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Repton Public School

Newsletter – Term 4 Week 6

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Principal's Message

Swim school: This year we will have 5 days of swim scheme at the cost of \$5 to cover buses. This will be held next week at Bellingen Swim Centre. We will conduct public speaking first, go swimming then return for Musical practice. I'm sure we will have tired students by the end of the week! Don't forget the swim shirt, towel and sunscreen every day.

Public Speaking Competition: If you have any questions or your child needs any support with completing the speeches, please contact your child's teacher. We look forward to hearing these next week.

High Expectations: Teachers' beliefs about their students influence how they teach and interact with them. We share high expectations for our students, and this is linked with higher performance for all students. The reverse can also be true. Students may achieve less than their full potential if expectations of their ability are low. We aim to set clear goals and encourage our students to be successful at their own level of achievement.

Professional Learning: Last week, staff participated in professional learning in Attendance and Assessment practices. Staff were able to collaborate and discuss current practices and strategies that support quality teaching and learning. We are working to increase attendance and celebrate "full house" days with our students. Thank you for supporting us in this initiative and encouraging daily attendance if your child is well. We also understand the need to keep your child healthy and supported at various times. Our school reporting will be completed by week 9 and students will be supported in their transitions for 2022.

Thanks
Kristy Glyde
Principal

REPTON 2021

NOVEMBER

- 11th Remembrance Day
- 11th STAR Program 9-12pm
- 15th 19th Swimming Scheme
- 19th Small School Orientation
Yr 6-7
- 15-18th Public Speaking
- 25th Public Speaking finals
- 26th BHS- All Schools
Orientation Yr 6-7

DECEMBER

- 1st The River – school Musical
6pm
- 2nd The River – School Musical
12pm & 6pm
- 8th Leadership speeches
- 13th Presentation Day
9:30am
- 14th Year 6 Farewell dinner
- 15th Big Banana Fun Day
- 16th End Term 4 for students

Thought of the Week

"Speech is power: speech is to persuade, to convert, to compel."
-Ralph Waldo Emerson

K/1



K/1 have been investigating maps as part of their Term 4 Geography unit. They drew their own maps of the school and were challenged by trying to put the features of the school in the correct places. Everyone worked hard and made terrific maps.

2/3/4



2/3/4 are learning the power of brainstorming and planning in their persuasive writing. Using The Seven Steps guide they work as a group to generate ideas and select the most powerful. We have enjoyed the interesting debates and the writing this activity has provided in class. Well done everyone!

5/6



In 5/6 this week we celebrated our incredible debating team who were finalists in the State Debating Championships. Congratulations to Rachel, Molly, Kirra, Eedie, Alisha, Bronte and Felix who represented Repton Public School with so much enthusiasm and skill!

CAPA



Garden:

We had a lovely gardening lesson on Friday with the Platypus group. We planted some basil and tomato plants together – they are companion plants, we filled up some garden beds with lovely rich compost that we made. Many flowers are blooming and we enjoyed finding worms.



Music:

Well done to the Emu group this week for performing so well with such a large group! There were three groups of seven and each group were SO excited to perform to their composition to their peers. Great work, Emus!



Creative Arts:

In creative arts this week the Kookaburras group applied colour to their dry pinch pots using acrylic paints. They also welcomed Spring by creating a blended water colour butterfly and experimented with salt effects!

Student of the week



K/1 Bowie, Sofia & Amelia



2/3/4 Asha, Alira & Brax



5/6 Kirra, Ryder & Toby



Classiest Class Award 2/3/4



Awards Kirra, Azalia, Toby, Coda,
Lilah & Amelia



Win Bin Awards
Kirra, Asha & Lilah

Writer of the Week

**Mrs Lemme's
Literacy Group**



**Mrs Glyde's
Literacy Group**



**Mrs Buckley's
Literacy Group**



**Mr Stanley's
Literacy Group**



Principal's Award –For outstanding achievement in writing: Felix, Esme, Molly, Vivi, Ava, Jose, Poppy & Arlo (Molly insert)

Debating

On Wednesday the 3rd of November the Repton Public School debating team which includes Kirra, Eedie, Rachel, Bronte, Felix, Alisha and Molly participated in two debates. The first debate was against Dorrigo Public School, we were the negative team, and the topic was only good role models will be selected for professional sports teams. Bronte was the first speaker, Felix was the second speaker, Rachel was our third and Alisha was the fourth. We won the debate. Our next debate in the afternoon was a state debate against Terrigal Public School. Kirra was the first speaker, Eedie was the second speaker and Rachel was the third speaker and Molly was the fourth speaker. They were the negative team meaning we were the affirmative team. The topic was the last session of school should be dedicated to art and creativity. Unfortunately, we lost the debate and have been knocked out.

