



On The Grapevine

A quality education in a caring, innovative environment

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One laptop per child Preschool to Year 6



There is much excitement in our classrooms as the XO laptops have been rolled out for every student. We look forward to showcasing these in our classrooms on open day on Thursday.

Education Week

We are celebrating public education during Education Week this week. 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. Make sure you read the information about augmented reality on page 4 of this newsletter before Thursday and be ready to be dazzled!

School Planning

Schools are currently entering the next three year planning cycle. Working with the community on our shared vision and developing strategies to support the achieving of that vision is very important. There will be opportunities to discuss what the community values about the school's current practices. I hope you will be an active participant in this process. I look forward to working with our community.

Student Wellbeing

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

Bronze Level 1: *Fatma, Adam C*

Bronze Level 2: *Liam, Matthew R, Nicholas E*

Silver Level 1: *Jade H, Jemma,*

Keryn Hinchcliffe

Principal

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Dates For Your Diary

28 July - 1 August	Education Week
29 July	Primary Athletics carnival Barton Park
30 July	ICAS English
31 July	Open morning 9:30 to 11:30am
4 August	P&C meeting
6 August	Infants Athletics carnival
12 August	Birds in Schools video conference
12 August	ICAS Maths
13 August	Birds in Schools video conference
13 August	CTA rehearsal



Congratulations to Our Ozzie Mozzie Award Winners:



Caitlyn	Mohammed H	Maddy	Benjamin B	Sienna
Obama	Chloe R	Bella	Jamaya	Renee

In the classroom



The students in Year one are published authors!

In Term 2 we read *Don't let the Pigeon Drive the Bus* by Mo Willems and we used our persuasive writing skills to convince the pigeon that he really shouldn't be driving a bus. Our book has been accessioned into the library and is now available for borrowing.

Miss O

1O and 2K Walk to Blaxland Riverside Park



The students in 1O & 2K have been studying "Playgrounds Past & Present". During this unit we have looked at the games people played many years ago and the games we play now. We have also looked at how playground equipment has changed over time. This meant that we were lucky enough to go on an excursion to Blaxland Riverside Park to look at the playground equipment there. Boy! The playground equipment really has changed over the years and the park is FABULOUS! We all survived the walk there and back and had a very enjoyable day.



Nude Food Day

The aim of Nude Food Day is to encourage individuals to make environmentally friendly choices by eliminating all unnecessary wrapping associated with food. The concept was developed by Smash, a company that makes a range of Nude Food containers. National nude food day is on 16th October.

At REPS we have Nude Food Day every Thursday. The initiative started last term to encourage the school community to reduce the amount of packaging and rubbish left on the school grounds. Students and teachers are required to bring food free of all packaging or take any packaging home with them.

A lot of kids say that they are happy to be involved and like helping the environment. Sarah in Year 6 is happy that REPS is doing Nude Food Day. She especially likes it because there is less rubbish on the playground.

For the first few weeks of term two it was going great so we were thinking of making it twice a week. However, towards the end of term, the rubbish was increasing not decreasing!

So, PLEASE remember. It's a new term. Let's start afresh and bring your food Nude!

The Crew

Super hero day

We raised \$275 for Bear Cottage, a respite centre for sick children, by dressing as super heroes.



Term 3 calendar will be sent out separately.

Preschool News

As part of our Quality Improvement Plan the preschool has upgraded their outdoor environment. The preschoolers were very excited to return from holidays to find a brand new sandpit and new garden beds installed. Our old sandpit has been transformed into an outdoor performance stage. We are looking forward to our first performance on our new stage for Education Week. We welcome all community members to visit the preschool to see our outdoor environment upgrade.



AUGMENTED REALITY @ REPS EDUCATION WEEK 2014

During education week some of our classes will dazzle you with their Augmented Reality projects. Please follow the instructions below to ensure you can experience the *Auras* in the classroom.

Download the free Aurasma App from the App Store or Google Play. Skip sign in and registration and launch app

- Tap the 'A' icon on the middle bottom of the screen
- Tap the magnifying glass icon and search for either the 'Reps35h', 'Reps56c', 'Reps45b' or 'Reps1o' channel, depending on which class your child is in
- Click on Follow. The circle will turn white when you have successfully followed the chosen channel
- Tap the viewfinder icon on the bottom of the screen and point your smartphone or iPad at the trigger image
- Frame the trigger image within the viewfinder and watch the magic happen



If you don't have a device we will have a limited number of iPads available on the day in the classrooms.