



# On The Grapevine

## A quality education in a caring, innovative environment

November 2017 (Issue 2)

### ***Fortnight in Review***

Well, yes, it has been all systems go here at REPS. Last Wednesday we held our Kindergarten Orientation which was a huge success. Mrs Brown, Miss Butler and Mrs Chow worked extremely hard beforehand to put together an informative session for the parents and a fun session for the students. Next year we are expecting approximately 40 Kindergarten students. If this is the case, we will most likely have two straight Kindergarten classes which would be a first for REPS for some time. Either way, the students and parents left a wonderful impression with our staff and we can't wait for them to join us next year.

### ***School Spectacular***

As many of you will be aware, Ben, Maddy, Declan, Sisca, Dakota, Jayden, Yooju and Edwin from K-2L and 3-6D will be performing in the School Spectacular Performance at Qudos Bank Arena today, tonight and tomorrow afternoon. Miss Lodewijks and Mrs Smith have been coordinating this opportunity and words cannot do those two teachers justice as to the thanks they deserve for the efforts they have put in for our students. Over the past few weeks, students have been busy practicing for several full days at Busby West Public School and yesterday they had their full dress rehearsal at Qudos. We wish everyone a very enjoyable experience over the best couple of days. Go REPS!





School Spectacular rehearsal

### ***Rugby League World Cup***

Last Friday, we have had a visit from players from the Women's Rugby League World Cup which was absolutely fantastic. Thanks to Miss Morrison for organising this.

### ***P&C Meeting***

Don't forget our last P&C Meeting will be on this Monday night 27 November at 6:30pm. It will be a great opportunity for parents to hear about our achievements and progress this year as well as our directions for the future. We hope to see you there.

### ***Safety Before and After School***

Can I please ask that you talk to your children about the importance of the safety aspects of walking to and from school, as well crossing the road? Over the past fortnight I have received a number of phone calls from community members worried about student safety to and from school. Please work with us on this to help keep our children safe. Remember, we are all Rydalmere East representatives at all times and your behaviour when wearing our uniform helps enhance our wonderful image and high reputation. Whilst on the topic of safety, thanks to everyone who has been walking around the markers and not crossing through the car park of a morning and afternoon. Your help with this matter is greatly appreciated.





### ***Congratulations Mrs Chow***

Who is Mrs Chow you may ask? That's a good question. Until a fortnight ago, Mrs Chow was previously known as Miss Razon before she got married. Congratulations to Mrs Chow and her new husband and we wish them all the happiness in the future.

### ***PBL and Peer support***



At left, our Week 4 PBL winners who missed having their photo taken are shown below. These students were observed being safe by lining up safely and correctly. Congratulations to Balin, Farshad, Jasmine, Ben, Jayden, Kyan and Dilara



Our Week 5 Positive Behaviour focussed on being Responsible by keeping our playground clean and tidy. Congratulations to these students who were observed following this expectation: Shania, Billie, YooJu, Jaxson, Lucas, William, Ervin, Dakota, Maddie and Rohan.

Our Week 6 Positive Behaviour focussed on being Respectful by returning equipment and treating school property with respect. Congratulations to these students who were observed following this expectation. Lincoln, Luke, Ali, YooJu, Parmis, Alisa, Jamaya, Yara, Ethan.



### **PBL Expectations**

This fortnight we are focussing on

- Being safe by wearing a school hat
- Being safe by keeping our hands and feet to ourselves

## ***Student Wellbeing***

Congratulations to the following students on achieving these awards:

Silver Level 1: Logan H  
Silver Level 2: Luke D  
Bronze Level 1: Stan  
Bronze Level 2: Cooper  
Bronze Level 3: Canne

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



ZiKei	Azzan	William L	Ervin	Zoe U	Maddy L-S
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Have a great fortnight!