Eedie, Kirra and Rachel



Bellingen High School Year Advisors Visit

Thursday morning our year advisors came in and gave us a helpful chat about what high school would be like. They told us their names Mr Willett and Mrs Pinder. We all sat down and talked to each other explaining everything we need to know. Later we played a game that let them get to know us. We played until everyone had talked about themselves and then went back to talking to each other. Overall, we feel a lot less nervous and heaps more confident in going to high school.

Riley K and Toby





Sign Language

Remembrance Day – A Remembrance Day Ceremony was held at the school today at 11 am. Students observed one minute's silence.



Public Speaking

Your child will need to write a speech to deliver to their class on the topic of “Save our planet” Students will present the speeches in class during week 7 (15-18th November) during morning literacy sessions. Finals for the Whole School Public Speaking Competition will then occur Thursday 25th November. A rubric for marking is used, this was sent home with the information letter to parents. Please contact your child’s literacy group teacher for more information.

Did you know that the canteen is volunteer run and every week makes a profit that is then turned into resources that support your child at school? Every dollar spent at the canteen not only satisfies your child's hunger, gives them a chance to learn money handling skills and supports the school P&C! Well done! The P&C welcome new members, volunteers and ideas.

Parents and carers on site to support school operations

Fully vaccinated parents and carers will be allowed on site to support curriculum delivery, student wellbeing activities and school operations (for example reading support, canteens and uniform shops). Parents and carers must check -in using the school check-in and show proof of vaccination on entry to the school site.

NSW Department of Education

Term 4 roadmap

From 8 November

All schools will operate on updated Level 3 settings for the rest of Term 4.

- School sports allowed
- Inter-school sports allowed outside of school hours
- Assemblies and presentations allowed outdoors on-site
- Excursions allowed outdoors
- Dancing and some music classes allowed
- Fully vaccinated visitors allowed on site to support curriculum delivery, wellbeing programs and school operations
- Community use allowed (including P&C meetings)

From Term 1 2022

We can look forward to more freedoms as schools return in 2022.

Keeping us all safe

A combination of layered safety measures allow us to prioritise student and staff wellness while we keep schools open.

Stay home if unwell

- Do not attend or participate if unwell, even with mild symptoms.

Vaccinations required

- All adults must be fully vaccinated.

Always check in

- All staff and visitors must check in when attending a school site or gathering.

Wear masks indoors

- Masks are required indoors for all staff, visitors and students in Year 7 or above, and strongly recommended indoors for primary students.
- You can take your mask off when eating or exercising.

Physically distance

- Maintain 1.5 metres physical distancing wherever practicable.

Maximise ventilation

- Activities and events should be held outdoors where practicable.
- Indoor spaces will be well ventilated and as large as possible for the number of attendees.

Stick to your cohorts

- Avoid mingling with other groups when moving around the school.

For the latest information, refer to education.nsw.gov.au/covid-19.



School Visitor Check-in



A single School Visitor Check-in system for every school across the state is here from 18 October!

The Department of Education has partnered with Service NSW to provide a streamlined, digital school sign-in system for visitors and contractors at every NSW government school.

Benefits of the new system include:

- Accelerating your check-ins to as fast as 20 seconds!
- Linked to NSW Health's COVID-19 contact tracing ensuring every school is compliant with the NSW COVID-19 mandate.
- Giving every school greater access to streamlined NSW Government services.

Watch the short parent video to see how it works for parents or our contractor video on the department website.

Who can use School Visitor check-in?

- Visitors such as parents and carers, contractors, service providers and volunteers.

Students or visitors under the age of 18 are not required to use School Visitor Check-in.

School Visitor Check-in will be ready from 18 October at all NSW Government schools.

