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# Repton Public School

Newsletter – Term 4 Week 7

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## Principal's Message

Swim School: What a lovely week for swimming every day. Just these last few days we can already see students thinking about how to make their swimming better and more efficient. Senior students have been thinking and learning about water safety and endurance whilst the younger students are receiving lessons. Such an important skill for everyone to learn.

Public Speaking Competition: Class competitions have been undertaken this week and what a high level of standard they have been. Our students have shown passion and deep content understanding during this activity and we have been very impressed with the performances of all students. The "Save our planet" topic has shown students becoming passionate and thoughtful in their entries. Finalists will be notified by the end of the week for each stage. We will share the finalist speeches as we did last year via a private YouTube link.

Musical: We are in our swing of musical rehearsals now and are well tuned to the set needs and props for our scenes. We look forward to sharing this experience in 2 weeks!!

Illness: We have had a few students with illness recently. Please contact the office if your child is absent or unwell or send a note with your child to explain on your child's return to school. If they have flu like symptoms, please follow dept of health guidelines.

School Captains: On December 5<sup>th</sup>, Year 5 students are eligible to nominate themselves for Student Leadership 2022. All nominees will be required to prepare a speech that will be delivered at a school assembly. The speech will clearly detail why they should be elected school captain or student leader and how they will approach the role. Students in Kindergarten to Year 5 will vote. All staff will vote. Voters are required to tick, cross or circle the name of the person for whom they wish to vote. Votes will be counted by the coordinating teacher. The two students with the most votes will be elected School Captains for 2022, regardless of gender. The names of the students who will be School Captains will be announced at the Annual Presentation Day. At this ceremony the students will receive their badges and acknowledge their willingness to accept the position with the Captain's Pledge and Agreement.

Thanks  
Kristy Glyde  
Principal

## REPTON 2021

### NOVEMBER

- 15<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup> Swimming Scheme
- 19<sup>th</sup> Small School Orientation  
BHS Yr 6-7
- 15-18<sup>th</sup> Public Speaking
- 24<sup>th</sup> Public Speaking finals
- 25<sup>th</sup> Yr 5/6 Moonee Cultural SUP excursion
- 26<sup>th</sup> BHS- All Schools  
Orientation Yr 6-7
- 30<sup>th</sup> Dress rehearsal at the Hall

### DECEMBER

- 1<sup>st</sup> The River-School Musical  
12pm & 6pm
- 2<sup>nd</sup> The River-School Musical  
12pm & 6pm
- 8<sup>th</sup> Leadership speeches for  
Yr 5 students
- 9<sup>th</sup> Bongil Bongil Cultural  
Walk. Mylestom trail 9am
- 9<sup>th</sup> 5/6 School sleepover
- 13<sup>th</sup> Presentation Day 9:30am
- 14<sup>th</sup> Year 6 Farewell Dinner
- 15<sup>th</sup> K-6 Big Banana Fun Day
- 16<sup>th</sup> End Term 4 for students
- 18<sup>th</sup> Bunnings BBQ P&C  
fundraiser

## Thought of the Week

Learning to swim provides individuals with the required skills to lead safe and active lives in, on and around water.

**K/1**

K/1 had a lovely time with next year's kindergarten students during their transition days. They played together, demonstrated their respectful school manners, did a craft activity, and taught them about school.

**2/3/4**

Such a fun and busy week! Swim school, speeches, afternoon drama and directed drawing. 2/3/4 are having a ball each and every day. We just had to share our fabulous directed drawing work of a cute parrot. Well done 2/3/4!

**5/6**

In 5/6 this week we have listened to some very persuasive speeches to "Save our Planet". The quality and effort has been outstanding. With swimming, musical practice and a little art, 5/6 students have shown great responsible behaviours.

## CAPA



### Garden:

This week students were busy helping with the new landscaping project in the garden. Lots of heavy, soil moving work was carried out along with the ever-present weeding. Great work everyone!



### Music:

Well done to the Platypus group who presented very complex compositions this week. Each group respectfully listened and gave feedback to each other on their performances. Well done!



### Creative Arts:

This week students enjoyed the first round of Christmas craft. They are creating giant tree baubles and had so much fun cutting, pasting and chatting through their work. The ornaments look amazing and will be proudly hung in each classroom! Finished pinch pots will arrive home very soon!

## Reading Aloud – “Book! Book! Book!”

It will do more for a child’s literacy to own one much-loved, beautifully written, trouble-filled book than to own lots of tacky, unappealing books in which the child shows no interest. But any books that children own and love are good books *for them*.

One of my childhood favourites in the early fifties was a Little Golden Book called *Scruffy the Tugboat* by Gertrude Crampton. It certainly wasn’t Great Literature, but it did have trouble in it, and it remains in print to this day. My heart still gives a little leap when I see the picture of Scuffy on the cover.

