From the Principal - Mrs Maraga

Regentville PS students are competing at the District Swimming Carnival today

Our talented swimmers are competing at the District Swimming Carnival today. We wish them success as they try to break their PB’s. Details of our students’ performances will be included in the next newsletter.

5M have moved to their new classroom

Ms Mayo and the students in class 5M are now happily working in the new demountable classroom. The room is very bright and colourful, a really lovely working space for the students.

Voluntary school contributions

Thank you to the many families who have paid the voluntary school contribution for this year. Your support is appreciated. Voluntary contributions of $40 for the first student or $80 per family may be paid through the front office.

Parent teacher meetings are a wonderful opportunity to build partnerships in learning

This week we are hosting parent teacher meetings. It is pleasing to report that most families have taken the opportunity to come and meet with their child’s class teacher throughout this week. The outcomes for students certainly are enhanced when the school and home work together for the best for each child. We appreciate your support of the work we do here at Regentville PS.

The 2014 P&C Committee was elected at the AGM Meeting on Tuesday Evening

Congratulations are extended to the members of the P&C executive elected to represent our community for 2014. Craig Palmer - President; Mark Hamersma - Secretary; Anthony Boros - Treasurer; Fiona Stevens and Kylie Hamersma - Vice Presidents.

The P&C plays a vital role in representing the community in decision making and ensuring the voice of our parents is heard. The P&C members also work tirelessly to raise funds that go towards purchasing resources and equipment for all the children at our school. The first major fundraising activity this year is the Easter Raffle where your support with donations and the selling of tickets will be greatly appreciated.

Our first Parent Forum for 2014 will discuss the National Assessment Program - Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN)

There will be a parent forum on Friday 28 March from 9-10 in the Library. The topic for this forum will be the NAPLAN assessment program. While students in Years 3 and 5 will be sitting the assessment this year, the forum is applicable for all parents. There will be examples of past papers as well as detailed information on the NAPLAN.

Great books for tweens to read. Favourite books from the Premier's Reading Challenge team that will inspire kids aged between nine and 13 to read read read!


Science assignment starters

Not sure where to go to help your child find out about electricity, natural disasters, the solar system or other science projects? Have a look at our project starters.


Maths A to Z

Brush up on some of the maths terms your child uses in the classroom. The Maths A to Z glossary provides straightforward explanations and illustrated examples.

Star Performers

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General School Contribution $40/$80 (Instalments can be paid at any time)

Last Day Awards Trading
Friday 21 March
K-2 Awards to Mrs Garland
Y3 - 6 Awards to Mrs Macleod Jones

Lost Property
We currently have a lot of lost property in the large box in the sick bay. Most items do not have clearly labelled names for us to identify the owner. In the coming weeks, any unclaimed items will be sent off to charity organisations. Please feel free to come and have a look for items that have been “misplaced” by your child.

Dogs at School
As a matter of safety, we would appreciate your cooperation with not bringing dogs onto the school premises, even if they are on a leash.

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**Digital Newsletter**

The newsletter is available on the school website and it is also emailed to parents to reduce the cost of producing paper copies. There are also a small number of copies available in the front office display.

If you are not able to access the internet at home to view the online version or receive the email 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: ______________________________

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**Easter Raffle**

The P & C will be running their annual Easter Raffle and are asking parents to donate an Easter Egg (per family) to go towards the prizes. The collection date for the Easter Eggs is **MONDAY 7 April**.

**VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED FOR WRAPPING OF BASKETS ON MONDAY 7 April** – please leave your name and contact details at the canteen.

We are also requesting any unwanted cane baskets or Easter bags that can be used in the raffle. These can be taken to the canteen at any time.

Raffle tickets will be received by **FRIDAY 14 MARCH** and tickets are $1.00 each or 3 for $2.00 (1 book per family). Please include the person’s name and contact number as well as the student’s name and class (for delivery purposes) on every ticket. The money will be due back to teachers by **FRIDAY 21 MARCH**.

The raffle will be drawn on **TUESDAY 8 April**.

Please help to support the P & C Association as well as our children.

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**Library News**

**Library Monitors**

Congratulations to the following students who are diligently completing their duties as a library monitor: Kate Mawson, Grace Morrissey, Cassie Olsson, Kayley Alliston-Hail, Peyton Field, Skyla Begnall, Imogen McKay, Hayley Faber, Isabella Samoluk, Ariba Mahmood, Alena Saxby, Emily Catt, Hayley Kitto, Caitlyn DePaoli, Phoenix Tattersall, and Will Rowell.

**Premier’s Reading Challenge**

If you have entered your child in the NSW Premier’s Reading Challenge, you should have received a note home detailing their user name and password (K-2 students only). Students in years 3-6 should know their user name and password – it’s the same as the one they use on the school computers. You can now log onto the NSW Premier’s Reading Challenge website using their user name and password and start to record their books. It is not too late to start the Challenge. If you experience difficulty with the website, please contact me.

**Help!**

If you have some spare time and would like to help cover library books, please contact me. Perhaps you could come after drop off, before collecting your child from school or at another time which you may find convenient. Please contact me if you would be willing to help.

Thank you

Mrs Healey
LETTER TO PARENTS

In May 2014 the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) will be completed by all students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9. NAPLAN has the support of all State and Territory Education Ministers and will assess the literacy and numeracy learning of students in all Australian schools.

The results of the tests will provide important information to schools about what each student can do, and will be used to support teaching and learning programs. Parents will receive a report indicating their child’s level of achievement. Each student’s level of achievement will be reported against the national minimum standard.

Background information (student name, gender, date of birth, language background and Aboriginality) will be collected as part of the National Assessment Program. This information is treated confidentially and held securely to ensure that every student’s right to privacy is maintained.

The tests will be conducted across Australia for all students from 13 – 15 May 2014.

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Friday 16 May – A ‘catch-up’ day is scheduled for students who missed a test or were absent on a test day. Students may be considered for exemption from the tests if:

- they are newly arrived in Australia (less than one year before the test) and with a language background other than English, or
- they have significant intellectual disability and/or significant co-existing conditions which severely limit their capacity to participate in the tests.

All other students are expected to participate in the tests. Disability adjustments which reflect the student’s normal level of support in the classroom may be provided. Large print, Braille and black and white versions of the tests are available for students with vision impairment.

Access to disability adjustments or exemption from the tests must be discussed with the school Principal, and a parent or carer consent form must be signed. Students may be withdrawn from NAPLAN by their parent or carer. This is a matter for consideration by parents and carers in consultation with the Principal. If you wish to withdraw your child from the tests you must sign a parent/ carer consent form.

Please make an appointment with Mrs Maraga or Mr Bamford if you would like further information about your child’s participation in NAPLAN.

On Friday 28 March we will be holding a Parent Forum to discuss the NAPLAN. During the information session parents will have the opportunity to look at examples of previous NAPLAN booklets, questions and stimulus material. All parents and caregivers are invited to attend.