



On The Grapevine

A quality education in a caring, innovative environment

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***We look forward to seeing you all at the Easter Hat Parade
/grandparents Day tomorrow starting at 9.30am***



In the classroom

Jett and Caleb (1B) shared their scary stories about an *Evil Creature* (Jett) and the *Monster Blob*

(Caleb). These boys had written several interesting sentences to describe these frightening creatures. Year 1 have certainly been having some fun with their writing!

I was also very impressed with Daniel (3/5D) who shared his work on dictionary meanings for his spelling words.

Soccer stars

Congratulations to Tomas and Samuel who have progressed to Zone level for soccer.

Staff development day term 2

Teachers and staff return to school on Monday 20 April. Our preschool educators are attending a full day conference and will be joined by our Kindy teachers from lunchtime for sessions on transition to school.

The rest of the staff will be discussing our 3 year school plan, analysing data, discussing professional development to ensure our plan reflects school and community high expectations for student achievement over the next 3 years.

Birds in schools

Thank you to the garden helpers Abraham, Ryan, Kora, Hussnia, Levi, Jack and Matthew A who assisted Margaret Kelly preparing the garden near lower Spurway St gate for Birds in Schools planting.

Today we welcomed representatives from 'Birds in School' who supervised the planting of bird attracting natives on the oval banks. Fifty shrubs, 100 grasses and groundcovers were planted as habitat for small birds.

Need to contact us?

Just a reminder that our school office is open from 8:15am to 3:30pm to answer your phone calls and enquiries.

Mrs Chapman and Ms Krautloher choose to arrive earlier and work later than these hours so they can complete the many tasks required each day.

Teachers are usually here early in the morning and until late in the afternoon preparing class activities or attending training sessions and can be contacted between 8.15 and 3.30pm by phone.

Coming up...

In week 2 we have booked a school show on Australian Folklore. The cost will be \$4 to \$5 per child. During the century of the Anzac campaign, we are focussing heavily on Australian heroes. This show supplements this part of the curriculum.

Student Wellbeing

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

Bronze Level 1: *Jayden M, Zaid, Luke D*

Silver Level 1: *Brendan, TJ, Lilli*

Honour Roll



Huge thanks to the parents & students who generously gave their time and energy on Saturday 21 March at the REPS Working Bee.

We were able to tidy up the gardens around the OLA & Spurway St entrance, car park gardens and stabilised & mulched the Birds in School garden area around the Lower Spurway St gate & pathway.

Hearty thanks to the following families:

Williams, Welsh, Smith/Thomas, O'Hara, Mills/Snell, Goss, Garcia, Barber, and the inspiring Margaret Kelly.

Thank you also to Bunnings Rydalmere for their donation of soil conditioner for our garden beds.

Have a great holiday

Keryn Hinchcliffe

Principal

1 April 2015

Congratulations to Our Ozzie Mozzie Award Winners:



Kuheli	William O	Logan M-W	Asiya
Mohammed H	River	Kelsie	Danielle R M
Ben G	Farshad	Charlotte Mc	

Dates For Your Diary

20 April	Staff Development Day
21 April	Students resume for term 2
28 April	Show 'Australian Folklore'
24 April	Anzac Day Ceremony
29 April	AFL day
30 April	School assembly and afternoon coffee
12-14 May	NAPLAN

Premiers Reading Challenge (2014-2015)

Students can now log on to the 2014-15 Premiers Reading Challenge and begin to record the books that they have read so far. On 21 August the PRC website for children closes so they will need to have entered all their books prior to this day. All students should be able register by using their DEC portal user name and password.

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