

On The Grapevine

A quality education in a caring, innovative environment

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Have you noticed...

that the new 'drop off zone' in Marguerette Street is now in operation? This area is signposted as P5. In this area you may park at the kerb for 5 mins between the hours on specified days. This section of road was selected to allow parents to 'kiss and drop' their child safely at the kerb and know they did not need to cross a road to enter the school gate. We hope that parents can work together to keep a steady flow of people moving through and avoid the hassles of trying to find a parking space in Maling Ave. Please note, in the interest of student safety, we have included information about parking signs at the end of this newsletter.

Legal issues

Class rolls are legal documents and as such must reflect accurate attendance/absence data including arriving late and leaving early. School hours are 8:55am -2:55pm. Should your child arrive after this time (yes - even by one minute!) reporting to the office is mandatory where they can be signed in, with the arrival time recorded and receive a ticket so the teacher knows procedure has been followed. Parents must obtain the ticket from the office before collecting their child early from school.

ASD Kitchen

Our ASD classes are enjoying the use of the new kitchen area located between the ASD classrooms. The renovation was completed during the last school holidays and was coordinated by Miss Lodewijks. Classes enjoy shopping for their ingredients at the local shops before chopping, mixing, baking and eating their culinary creations.



Book Swap Day

Thank you to all the children who brought in a book for the book swap day and assisted in raising nearly \$140 for the Indigenous Literacy Foundation. The staff has also raised in excess of \$150 which will be donated to the Foundation.

Canteen

REPS canteen service is available on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8:45am for Crunch & Sip, plus at Recess and Lunch times.

Our canteen is committed to providing healthy lunches for staff and students at reasonable prices. The menu has been posted on our website under the *Community* tab.

Spelling bee final

Best wishes to Lilli, Adem, Kobi and Elisha as they compete in the Premier's Spelling bee final at Meadowbank Public School on Tuesday 13 September

School photos

School photo days are Tuesday 1 November and Thursday 3 November next term. Order envelopes will be sent home soon. Full school summer uniform including black shoes is to be worn for the class and individual photos. More information about the uniform will be sent home early next term.

Kindy Play sessions

The series of Kindy playsessions for our 2017 kindergarten students has been completed. We look forward to welcoming new families into our community and hope our transition activities enhance their move to 'big school'. Kindergarten Orientation is on Wednesday 2 November.

Rugby skills

What a wonderful experience for our students. Our school was fortunate to receive a grant which enables our students to participate on a class by class basis in the *Game On* rugby program for four Wednesdays in a row.

Fathers' day stall

On Fathers' Day many dads and grandfathers would have unwrapped a gift selected with love and excitement by their child at the school's Fathers' Day stall. Thank you to Louise Wills for organising and manning this stall.

Dance

Next term, *Footsteps Dance Company* will run eight dance sessions for all students. The dances will be performed at Repstravaganza. The cost to families will be minimal as the school will supplement the cost of the classes. Two sessions will be held each Monday morning (one for Primary and one for Infants). What a great way to start the week!

Student Wellbeing

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

Gold Level 3: Jade

Silver Level 1: Arina

Silver Level 2: Jun

Silver Level 3: Amira, Xavier

Bronze Level 1: Harvey

Bronze Level 2: Harry, Ceyda

Bronze Level 3: Carla

Welcome to Miss Amanda Butler who is teaching 1B while Mrs Brown is on Long Service Leave



Playground heroes:

Angela and Morgan: *Empathy and kindness. Extending the hand of friendship.*

Congratulations to Our Ozzie Mozzie Award Winners:



Breanna

Alysha

Savannah

Canne

Keryn Hinchcliffe

Principal

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Dates for your Diary

12 September	Cockatoo Island excursion
12 September	Indigiknow incursion P-2
13 September	Premier's Spelling Bee final Meadowbank PS
14 September	Rugby program
16 September	Peer support picnic with parents
16 September	DSTA & Defence families meeting 2pm
20 September	Talent Quest
22 September	Assembly 1:55-2:25pm
22 September	Reward Day
23 September	Peer support party day
23 September	Last day for Term 3
10 October	School resumes for students and staff for Term 4

In the classroom

4/5W and 4/5O staged a big bake off. Students followed recipes to make chocolate balls, orange fudge balls and fruit punch. They used these in their study of fractions. Mathematical deliciousness!