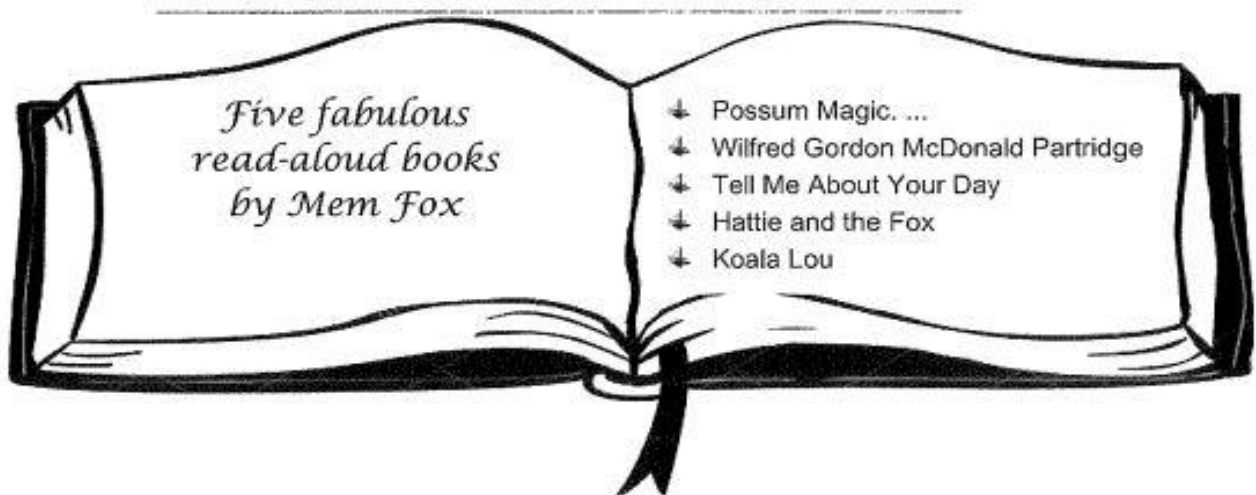
My dentist remembers a book called *A Pony for Tony* that his son loved to distraction. He had to read it to his son again and again, not skipping a page or a single word. The boy knew it by heart but still wanted it read aloud as often as anyone was willing to read it. The book apparently had very few redeeming qualities, but who cares? The child loved it and identified deeply with the character Tony, and that’s what was important.

Identifying with the characters will draw children back to the same books often, for many unfathomable emotional reasons. Since we know that the repeated reading of a book is an important factor in literacy development, it’s a huge bonus when children demand the same story again and again. And they’ll make that demand if they like the characters, empathize with the characters, or see themselves in those characters.

Mem Fox, Reading Magic 2008

### *Mem Fox’s Ten Read Aloud Commandments - Number 8*

Look for rhyme, rhythm or repetition in books for young children.



**BOOKCLUB – Please have your orders at the office by Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> December.**

## Swimming Scheme 2021

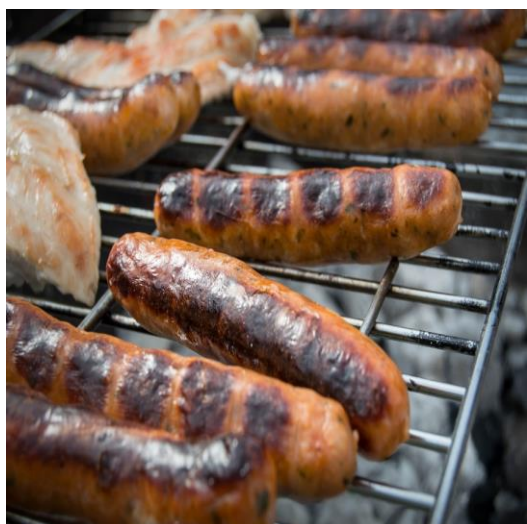




## Parents and carers on site to support school operations

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.

## BUNNINGS SAUSAGE SIZZLE FUNDRAISER BBQ



The P&C are doing another BBQ at Bunnings on the 18<sup>th</sup> December from 8am – 4pm. Volunteers are needed. This is a wonderful fundraiser and will be a busy day. Sign up with a friend and grab some last minute gifts! If you are able to help please contact the school on 66 554 201 so we can add you to our list OR send this form back with your name.

8am – 10am .....

10am – 12pm .....

12pm – 2pm .....

2pm – 4pm .....

## 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](https://education.nsw.gov.au/covid-19).

## School Visitor Check-in

NSW Department of Education

### School Visitor Check-in

All visitors and contractors are required to check-in at the front office at all times.

education.nsw.gov.au

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



# “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! Thank you.

**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 2<sup>nd</sup>.

***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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# THE MUSICAL