



# On The Grapevine

## A quality education in a caring, innovative environment

*September 2014 (Issue1)*

### **Outstanding NAPLAN results**

Excellent results for our year 3 and 5 students in NAPLAN this year. A quick overview:

- Year 5 exceeded National performance in Numeracy and Spelling and matched in Reading.
- 100% of Year 5 students exceeded expected growth in both numeracy and spelling
- 50% performed in top 2 bands for reading ( compared with 35.2% for state)
- Year 3 students exceeded national performance in numeracy and matched in spelling
- 55% of year 3 students achieved in the top 2 bands for writing
- 78% achieved in top 3 bands for spelling

More NAPLAN data is displayed in the foyer in the office.

### **Expo**

Thank you to the parents who visited our school expo on Thursday morning. As we enter a new planning cycle we are eager to engage the community in developing our directions for the future.

The teachers did an amazing job preparing the displays. Most of the information will be left on display in the hall so parents who were unable to attend can take time to have a look, ask questions and make comments. The hall will be open each morning for the first 2 weeks of next term so please visit and give us your feedback!

It was certainly pleasing to have so many parents acknowledge the effort of all the REPS staff in providing the extensive range of opportunities for our students. Check out our website for some of the reporting crew's interviews!





### ***Premier's Spelling Bee***

Regional final was held at Meadowbank Public School. Teams Jennifer and Tom in the senior primary category, TJ and Fatma in Juniors. The words become increasingly difficult as each round progressed. Congratulations to all our students on their excellent performances. A special mention to TJ who made it to the last 12 competitors and was eliminated in round 7.

### ***Celebrating the Arts!***

Wow! What a night! Emma was an outstanding compere, speaking clearly and confidently. Our instrumental item was colourful and entertaining, our string ensemble was impressive, Ruby was an excellent soloist, the combined choir was fantastic and our two art works on display were amazing!



Lilli's 'Jabiru from Kakadu'



Jayden's 'Golden Hope'

### ***Gymnastics in term 4***

The 8 week Gymnastics program for all students preschool – year 6 commences on Friday in week 1.

The cost for parents is only \$1 a week because the school and P&C are subsidising this program for every family. We would prefer a one off payment of \$8 if possible but will accept weekly payments if necessary. Please contact me directly in cases of financial hardship.

To accommodate the timetable Friday's will no longer be 'upside down'. Recess will be 11-11.20 and lunch 1-1.55pm.

### ***Cup cake for a cure***

In this 'staff bake/ children create' event, students decorated cupcakes made by Mrs Hungerford and Mrs Mansfield. We raised over \$250 for The Kids Cancer Project and the students were very creative using jelly beans, freckles and smarties to decorate their cakes. See more photos on our website.



### ***Regional Athletics***

Congratulations to Brendan and Danielle who both had top 10 placings in the 800 metres at the regional athletics carnival at Blacktown Athletics Centre.



### ***The Right Balance Performance***

This dynamic performance provided our students with strategies for dealing with frustration, bullying and the difficulties in sustaining relationships.

*'I learned that it's good to have friends and it's important to be a nice person.'* Orlando 4/5B

*'Walk away when bullies come near you.'* Rita 5/6C *'or go to a teacher'* added Juels

### ***Student Wellbeing***

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

Bronze Level 2: *Ashleigh S*

Bronze Level 3: *Flynn, Lachlan, Sarah C. Matthew A*

Silver Level 1: *Ryan*

Silver Level 2: *Karina, Matthew Y*

Gold Level 2: *Jade G*

*Playground heroes: Ann, Georgia, Hareem, Carla  
for showing kindness and helping others in the playground*

**The Uniform shop will be open on Tuesday 7 October**

*I wish you a happy and safe holiday.*

*Keryn Hinchcliffe*

Principal

19 September 2014

### ***Dates For Your Diary***

<b>19 September</b>	Multicultural day
<b>7 October</b>	School resumes for term 4
<b>7 October</b>	Uniform shop open 8:30 – 9:30am
<b>10 October</b>	Gymnastics program commences
<b>14 October</b>	School photos
<b>15 October</b>	Year 6 camp
<b>16 October</b>	School photos
<b>21 October</b>	Kindy Orientation Day
<b>23 October</b>	Preschool Orientation Day (Thurs/Fri)



**Congratulations to Our Ozzie Mozzie Award Winners:**



Hussnia	Jasmin	Benjamin G	Kora	Renee	Gabriel
Nasia	Omar	Zaid	Lebron	Lucy G	

### ***Muticultural Day at REPS***



Our SRC  
collected  
\$118 for more  
Games shop  
equipment.



### ***School Photographs***

This year our school photographs will be taken on Tuesday 14 October and Thursday 16 October by MSP Photography. More info visit [www.msp.com.au](http://www.msp.com.au).

A guide to their packs and prices is listed below

Premium	\$43	Group photo + 12 portrait photos of varying sizes + HR portrait download
Classic	\$38	Group photo + 11 portrait photos of varying sizes + HR portrait download
Value	\$36	Group photo + 12 portrait photos of varying sizes + LR portrait download
Essential	\$34	Group photo + 8 portrait photos of varying sizes + LR portrait download
Basic	\$32	Group photo + 10 portrait photos of varying sizes + LR portrait download
Group only	\$26	

(HR = high resolution, print quality)

LR = low resolution, not print quality)

A 'What to wear' guide will be published in the next *On the Grapevine*.

### ***In the classroom***

During a creative writing lesson students in 4/5B were encouraged to use similes to describe an illustration of some desperate people at sea. Here is a sample of their clever work!

Orlando - The waves froth and frame like the mouth of a dog with rabies.

Fatma - The sails on the ship have been ripped from the mast like the bones and flesh that are torn from a skeleton.

Danielle - The sky looks like a sea of murky water.

Ben - The grey clouds were like dead rats in the world's darkest forest.

Chloe - The waves were as rough as rockmelon skins as they crashed into the side of the small boat.

Abdul - The fierce water was as scary as a lion's roar.

Jun - The ferocious sea was like an angry bear.

Jack - The boat was shaking and thrashing like a tall tree in a fierce storm.

Rawda - I imagine that the water is as destructive as a violent bear.

Ryan - The dull clouds up in the sky are like a head of grey, curly hair.

Josh - The clouds were as dark as a basement.

Kora - Everyone on the boat rushed here and there like stinging bees in a hive.

Jade H - The waves move to and fro like an unhappy, hungry bear.

### *Community events*

#### **Bedwetting Info Evening for Parents**

Tuesday 28 October

Paraquad Building

6 Holker St

Newington

RSVP 21 October

[cfahpo.nsw@gmail.com](mailto:cfahpo.nsw@gmail.com) Ph: 8741 5699

### *Pedestrian Crossings*

A reminder to parents that No Stopping means that you must not stop to set down or pick up children. It is both dangerous & costly to disregard this sign and if caught in a school zone the **fine is \$304 & 2 demerit points**.

Parents! Can you help with putting out and taking out the pedestrian flags each day? Any help would be most appreciated.

### *P&C committee*

## **OOSH update**

- ✓ Tenders being submitted
- ✓ Opening Day1 Term 1 2015