NEW BUNNINGS BBQ ORGANISERS DESPERATELY NEEDED

Please contact Suzanne (0400 474 797) or René (0412 084 786) ASAP

Our next fundraising BBQ is booked for Saturday 22 October But we have no organisers!

Do we cancel this booking with Bunnings?

Do we cancel this fundraiser for 2017 too?

WHY DO WE DO THE BUNNINGS FUNDRAISERS?

To answer this we have to ask, why do we have a P&C?

P&Cs exist to support schools. They are initiatives powered by members of the school community who are committed to enhancing the school experience for the children.

It is commonly known that small public schools such as REPS, function on very limited resources and are often forced to make difficult choices around affordability of services and facilities.

If you look around our school, the P&C has helped achieve the COLAs, the new playground areas, sports equipment, the XO laptops, the tarmac stencils, ongoing garden maintenance as well as services such as Canteen and Uniform shop. Plus we make regular donations towards classrooms, events and subsidise activities. There is no doubt that financial contributions by P&C has made REPS a more pleasant and vibrant place to learn.

Unlike a lot of schools, our P&C doesn't ask for upfront contributions from families to raise funds. We do it the hard way, with volunteers running stalls, raffles, events and the most lucrative of all....the Bunnings BBQ, where funds are raised from the pockets of others! One day of commitment each term (four per year) can provide a healthy injection of funds into the P&C's coffers to ultimately support the school and benefit all students.

If you are thinking about offering your help, please step forward now, before we lose this opportunity.

You're invited!

Community Peer Support Session

Our lovely REPS students have all been participating in the *Stronger Together* Peer Support Program led by the Year 6 students.

We would like to invite you to our community session to participate in the fun activities with your child/ren.

Bring a yummy picnic to enjoy afternoon tea once the session has finished.

When : Friday 16 September 2016

Time: 12:30 – 2:00pm (the Peer Support session will run from 12:30 – 1:15, afternoon tea will follow)

Bring: A yummy picnic to have with your child afterwards




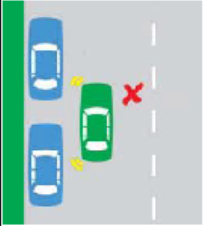
There will be tea, coffee and afternoon tea available for parents/carers.

There will also be an opportunity to complete the Tell Them From Me (TTFM) survey in the Library once Peer Support is over. Participants in the survey will be in the running to win one of four \$50 gift cards.

Please come along to show your support!

SCHOOL ZONE PARKING OFFENCES

Increased penalties for School Zones. Current as at 1 July 2016

	Means that in the area in the direction of the arrow, you must NOT STOP your vehicle at any point on the road or kerb, unless there is a medical or other emergency.	Maximum Penalty \$433 + 2 Demerit Points
	Means that you have no more than 2 minutes for drop-offs or pick-ups of passengers or goods and the driver must stay within 3 metres of your vehicle.	Penalty \$180 + 2 Demerit Points
	Means that in the direction of the arrow or arrows you are not allowed to stop your vehicle unless you are driving a bus.	Penalty \$325 + 2 Demerit Points
	DOUBLE PARKING You are NOT PERMITTED to stop or park your vehicle alongside another vehicle that is already parked parallel to the kerb.	Penalty \$325 + 2 Demerit Points

- STOP in a NO STOPPING zone: \$325 + 2 Demerit Points, or STOP on or near a Children's or Pedestrian Crossing: \$433 + 2 Demerit Points
- STOP on path/strip in built up area: \$180 + 2 Demerit Points
- STOP or Park in a Disabled Marked Area without a permit: \$541

Please Note: fines subject to change without notice. Current to 30 June 2017. These penalties apply to offences in school zones during posted school hours.

