



On The Grapevine

A quality education in a caring, innovative environment

November 2012 (Issue 1)

Regional awards for our students!

Huge congratulations to three of our students who are receiving *Western Sydney Excellence in Education Awards*.

Tianna: *Excellence in Student Leadership*

Liam: *Excellence in School Leadership*

Colin: *Personal Achievement*

I very much look forward to accompanying our outstanding achievers to the award ceremony on 27 November.

World Teacher Day

Friday 26 October was World Teacher Day. I want to take this opportunity publicly thank the wonderful, hardworking and dedicated teachers at REPS for their professionalism and genuine care for our gorgeous students.

Pride of Australia

It was very exciting to hear that Daniel and William Clarke received the NSW Pride of Australia Environmental award for their tireless work in raising awareness and funds for saving the jungle habitat of orangutans.



William and Daniel Clarke with their father at Repstravaganza 2010

These inspiring young men attended our showcase of *The Last Orangutan* musical at Repstravaganza in 2010 and spoke about their passion for saving the orangutan.

Congratulations also to Daniel and William on receiving the People's Choice Award. They received the highest number of votes from a field of 70 deserving finalists.

Homework Blues?

Having trouble helping your child with their homework? Running out of time because of other commitments? Then Wednesday morning homework lab is the answer! Remember I am in the library from 8.15am, ready and willing to work through any homework concerns or listen to those wanting to practise their reading.

Scary!

The Year 6 haunted house was absolutely awesome! This courageous principal was certainly scared by the screaming ghouls and ghosts jumping out from dark places, the eyeball mix and the bony hands grabbing at my legs as I bravely made my way through the darkness. Well done Year 6!



School website

Lost a permission note? Copies can be found on our website. Use the Community tab, then Notes and Permission slips.
Our newsletters are posted on the website, too.

Student Welfare

Congratulations to these students for achieving the following awards:

Principal's Bronze Award Level 3: Jemma R

Principal's Bronze Award Level 1: Tom B

Playground heroes: *Makaila* and *Adam* for outstanding citizenship and leadership
Mustafa and *Khaled* for outstanding citizenship in the playground

Major works update

I have now received three quotes for the all-weather playground shelter and will discuss these at the next P&C meeting on Monday 5 November.

An initial plan for the Block E refurbishment has been given to me and several onsite meetings have been organized. Plans will be available for comment at the next P&C. A copy of the plans is also available at the school office upon request.

Keryn Hinchcliffe

Principal
2 November 2012

Dates For Your Diary

4 November	P&C Bunnings BBQ Lidcombe
5 November	P&C meeting 6.30 in school library
7 November	Paint Parra Re(a)d Ermington Library, K-2 classes
8 November	Preschool Orientation
14 November	Repstravaganza
15 November	Assembly and afternoon coffee
21-23 Nov	Senior Camp
27 November	'Thank you parents' morning tea (<i>changed from 29 November</i>)
29 November	Assembly and afternoon coffee
4 December	Presentation Day



Congratulations to Our Ozzie Mozzie Award Winners:



Xavier	Lucy	Fraser	Aidan
Kobi	Flynn	Dylan D	Phoebe

Movember at REPS

This month I will be participating in the annual Movember fundraiser. *"During November each year, Movember is responsible for the sprouting of moustaches on thousands of men's faces in Australia and around the world. The aim of which is to raise vital funds and awareness for men's health, specifically prostate cancer and male mental health."*

It's a great opportunity to support this charity and get involved for a good cause.

Donations from our community would be gratefully accepted.

We will also begin selling raffle tickets soon and all those students who purchase a ticket will go into a draw for the chance to trim the 'Mo' off at the end of the month.

Mitchell King

Year 6 News

Year 6 worked hard to create a spooky classroom experience for the other classes during Halloween. Apart from the great fun they had, the students raised \$380.00 toward the end of year activities and to purchase a gift for the school. A big thank you to Brendan's Mum, Carol, who donated all the lollies for trick or treat bags. They tasted BOOOTiful!

Lesley Coker



Our Vegetable Garden

Take a look at the Cabbages growing in our Vegetable Garden! Each week some very dedicated students along with Margaret and Mrs Brown look after our vegetable garden. Their hard work has produced some tasty vegetables so far this year.

P & C News

P&C Fundraiser BBQ (our **last** for the year) at Bunnings Lidcombe
Sunday 4 November
Volunteers needed to bbq & sell.
Contact Stephanie Williams to book your time
Ph. 0407322362 or email. Stephwilliams2009@hotmail.com

LAST CHANCE TO STOP BOARDING HOUSE DEVELOPMENT IN SPURWAY STREET NEAR SCHOOL!!

DA/109/2012- Onsite meeting with Land & Environment Court

When:- Monday, November 5th 9.30am

Where:- 45-49 SPURWAY STREET

**WE NEED YOUR HELP!!! This is our LAST CHANCE to stop the proposed
BOARDING HOUSE** development for 45-49 SPURWAY STREET!!!

Parramatta Council rejected the application however the developer has appealed to the
Land & Environment Court to overturn the decision.

Please come along to show your opposition against this inappropriate development & to
support our fight to save the local character of the area!!

Pass the word to anyone who would be interested.

CONCERNED ERMINGTON RESIDENTS

Next P&C meeting is Monday 5 November at 6.30pm in the Library.

Flyers available from the front office

Dundas United Netball