From the Principal - Mrs Maraga  

Thursday 20 March 2014

Regentville PS students are competing at the Regional Swimming Carnival today

Today we have 20 students representing Regentville PS as members of the Penrith Zone PSSA Swimming Team at the Regional Swimming Championships. We wish them every success as they try to achieve their personal best! We will share our achievements once the results are known.

Congratulations to Matilda, Phebee, Joseph and Jack on their selection to represent Sydney West in the State Championships

Well done to Matilda Ryan and Phebee Thurling who will represent Sydney West in the NSW PSSSA Basketball Championships and also to Jack Crel lin and Joseph Suaalii who have been selected in the Sydney West Boys Basketball Team to compete in the State Championships next term.

Harmony Day celebrations at Regentville PS

Today we celebrate Harmony Day at Regentville PS. Harmony Day’s message is ‘Everyone Belongs’, and it is a great way to recognize and celebrate what is fabulous about each and everyone of us. The SRC have initiated the collection of a gold coin donation that will go to support the education of students in Nepal.

Teachers are learners too!

The value of education and lifelong learning is certainly acknowledged and supported by all members of staff at our school. We continue to work hard to ensure that current theory and pedagogy is learnt and adapted to meet the needs of all students at our school.

Recently members of Regentville PS staff have been involved in professional learning to support numeracy development. This has included sessions on the pedagogy to support the implementation of the new Mathematics Syllabus; Taking Off With Numeracy (TOWN); and Targeted Early Numeracy Strategies (TENS).

In literacy we are implementing modules of work developed to support the new English Syllabus. Teachers have attended a THRASS course and have adapted this to enhance students learning of spelling. We have had teachers attend a series of afternoon workshops on Gifted and Talented students and also teachers attending Live, Life, Well (a healthy lifestyle initiative). Other areas of learning have included the use of technology in the classroom and the Art of Leadership.

Our SASS staff continues to work very hard to learn the many new system changes that are being rolled out under the Learning Management and Business Resource (LMBR). The dedication and hard work of the SASS staff in being leading learners in the implementation of this system change is outstanding and a reflection of their dedication and professionalism.

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.


School A to Z app

Do you struggle to understand your child's homework? Does your child need to practise their spelling and times tables? Are you looking for inspiration for projects and assignments? This free homework helper app provides maths and English glossaries, assignment starters and more.


Wild Australia app

Your child can use this terrific app as an interactive educational tool at Taronga Zoo in Sydney or at Taronga Western Plains Zoo, Dubbo. Wild Australia can also be used at home to discover more about the zoos’ amazing animals and interesting keepers.

Star Performers

- Well done to Phebee Thurling who was publicly recognised for assisting a younger student who had fallen and seriously hurt herself.
- Congratulations to the Swim Team who won the District Swimming Carnival this year.
- See other items in the newsletter about achievements in sport by some talented students.

Dates for the Calendar

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Payments Due

- General School Contribution: $40 per child, $80 per family
- Year 6 Polo Shirt Order - $31 due 24 March
- ICAS competition - various costs due 27 March
- Human Race - $5 due 27 March

All notes can be found on the school webpage under Current Notes

We had a near miss this morning at the back carpark. A student was nearly knocked over by a car speeding out of the gate. As a matter of student safety, the carparks are not to be used for drop off and pick ups.

The safety of students at our school is everyone’s responsibility.

School Cross Country

Our school Cross Country will be held next Thursday 27th March, from 11.20 am.

If you have a couple of hours to spare and are willing to help on the course please contact Sandra Riches 5/6R room before Thursday. Parent helpers are always a vital part of our sports carnivals and we thank you in anticipation of your support. Spectators are also welcome.

Sandra Riches
Penrith District PSSA Swimming Carnival

Our school won the Penrith District PSSA Swimming Carnival with an outstanding result of 508 points. All students swam exceptionally well and displayed good sportsmanship. All of our relay teams won their events. The following students and relay teams broke records:

Zahlie Vidler – Girls Open 100m Freestyle 1:10.74, 11 Year Girls 50m Freestyle 31.41, 11 Year Girls 50m Butterfly 36.32

Joshua Auld – Senior Boys Breaststroke 40.07
Joshua Auld, Jack Benson, Angus Bolton, Isaac Coldicott – Senior Boys 4 x 50m relay 2:14.72

Kayley Alliston-Hail, Mackenzie Bannister, Anna Giordano, Zahlie Vidler – Senior Girls 4 x 50m relay 2:31.33

Many of our students are competing at the Sydney West Carnival today and we wish them luck.
Mrs Healey & Mr Miskell

Library News

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
EASTER RAFFLE

Tickets $1.00 each or 3 for $2.00

RAFFLE TICKETS AND THE MONEY ARE DUE THIS FRIDAY 21st MARCH.

Please hand the tickets and money to your classroom teacher.

Draw will take place on Tuesday 8th April.

More ticket books are available from Mrs Simmons in the Canteen.

DONATION OF EASTER EGGS:
MONDAY 7th April.

The P & C are asking parents to donate an Easter egg (per family) to go towards the many baskets of eggs that will be used as prizes for the raffle. Please hand in the eggs to your teachers on Monday morning (the 7th). There will be a collection box in every classroom.

NOTE: There is only one day to hand the eggs in as the draw is the following day. Please do not send eggs in before this date.

WANTED: - CANE BASKETS AND EASTER BAGS - If you no longer require these items at home, we would love to take them off your hands. Please take them to the Canteen to assist in our raffle.

VOLUNTEERS: - required for the wrapping of Easter baskets Monday 7th April (Approximately 2 hours). Please leave your name and contact details at the canteen. Meet at the Hall at 9am.

Thanks to EMU FLORIST for their continued support!!
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 4 April.** The buns will be distributed on Wednesday 9 April in time for Easter.

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**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 ...............................