

Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> November, 2022

# Repton Public School

Newsletter – Term 4 Week 7

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## Principal's Message

**Mathematics:** Through the study of mathematics, students develop essential concepts and skills and apply them to deepen their understanding of the world. Our staff have been exploring the new syllabus and related content are organised in a new structure including Number and Algebra, Measurement and Space, Statistics and Probability. Within this area students will learn more deeply about working mathematically, communicating, understanding and fluency, reasoning, problem-solving. We look forward to learning more during the implementation phase next year.

**Swim School:** Next week we begin our 2 week Learn to Swim and Swim to Survive program. Please make sure your child has their hats, drink bottles and swimmers/towel with them daily. This program is a highlight for the students and a great way to improve water safety skills before the summer break.

**PBL:** Positive Behaviour for Learning at Repton Public involves explicit teaching around what Respectful, Responsible and Resilient behaviour looks like, sounds like and appropriate responses.

**Payments:** We recognise as the end of year comes many events and many payments are needing to be finalised. Thanks to those who have finalised payments. If you are finding difficulty in making any payments, please contact the office or make an appointment to see me to discuss options. We would prefer students didn't miss the opportunities due to finance, so please don't hesitate to ask.

**Transitions:** Transitioning between preschool to primary and primary to high school are big milestones in your child's educational journey. We try to support students in these transition points by making connections with people and places in their new learning environments. Not only will we be supporting our Year 6 students but we are aware that students within our school will also need to move into new classrooms with new teachers. As soon as we have finalised our staffing we will ensure transitions occur for all students. We are so lucky that we have strong relationship between staff and students in our friendly small school.

Thanks for your support

Mrs Kristy Glyde  
Principal

## REPTON 2022

### DATES TO REMEMBER

#### NOVEMBER 2022

24<sup>th</sup> Soccer Gala Day Yr 3-6

25<sup>th</sup> Y6-Y7 Bellingen HS Transition Day

28<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> Dec Swim school K-6  
12-2pm

30<sup>th</sup> Book Club due back to school

#### DECEMBER 2022

3<sup>rd</sup> Family Colour Fun Run

9<sup>th</sup> Y6-Y7 Bellingen HS Transition Day

12<sup>th</sup> Presentation Day 9:30am

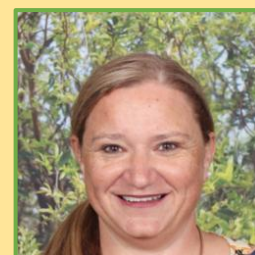
12<sup>th</sup> Yr 6 Farewell Dinner (Yr 5/6)

15<sup>th</sup> Big Banana Fun Day

16<sup>th</sup> Class Parties-Last day for students & Yr 6 farewell school disco

19<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup> Staff Development Days

## Thought of the Week

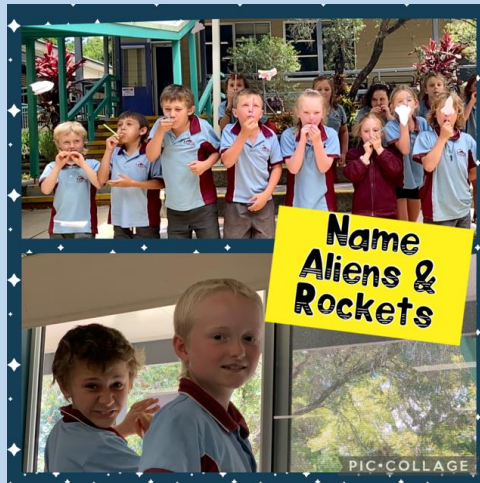


## Gaagal



K/1 Gaagal enjoyed some collaborative art last week during developmental play. It is fun to invent, imagine and plan with friends! Also, to draw on large bits of paper! It is great to see K/1 learning through play! Every picture had a story.

