer - Adrian Guy, Marcus Guy
  - District Soccer Girls - Darcy White

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**Dates for the Calendar**

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**Payments Due**

- 20 Mar Brewongle Excursion Yr 4 $25
- 21 Mar Brewongle Excursion Yr 3 $25
- 27 Mar “Making Friends” K-6 $4
- 28 Mar Stage 3 Illawarra Fly excursion $27
- 28 Mar ICAS Yrs 3-6
- 10 Apr General School Contribution $40/$80
Dear Parents

Regentville Public School is holding a fundraiser for the school. As part of this fundraiser, you can purchase a six (6) pack of Hot Cross Buns – either with Fruit or No Fruit.

The Hot Cross Buns come in plastic bags with only quality ingredients being used and will be delivered to your child’s class - ALL THIS FOR ONLY $6.00 PER BAG.

Please complete the order form below and return it with your payment to the school canteen, no later than Friday 22 March 2013. The buns will be distributed on Wednesday 27 March 2013 in time for Easter.

Return to Canteen

HOT CROSS BUNS ORDER FORM

My child ……………………………………….. of class ……………….. would like to order

………. Bag/s of Fruit
OR ……… Bag/s of No Fruit – Hot Cross Buns at a cost of $6.00 each bag.

Enclosed is total $……………… for payment

Parent/Carer’s Name…………………………… Signature ……………………………

Voluntary General School Contribution

The voluntary school contributions for 2013 are $40 per student or $80 per family. This money goes towards funding a variety of resources to support ongoing educational programs at our school. We would appreciate your contributions before the end of this term.

P&C News

We would appreciate the prompt return of raffle tickets as the Easter Raffle Draw will be next Tuesday 26 March at 11.20am.

Monday is Easter Egg Collection Day. If each family can donate ONE Easter egg we will have close to the 176 prizes we had last year. Easter egg donations will be collected from the classrooms on Monday morning.

If you would like to help sort the prize baskets we would love to have your company in the TLC (next to Library) from 9am.

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:- ………………………………………
**School Disco**
Thursday, 11 April 2013

K-2 .... 5.30pm - 7pm  
Yr 3-6.... 7.15pm - 8.45pm  
Doors open 5.15pm

**Entry $3.50**

Drinks/Water $1  Chips 80c  Wicked Fizz 30c  Geckos 50c

- To help move everyone into the hall as quickly as possible, we would appreciate the correct money for entry into the disco.
- We have large numbers of students attending the disco and we ask parents and toddlers to stay outside the hall to maximise the space for the students.
- Volunteer helpers at the disco will be easily identified by coloured badges.
- Parents are asked to drop off and pick up their children **at the hall** as it will be dark and there have been students left unattended waiting for their parents at the gate.

**Pre-pay for the Disco on Thursday 11 April between 8.30am and 9am outside the canteen to Mr Bamford.**

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**Glenmore Park High School Concert**

Dear Parents/Guardians

On Tuesday, 26th March at 7pm, Glenmore Park High School will be holding a student Performing Arts Concert to help raise money for our upcoming school musical ‘All Shook Up’. The concert will be held in the school hall from 7pm to 8:30pm. Prior to the show there will be a sausage sizzle from 5:50pm to 6:30pm with drinks available. The show will start at 7pm with doors opening at 6:30pm. Tickets will be sold at the door from 6pm at the start of the concert.

We ask you to email us at concert.production@hotmail.com to RSVP the number of seats that you require for the concert. Tickets will be $5 for children under the age of 13, $10 for adults, $20 for a family pass (2 children, 2 adults) tickets for children under the age of 5 are free.

There will be a 15 minute intermission halfway through the show at approximately 7:40pm, for tea and coffee. The concert is for all ages and we ask you bring the whole family to the show. We will also be accepting donations on the night to go towards the musical.
TALENT IDENTIFICATION TRIALS
INFORMATION FOR PARENTS AND STUDENTS
YEAR 7, 2014

The Hills Sports High School is one of Australia’s leading specialist sports schools offering Talented Sports Program in fifteen sports in 2014 – AFL, Athletics, Baseball, Cheerleading, Cricket, Football, Golf, Netball, Rugby League, Rugby Union, Softball, Swimming, Tennis, Touch Football (Girls) and Water Polo.

Talented students with a strong interest in a sport are encouraged to apply. Local (In Area) students wanting to be part of our selective Talented Sports Program MUST also apply.

The Hills Sports High School is a co-educational high school that values academic excellence and provides a progressive education in a dynamic and caring educational environment. An extremely wide junior and senior curriculum is taught by highly qualified specialist teachers to provide all students with an unrivalled opportunity to achieve their full educational and sporting potential.

The Talented Sports Program is designed to aggregate talented young sportsmen and women from Sydney’s west and north-west in the one school providing them with elite coaching, access to modern sports medicine and special academic programs to assist them in coping with absences caused by their sporting commitments. No longer does education have to be sacrificed to ensure sporting success.

The Hills Sports High School again achieved outstanding results on the sporting field in 2012 taking out many NSW and Australian Championships across a wide range of sports.

- **A TSP Information Night** for parents and students seeking 2014 enrolment will be conducted in The Hills Sports High School Assembly Hall on **15 May at 6.30 p.m.**
- **Talent Identification Trials for 2014 Enrolment** will be conducted between **21 May and 11 June 2013**.
- Application Forms can be downloaded from our school website
  
  (hillssport-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au)
- **Closing Date** for the Return of Application Forms **21 May 2013**.

**Enquiries:** Robert Hawkes, Director of Sport on mobile 0425 288 481.

Yours faithfully
Mitchell Struyve
Principal
14 March 2013