



On The Grapevine

A quality education in a caring, innovative environment

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A Very Long Jump!



Congratulations to Jon on his 'personal best' long jump of 4.32m, gaining him first place in the senior long jump at the Regional Athletics Carnival.

Jon will now represent our region at the State Athletics Carnival in October. We wish him all the very best.

Plant a tree at Abbotsbury



On Wednesday 11 September Years 4 & 5 participated in a planting session at Western Sydney parklands Abbotsbury site.

This is the third year our school has participated in this community event to help restore the critically endangered Cumberland Plain woodland within the parklands.





We were one of only three schools to plant all 200 trees in the time allocated. What a fantastic effort from 'green' REPS students!

In the classroom

I had a visit from Matthew in 2/6R who showed me his book *Jungle Drums*. Matthew wrote the text (an innovation on the book *Jungle Drums* by Graeme Base) and drew the exceptional illustrations freehand. His book has been accessioned into the library, so is available for borrowing!



If you are passing 4/5B classroom I highly recommend a quick visit to see some of the amazing student artwork on display. I have requested that some of the pieces be framed and hung in the admin block.

Last week 1/20 made dumplings. The teachers were lucky to also get some dumplings to taste and they were very delicious!

On Thursday 12 September Ann's mum and grandmother visited 1/20 to teach us how to make dumplings. Firstly, Lei told us about the inventor of dumplings many years ago. Then we watched a video that showed us how to fold the dumplings. We each got to make 5 dumplings of our own – 4 with our hands, folding them the way we had been shown and 1 with the dumpling 'machine'. After we had made the dumplings, Ann's Grandmother boiled some water and cooked them for us – they tasted scrumptious!

"These are SO DELICIOUS" – Kyan

"Dumplings are yummy" – Liam.



Miss O and 1/20





Talk like a Pirate Day



Three hearty cheers for Mrs Coker and Year 6 for their outstandingly successful *Talk like a Pirate Day*! The school was overrun by pirates, and we were honoured to have a visit from Jack Sparrow straight out of the Pirates of the Caribbean movies!

The activities were very well run and a lot of fun. They included: fishing for piranhas in the pirate swamp, crossing the crocodile infested waters on floating stepping stones, tossing water balloons and 'cannon balls' to sink a pirate ship, digging for treasure on Sand Pit Island, a healthy pirate food faces competition and ending the festivities with a very exciting boat race relay.

Check out our school website for all the photos and our best dressed pirate winners!



Talk Like a Pirate Day aims to raise awareness of childhood cancers.

Our day was a lot of fun. Our clever year 6 students did a great job organizing and leading the activities. A big thank you to Carol Piper for organizing the treasure prizes and a big thank you to Mrs O'C. and her crew in 3/4H for making the fabulous boats for every class. True pirate legends. Year 6 donated 10% of the money they raised to childhood cancer research and the staff donated generously to the cause as well.

\$203.10 raised for Year 6 farewell and \$104.20 for childhood cancer research.

Mrs Coker

Student Wellbeing

Principal's Bronze Awards:

Level 3: *Ruby, Jon, Emilio, Karina* Level 2: *Matthew Y, Nathan, Farhad* Level 1: *Jasmin, Jennifer, Jordan B*

Playground heroes: *Bashir, helping another student on the playground*

Principal's Award: *Sebastian, Zoe-Lee, Destyni and Ayesha for being respectful to a visitor in our school*

I wish you all a happy and safe holiday.

Keryn Hinchcliffe

Principal

20 September 2013

Dates For Your Diary

8 October	Staff and students return
16 -17 October	School photos
21 October	Academically Gifted class celebration
25 October	Kindy Playsession for pre-schoolers 1.55pm
29 October	Kindergarten orientation day 9.15am
30 October	Smart shopping presentation K-2
1 November	Kindy Playsession for pre-schoolers 1.55pm



Congratulations to Our Ozzie Mozzie Award Winners:



Gigi	Daniel Ay	Yeob	Kristian	Rachel	Luke D
Meranai	Summer	Elisha	Aarzabi	Ann	Matthew R
Adem	Isaac	Daniel Al	Hareem	Chloe W	Jayden M

P&C

Fundraising Report , Federal Election Day 7 September

Saturday 7 September was a huge day with stalls running from 7am to 2pm.

The P&C ran a plant stall (including fresh herbs, fruit & vege from homes & the school garden), a raffle, tea/coffee, massive cake stall and sausage sizzle with delicious bacon & egg rolls. Year 6 boys sold tickets for the guessing competition. We also had a display of school posters, brochures and the Grapevine on show. People were interested the ideas for the playground and we received some positive feedback on the wide range of activities shown in the newsletter.

The number of people voting was slightly lower than usual but the day was a success, raising a **profit of \$1186.**

Thank you to everyone who baked & donated the cakes & slices (we had many visitors coming back asking for more!) We thank all those who supported the school by buying the food & plants.

And thanks to the team of energetic parents, friends and students who worked together to make the fundraising event a success. Families: *Aylward, Barber, Flynn, Garcia, Garrett, Hewkins, Marg Kelly, Matthews, Nicholson, Peterson, Piper, Snell/Mills, Smith/Thomas, Silence, Spenceley, & Williams.*

Reminder: The next fundraising activity is a Bunnings BBQ, Sunday 13 October.