Regentville rocked on Monday!
The boys and girls of Regentville PS entertained a very appreciative audience with a wonderful concert on Monday. It was such a wonderful sight to see over 700 students come together and impress our visitors with their singing and dancing. The colourful costumes and terrific choreography contributed to a fabulous extravaganza that culminated in the finale with all our students singing enthusiastically the hit song Roar! The concert followed a terrific performance from our students in the Regentville band. Prior to this we welcomed visitors into our classrooms to view the children’s work. On a beautiful spring day the students and staff at Regentville PS highlighted some of the strengths of our wonderful school!

A huge thank you is extended to our parents and friends who volunteered throughout the day to sell food, drinks, gifts and raffle tickets. The combined efforts of all raised nearly $5000! A fabulous effort!

Regie rewarding students who are being safe, respectful learners!
Who is the owl? has been the question around our school for the past few weeks. We are now pleased to reveal ‘Regie the Owl’ is officially rewarding students who are caught being a learner; or caught being safe; or caught being respectful! These cards are part of the school wide focus led by the wellbeing team where our children are taught our school wide expectations and values. Regie the Owl will be our mascot that symbolizes our school motto ‘learn wisely, live proudly’.

Congratulations are extended to London who was the winner of the design competition.

NAPLAN reports to be distributed to parents of students in years 3 and 5.
The individual reports for students who completed the National Assessment Program Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) earlier this year will be distributed to parents once they arrive at our school. This assessment report will provide a snapshot of how each child performed on these assessment tasks on the day. This information can be very useful in indicating what each child demonstrated they knew and did not know in the test environment. In most instances a child’s results will be similar to how they perform in class work and assessment tasks, however in some cases there can be a discrepancy between the NAPLAN results and the child’s general performance. This could be due to a variety of factors. If you have any questions in relation to your child’s report please contact the school to make an appointment with your child’s class teacher.

Parent / Teacher interviews provide an opportunity for discussion on student’s progress.
Last week many parents took the opportunity to meet with their child’s class teacher to discuss the progress of their child. At our school we really value the ongoing communication and commitment of parents in working with our teachers to provide the very best for each child. While this was the last scheduled formal interview session for the year, parents are reminded that they are welcome to make an appointment to discuss their child’s progress with the teacher at any time.

Kindergarten enrolments are being finalized prior to orientation.
We are in the process of finalising our Kindergarten enrolments for students who will commence school in 2015. Invitations will be sent home soon to invite students and their parents to our two orientation sessions on 5 and 20 November.
In the media recently there has been some discussion about school readiness and starting ages. If you have any questions in relation to your child’s readiness to start school next year please feel free to contact the school to make an appointment.
Star Performers

- The Boys Basketball team are through to the final 8 in the state. They travel to Bathurst on Monday to play the finals.
- Well done to the Milo Cup cricketers who won the regional championships and will now compete in the State finals later this year.
- Well done to the debaters who were narrowly beaten in their semi final last week.
- The Girls Basketball team were beaten last week but never stopped trying. Well done.
- Lots of great feedback about the dance groups’ performances at Joan Sutherland Centre.
- Year 3 and 4 Rugby League players competed in the Royce Simmons Shield yesterday. The A team were beaten in the semi-final and the B team were runners up. Great effort.
- Outstanding work by ALL of the students and teachers at Regentville Rocks! Special mention to the P&C helpers who worked tirelessly on the BBQ, in the canteen and selling raffle tickets.

Car Parking

Events like this week’s Regentville Rocks draw a large number of visitors to our school. It also creates issues with the limited number of places to park cars in the immediate area.

We have been contacted by the Regentville Fire Brigade who informed us that there were many cars using their carpark on Monday and this could have easily created serious issues in the event of an emergency. They have requested that their carpark not be used at any time in the future.

It has also been noted that the staff carparks are being used by some parents as drop off and pick up points. This practice puts students safety at risk while also creating equity issues for those parents who are parking away from the school and walking.

The lack of parking around our school has come about because of the increase in student numbers to over 700 thereby increasing demand for parking spaces. Our advice has always been to arrive for pickup after the peak period. Many parents drive up unimpeded between 3.15 and 3.30pm to pick up their children who are waiting with teachers behind the fence. Another possibility is to park further away from the school and use the time to walk in the beautiful spring weather with your children.

Your cooperation with these matters is appreciated.

Payments Due

- Year 6 Canberra Trip third instalment of $100 due 11 Sep.
- Year 4 Yarramundi Camp second instalment $50 due 11 Sep.

Reminder

Students who arrive before 8.35am are to sit outside the canteen area. While there are many teachers in the school at this time, there is no teacher on playground duty until the bell goes at 8.35am.

Students can take their bags to their classrooms after the 8.35am bell.
Wed September 17
Session 1 - 6pm
Session 2 - 7.15pm
In the school hall

When kids ask “the” questions...
Interrelate has the answers!

Interrelate is a specialist organisation with over 85 years’ experience teaching sexuality and relationship education in NSW schools. Interrelate educators are highly trained and skillful presenters.

The topic of sexuality is handled with sensitivity, openness and humour. The program offers an interactive approach to learning, with a variety of audio-visual materials, discussions and games.

Session 1: Where did I come from?
1-hour session: years 3-6

Session 2: Preparing for puberty
1-hour session: years 5-6
Years 3-4 can attend at parent’s discretion

Specialty books are available for purchase on the night. Keep a look out for flyers (coming home with your child before the program) outlining session content.
As a nation Australia values the central role of education in building a democratic, equitable and just society—a society that is prosperous, cohesive and culturally diverse, and that values Australia’s Indigenous cultures as a key part of the nation’s history, present and future.

As signatories to the Melbourne Declaration, Australian Education Ministers seek to achieve the highest possible level of collaboration with the government, catholic and independent school sectors and across and between all levels of government. Australian Education Ministers also seek to achieve new levels of engagement with all stakeholders in the education of young Australians.

Improving educational outcomes for all young Australians is central to the nation’s social and economic prosperity and will position young people to live fulfilling, productive and responsible lives.

Young Australians are therefore placed at the centre of the Melbourne Declaration on Educational Goals.

These goals are:

**Goal 1:**
Australian schooling promotes equity and excellence

**Goal 2:**
All young Australians become:
- successful learners
- Confident and creative individuals
- Active and informed citizens

Achieving these educational goals is the collective responsibility of governments, school sectors and individual schools as well as parents and carers, young Australians, families, other education and training providers, business and the broader community.

*Extract from the Melbourne Declaration on Educational Goals for Young Australians 2008*
What's on

September/ October 2014
School Holiday Activities
At Bunnings Penrith Store near M4 Motorway

FREE KIDS D.I.Y WORKSHOPS

WEEK 1- 10am
Monday 22nd Sept- Mosaics
Tuesday 23rd Sept- Key Ring Holders
Wednesday 24th Sept- Paper mache
Thursday 25th Sept- Garden Wind Chimes
Friday 26th Sept- Plaster of Paris

WEEK 2- 10am
Monday 29th Sept- Bouncy Balls and Slime
Tuesday 30th Sept- Photo Frames
Wednesday 1st Oct- 3D Trees and Rockets
Thursday 2nd Oct- Hand Printing- Plaster Card Making
Friday 3rd Oct-

ACTIVITIES

Materials for these Workshops are provided FREE of charge.

Sometimes craft is messy so don't dress to impress.

Bookings are ESSENTIAL to allow us to ensure sufficient supplies

Contact store for bookings Ph: 4737 5400 or email penrithao@bunnings.com.au