For more information visit School Visitor Check-in on the department website

School Banking update from Commonwealth Bank

For 90 years, our School Banking program has helped children learn about money, reinforced the importance of regular savings and provided structure for parents to support their children to save.

Though the program continues to have strong support from schools, parents and teachers, recent decisions by some state and territory governments because of a review by the corporate regulator mean we are unable to continue providing programs in schools, and we have had to make a difficult decision to close our School Banking program for all government and non-government schools across the country.

Our School Banking program was established in 1931 at a time when having a bank account was not commonplace, and since then we have helped more than 15 million Australians take their first financial steps. This would not have been possible without the wonderful support we have received from schools like yours, including all the parents and volunteers, and for this we are deeply grateful. Thank you.

Even though this is a sad time, School Banking has taught so many young Australians, past and present, the value of money and we believe this should be celebrated. We have created a place for you to share your stories, fondest memories and lessons learnt through the program. To share your story and access our financial education resources, please visit commbank.com.au/schoolbanking.

Even though the CommBank School Banking program will not be returning to your school after this year, you can continue to make deposits into your child's Youthsaver account through online transfers or at any CommBank branch. If you need further information please phone 132 221 or visit your local CommBank branch.



Music Lessons Expression of Interest

Repton Public School is proud to announce that a qualified music teacher will be continuing music tuition for term 4 in 2021. Geoff Turnbull is a local musician with many years experience playing, recording and tutoring music. Geoff will offer one-on-one and group lessons in keyboard, drums, guitar and ukelele. Students are encouraged to bring their own instrument to each lesson, however an instrument will be available if that is not possible.

Lessons will be offered at school on Wednesday. The duration of each lesson will be 30 minutes. Some lessons will be during school hours and the final lesson will finish no later than 4pm. The pricing of the lessons will be:

- one-on-one \$ 20
- group lesson \$ 15

If you are interested in your child having music lessons at school, please complete and return the attached 'Expression of Interest' form and return to school. The lessons will commence week 3 of term 4, 2017. The details you provide on this form will be forwarded on to Geoff and he will be in contact with you regarding times and further details.

This activity has been approved by the Principal.

Kind Regards,
Kristy Glyde

Expression of Interest – Music Tuition

Student Name: _____ Class _____

Parent Name: _____

Contact Number: _____

Email: _____

I understand that the details of this form will be provided to Geoff Turnbull and that he will be in contact with me regarding confirmation of details.

Signed: _____

“Everyone, Everywhere, Every Time”

At Repton Public School we always:

Respectful

- Use our manners
- Listen actively
- Follow instructions promptly
- Keep our hands and feet to ourselves

At Repton Public School we always:

Responsible

- Stay in the right place at the right time
- Make positive choices
- Come ready to learn
- Stay safe

At Repton Public School we always:

Resilient

- Include everyone
- Persevere with our goals
- Focus on the big picture
- Display patience and take turns

School Musical

Rehearsals have begun again (without the singing out loud at the moment), and all the props and costumes included this week. We are getting familiar with lines again, where to wait backstage, movement on stage, self-confidence, working with others as a team, and the very important voice projection and expression.

Practice at home is **encouraged**, having your child say their lines from far, far away is a good start! Have them call out to you from where they are, then have them say their lines in that same register. From the other end of the house, across a paddock, down the street, backyard etc. This will help a lot! Thankyou.

Performance dates are set for:

Wednesday 1st December:

12pm matinee and 6pm

"OPENING NIGHT!"

Thursday 2nd Dec:

12pm matinee and 6pm.

"CLOSING NIGHT!"

Tickets are \$10 adults & \$5 children. CWA will be selling morning tea from 11.00am Thursday 2nd.

Children need to be dropped off at the Mylestom hall at 5.00pm for the 2 nights.

They will be given a light meal before getting into costume.

All dietary needs catered for.

THE RIVER

Mylestom Hall
Wed 1st Dec
12pm & 6pm
Thur 2nd Dec
12pm & 6pm

*CWA morning tea available from
11am Thursday 2nd*



**Based on real events
and characters that
existed on the
Bellinger River.
An original musical
performed by the
students of Repton
Public School,
with live trio!**

All welcome!
Tickets \$10/\$5
To reserve your seat
phone Repton School on
6655 4201



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