From the Principal - Mrs Maraga

Regentville Public School is a great place to be!

The school evaluation team comprising of representatives from Regentville PS and Bennett Rd PS spent two days analysing data, interviewing staff, students and parents and then presented a report on the achievements and future directions for our school. The report will be presented in full at the P&C meeting. There were many wonderful achievements that were noted in the report including the following comments about the Learning Culture at our school.

‘High levels of trust are apparent across the school community.

*Interactions are focused on the learning and wellbeing (including extra-curricular activities) of students and on continually improving the school’s ability to meet the needs of all students.*

*There is a strong sense of belonging and pride in the school.*

*Parents and families are encouraged to take a genuine and close interest in the work of the school and are welcomed as partners in the children’s learning.*

Future directions included the following:

*‘Professional learning activities are focused on building teachers’ understandings of highly effective teaching and learning strategies in writing, mathematics and technology.’*

**Students take to the stage in our Talent Quest**

Regentville PS students and teachers have been entertained by many of their peers throughout the talent quest heats held over the past two weeks. Congratulations are extended to all those students who enthusiastically participated in the talent quest. The audience members certainly have been entertained by talented dancers, singers and comedians to name a few!

The finalists will now be busily polishing their act prior to the final being held early in December.

**Gold and Silver Assemblies celebrate the success of our students**

It will be a day of celebration for many of our students on Friday 5 December where our special awards ceremony will be held. The presentation of Silver and Gold Awards is an acknowledgement and recognition of the ongoing commitment to being safe, respectful learners of each recipient.

**P&C Meeting next Tuesday**

Parents and caregivers are invited to attend the final P&C meeting for 2014 on Tuesday 2 December. The meeting is held in the Library and will commence at 7:00pm. This is a great opportunity for parents to engage in planning and discussions as well as put forward their thoughts and suggestions. We would love to see you there.

**Student Reports**

Student reports are currently being finalised and will be sent home at the end of week 10. This report will provide written information about your child’s progress throughout the year. Parents are reminded that you are able to make an appointment to discuss your child’s progress with their teacher at any time throughout the year.
Star Performers

- Congratulations to the Ballroom Dancers who were great ambassadors for our school at the recent Ballroom Championships held at the Penrith Basketball Stadium. There are photos later in the newsletter.

- Thanks to all of the Year 5 students who nominated themselves for the election of School Leaders in 2015. We will find out the results on Presentation Day.

- Well done to the Stage 3 students and teachers for their Fun Fair organisation. Everyone had a great day and the clean up afterwards was one of the best we have seen!

- Thank you and well done to the team of Year Six students who welcomed our new Kindergarten students on our Orientation days. Many anxious children were glad to see a friendly, smiling face, and their parents were very impressed with how well these people represented our school. Thank you to Emily, Riley, Skyla, Kayley, Peyton, Joel, Hayley, Imogen, Ariba, Grace, Josh, Daniel, Cassie, Connor, Ebony and Jared.

“Giving Tree”

Each year Regentville helps various charities that support families facing hardship over Christmas. For this year’s “Giving Tree” we have allocated each stage with something special to bring to ensure a variety of items are available.

- Kindergarten and Teachers - Special Gifts
- Year 1 and 2 - Non-perishable food items
- Year 3 and 4 - Toiletry and household items
- Year 5 and 6 - Non-perishable food items

Items can be brought into the classroom during the week commencing December 1 or taken directly to the “Giving Tree” in the front office.

For examples of items please check last week’s RAP.
Dear Tony Abbott,
Can you please tell the world to stop killing sharks because they will be extinct. They might be predatory fish but they attack humans by accident. Only 20 humans die a year but they kill 100 sharks. You can put an electric barrier to stop the sharks from attacking humans at the beach. That way the humans will be safe and the sharks will be safe too.

Hope to hear from you soon,

Luke – 2L
Regentville Public School

Jump Rope for Heart
A big thank you to the Regentville School Community for raising much needed funds to support such a worthy cause as the Heart Foundation. In total, our school raised an incredible $17933.88 and I would like to thank all the children and supporters for their commitment to the program. I would especially like to thank our top ten fundraisers below for a massive effort in raising a substantial amount of money.
Jonah M-P class 1P-$1,201.00
Bailey H class 3R-$747.50
Skylah H class 1B-$747.50
Jack J class 1G-$500.00
Hayley K class KC- $ 405.00
Mathew P class 5S-$400.00
Cohan E class 1W-$305.00
Jacob M class 4D-$300.00
Romy D class 4D-$270.00
Jahzaiah R class 1P- $250.00
Natasha G class 1W- $250.00
Once again, thank you for all your support throughout the program.
Peter Buckley - Jump Rope for Heart Coordinator.
Ballroom Dance Championships

A BIG congratulations to all the ballroom dancers who competed in the Sydney Dance Sport championships on Tuesday 18 November. The students committed themselves to learning multiple dances throughout the year. The day was a great success for everyone involved. The students enjoyed being able to get out on the floor and strut their stuff for all to see. They were lucky enough to be judged by Stefano Olivieri who is a 10 time Australian Professional Dance Sport Champion. There were 550 competitors and our students worked tirelessly to achieve an excellent result bringing home a 5th place in the Australian Barn Dance, 3rd place in the Samba and a sensational 2nd in the Gypsy Tap. I would also like to say a big thank you to all the parents and grandparents that attended to support their children and an even BIGGER thank you to Mrs Burke who devoted her time and effort all year to assist in preparing the students for their big performance day.

Vanessa Stuart
Coordinator
Stage 2 Dancers

Stage 3 Dancers