



On The Grapevine

A quality education in a caring, innovative environment

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Welcome back for another exciting year at REPS and an especially warm welcome to the new families to our school. Our classes have been formed and are settling in to their learning routine.

Our classes for this year are

6C – Mrs Coker

4/5 B – Miss Molloy until Mrs Brown returns Wk 10

3/4H – Mrs Hungerford/Mrs O'Callaghan

3/5R – Miss Russell

1/2K – Mr King

1/2O – Miss O'Flaherty

KR – Miss Razon

K/2L – Miss Lodewijks



Gloria Kells - Parramatta City Council Australia Day Award Finalist

Gloria received her award at a ceremony at Parramatta Town Hall on Australia Day. Gloria has a 54 year relationship with our school, helping with our award winning gardens and managing our uniform shop. To acknowledge her commitment to volunteering, an annual scholarship has been named in her honour.

In the office

Welcome to Mrs Pam Young. Pam is our School Admin Officer and will be working in our front office Monday to Wednesday. Pop into the office and introduce yourself to Pam. We're fortunate to have Dagmar Krautloher in the office on Thursdays.

School Assembly

Our school assembly will be run every second Thursday from 2:00 to 2:25pm in the school hall. Parents are invited to stay at school for afternoon tea following the assembly each fortnight. Our next assembly is on Thursday 21 February.

P&C Meeting

The first P&C meeting of the year is on Monday 11 February. All parents, friends and the wider community members of Rydalmere East Public School are invited to attend P&C meetings. It would be great to see many new as well as familiar parents and citizens attend so please try to join us in the school library at 6.30pm.

School Car park

An important reminder that parents are not permitted to park in the school car park. To ensure students' safety, parents and students must not walk through the car park because of safety issues. Please be a good role model for your child and obey the signs at the entrance of the car park. Have you seen the new safety signs reminding all parents that they may put out the crossing flags?

What is A Voluntary School Contribution?

Schools request a contribution from parents each year to supplement existing funding. Our school relies on these contributions to provide additional resources and learning programs for our students.

**** The suggested contribution for this year is \$40 per student or \$70 per family**

This year the money will be used to update the computers in the computer lab, ensuring our students have access to the latest technology.

Newsletter on-line

Please help us support our environmental management plan of reducing our paper use. Our newsletter *On the Grapevine* is available as an email attachment or may be viewed from the Newsletter tab on our website.

Please complete the following to be listed as an *On the Grapevine* contact.

Name of child _____ Class _____

Email address _____

Display name _____

Gates locked

Just a reminder that the school gate on Spurway Street is locked during the school day from 9.15am until 2.30pm. This is for the safety and security of our students as it prevents people using the school grounds as a thoroughfare during school hours. Please remember to use the Maling Ave gates to enter the school during this time.

Mobile phones

Students are reminded to bring their mobile phones to the front office for safe keeping. Phones are not needed during school time and may be collected at the end of the day.

Parent Teacher Meetings

Come along and meet your child's teacher, hear about class routines, the plans for the year.

For students in 6C, 4-5B, 3-4H and 3-5R - meet the teachers on Wednesday 13 February in Mrs Coker's classroom in Block B.

For students in 1-2K, 1-2O, KR and K-2L – meet the teachers on Thursday 14 February at 8:10am in Mr King's classroom in the Infants block

REPS is a building site

Construction has commenced on our covered playground area, work continues on the refurbishment of E Block and the painters have nearly finished painting the classrooms in Block B. We look forward to using these facilities once they have been completed.

Keryn Hinchcliffe

Principal

8 February 2013

Dates For Your Diary

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| 11 February | P&C Meeting 6.30pm in Library |
| 11 February | Tackle Bullying Blitz |
| 13 February | Primary Parent Teacher Meeting |
| 14 February | Infants Parent Teacher Meeting |
| 14 February | Religious Education commences |
| 18 February | Primary swimming carnival |
| 21 February | Breakfast Club starts, Assembly and afternoon coffee |
| 5 March | Zone swimming |



Congratulations to Our Ozzie Mozzie Award Winners:



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| Tom | Heba | Harold | Sebastian | Joshua |
| Heidi | Ayesha | Matthew A | Emilio | Jacob |

Playground heroes - *Olivia A* for including others in play

- *Geordie* for showing a responsible reaction to a bullying situation

In the classroom



Students in K-2L and 3-5R enjoyed doing Science experiments this week. In this experiment they watched the chemical reaction as bicarb was added to vinegar.

Swimming Carnival

Our annual Primary swimming carnival will be held on Monday 18 February at the Ruth Everuss Aquatic Centre, Church St, Lidcombe. Notes regarding this carnival were sent home this week. The swimming survey, permission note, nomination form and \$12 payment must be returned to school no later than Wednesday 13 February. We would appreciate parent assistance on the day. Please contact Mrs Hungerford if you are able to help.

Community news

A number of opportunities are available for out of school activities within our school grounds. Flyers for more information are available from the front office.

Violin lessons – contact Mrs Coker if you are interested

Guitar lessons will start this year.

Dance Sensations Performing Arts Studio has dance lessons in our hall on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday afternoons. Visit www.dancesensation.com.au for further information.

Calendar

Our term calendar is being finalised and will be printed in the next issue of *On the Grapevine*.

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