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Repton Public School

Newsletter – Term 1 Week 7

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Principal's Message

I would like to acknowledge our exceptional staff at Repton Public School in their ability to listen, understand and respond to the needs of our students. I have witnessed excellent examples of these in the classroom, playground and around the school. Teachers, support staff and office staff and even our volunteers, have shown kindness and have gone "above and beyond" to ensure our students know we are here for them. Thank you!

We have many great things happening within the school including our RiverWatch water sampling, Djembe drumming program, choir and ukulele lessons, gardening program and kitchen classes. Our library and STEM classes are targeted and will continue to grow with the integration of new laptops in our technology suite. We will be using these in ways we can enhance creative thinking skills.

Positive Behaviour for Learning is a key principle at Repton Public School in teaching our students expectations for behaviour. This term we have been focused on our expectations of positive language choices, assembly behaviour, bus behaviour and respectful, responsible and resilient behaviour in the playground. Some of the feedback from parents and the community, is that poor language choices are increasingly becoming an issue. We are maintaining our focus on this to ensure our students can make positive choices everywhere, every time. Please continue to reinforce these values and have discussions with your children so we can get maximum results in achieving these expectations. Thank you

Mrs Kristy Glyde
Principal

Thought of the Day

If a child can't learn the way we teach, maybe we should teach the way they learn~ Estrada

Upcoming Events

Repton 2019 March

21st-22nd Leadership Camp Yr6
25th **CHANGE OF DATE**
Harmony Day – 11am
Community lunch from 11.00 am
Classroom visit – 10.30 am
(see new note)

April

4th Vegie Crunch
11th Anzac Day Service
11.40am
12th Easter Hat Parade
Last Day Term 1
29th Staff Development Day
30th Students Return Term 2

May

3rd School photos

**SCHOOL SHIRTS
HAVE
ARRIVED**

Please see the office

This Week in Classes

K/1



In K/1 last week we read *Potato People* by Pamela Allen. As part of our literacy groups we had a lovely creative time making potato people. We are going to observe how they shrivel and shrink.

2/3/4



Students have been exploring the theme of belonging in writing this term. We have been using our senses to make our writing more creative and descriptive.

4/5/6



4/5/6 have represented the ukulele, which they are learning to play, in visual arts this week.

Positive Behaviour for Learning

Our PBL focus this week is on positive word choices. Mrs Atkins delivers these lessons with each class teacher and students on a weekly basis. We use data to support lesson choices and always encourage our students to talk to adults if they need help or advice. I am grateful for the support of our families with these conversations about behaviour. It takes a village to raise a child. The behaviour we walk past is the behaviour we accept. Everyone, Everywhere, Every time.

Easter Raffle

Easter is just around the corner! As is our yearly tradition, we will be holding an Easter raffle to raise funds to support programs at Repton Public School. To make this raffle a success, we are requesting donations of Easter eggs or other Easter related gifts to help with our Easter raffle. All donations can be left at the front office. The raffle will be drawn at the Easter Hat Parade on 12th April.

A big thankyou to the Masonic Village Raleigh for their kind donation of books for our Library.



Live Life Well @ School

Fundamental Movement Skills at home - Catching

Catching an object is an important skill and links to many social activities such as cricket, netball, football, basketball, and enjoyable playground games for your child.

Practice with your child at home regularly. Try these simple cues:

- Eyes focused on the object
- Cup your hands
- Move to the object
- Bend elbows to absorb the force of the object

Use a range of objects - bean bags, balls, blocks.

For more information: www.healthylivekids.com.au



TUDENT BANKING – Wednesdays
 If you would like to know more about School Banking please ask for a 2019 School Banking program information pack from the school office or visit commbank.com.au/schoolbanking

PRODUCE TABLE – EVERY TUESDAY

Students sell produce they have grown at the school on a Produce Table every Tuesday and would like to add to this with surplus produce from outside the school that you may be willing to bring in.



