From the Principal - Mrs Maraga

Regentville PS is a wonderful place for learning!
It has been a pleasure to visit classrooms and view the great work teachers and children are doing in their classrooms this week since returning from the relieving Director, Public Schools NSW, role. I have been impressed with the way our students are engaged in their learning and are able to talk about what they are learning and why it is important. It has also been wonderful to see our children being safe, respectful learners both within and outside the classroom.
Thank you to Mr Bamford and Mrs Robertson and the executive staff for their wonderful work during my absence.

P and C Meetings are an opportunity for you to become involved in our school
The P and C meetings are a great opportunity for you to hear about what is happening in the school. It is also a forum where parents have the opportunity to provide feedback to us as to what is important. The next P and C meeting, scheduled for Tuesday 12 August, will be a specific opportunity for you to have input into the shaping of strategic directions for Regentville PS in the upcoming years. It would be great to have as many parents as possible providing thoughts and suggestions.

Year 5 Campers head to Deer Park
Lots of very excited children and teachers head off to Year 5 Camp today. I am sure they will have a wonderful time at Deer Park. Abseiling, archery and fishing are just some of the exciting activities the children will be involved in during their three days away.

Too sick for school?
As the cold weather hits, so do the winter bugs. It’s often hard to know whether to send your child to school or let them stay home to recover, especially when that means an adult cancelling work. For safety's sake, if your child seems unwell you should always keep them home from school and seek medical advice.
School A to Z and the NSW Health Dept have created an at-a-glance chart to help answer your questions about common childhood illness and how long sick kids need to miss school. Find it by typing this link into your web browser www.bit.ly/1hytn2E

Mental maths strategies
We teach children a range of different strategies to add and subtract numbers. By showing them several methods for solving maths questions, we’re helping them to look for patterns. All this builds a good sense of “number” which means they understand the relationships between different numbers and why different ways to add and subtract work well. The goal is that your child will understand many ways to approach a maths problem and will be able to choose a way that makes the most sense to them. School A to Z has a lot of resources, including help sheets on mental maths strategies, here : www.bit.ly/JkiUsY
Dates for the Calendar

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Payments Due

- 5 June - CARES excursion (4M, 4D, 4O) $10
- General School Contribution $40 (single child) or $80 (family)

‘Worker Of The Week’

The student work selected for ‘Worker of the Week’ at the Infants Assembly is put up on display in the front office area for the following week.

Last Day for Awards Trading is Friday 6 June.
Infants Awards to Mrs Garland.
Primary Awards to Mrs MacLeod Jones.

4 x Blue = Silver  3 x Silver = Gold

NB. If you miss this deadline there will be another Gold and Silver Assembly in Term 3 and Term 4.

Stewart House Used Clothing Bags.
All Stewart House Clothing Bags need to be back at school by next Monday 9th June 2014. These bags will be picked up on Wednesday 11th.
Thank you.

Star Performers

- Congratulations to the debating team who won their first round debate last week.
- Well done to the Greg Alexander Shield Rugby League team who won their section and advance to the finals.
- Congratulations to the Netball State Knockout team who won three games yesterday to advance to Round 4.
MUFTI DAY
Wednesday 25th June
The P & C Association are holding a mufti day to raise funds for more ipads to go into the classrooms.

Come dressed in the colours RED, BLACK, YELLOW, GREEN, BLUE, WHITE (as we are recognising NAIDOC week).

MUFTI DAY: - GOLD COIN DONATION

HOT DOG DAY - Wednesday 25 June
The P & C Association will be selling hotdogs (one per person) for lunch BUT only on a pre-order basis. Please complete the order form below and return to the canteen lunch box by MONDAY 16TH JUNE. Due to restraints by supplying companies, we are unable to accept orders after this date. Cost is $2.50 which includes hotdog + sauce. Please place separate orders for siblings.