## Bindarray



Bindarray are enjoying all things 'space' this term. We utilised our names to make symmetrical name aliens. Our designs are unique and highly creative. On Fun Friday we created our very own rockets and spent time launching them. All students were very successful and spent time perfecting the performance of their creations. Well done, everyone!

## Winda



We could not have been prouder of the way our Winda students conducted themselves during our week in Canberra. There were so many experiences, challenges, friendships and memories made throughout the week. Congratulations to all students who participated and learnt so deeply about our nation's capital. Well done, Winda!

# WRITER OF THE WEEK

## Gaagal



Chloe

## Bindarray



Jayquan

## Winda



Vivi

**Win Bin Wednesday:**  
**Julian, Jai, Kiri**



## PUBLIC SPEAKING FINALS

**Early Stage 1**



**Stage 1**



**Stage 2**



**Stage 3**



# BMX TRICK BIKE SHOW



# BOUNCE BACK

In BOUNCE BACK, both K/1 and 2/3 have been learning that it is helpful to talk to another person about things that worry them. Getting a 'reality check' can help us all to see that things: are not always as bad as they seem; may not be our fault; can be worked out; or, that what we thought was a problem just wasn't. Of course, telling another person can also mean that when a problem needs solving - it is a great way of getting help.

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## Getting to school by bus in 2023

Will your child be catching the bus to school in 2023? Applications are now open for a Bus Travel Pass. As it's a busy time of year, we highly recommend you make this application before the end of Term 4. It's also good to check the bus timetable to make your child's journey to school as easy as possible.

Here is how it works:

### Bus passes

All students catching the bus in 2023 will need a school travel pass.

Under the School Student Transport Scheme, eligible students can apply for free or subsidised travel between home and school.

For more information about the School Student Transport Scheme and how to apply for a school travel pass, visit <https://apps.transport.nsw.gov.au/ssts/#/> from a desktop computer. Applications for 2023 opened at the start of Term 4.

### Bus timetables

Busways is the school bus operator that runs your schools' bus services. To find your child's school bus timetable visit the Busways website by using the following steps:

1. Go to [busways.com.au/nsw](https://busways.com.au/nsw)
2. Click on 'school services' in the navigation bar and then proceed to 'school timetables'
3. Enter the school's name in the field that says 'enter a school name'
4. Select the school's name and the timetable should open on your device.

If you are unable to find or search for the school's name, use the drop-down menus on the same web page to find the school.

5. Once the timetable is opened, you will be able to identify which school bus services are available in your area for your child to use.

Apply now for 2023 bus pass



# REPTON PUBLIC SCHOOL

SAT 3 DECEMBER

3.30 FOR 4.00 START

\$5 ENTRY

WE INVITE FAMILY, FRIENDS AND THE COMMUNITY TO JOIN US ALL ARE WELCOMED

BBQ AVAILABLE FROM 5.30PM

BRING ALONG YOUR OWN WATER  
THROWING DEVICES TO JOIN IN THE FUN

COLOR RUN



## CANTEEN NEWS

Don't forget,  
Canteen is on this  
Friday!

# COVID-smart measures for schools

Information for parents, carers and students



We know that being together in the classroom is the best thing for our students' learning, growth and welfare. This term we will continue to implement several measures to allow us to prioritise both the wellbeing of our students and a consistent and productive learning environment.



## Stay home if unwell

- If your child is unwell, you must keep them at home. If they are displaying COVID-19 symptoms, they should take a COVID-19 test (PCR or RAT) and follow the advice from the NSW Government on [managing COVID-19 safely at home](#).
- Your child should only return to school when they are symptom free.



## Vaccinations

- Vaccinations for COVID-19 and other viral illnesses are one of the best ways of protecting yourself, your family and the community. Vaccination is a safe and effective way to give your immune system a helping hand against many illnesses.
- All eligible students and staff are strongly encouraged to keep up to date with their vaccinations to protect their health.
- All staff working in schools for specific purposes (SSPs) are required to be double vaccinated against COVID-19 or hold a valid medical contraindication.