*Mr Carters*

Principal Relieving  
24 November 2017

## ***Dates for your diary***

27 November	P&C meeting 6:30pm
30 November	Assembly 1:55-2:25pm
30 November	Last Scripture for 2017
30 November	Footsteps Dance lessons conclude
1 December	Stage 3 Movie excursion
1 December	Cumberland High Band visit in afternoon
4 December	Prefect speeches
5 December	Support Unit Rosehill Christmas party
5 December	Preschool graduation No. 1 9:30-11:00am
5 December	High school Orientation
6 December	Parent Helpers' Morning tea
7 December	Year 6 Farewell
7 December	Reading Recovery Graduation
8 December	Preschool graduation No. 2 9:30-11:00am
11 December	Preschool Orientation Day
12 December	Muru Mittgar Aboriginal Education Centre Excursion
12 December	Fun Day
13 December	Reports sent home
13 December	Presentation Day 9:30 – 11:30am in the hall
14 December	Muru Mittgar Aboriginal Education Centre Excursion
14 December	Fun Day
15 December	Last day for staff and students
29 January 2018	Staff resume for Term 1
30 January 2018	Students resume for 2018



### *School photos*

Our school photos were distributed this week. Proofs of group photos are available for your perusal at the office. Instructions for on line ordering have been sent home today. Our whole school photo is shown below.



### *OOSH news*

Dear families

As the end of year approaches, it would be appreciated if you could advise me of any changes to your before or after school care requirements for next year. Please send me an email or you can drop in and let me know of any changes. If you are looking at booking your child in for next year, please feel free to pop in to the hall and say hello and grab an enrolment pack. All bookings will roll forward on to next year unless you let me know of any changes that you would like made.

Over the next 2 weeks we are taking up collections for our defence troops who are deployed over Christmas. This has been an interest of the children as some families are in the defence forces and they would like to say thank you for all their hard work. Donations would be gratefully accepted at the hall where we can add them to our box.

Over the past 2 weeks the children have been enjoying a variety of sports outside on the oval and under the covered outdoor area. The children enjoy being able to play together. Soccer and basketball have been a big interest as the older children are able to help the younger children with understanding the rules of the games.

Kind regards

*Melissa Fletcher*

Helping Hands Network Rydalmere East  
(Phone 0475 823 785)



**REPS P&C Christmas Raffle**  
**LAST CALL FOR DONATIONS...**  
**DONATIONS CLOSE TUESDAY 28<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER!**

REPS P&C are holding a Christmas raffle at the end of term to raise funds for the school. The prizes will be boxes of both luxury and useful gifts.

**We still need more donations for the gift boxes! Can you help?**

Each class has been given a theme and asked to collect items to make up a gift box. Items must be new and unused. The themes are:

**Kitchen/Baking** – for example: muffin tray, wooden spoons, mixing bowl, storage containers (**1/HK**)

**Spa/Pamper Products** – bubble bath, bath bombs, face mask, moisturiser, nail polish (**6O**)

**Return to School** – coloured pencils, notebooks, glue sticks, drink bottles, lunch box (**3/4S**)

**Toys and Games** – board games, cards, cuddly toys (**K/1B**)

**Sports equipment** – balls, skipping ropes, hoola hoops, cones (**4/5M**)

**Arts and Crafts** – pens, paints, drawing pads, art kits (**KB**)

**Coffee/Tea Lovers** – fancy tea, fancy coffee, biscuits, mugs, spoons (**2/3M**)

**Pantry Fillers** – non-perishable (long shelf life) food, storage containers (**K-2L and 3-6D**)

**Baby/Preschool** - toys and books suitable for younger children (**Preschool**)

**There is an additional un-themed collection box in the school office and you may donate to any of the themes if you like.**

**The class who collects the most gifts wins a prize!**  
Raffle Tickets go on sale: **Monday 27<sup>th</sup> November**  
Deadline for donations: **Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> November**  
Raffle will be drawn: **Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December**

*Louise Wills*

On behalf of REPS P&C

The last P&C meeting for 2017  
  
Monday 27 November  
  
6:30pm in the staffroom in Admin Block L  
  
Everyone is most welcome