



On The Grapevine

A quality education in a caring, innovative environment

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One laptop per child Preschool to Year 6



Students and staff at REPS are excited in anticipation of our delivery of 230 XO laptops, providing one for every child from preschool to year 6. This initiative will ensure that we cater for the needs of our 21st century learners.

In order to maximise its effectiveness, the staff is undergoing a rigorous training program and have established links with other schools in our region for sharing exciting Teaching and Learning opportunities.

Debate

Congratulations to our debating team of Mia, Emma, Maeve and Jennifer who won their debate against Winston Hills Public School. Our team presented convincing arguments on why Australia should have a three day weekend.

Talented REPS students!

Congratulations to Emma Z who has been selected as compere at The Celebrating the Arts concert at The Riverside Theatre on Wednesday night 3 September. Our string ensemble and Years 4-6 instrumental Aussie item will be performing on that night after successful auditions. I am very much looking forward to attending.

Upcoming costs

To help with your budgeting, please take note of the following expenses for term 3. These are approximate costs

- Primary athletics carnival \$5
- Celebrating the Arts bus fare for 2x practices approx. \$18. Concert tickets will be available at Riverside Theatre Box Office. Prices TBA
- Infants are planning an excursion relating to their unit on Asian cultures

Education week

Education Week is Week 3 next term, 26 July –1 August. Our Years 3-6 athletics carnival is on Tuesday 29 August at Barton Park, and we are having open morning Thursday 31 July, 9.30-11.30am. The K-2 athletics carnival is the following week at school on Tuesday 5 August.

Student Wellbeing

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

Bronze Level 3: Karina, Masson
Bronze Level 2: Daniel A, Matthew A, Kobi
Bronze Level 1: Chloe W, Mikayla, Ann, Joshua
Silver Level 1: Ansh, Ethan T

Playground Hero Awards

The following students are recognised for remaining calm and seeking teacher assistance when appropriate
Brody, Louise, Chloe F and Adam C: for being sensible responsible students in the playground

Students return on Tuesday 15 July for another term of wonderful learning.

I wish you all a safe and happy holiday break.

Keryn Hinchcliffe

Principal
27 June 2014

Dates For Your Diary

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| 15 July | Students return for term 3 |
| 23 July | OC test |
| 28 July - 1 August | Education Week |
| 29 July | ICAS English |
| 29 July | Primary Athletics carnival Barton Park |
| 31 July | Open morning 9:30 to 11:30am |
| 4 August | P&C meeting |
| 5 August | Infants Athletics carnival |
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Congratulations to Our Ozzie Mozzie Award Winners:



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| Kobe | Asiya | Kyan | Zaid |
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Feed a devil day



Our students and staff collected over \$270 to help to find a cure for facial tumour disease that is devastating the Tasmanian Devil population.

4/5B dressed in red, black and white for the Tasmanian Devils

Preschool News

Healthy, Healthy, Healthy

Thank you all the parents at school who give their children fruit and water for crunch and sip. In the beginning of the year many preschoolers wouldn't eat fruit. Now they all enjoy their fruit / vegetables and water at 10am every day.

The chickens and worms are also really enjoying the fresh peelings and scraps.

The pre-schoolers conducted an experiment on "What is better to drink; milk, water, soft drink or fruit juice?"

They measured out how much sugar was in each drink. They were amazed at how much sugar was in fruit juice. Five tablespoons of sugar in fruit juice and even more in soft drink! They all decided that water or milk was a much better option.



Birds in Schools Incursion

On Wednesday, 18th June we had a visit from Birdlife Australia. This was an in-school excursion to continue our study for the Birds in Schools program.



Classes 4/5B and 5/6C participated in an absolutely outstanding number of scientific investigations during these sessions. We explored the various habitats and determined the percentage areas of each. We used three techniques to explore the minibeast varieties within various micro-habitats. These included shaking trees, sifting leaf litter and 'in the hoop' exploration. Prior to this visit, the focus has been on completing regular surveys on the actual birds that visit our school. To date, classes have collated a great deal

of data about the populations of various species. Classes prepared for the visit by calculating the perimeter and area of the school grounds, and exploring the various habitats.

Live Life Well at REPS

Healthy food is good for our body so children at REPS are regularly encouraged to eat well and make healthy choices.

Recently 4/5B had a wonderful time concocting smoothies in class which included a variety of healthy ingredients: milk, yoghurt, mango, banana, strawberries, blueberries, raspberries and orange juice. We compared the smoothie's ingredients with those of a milkshake and came to the conclusion that smoothies are by far the healthier choice. The children were then asked to write a persuasive text: Milkshakes vs Smoothies. Here are a few examples of their writing

I think smoothies are better than milkshakes because smoothies have healthier ingredients in them. Firstly, smoothies have fruit in them which contains vitamins, minerals and fibre that are very good for your body.

Secondly, milkshakes have flavouring that has lot of sugar and no fruit. They also have ice-cream instead of yoghurt and that again has lots of sugar in it.

Lastly, smoothies are healthy because the fruit has its own natural flavour and natural sugars. The milk has calcium that is strong for your bones.

To round it all up, smoothies are better than milkshakes.

By Kobi

I strongly believe that smoothies are better than milkshakes because smoothies are healthier than milkshakes. Sugar, which is in milkshakes, will rot your teeth.

Firstly, smoothies are MUCH healthier than milkshakes because milkshakes have a great deal more sugar in them whilst smoothies are mostly made of fruit. Milkshakes contain flavouring, ice-cream and sugar but smoothies contain fruit, yoghurt and milk.

Secondly, sugar, which is in milkshakes, will rot your teeth. Nobody wants their teeth to rot. So which would you choose...healthy teeth or a milk shake? Well I would choose healthy teeth. Make sure you do too!

Smoothies are better than milkshakes because smoothies are healthier than milkshakes, and the sugar in milkshakes will certainly rot your teeth.

By Kayla

I strongly believe that smoothies are better than milkshakes for the following three reasons.

Firstly, smoothies are packed with fruit and milk. Fruit gives us fibre, vitamins and minerals. Milk gives us calcium to keep our bones and teeth healthy.

Secondly, a milkshake is for a treat! Do you even know what's in them? There's lots of ice-cream and flavouring which are literally packed with sugar. The only good thing about a milkshake is the milk and there is hardly any of it!

Thirdly, my whole class of 29 students loved the smoothies, including me...and I'm not even a fruit person! I thought I wouldn't like smoothies, however, it was the second best drink I have ever tasted. In my opinion, water is the best drink!

To conclude, smoothies are definitely healthier than milkshakes so I hope you now agree.

By Jordan

School holiday information

- website@parracity.nsw.gov.au
- Parramatta City Council's winter activities guide available at the office
- Soccer camp at Newington Public school go to mrsoccer.com.au
- Winter in the Garden at Telopea Community Garden Thursday 3 July 10:30am
- Sydney Olympic Park activities go to www.kidsinthepark.com.au
- Parramatta Winterlight Ice skating in Prince Albert Park 26 June - 13 July www.winterlight.com.au
- Bubble Dome July Holidays Program