FOR SALE – Worm Juice
 Make your plants “jump” out of the ground. \$2.50 bottle – from our produce table every Tuesday.
 Give it a try, you will be amazed and your plants will love you for it.

Muurrbay
 Aboriginal Language & Culture Co-operative

OPEN DAY
 All Welcome

What is a regional language centre for?
 What does a linguist do?
 What Aboriginal languages are spoken around NSW?
 Can I learn them? How are dictionaries made?
 Find the answers to these questions and more at our Open Day.

WHEN: Saturday 16th March 2019
 11am-2.30pm
WHERE: Muurrbay
 14 Bellwood Road
 Nambucca Heads
 Phone: 02 65694294

Come and celebrate our recent renovations with us.

11.00	Gumbaynggirr language mini-lessons
12 noon	Flag raising and official welcome followed by sausage sizzle
12.30	Muurrbay film / language learning
1.30-2.30	Storytelling / songs

This project was assisted by the NSW Government through the Heritage Near Me Program.

CANTEEN ROSTER TERM 1 2019

WEEK	DATE	VOLUNTEERS
7	15 th March	Toni Swain Lunch/Sean Hely Recess
8	22 nd March	VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
9	29 th March	VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
10	5 th April	Norbette Nolan/Toni Swain
11	12 th April	VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Roster contact for canteen is Melissa Storey on 0421728774. Could all volunteers please check the roster and let Melissa know on the above number if you are unable to do your day/days.

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED Please come in and help out – the kids love seeing you on canteen day.

MOTACKLE & OUTDOORS

Just fill out the form online at <https://win.hit.com.au/win/coffs/creating-little-legends?altTemplate=CompetitionPageStandalone&Station=coffs> to enter by Thursday!

DONATIONS

We would appreciate any material that is 100% Cotton with pretty patterns for Wax wraps. The students will be making these for the Mother’s Day Stall.

Kitchen



2/3/4 were respectful and responsible when working together as a team in the kitchen this week.

Garden



Students are taking an active role in composting food scraps in the school. We have set up a new worm farm as well as turning the tumbler.

Music



K/1 were wonderful as they paraded around the playground singing 'Our Sun'.

HEADLICE

We have had a case of headlice reported to the office. Please check your child's hair for head lice tonight. If you find any eggs or lice please commence treatment.

Further information on head lice is available on the NSW Health website and the NSW Department of Education websites at <https://education.nsw.gov.au/student-wellbeing/health-and-physical-care/health-care-procedures/conditions/head-lice>

Mechanical removal

Mechanical removal involves applying normal store-bought conditioner to cover all of the hair and then using fine long toothed metal lice comb to comb the hair in sections. The conditioner does not kill lice but stuns them for about 20 minutes enabling easier removal. The long toothed metal comb will reach all nits and pull them off the hair. This method should be done every other day until none remain. These combs are available in your local chemist or online.

With this method it's easy to teach children to treat themselves. It is best done when they stand under the shower or bath and comb through the conditioner, rinsing off the comb after each stroke.

Test for active lice or nits by wiping the comb on a white tissue and check for any lice or nits. Keep combing until no more appear on the tissue.

This Nitbuster method also helps manage head lice before they become established on the head. Simply keep a good head lice comb in the shower and every time your family washes their hair use the fine comb through the hair. This will ensure lice are "caught" before they lay too many eggs. If your children are old enough to wash their own hair encourage them to use the comb themselves. Or keep a comb handy to where you wash your children's hair and use it every shampoo.

Ethics Teacher Training Weekend

Dear Parents and Carers, **Could you be an Ethics Teacher at our school in 2019?**

Volunteers are needed so that ethics classes can be made available for all families who have requested them. A teaching background is not required.

An Ethics Teacher training workshop will be held in Coffs Harbour on the weekend of 30/31 March 2019.

If you are looking for an opportunity to make a valuable contribution to our school, please visit primaryethics.com.au and/or contact John Gray, Primary Ethics Regional Manager, Coffs Harbour Bellingen Region, 04 22 333 238, email: coffsbellingen-region@primaryethics.com.au