

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> December, 2018

# Repton Public School

Newsletter – Term 4 Week 8

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## Principal's Message

Thanks to all who participated in our STAR kindergarten program including P&C and community members who highlighted for our new parents some of the great features of our school. Special thanks to Mr Neal and Mrs Lemmes for their preparation for this transition, to ensure the journey from preschool to Kinder was so special.

Public Speaking finals were held last week with some inspirational messages about how to support sustainability and the environment. We have some very passionate and knowledgeable students with some great ideas for our future. What an excellent display from all students involved.

Year 6 students also returned to Bellingen high school's orientation last Friday. Students are feeling more comfortable with new teachers and classes although still a little nervous that they are ready for this big change. Go to <https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/practical-help-for-parents-and-carers/starting-high-school> if you are needing some support.

Swim school will continue next week. We are hoping for continuing good weather. Our focus for PBL is responsible behaviour at the pool which highlights core values for our students' behaviour as they represent our school in the community.

Have a good week,

Mrs Kristy Glyde

Principal

## Thought of the Day

Don't wait for opportunity, CREATE it!

## Upcoming Events

### December

- 3-14<sup>th</sup> Swimming scheme (2 Weeks)
- 13<sup>th</sup> Canteen Meeting 5:30pm  
All welcome
- 17<sup>th</sup> Presentation Day 1:30pm
- 17<sup>th</sup> Yr 6 Farewell  
Dinner/Dance  
Yr 6 Raffle to be drawn
- 19<sup>th</sup> Students last day -  
Big Banana fun park

### 2019

### January

- 30<sup>th</sup> Students Return to school

### February

- 1<sup>st</sup> Kindergarten students start school
- 6<sup>th</sup> P&C AGM

## STAR TRANSITION



## Positive Behaviour for Learning

This week's focus for PBL is on 'Swim Scheme expectations'.

Repton Public Students will be identified in the community as Respectful, Responsible and Resilient. In the classroom, playground and community to try to display our core values.

This week, we are looking for students who are displaying respect during swimming lessons and organisation during this time. This will look like:

- Students using manners.
- Students listening to all instructions.
- Students displaying respect during lessons.
- Students being resilient.
- Students being quick and respectful when changing.

Being organised means that we are prepared and focused on what we need to achieve. We are swift and safe in conduction ourselves around others.

To be respectful of others ensures we are all able to listen and learn from others. We value each opportunity that is given to us and show our gratitude to those who are here to help us.

Let's focus on being thankful and grateful for the new learning experiences we are having.

## CANTEEN ROSTER TERM 4 2018

	FRIDAY	VOLUNTEERS
8	7 <sup>th</sup> December	No Canteen
9	14 <sup>th</sup> December	No Canteen
10	HOLIDAYS!	No Canteen




Repton Public School  
invites you to  
**Presentation Day  
2018**

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> December  
1:30pm

In 1/2/3 Classroom  
followed by afternoon tea





**YEAR 6  
FUNDRAISING  
RAFFLE**

Extra prizes  
included!!

Please help to support our local  
Year 6 students buy the school a gift  
to support future students at Repton  
Public School.

**1<sup>st</sup> Prize –2x Big Banana Big  
bunch of fun passes**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Prize- Dolphin Marine Magic  
Family pass**  
**3<sup>rd</sup> Prize- Rebel Sport prize**  
**4<sup>th</sup> Prize- Treetops Pass  
(2xadults & 2x children)**  
**5<sup>th</sup> Prize- 36" Body board**

Tickets \$2  
Drawn- 17th December



### Keep those bottle tops coming in

Students will be  
doing an art project  
using plastic bottle

tops. Please send any plastic bottle tops that  
you have to the school office.

### Return and Earn

Our school will now be collecting plastic  
bottles, cans and glass bottles to earn 10c per  
container and help reduce waste in our  
environment. If you would like to donate your  
empties to our school, please send into the  
collection bin.

### Swimming Scheme



### Classroom



## URGENT



There is NO CANTEEN for the rest of 2018

Have a wonderful break - from all at Canteen

### P&C FACEBOOK

Search for Repton Public School P&C to join our Facebook group where you can see school updates and ask questions anywhere, anytime.