OOSH news

Over the past few weeks at Helping Hands OOSH, the children have been participating in mini Olympics consisting of both outdoor and indoor activities. Running races were contested outside, complete with medal ceremonies. Children chose countries to represent with each team comprising one Primary aged student and one Infant's student showing team work and shared knowledge.

This week, the children have been working with Melissa to design and create an OOSH garden.

Please see below for vacation care details. Vacation care is run from Oatlands Public School.

If you are interested in enrolling your children in OOSH, please feel free to contact Melissa on 0475 823 785 or email Rydalmereeast@helpinghandsnetwork.com.au

Melissa Fletcher
Coordinator, Helping Hands Rydalmere East



Signature: _____

Contact Phone Number: _____

I understand that I will need to enrol my child/ren on to the Vacation Care Program in advance as some activities are subject to availability. I understand that I need to complete a permission slip prior to attending any excursion. I understand that payment must be made in full prior to my child/ren attending Vacation Care. I have completed an enrolment form and a debit form.

Child/ren's Name/s: _____

_____ wish to book my child/ren into the above Vacation Care Days at Helping Hands Oatlands.

Mon 26/9/16		Tue 27/9/16		Wed 28/9/16		Thur 29/9/16		Fri 30/9/16		Mon 3/10/16		Tue 4/10/16		Wed 5/10/16		Thur 6/10/16		Fri 7/10/16	
No.		No.		No.		No.		No.		No.		No.		No.		No.		No.	
Yes		Yes		Yes		Yes		Yes		Yes		Yes		Yes		Yes		Yes	

Please complete form, detach and return to Helping Hands Oatlands
Please indicate which days you would like to make a booking, and for how many children.
(These fees are full fees prior to any eligible benefits and are the maximum out of pocket expense)



Oatlands Public School
Belmore Street East
Oatlands NSW 2117

This program is flexible to the children's needs and wants on the day.

All children attending must bring a broad brim hat, water bottle, wear closed in shoes and sunsmart clothing. Morning and afternoon tea supplied. Children must bring their own lunch daily.

Excursions: Children to bring morning tea and lunch unless specified otherwise.

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*Daily fees calculated for each individual family and based on a family's eligibility for Child Care Benefits and Rebates. Excursions and Excursions leave an extra cost. Please contact the Coordinator for a quote or more information on rebates and other child care benefits.



Vacation Care Program

26 September - 30 September 2016
3 October - 7 October 2016



Late news

Last night's family disco proved to be lots of fun with dancing, lights, a DJ and a sausage sizzle. Muchas gracias to Genaya Milkovic and Becky Blamires who put in a huge effort organising the night including ticketing and catering and to the staff who attended ensuring the smooth running of the event. Special thanks also to Mel from Helping Hands OOSH who always goes above and beyond to help out.



**Images are indicative only*

<p>26/9 Monday</p> <p>An adventurous morning of laser skirmish</p> <p>LASER SKIRMISH</p> <p><i>Incursion</i></p>	<p>3/10 Monday</p> <p>PUBLIC HOLIDAY No Vacation Care today</p>
<p>27/9 Tuesday</p> <p>Awesome morning of gymnastics and testing your flexibility</p> <p>GYMNASTICS WORKSHOP</p> <p><i>Excursion</i></p>	<p>4/10 Tuesday</p> <p>Bring your dancing shoes to dance the day away</p> <p>DANCE & MOVEMENT</p> <p><i>Incursion</i></p>
<p>28/9 Wednesday</p> <p>PARK DAY Come along for a wonderful day of ball sports in the sunshine</p>	<p>5/10 Wednesday</p> <p>WHEELS DAY</p> <p>Bring in your own wheels to have a day of fun</p>
<p>29/9 Thursday</p> <p>VOICE AUDITIONS Come along with your singing voice ready to sing away</p>	<p>6/10 Thursday</p> <p>INDOOR ROLLER RINK</p> <p>Test out your roller blade skills</p> <p><i>Excursion</i></p>
<p>30/9 Friday</p> <p>PIZZA & MOVIE DAY Come along and make your own pizza and enjoy a movie</p>	<p>7/10 Friday</p> <p>MINI OLYMPICS DAY Join in a variety of sports competing for your own country</p>