



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.

Community spirit

On the last day of school for 2013, the staff from the new Bunnings store at Rydalmere provided landscaping supplies and their expertise to beautify the gardens at the top Spurway Street entrance to the school. We appreciate their assistance with this community project.





Pathway open for use!

During the holidays the pathway from our lower Spurway Street entrance was completed. We are working on some landscaping ideas, including a seat in a shaded area for parents to wait for their children.

New signs will be installed very soon.

Just a reminder that both Spurway Street gates will be closed from 9:30am to 2.30pm each day for safety reasons.

Thank you

- To the Hewkins family and Margaret Kelly for watering the gardens during the Christmas holidays
- Gloria Kells for her hard work in the uniform shop. The start of the school year has been very busy necessitating several urgent requests for more stock.

Class structure

Our classes have been formed and are settling in to their learning routine. Mrs Coker is currently on leave until week 5. Mrs Angelique Brown is Relieving Assistant Principal and Ms Caterina Ellis will be teaching the class during this time.

We welcome back Mr King from his position as a regional numeracy leader.

It is very likely that we will receive an increase in our staffing entitlement over the year as enrolments grow. Currently are classes are:

5/6C – Mrs Lesley Coker

4/5 B –Mrs Angelique Brown

3/5H – Mrs Judy Hungerford/Mrs O’Callaghan

3/6R – Miss Hedy Russell

2K – Mr Mitchell King

1O – Miss Jessica O’Flaherty

KR – Miss Jay Razon

K/3L – Miss Emma Lodewijks

Teacher Librarian, Learning support and computer coordinator – Ms Daria Ivanek

Preschool – Mrs Deborah Smith (M-W) Mrs Tracey Arbolino (T&F)

Reading Recovery and ESL- Mrs Helen Mansfield

RFF- Mrs Danielle Muldoon and Mrs Deborah Smith (Thursday and Friday)

Learning and Support – Mrs Robyn McDonald (Wednesday)

In the office

I am pleased to announce that Dagmar Krautloher has been appointed as our permanent School Administrative Officer (SAO). Dagmar will be working every day and incorporates work in the classrooms with her office duties.

In the classroom

4/5B made bruschetta from tomatoes and parsley grown in the school's vegie patch.



In order to discover what 'flat as a pancake' means, Mr King's Year 2 class made pancakes this week. To tie in with the Live Life Well theme, the pancakes were served with banana and blueberries.



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. It was wonderful to have such a large turnout of parents for coffee at our first assembly on Thursday 6 February.

Our next assembly is on Thursday 20 February.

Student Wellbeing

Congratulations to the following students on achieving Principal's Bronze Awards:

Level 3: Jordan, Matthew Y, Timothy

Level 2: Summer, Kevin, Luke C

Level 1: Jaian, Ethan

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 safety signs reminding all parents that they may put out the crossing flags?

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 _____

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.

The Term 1 calendar with confirmed events is on our website. It is updated as event dates are finalised.

Keryn Hinchcliffe

Principal

10 February 2014

Dates For Your Diary

12 February	Swimming Carnival Granville Pool
13 February	Gymnastics display/demonstration lesson 9-11am
20 February	Assembly and afternoon tea
21 February	Geoff Lee MP visit to the school
3 March	P&C meeting 6.30pm staff room



Congratulations to Our Ozzie Mozzie Award Winners:



Luke D	Fox	Adam C	Kyan
Edwin	Peter	Matthew R	Jackson

Website and newsletter update

Our school has been approached by the Department's School Website Service Team to trial new templates for our website and newsletter. Following a meeting last week, we have offered to be a pilot school to trial these new templates which are designed to make them easier to read on mobile devices and easier to find through search engines.

Dagmar Krautloher and Barbara Chapman

School Admin