HOTDOG: - $2.50
NAME: _____________________________ CLASS: _____________

HOTDOG: ONE ONLY

SAUCE: (Choose one only) TOMATO
         BBQ
         NO SAUCE

ENCLOSED: $2.50

PLEASE ENCLOSE THE ORDER FORM AND MONEY IN AN ENVELOPE AND PLACE IN THE CANTEEN LUNCH BOX BY MONDAY 16TH JUNE.
The simplest way
to eat more fruit and veg.

Here are a few ideas for how to make eating the recommended 2 serves of fruit and 5 serves of veg easier:

- **Canned and frozen fruit count.** Stay healthy with canned fruit in juice not syrup, and canned veg with no added salt.
- **Legumes are vegetables too.** Try adding dried peas, beans and lentils to meals.
- **Juice only counts once.** 125ml of 100% fruit or vegetable juice is 1 serve, but doesn’t contain the fibre of chopped fruit and veg. Water is the ideal drink.
- **Dried fruit only counts once.** A small box of sultanas or 4 dried apricot halves equals one serve – but don’t go overboard on dried fruit.

For more information visit www.eatittobeatit.com.au or join us at facebook.com/eatittobeatit

The Eat It To Beat It program is supported by the Nepean Blue Mountains Local Health District Live Life Well @ School Program.
Stage 3 Students (5M, 6S and 5/6R) will be holding a cake stall on 18 June. What a way to celebrate Term 2!

Bring in some money for a great recess! Cakes and treats will be sold for between 20c and $1.00

*Treats will be sold on Wednesday at recess time*  
(Please note the canteen will be closed for recess and no recess orders will be taken!)

Money raised will go towards the Year 6 Farewell and a gift to the school for all to enjoy!

Congratulations to the following students who have recently completed the NSW Premier’s Reading Challenge:

The Computer Room has been a buzz of activity this semester with students learning new skills and integrating ICT across many Key Learning Areas. The students started their computer lessons with an emphasis on Cyber Safety and a focus on Cyber Bullying with the main message to **stay safe and have fun** on the internet but know when to report unsafe or inappropriate behaviour. The younger students have formed a trust club during lessons to assist them in staying safe online.

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

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

Links within the site: **Support and Kids Helpline**: 1800 55 1800

I would encourage families to download the cybersafety help button at:
cybersafetyhelpbutton_download/desktop_installer.

*“If we teach today as we taught yesterday, we rob our children of tomorrow.”*  
John Dewey
The students have impressed me with their creative skills during lessons. Attached are some wonderful samples of their work:

**Stage 1 Digital Artwork**

**Focus: Roy Lichtenstein & Andy Warhol—Pop Art**

Madison 1B

Jack 1G

Ozkan 1W

Courtney 2L

Bryce 2E

Maddison 2H

Samuel 2M
Stage 1 Digital Artwork

Focus: Roy Lichtenstein & Andy Warhol—Pop Art

Alex  2M

Alexander  2L

Georgia  2/3 R

Breiana  1P

Grace  1H

Matilda  1G

Seth  1W

Charlie  2/3R

Dylan  2/3R
The students have created Venn diagrams and flowchart to demonstrate their understanding of a process “From Paddock to Plate”. The students also are studying ‘Material World’ and they have created digital collages using both natural and man-made materials using Web 2 Tools.

Stage 2

Focus: Visual Literapay and Flowcharts

Sienna 4M

Harry 4M

Adrian 4D

Jacob 4D

Alyssa 4O

Kasey 4O
The Stage 3 students are using ‘Sploder’ and ‘Scratch’ to learn about basic game design where they can create a game or puzzle that challenges and allows for creative thinking.

**Stage 3 Focus: Game Design and Creation**

- **Phoenix**
- **Nick**
- **Skylah**
- **Daniel**
- **Jacob**
- **Molly**
Stage 3 Focus: Game Design and Creation

Note:
The students can invite others to play their created games, although they have been instructed to only allow members from their class or the Stage 3 students from our school. The site does not collect or store any personal information including e-mail addresses. The students are encouraged NOT TO: Use their real name, age, school or any other personal information.

References:
http://www.splooder.com

‘REMEMBER TO ALWAYS CONNECT WITH RESPECT’
Mrs Donna Forrest-McKee (ICT Teacher and Co-ordinator)