



A quality education in a caring, innovative environment

Reward Days

- ✓ be safe
- ✓ be respectful
- ✓ be responsible

Anzac service

Easter Hat Parade/ Grandparents' Day and Book Fair



There are many more images in our webpage gallery.

Thank you to the parents and carers who supported our book fair - an important fundraiser for our Library.

P&C AGM

Congratulations to the following office bearers elected at the recent AGM.

President: Suzanne Barber

Secretary: Jenny Snell

Assistant Secretary: Jaheda Garcia

Treasurer: Priya Jagirdar

Assistant Treasurer: René Thomas

Uniform shop: Gloria Kells

Fundraising Coordinators: Melissa Welsh, Sharna Kay

We look forward to another wonderful year working together to support our students.

Autism Awareness Day

Staff and students dressed in blue for Autism Awareness Day. Our school is fortunate to have two support classes that provide quality educational programs for students with autism.



Stage 1 History Walking Excursion

On Thursday, 31 March Year 1, Year 2 and ASD K-2 went on a walking excursion to explore the history of the local area.

Students were encouraged to be detectives and look for clues that indicated what was old and what was new. They also used their literacy skills to read the plaques outside the Ermington library and community centre. With this information they were able to determine the age of the buildings. Students had the opportunity to view the oldest



house in the area. There they saw huge blocks of sandstone that were the foundations of the cottage and different sized sandstone bricks that covered the outside walls. Many timber beams and poles had lost all their paint and were starting to rot.

During lunchtime, the students had a picnic at George Kendall Park where they enjoyed playing with their friends and using the park equipment.



Scenes from the walking excursion

PSSA

PSSA soccer starts on Friday 6 May. We have requested that all games be played at George Kendall Reserve. Teams will walk to the venue.

Upside down Friday bell times will apply from that day.

Upside down Friday bell times

Lunch begins	11:00am
Lunch ends	11:55am
Recess begins	1:40pm
Recess ends	2:00pm

Welcoming Casual staff

We are fortunate to access a pool of regular casual teachers to maintain consistency in our classrooms. These teachers continue with the class learning program when teachers are sick, completing professional development, on camps or excursions etc. Schools often struggle to find good casual teachers and we value the highly professional casual staff we employ at REPS. As a whole school staff, we do everything we can to support and make casual staff feel welcome. We expect students and community members to be respectful at all times and to show courtesy to our visiting teachers.

Premiers Reading Challenge 2015-2016

Please encourage your child to participate in the 2015-2016 Premiers Reading Challenge. 'The Challenge aims to encourage a love of reading for leisure and pleasure in students, and to enable them to experience quality literature. It is not a competition but a challenge to each student to read, to read more and to read more widely.'

Many students in the past years have successfully completed and enjoyed the Challenge. If you would like your child to participate in the Challenge go to the 'Premiers Reading Challenge' website and register your child at the appropriate stage, depending on their year level. Students need to read books from the booklists that are appropriate to their specific stage. The booklists can be found on the website. The number of books your child needs to read will depend on their stage's Challenge.

The 2015-2016 Challenge began last September and children have to have met their quota of books by the 19 August, 2016.

Parking in Coffey Street

There are several cars who park in the No Stopping zones. This is illegal and it makes it difficult for residents to get in and out of their driveways. Some parents are turning right into Coffey Street from Spurway Street which is very dangerous and also illegal. Please keep our precious children safe by observing traffic rules at all times.

Last week students in Year 4 received a letter giving information about how to apply for entry into an opportunity class in 2017.

Please note that if you intend to apply you **must** submit an online application.

www.schools.nsw.edu.au/ocplacement

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

Silver Level 1: Katelyn, Matthew R, Mallek

Bronze Level 1: Rafael, Logan M-W, Jackson, Mahdi, Renee

Bronze Level 3: Jackson, Adem



- 4 -