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Repton Public School

Newsletter – Term 4 Week 8

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Principal's Message

Evacuation Drill: Yesterday we demonstrated a successful evacuation drill. All students remained calm and orderly in the entire process. It is essential that we rehearse evacuation and lock down procedures so everyone knows what to do in an emergency situation and we can try to prevent additional issues occurring. We have also revised our fire and flood plan and will share with the community via email next week.

Public speaking: The finals of the public speaking were held this afternoon and one stage winner was chosen. The quality was amazing and we will share these via a private YouTube link this week. Delivering a speech to a crowd can be overwhelming for some and others just shine. Well done to everyone for your participation.

Musical: We have had the hall reassessed to ensure we are adhering to COVID safe practices and our tickets are nearly sold out! We have reviewed costume changes and stage hands are working hard on prop movement. Don't forget to get your mask ready and device to sign in.

Transitions: we have had our final kinder transition day and our Yr 6 students attend their final meeting at the high school on Friday. We know how important it is for our students to feel safe and supported during these transition points and hope they feel the support of their Repton families.

Raffle: Our monster raffle will be drawn on the Thursday evening performance 2nd Dec. If you need any additional tickets or have some tickets to return please do as soon as possible.

Thanks for your contributions,
Kristy
Glyde
Principal

REPTON 2021

NOVEMBER

- 24th Public Speaking finals
- 25th Yr 5/6 Moonee Cultural Walk and SUP excursion
- 26th BHS- All Schools Orientation Yr 6-7
- 30th Dress rehearsal at the Hall

DECEMBER

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

Thought of the Week

"The worst speech you'll ever give, will be far better than the one you never give."
- Fred Miller

K/1



The end of the year is a wonderful time to pause and acknowledge the fantastic progress made by children in their early years of schooling. These students have learned so much and come so far. Congratulations K/1!

2/3/4



Catching the last ten minutes of the day to share some fun! 2/3/4 learnt a new game called "Mr Squiggle" and had a great time sharing their drawing talent within a one minute time frame. Thanks for the giggles and great sportsmanship, 2/3/4!!

5/6



5/6 have been working on a project designed by the Careers department at Bellingen High School. This week we investigated and created posters that explored our future careers. They turned out excellent! Well done, 5/6!

WRITER OF THE WEEK

Mrs Lemme's
Literacy Group

Mrs Glyde's
Literacy Group

Mrs Buckley's
Literacy Group

Mr Stanley's
Literacy Group



Reading Aloud – “Phokissing on Fonix”

Josephine was read the same stories repeatedly, many hundreds of times. Her mother told me that Josie taught herself to read using whole words. She did not use phonics to learn new words and is very confused if this method is thrust upon her. When someone tells her that *hot* is made up of the sounds *huh-o-tuh*, Josie quite rightly hears *her otter* instead of *hot*. When she doesn't know a word, she asks what it is, and remembers it the next time she sees it. From the words she already know she applies logic to extrapolate what other words will be in the sentence she is reading.

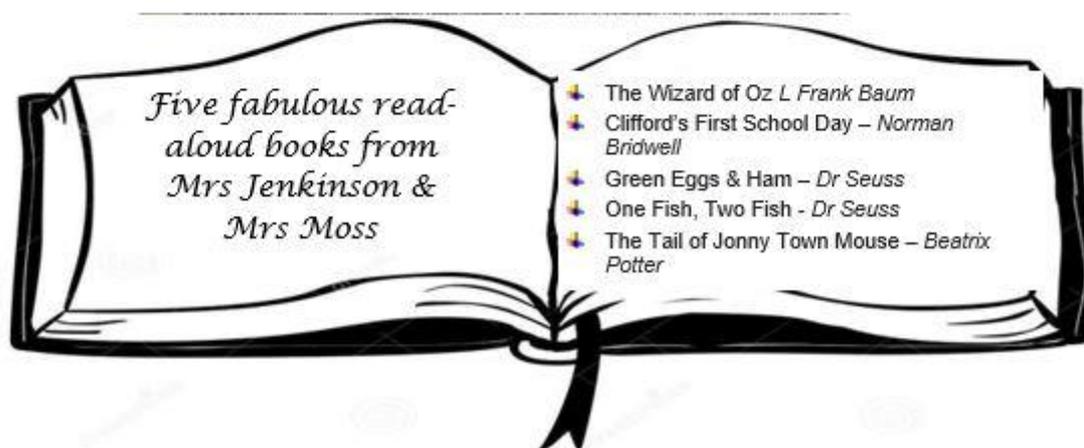
This is exactly how Chloe (Mem's daughter) learnt to read, two weeks after she started school, aged four and a half. She'd heard the same favourite books read time and time again, and watched the print, and joined in. And then, like the prima donna she was, she demanded that she be allowed to read them herself, preferable on audiotape so she could listen to herself later! When she didn't know a word, I told her what it was immediately so she could keep the story going, storming ahead with blind courage.

“You will *tell* me the difficult words, won't you, Mummy?” she'd say as she launched, pell-mell and fearlessly into reading a story she loved. I remember two words in particular at which she hesitated: *cozy* and *investigation* I told her what they were. A few pages later, when the same words reappeared, she read them without any hesitation whatsoever.

Mem Fox, Reading Magic 2008

Mem Fox's Ten Read Aloud Commandments - Number 9

Play games with the things that you and the child can see on the page.



Student of the week



K/1 Jayquan, Sunny & Chloe



2/3/4 Asha, Evie and Oro



5/6 Molly, Rachel & Bronte



Classiest Class Award K/1



Awards Bronte, Riley CS, Molly, Kaiden, Coda, Sofia & Bowie



Win Bin Awards Sonny, Asha & Indi

BOOKCLUB – Please have your orders at the office by Wednesday 1st December.

Gardening Sustainability

Composting is a big part of our gardening program and through the Sustainability Grant we were able to upgrade our bays. We workshopped all classes with John McQueen from Cascade to learn more about composting layers and how we can improve our school.



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 18th 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

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 Youth saver account through online transfers or at any CommBank branch. If you need further information, please phone 132 221 or visit your local CommBank branch.

The last School Banking Day at Repton PS is Wednesday 8th December 2021.

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

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

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.

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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THE MUSICAL

Repton School P&C
Monster Raffle
Tickets \$2 each

The Prizes:

"The River" Experience	Bleakley's Bellinger River Cruise for 6 people including gourmet lunch by Swaino's catering
The Vroom Vroom Prize	2 Hour Harley Davidson Trike Ride for 2 people from Coffs Harbour Trike Tours
Fitness Fanatic Pack	Goldcross 60cm Bicycle, Fitbit Watch from Rebel Sport, "6 Pack" Fitness sessions from Village Fitness
Foodies Delight	A delicious mixed bag of goodies and vouchers from: Mylestom General, Raleigh Winery, Bellingen Brewery, Surfside Pizza, Swaino's
House & Land Package	Happy home thanks to: Bonville Landscaping, Bellingen Golf Club, Hammond & Wheatley, Steph's Hair Studio, The Big Banana, Knanna T's Knits

*Drawn Thurs 2nd Dec 7pm
Mylestom Hall after our last
performance of
"The River"
Thankyou for your support*