

Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> April, 2021

# Repton Public School

Newsletter – Term 2 Week 1



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## Principal's Message

Welcome back: I was very happy to see all but 3 students return to school after our holiday break. Students are very keen to share their experiences and reconnect with their classmates and teachers. It was a wonderful lunchtime duty watching all the games buzzing around the playground too. Thank you for making sure school is a priority and getting them here on time and making sure all absences are explained on time. Reminder that school starts at 9am and finishes at 2:50pm. Staff are on duty half an hour before and after school hours.

Congratulations: Mr Stanley and Holly welcomed the arrival of their first child during the holidays. This means Mr Stanley will take parental leave for week 2 and 3 and Mr Griffin will cover 5/6. We hope you enjoy this special time and Mr Griffin will be well supported by our staff and senior students.

Bellingen Show: Repton Public Ukulele and drumming groups will represent our school at the Bellingen show on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> May. Come along and see the performance, enjoy entertainment for children, enter exhibits in the pavilion, look at the cattle and poultry display and participate in a great community event. This was certainly missed last year and a great family activity.

Anzac Service: Two students and I will participate in the Anzac Day Service at Bellingen as restrictions are in place for the march the leaders will lay a wreath on behalf of our school.

Learning: This week we have not had a full rotation of literacy groups so teachers have taken an opportunity to revise reflection and expressive skills. Students have been sharing, reflecting and responding on the ideas and experiences of others. This is an important skill in the English syllabus and can build competence in written and comprehension tasks.

Opportunities: We try to support all students build on their strengths and interests and promote high expectations for all. The opportunities for sport have increased this year and we are very excited to participate. We are also joining the debating challenge with some of our senior students and will share their experiences.

Thanks  
Mrs Kristy Glyde,  
Principal

## REPTON 2021

### APRIL

23<sup>rd</sup> District Cross Country  
30<sup>th</sup> Leadership Day Yr6

### MAY

5<sup>TH</sup> Hockey Gala Day  
12<sup>th</sup> P&C Meeting 5.30pm  
13<sup>th</sup> School Photos

## Thought of the Week

We strive to teach students the skills they need to solve the problems of tomorrow

K/1



K/1 had a wonderful first day back at school. We kicked off with an introduction to living and non-living things which is our science focus for Term 2. K/1 love dancing and singing and you can see them having a great fun dancing here!

2/3/4



Term 2 is off and running in 2/3/4! The remainder of our fabulous furniture arrived, and our room looks and feels warm and welcoming. We spent our first day reconnecting with friends through many problem-solving literacy and numeracy activities. Welcome back to Term 2!

5/6



5/6 spent our first day back at school in observation mode, using our senses to breathe in the world around us while enjoying this wonderful autumn weather. We looked closely at visitors in our class garden, mapped our school from above, and calculated the perimeter and area of our school grounds.

## The School Photographer

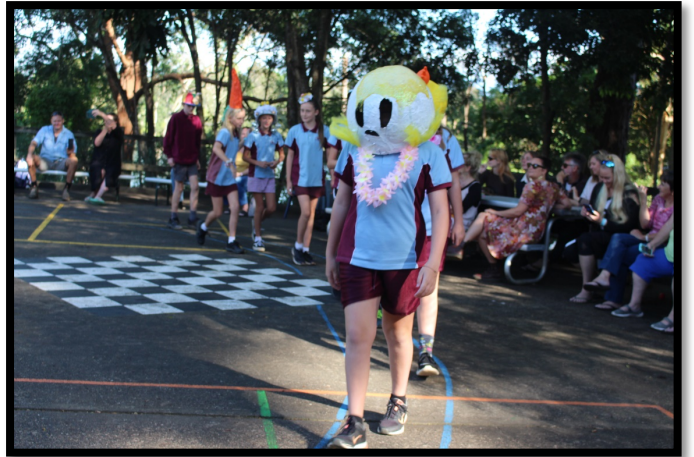
**School photos will be taken on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> May, 2021. All students to be in full school uniform.**

We have sent home a pre-printed envelope for each student with this newsletter. Sibling envelopes for any parents who may wish to purchase a sibling photograph can be collected from the office.

- Please make sure each child returns their own envelope, even if payment is enclosed in a sibling's envelope.
- Please do not put envelopes inside of other envelopes.
- Personalised envelopes have a UNIQUE code for each child to order online.
- Late envelopes with cash handed in to school after the day of photography will not be picked up.
- Only online orders will be accepted after the day of photography (\*not for sibling photos) or paid over the phone on 02 66280511.

**Stem:** this term we have the use of the tablet robotics kit. Our students will be developing computational thinking skills using Blue Boys, Dash and Lego WeDo. I look forward to sharing this learning with you.





**Bebras:** Congratulations to all students who participated in the 2021 Bebras Challenge, presented by the CSIRO. Students were tasked with solving difficult computational thinking questions, and did so with impressive resilience and enthusiasm. We had our highest ever number of students participate and also our first High Distinction result - congratulations to Vivi Thomas with 14/15 correct answers. Wow! If you'd like to find out more and see example questions, Google 'Bebras365' and follow the links to the past challenges. Here is the URL:

[https://digitalcareers.csiro.au/en/Bebras/Bebras-resources/Bebras\\_365](https://digitalcareers.csiro.au/en/Bebras/Bebras-resources/Bebras_365)



## MUSIC TUITION

We have 2 music tutors coming to the school to give any students interested private tuition.

