



# On The Grapevine

## A quality education in a caring, innovative environment

*March 2015 (Issue1)*

### ***Don't miss out!***

Thank you to the families who have already paid part or the entire year's levy for paper, technology, Athletics and other resources. Your children's names are in the draw for the 2 prizes of a booklet of movie tickets to be drawn at the Easter Hat Parade on Thursday 2 April. It is not too late to be in the draw so don't miss out!

### ***Student absences***

New guidelines have been implemented this year. An information sheet is attached to this newsletter. Please note the changes to applying for leave for travel /holidays during the school term.

### ***Tree planting***

Thirty one environmentalists travelled to Western Sydney Parklands at Abbotsbury to help replant part of the Cumberland woodlands. Josh and Rob from Greening Australia were very impressed with the keenness and skill of our students and were delighted that REPS was able to smash the existing planting record. Our students planted a total of 251 native species, mainly hardenbergia, wallaby grass and kangaroo grass. Thank you to Miss O'Flaherty for organising our participation in this wider community environmental event.



## ***Student Wellbeing***

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

Bronze Level 1: *Elisha*  
Bronze Level 2: *Reuban*  
Silver Level 1: *Xavier, Jacob B*  
Silver Level 3: *Ethan T*



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

1B have been learning about native bees. Their amazing artwork and informative sentences are displayed in the office foyer. Come into the office to admire their work.

## ***Positive parenting program***

The first session for this fantastic initiative, that is being provided **free** for our community is on 25 March.

*Keryn Hinchcliffe*

Principal  
16 March 2015

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



Asiya	Aaron	Venice	Ariel
Kaiyeisha	Chloe R	Alisa	Joanne

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

<b>16 March</b>	P&C meeting 6:30pm
<b>16-19 March</b>	Life Education
<b>16-17 March</b>	Debating camp at Katoomba
<b>17 March</b>	Stewart House bag pick up
<b>20 March</b>	National Day against Bullying and Violence
<b>21 March</b>	P&C Grounds Force Day
<b>25 March</b>	Positive Parenting program 9:15-11:15am
<b>26 March</b>	Scripture Easter Service
<b>27 March</b>	AFL gala day
<b>2 April</b>	Easter Hat Parade / Grandparents Day / Book Fair 9:30am

# REPS Washing Powder Drive is on again!

## \$50 for 25kg Washing Powder – Delivered

### \$10 from each sale goes to REPS

Washing powder is perfume free.

Notes:

- REPS has been running this drive for several years.
- A 25 kg bag of washing powder generally lasts a family of 5 at least 6 months.
- The washing powder is delivered in a 25kg bag.
- Deliveries will only be made to the REPS local area and not to home units. If you live further away or in a unit, please contact Jennie Spenceley and she will organise alternative delivery for you.
- Deliveries will be made on a Saturday morning, with no need for someone to be home. Delivery date will be confirmed as soon as orders are in, but it is expected to the last weekend of March or the first weekend in April.
- Any questions or if you need samples, please contact Jennie Spenceley 0429 797 195.



### **Order form**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Delivery Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Any special delivery instructions: \_\_\_\_\_

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Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please put form and \$50 cash or cheque into the P&C box in the office by 20<sup>th</sup> March 2014, or call Jennie Spenceley to make alternate arrangements for payment**

### ***Free* Positive Parenting Program (PPP)**

- ✓ Teaches strategies to develop positive relationships, attitudes, skills and conduct.
- ✓ 5 week course at Rydalmere East
- ✓ Offered by Parramatta Mission
- ✓ 9:15 to 11:15am starting Wednesday 25 March for 5 weeks during school terms

Contact Sharlene Pasqual 0439 978721 or  
[sharlene.pasqual@parramattamission.org.au](mailto:sharlene.pasqual@parramattamission.org.au) to register