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Repton Public School

Newsletter – Term 4 Week 8

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Principal's Message

Creative Arts: We are lucky to have so many opportunities for our students to express themselves creatively. We have singing, dancing, painting, drawing, pottery, dramatic readings and creative play. Our teachers and staff are great leaders in the development of these skills and support our students to express themselves with individuality and flair. They provided modelled and guided lessons to develop techniques followed by independent exploration. Their creations are so impressive and beyond their years.

Swim School: This week we began our 2 weeks of swimming. We will be completing literacy and numeracy activities during the morning session and after lunch, head off to the pool. We will return at 2pm for a short recess then return to classes for the remainder of the day. Thanks for bringing your child's hats, drink bottles and swimmers, rashies, towel, and goggles with them daily. Hopefully the weather stays kind to us.

Leadership 2023: Yesterday we heard all Year 5 students deliver speeches to our students about their hopes for leadership next year. All students had an opportunity to vote and the leaders will be announced at presentation day. This role allows for students to develop confidence and responsibility for school-based tasks. They will receive coaching and support in these roles and be able to continue to grow in their role over the year. Good luck leaders.

Communication: Thanks for continuing to communicate with us regarding attendance and wellbeing issues. We understand how busy things can get and appreciate the phone calls, text messages or emails to keep us informed of what may be happening at home. Seesaw is also supported by the teachers if you have any questions about school or activities.

Family Fun Run: Thanks to our P&C for coordinating the colour fun run at school this Saturday. Your efforts to create experiences for our students is appreciated. If you can join us at 4pm all welcome. Dinner from 5:30pm.

Thanks for your support

Mrs Kristy Glyde
Principal

REPTON 2022

DATES TO REMEMBER

DECEMBER 2022

- 2nd Y6-Y7 Bellingen HS
Transition Day
- 3rd Family Colour Fun Run
- 12th Presentation Day 9:30am
- 12th Yr 6 Farewell Dinner (Yr 5/6)
- 15th Big Banana Fun Day
- 16th Class Parties-Last day for
students & Yr 6 farewell
school disco
- 19th-20th Staff Development Days

Thought of the Week

Studies show children who
swim, perform better
academically.



Gaagal



K/1 Gaagal investigated the path of the sun in the sky and how our shadows change as the position of the sun changes. We traced our feet and shadows in the morning, and again after lunch. It was interesting to see how the shadows size and position changed!

Bindarray



Bindarray have been looking closely at the connection between the Earth, moon and sun. We found it interesting to learn how slowly the moon rotates on its axis compared to Earth (27 days compared to 24 hours). We researched some of our own questions and shared the knowledge gained by our peers. Well done, Bindarray!

Winda



It's that time of year again where our year 6 students begin to spread their wings and experience transition days at their new high school. It has been great to hear of their experiences and for them to return to our class and share with the other students some of the new things they discovered or will be learning about. Thanks to all year 6 for your energy and willingness to share!

WRITER OF THE WEEK

Gaagal



Coco

Bindarray



Oliver

Winda



Sonny

CAPA



Garden

Last Friday, Kookaburras weeded all areas of the garden, watered all the pots and prepared the garden for the summer climate. They also watered and weeded the corn which is growing very well! Lots of fun was had by all in the garden.



Music

The Platypus group finished up their small group instrumental performances this week. It has been so fantastic to see the progress students have made in learning to play a range of instruments and being able to create music together in a group. Fantastic work everyone!



Kitchen

The Emu group spent a wonderful morning in the kitchen this week. Students learnt how to peel potatoes and use a grater safely. They utilised potatoes which were grown and harvested from our school garden and made golden roasted potatoes, Spanish omelette and balsamic tomato and basil salad. Fantastic work, Emus!

THANK YOU!

**Thanks for the new sand in the
sandpit from our P&C!
- RPS STUDENTS**

Students of the Week



Gaagal: **Arlo, Reef, Evelyn**



Bindarray: **Edward, Oliver, Lilah**



Winda: **Seb, Asha, Esme**



Classiest Class Award – **Bindarray**



Leader Awards: **Kale, Oliver, Edward, Evelyn, Bear, Alira, Cash**



Win Bin Wednesday:
Bear, Coco, Ryder

Soccer Gala Day



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
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



CANTEEN NEWS

**Don't forget,
Canteen is on this
Friday!**

Special Christmas storytime

children of all ages welcome



Come Join the Elf on the Shelf for a Special Christmas Storytime!!

- Storytime, Singing and Craft
- Find an Elf on a Shelf
- Have a Shelfie with an Elf!

Bellingen Library	Urunga Library	Dorrigo Library
Wednesday 21st Dec	Tuesday 20th Dec	Wednesday 21st Dec
10:30am	10:30am	10:30am



Grafton Library | griftonlib@crl.nsw.gov.au | www.crl.nsw.gov.au | (02) 6641 0100

26TH ANNUAL Patt Bennett Family Fishing Festival



2nd Weekend in January 12th to 15th January 2023 Mylestom (North Beach)

Junior under 15yrs receive FREE FISHING GEAR on Registration
(Limits apply, must be present at sign-on)

Registration at North Beach Recreation & Bowling Club
Thursday 12th 4pm-7pm & during scoring up to Saturday 14th January
Adults \$30, Juniors \$20,
Family \$80 (Max 2 Adults, 3 children. Additional children \$20)

HEAPS OF INDIVIDUAL AND FAMILY PRIZES

Scoring times
8am-10am & 4pm-6pm Fri 13th & Sat 14th, 8am-11am Sunday 15th
This is a Catch and Release event
BE IN THE CLUB EACH NIGHT FOR THE RANDOM PRIZE DRAWS
More information available at: <https://www.facebook.com/PBFFF/>

NAMBUCCA HEADS TO COFFS HARBOUR

PROUDLY SUPPORTED AND HOSTED BY
NORTH BEACH RECREATION & BOWLING CLUB
02 6655 4293



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

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 Dinner

To help with catering numbers we have included a BBQ per-order form in the newsletter. Please complete and return to guarantee your dinner

DON'T FORGET YOUR FUNDRAISING FORMS TO CLAIM YOUR PRIZE

INVITE YOUR FRIENDS
AND FAMILY. THIS IS A
COMMUNITY. ALL ARE
WELCOME

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

Email the P&C Team
reptonpandc@gmail.com

SAVE THE DATE

- DECEMBER
Colour run
** THIS SATURDAY **
- JANUARY
Kids bingo
 - Tuesday 17 January
 - Tuesday 24 January