Bridget Bolliger has flute, voice or piano lessons on a Tuesday at the school. Phone 0407420817 for more information.

Josh McGovern has guitar, bass or drum lessons on a Thursday at the school. Phone 0431088761 for more information.

**NO CANTEEN THIS FRIDAY 23<sup>RD</sup> APRIL**

**Volunteers are desperately needed for canteen duty any Friday, lunch and/or recess.  
Please, please, please, get in touch with Toni 0412630457**

## STEWART HOUSE - Donation Drive 2021

Don't forget to send in your Stewart House envelope with a \$2.00 coin to school by 14<sup>th</sup> May 2021 for you to go in the draw to win a \$4,000 holiday/gift voucher

Don't forget coming up in a few weeks is the

# BELLINGEN SHOW

MAY 8 & 9

AT BELLINGEN  
SHOWGROUND

- COLOURING IN COMPETITION
- PAVILION ENTERIES
- CHILDREN'S PASSPORT
- MUSICAL ENTERTAINMENT IN THE TENT
- FACE PAINTING
- ROCK CLIMBING
- HORSE AND CATTLE EVENTS
- GUESS THE WEIGHT OF THE BULL
- SIDESHOW ALLEY, RIDES AND FOOD
- MONGREL DOG SHOW
- FOOD EVERYWHERE
- WOOD CHOP

## Placement procedures for Year 5 entry to an opportunity class in 2022

### 'Intention to apply for Year 5 entry to an opportunity class in 2022' For metropolitan/regional applicants

Dear Parent/Carer,

Opportunity classes cater for academically gifted and high potential students who may otherwise be without sufficient classmates at their own academic and social level. Successful students will usually have to leave their current school to enrol in a school with an opportunity class for Years 5 and 6.

#### **Testing and assessment**

Applications for opportunity class placement are considered mainly on the combined results of the Opportunity Class Placement Test and school assessments. Students who wish to be considered for opportunity class placement will sit the Opportunity Class Placement Test on **Wednesday 21 July 2021**.

#### **How to apply**

If you would like to have your child considered for Year 5 opportunity class entry in 2021, you need to apply between **Tuesday 20 April 2021 and Friday 7 May 2021**. You will need to access the online application at: <https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-5>. You must not use the child's email address.

If you do not have internet access, you could apply at a public library. If you have a disability that prevents you from using a computer, you can contact the Team for assistance after **Tuesday 20 April 2021**.

You must submit only **ONE** application for each student.

#### **Important – the school cannot apply on your behalf.**

Yours sincerely

Principal

**THIS IS NOT AN APPLICATION FOR ENTRY TO AN OPPORTUNITY CLASS**  
**You will need to register and then apply through the Department's website:**  
<https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-5>

Cut along the dotted line and return the completed slip below by next Thursday.

Student's name: \_\_\_\_\_ Class: \_\_\_\_\_  
I intend to apply for opportunity class placement in 2022..... Yes  No   
if Yes  
I have internet access and will be applying online   
OR  
I do not have internet access and will use the public library to complete the application ....   
I understand that I need to register and then apply through the Department's website.  
Signature of parent/carer: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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Dear Parent/Carer,

Opportunity classes cater for academically gifted and high potential students who may otherwise be without sufficient classmates at their own academic and social level.

A Year 5 virtual opportunity class at Aurora College is available for students in rural and remote NSW who will be attending schools on the following list in 2021: [https://www.aurora.nsw.edu.au/files/2020/02/Authorised\\_hosts.pdf](https://www.aurora.nsw.edu.au/files/2020/02/Authorised_hosts.pdf).

Students successfully placed at Aurora College attend their local public school and join the opportunity class for science, technology and mathematics lessons using an online conferencing system.

Students from non-government schools who are successfully placed will need to enrol in a public school on the list mentioned above. Further information is available at: <http://www.aurora.nsw.edu.au/>

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If you do not have internet access, you could apply at a public library. If you have a disability that prevents you from using a computer, you can contact the Team for assistance after **Tuesday 20 April 2021**.

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# Opportunity knocks ...

## Join the virtual school for rural and remote students

Aurora College is NSW's virtual school, offering a mix of online and residential school classes for high potential and gifted students in rural and remote government schools.

The school provides innovative, flexible learning in a whole new context, by allowing students to connect locally and to learn globally.

Students learn with their teachers and classmates in timetabled lessons using cutting-edge technologies in a virtual learning environment.

Year 5 applications for Aurora College's 2022 virtual opportunity class open Tuesday 20 April 2021 and close at 5pm on Friday 7 May 2021.

Opportunity class students study mathematics, science and technology, integrating the design thinking process.

For further information, visit our website [www.aurora.nsw.edu.au](http://www.aurora.nsw.edu.au) or phone 1300 287 629.



To apply for Aurora's virtual opportunity class, go to:  
<http://www.aurora.nsw.edu.au/learn/opportunity-class/how-can-i-enrol/>



# Kids/Teens Art Workshops

With Toni Southwell

## Classes start Term 2 2021

@ Art Space Urunga:  
**Mixing up the Media PLUS  
Old School Animations**  
Enrol your child online

Contact Toni for details  
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[tonisouthwell.com/about](http://tonisouthwell.com/about)  
0421 910 345

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