## Rapid antigen testing

- Rapid antigen tests (RATs) should be used if your child is displaying COVID-19 symptoms.
- Students who test positive to COVID-19 are encouraged to notify their school and register their positive test results with [Service NSW](#) to have access to timely advice and support from NSW Health.
- Schools will maintain a reserve stock of rapid antigen tests onsite for surveillance testing purposes in the event of an outbreak.



## Hygiene and cleaning

- Students are encouraged to regularly wash their hands with soap and warm water, and to use personal protective equipment as required.
- Boosted day cleaning of schools will continue on high-touch areas and other hard surfaces, door handles, lockers, light switches and handrails in stairways.



### Ventilation

- Fresh air is the most effective form of ventilation to minimise the risk of transmission.
- During the warmer months, cooling will be used together with ventilation methods to balance thermal comfort.
- All learning spaces in government schools have been checked to ensure appropriate levels of ventilation and air purifiers have been provided where needed.
- Using outdoor spaces will continue to be encouraged where possible.



### Masks

- Mask-wearing is strongly encouraged where possible for all students, staff and visitors, particularly indoors and/or when physical distancing is not possible, and if they have been exposed to COVID-19.
- Mask-wearing is required at all times for staff, volunteers and other workers who support our students who are at greater risk of serious illness should they contract COVID-19, whether they be in schools for specific purposes (SSPs), support units or mainstream classrooms.



### Visitors

- Visitors can attend school sites regardless of their vaccination status.
- Visitors who are engaging directly with students in certain higher-risk settings for school operations and curriculum delivery and allied health partners for the wellbeing of students, may be required to wear masks.



### Activities

- Health and safety risk assessments will be integrated when planning activities, including excursions and overnight camps.
- Parents and carers will be made aware of the risk of exposure and will need to give permission for certain activities.



### Responding to local situations

- Schools will work with the department's Health, Safety and Staff Wellbeing case management team to respond appropriately to local situations, including outbreaks of viral illness.
- In some cases, schools may temporarily introduce additional measures as a 'circuit breaker', including requiring mask-wearing, postponing or limiting non-essential activities and directing cohorts to learn remotely.



### Learning remotely

- Schools continue to have access to digital, guided and printed learning resources to support students who need to learn remotely.

For more info, visit [education.nsw.gov.au/covid-19/advice-for-families](https://education.nsw.gov.au/covid-19/advice-for-families)

### Telephone interpreter service

If you need further information please call your school principal. If you need an interpreter to assist you with your enquiry please call the Telephone Interpreter Service on 131 450 and ask for an interpreter in your language. Tell the operator the phone number you want to call, and the operator will get an interpreter on the line to assist you with the conversation. You will not be charged for this service.

The NSW Government is committed to ensuring school operations continue while prioritising the safety and wellbeing of students and school staff.



# P&C NEWS

## COLOUR RUN

Saturday 3 December  
3.30pm for 4.00pm start

\$5 per person

All welcome, this is a family  
and community open event.

### WHAT TO BRING

- Wear white clothes
- Glasses to protect eyes
- Adults (who don't want to run) bring water pistols and other water spray toys to join in colour stations

### BBQ

After the run we will be running a FUN-draising BBQ for an early dinner and to keep the fun times rolling!

### COLES & WOOLIES SHOPPERS

The P&C are working towards our 2023 FUN-draising events. If you shop at Coles or Woolies aren't using your glassware credits we would LOVE them.



Do you have a great idea  
but can't get to a meeting?

Email the P&C Team  
[reptonpandc@gmail.com](mailto:reptonpandc@gmail.com)

### SAVE THE DATE

- DECEMBER  
**Colour run**  
- **Saturday 3rd**
- JANUARY  
**Kids bingo**  
- **Tuesday 17 January**  
- **Tuesday 24 January**