



On The Grapevine

A quality education in a caring, innovative environment

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Zone Cross Country

Congratulations to our cross country runners who represented our school at the zone carnival at Parramatta Park. Four from our team will progress to the regional carnival. Speedy twins Danielle and Brendan won their age divisions. Jade was placed third and Joshua R was placed eighth. What an amazing effort! Thanks to Miss Monardo and Mrs Hose for organising and managing our team.



Zoo excursion

To support the unit of work in Science called *Built Environments*, students in years 3 to 6 visited Taronga Zoo where they looked at how animals interact within built environments. Factors considered in the design and construction of enclosures were observed and noted for post excursion discussions, and other learning activities.



Premier's debate

Our two REPS debating teams hosted Winston Hills PS in the first round of the Premier's Debating Challenge. Each school were fortunate to win one debate. Our Primary teachers were very pleased with our debaters whose arguments were well presented.

Debating is a wonderful opportunity for our students. We look forward to seeing our debaters' skills and confidence develop as the competition continues throughout the year. Already staff have commented on the huge improvement of some students who began debating in 2015.



New Playground (Stage 2)

Stage 2 of the playground renovation commenced this week. The plan is to build several forts and balance beams in the area between the larger COLA and the paling fence. While construction is in progress, access to the school from the Spurway Street gate will be restricted. To enter the school, please walk along the path, past the Library and to the breezeway, between Blocks A and B.

Dental Assessment visit

Westmead Centre for Oral Health will be conducting oral health and diet lessons at our school on Wednesday, 8 June for students in Kindy to Year 6. A free oral health assessment is available to each child who returns their completed and signed oral health consent form.

Bright yellow consent forms will be sent home on Monday. If you want your child assessed please complete the form and have it returned to your child's classroom teacher.

No dental treatment will be carried out on the day of the assessment. However, your child may bring home a letter to let you know what you may need to do next for their dental care.

4/50 movie exhibition

Miss O'Flaherty's class made stop animation videos and showed them in the hall last Friday afternoon. Before screening, the class explained to the audience how the videos were made.

'I thought the one with the paper and the fireworks was really funny' exclaimed Sienna.

Year 6 ran a fundraiser for their end of year farewell selling fresh fruit cups and popcorn to the moviegoers. They raised \$116.



Mini Kindy

Our Mini Kindy sessions offer your little one a delicious taste of big school. Join your pre-schoolers in the Kindy room for stories, craft and other cool activities on Thursdays 2, 9 and 16 June from 11:30am- 12:45am.

Sportsmanship Award

Congratulations to Saane in Year 5 who was an excellent role model at PSSA soccer. She congratulated the other team on a goal well scored which demonstrated outstanding sportsmanship.

Student Wellbeing

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

Silver Level 1: Luke D

Bronze Level 1: Joanne J, Caleb D

Bronze Level 2: Lucas C, Madeline O

Bronze Level 3: Will O'H

Congratulations to Our Ozzie Mozzie Award Winners:



Lone	Savannah	Balin	Riley K
Parmis	Owen	Oliver	Declan

Lesley Coker & Angelique Brown

Relieving Principals

27 May 2016

2 June	Mini Kindy 11:30-12:45
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8 June	Dental assessment by Westmead Centre for Oral Health K-6
9 June	Mini Kindy 11:30-12:45
16 June	Mini Kindy 11:30-12:45
28 June	Snaketails Reptile Show (NAIDOC Week)



The uniform shop has a large number of preloved jumpers and jackets at very reasonable prices. Pop in and have a look for bargain. The Uniform shop is open Monday and Friday mornings before school starts.

Enrol now at REPS for 2017
We are now taking enrolments for
kindergarten and preschool for next year.

- Kindy students need to be turning 5 by
31 July 2017
- Preschoolers need to be turning 4 by
31 July 2017

Please let your friends and neighbours know.
Enrolment forms are available from the office
or from our website

No experience necessary.

Message to Parents/Carers who use private tutors

Keep Kids Safe: #parentscheckthecheck!

Adults who provide private tuition or coaching services to children will need to obtain a new Working with Children Check (WWCC).

The Certificate for Self Employed People will no longer be valid after their expiry date and the certificate holders will need to apply for a new WWCC.

Parents or carers should ask their child's tutor or coach for their name, date of birth and their WWCC number. They must then go online and verify the tutor or coach is not barred from working with children in NSW.

More information: www.kidsguardian.nsw.gov.au/parentscheckthecheck

If you suspect that an adult is providing services to children without a WWCC you can go online to make a confidential report or phone (02) 92867219.

P&C Fundraiser

Election Day Cake 'n' Bake Stall and Sausage Sizzle

To coincide with the Federal Election on Saturday 2 July, REPS P&C is holding an Election Day Cake 'n' Bake Stall and Sausage Sizzle.

A large number of voters are expected to come along to the polling booth which will be set up in our school hall. This provides us with a terrific opportunity to both support the community and also raise much needed additional funds for the school. We'll need bakers and volunteers to help on the day.

More information coming soon.

