



On The Grapevine

A quality education in a caring, innovative environment

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More media attention!

I was delighted to receive a call from the education section of the local newspaper to ask about featuring an article about our Playground Hero awards. They wanted to highlight this initiative as an excellent example of a school spreading the anti-bullying message by being proactive. Look out for it in The Advertiser.

Thank you Lubrizol



A huge thank you to local business Lubrizol Ltd for their generous donation of 9 iPads and covers, all fully engraved with the school name. After being contacted by Julie from Lubrizol asking if the company could offer assistance in any way, I discussed the possibility of a couple of iPads for various purposes for the school. They completely surprised me when they arrived with nine of these tablets with bright covers.

The teachers have very generously been using their personal iPads for activities in the classroom and are

now very excited about having one for their classroom. The teachers are currently trialing various educational apps available for download.

Fun day

A wonderful end of year celebration day was had by all the students. Thank you to the P&C for subsidizing the cost of the jumping castle and slide. A very special mention to Carol Piper for supplying the snow cone machine, which was much appreciated by all because of the warm weather. Carol and Fiona Mitchell manned the snow cone stall and I understand they made about 400 on the day.

TEN results

K-2 (early stage 1 and stage 1) classes have been involved in the Targeted Early Numeracy program this year with outstanding results. The results show:

100% kindy reached the minimum standard and 79% had already achieved Stage 1 outcomes

20% of year 1 students are already achieving at stage 2 level

In Year 2, 75% met minimum target

All students in K/2V showed pleasing improvement.

Next year we continue in the maintenance stage of this program.

Buying black shoes

Just a gentle reminder for parents - when you are buying shoes for your children for school please consider buying black joggers if you are only buying one pair of shoes. Black shoes are part of the school uniform.

Cricket Champions!!

A wonderful recap of the tense senior cricket grand final by parent, Peter Aylward.

All of the kids played well.

In a thrilling game, Parramatta batted first, and in spite of some good bowling by Ethan, Jonno, Joel, Liam, Emilio and Mikaela, the opposing team managed to clobber a very challenging 53.

Cameron stopped a critical boundary in the outfield, as did Mikaela, who deserves special mention: She took a nasty hit in the face trying to catch the ball, but the boundary she saved helped win the match. Fortunately Alexandra was on hand to organize first aid. Emilio also did a great job of keeping.

Parramatta PS had three very good bowlers applying the pressure in a nail biting run chase. However, Ethan slammed the cover off the ball with an onslaught of sixes and fours before retiring, leaving Jonno to belt the winning runs with an over left to play.

Parramatta PS are a strong side and they were very surprised not to walk away with victory, so well done to all of the kids in the REPS senior cricket side for an outstanding effort.

P&C

Special thank you to the wonderful P&C for their support this year.

Please read the message from our returning P&C president Chris Lummis in this newsletter

eBay sales

The school has some surplus equipment to sell. We will do this by listing it on eBay for open auction.

There has been some problem with Grapevine email distribution. Emails to live and Hotmail accounts bounce back. Hard copies have been given to those families.

I wish you all a happy and safe holiday

Keryn Hinchcliffe

Principal

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Dates For Your Diary

19 Dec 2012	Last day for students K-6
30 Jan 2013	Students Year 1- 6 return

P & C News

From your P and C President

Our last P&C meeting was the AGM. I am very happy to say that all the executive jobs were filled and we have a great team for 2013 so it is now safe to get involved in your P&C. Lets make a collective New Years Resolution to make a commitment to our childrens education by getting involved in 2013. Our goal is to get each family involved in some way. This of course starts now so as 2012 winds down it is time to start thinking about 2013. Please let us know what you think about our school by using our new email address REPScommunity@gmail.com. This is the address that reaches your P&C and even perhaps our meeting agenda. Let us know your ideas, issues or concerns.

On behalf of your P&C I would like to wish you a safe and happy holiday season. See you in 2013.

Chris Lummis

President