### WHOOPING COUGH - PERTUSSIS

We have had a number of confirmed cases of whooping cough (Pertussis) being reported in our area. If your child is diagnosed with Whooping Cough, they need to be excluded from school until they have had antibiotics for 5 days. There is a fact sheet contained in this newsletter. For more information, follow these links:

<http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/Infectious/whoopingcough/Pages/default.aspx>

<http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/Infectious/factsheets/Factsheets/pertussis.pdf>

### CUBBY HOUSE DAY

If you bought in items for the cubby house day and would like them returned to you please come in as soon as possible to collect them.

Some of the items are Inflatable beds, hobby horse, blankets and pillows.

### Speech Finals







## CHRISTMAS CARD COMPETITION

Tommy received an award and book prize for the Christmas Card Competition from the Raleigh Royal Freemasons' Benevolent Institute.

The school also received a booktopia gift voucher for \$100 which we will use to purchase new books for our library.



**North Coast Public Health**

Covering both Mid North Coast & Northern NSW Local Health Districts

Thursday, 29 November 2018

Dear Parent/Carer

### RE: PERTUSSIS (WHOOPING COUGH)

The North Coast Public Health Unit (Port Macquarie) has been notified of a student diagnosed with whooping cough who attends **Bellingen Public School**. Whooping cough (Pertussis) is a bacterial respiratory infection that is spread through close contact when a person coughs. Whooping cough can be serious in young children particularly those aged less than two years.

Please be on the lookout for symptoms of whooping cough:

- **A mild or persistent cough in the late afternoon or early evening greater than three days**
- **Runny nose, followed by a cough, which becomes worse (older children and adults may have only a cough that can last for several months)**
- **A cough that occurs in spasms, which may be followed by vomiting**
- **A cough with a 'whoop' (a sudden noisy gasp at the end of coughing)**

In order to prevent further cases, if your child or any member of your family has symptoms of whooping cough as described above, please see your local doctor and take this notice with you. If you are well there is no need to see a doctor or to be tested.

If your doctor diagnoses whooping cough in its early infectious stage (within 3 weeks of the cough starting), please notify the school office and keep your child at home until they have taken 5 days of antibiotics.

Immunisation reduces the risk of infection, however the vaccine does not give lifelong protection, and reinfection can occur. The vaccine is provided free of charge for infants at 2, 4 and 6 months, 18 months and again at 4 years (the first dose can be given as early as 6 weeks of age). Please check that your child has received their primary course. If your child has not been fully immunised, discuss a catch-up plan with your doctor. A further dose of whooping cough vaccine is offered through high schools in Year 7.

If you would like further information on whooping cough, please visit the website <http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/Infectious/factsheets/Factsheets/whooping-cough-pertussis.pdf> or contact Michele Greenwood (Clinical Nurse Consultant) at the North Coast Public Health Unit 1300 066 055.

Thank you

**Dr Jane Jelfs | Public Health Officer  
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## Ethics classes at Repton Public School

Dear Parents and Carers,

### **Could you be an Ethics Teacher at Repton Public School in 2019?**

In ethics classes, children learn how to think logically, how to disagree respectfully and how to support their arguments with evidence.

Children discuss topics such as:

- Fairness
- Imagining how others feel
- How should we treat living things?
- What is laziness?
- How do we disagree in a respectful way?

Volunteers are needed so that ethics classes can continue to be made available for all families who have requested them.

Ethics teachers facilitate discussions. A teaching background is not required. Full training is provided by Primary Ethics, the not-for-profit organisation approved to design curriculum and training for the ethics program. Training consists of a two-day workshop and short online modules. Lesson materials are provided.

### **An ethics teacher training workshop will be held locally in Term One 2019.**

Suitable volunteers have an interest in children's education and the development of thinking skills and need to be available on Fridays from 11:45 - 1:15 each week during school terms to teach a half hour class at Repton PS. A small amount of weekly preparation (printing and reading through lesson materials) is also required.

If you are looking for an opportunity to make a valuable contribution to our school, please visit [primaryethics.com.au](http://primaryethics.com.au) and/or contact Jill Hely, Primary Ethics Coordinator for Repton Public School on 66554420 or mobile 0477778761 or email [jill@jillhely.net](mailto:jill@jillhely.net)

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