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Repton Public School

Newsletter – Term 3 Week 3

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Principal's Message

Education Week: Repton Public School is celebrating Education Week this week and the theme is "Creating Futures". We would like to open our learning spaces to our families from 2pm on Thursday 4th August. This is an annual celebration of NSW public education and the achievements of our schools, students and education system. We aim to prepare young people to be agile thinkers and lifelong learners in our school supported by a range of staff, community members and strengths of our students.

Living Things/World: This term our whole school is focused on the theme of living things in the living world. We will look at life cycles and characteristics of things that are living. To consolidate this learning, we will be going to visit the Billabong Zoo. We are looking forward to sharing this learning experience with all our students.

Literacy: Our focus is on a range of text structures this term with informative and persuasive writing being a focus in most classes. We are looking at the particular purpose and audience for these writing tasks and developing appropriate language skills. In reading, we are building fluency capacity to support a strong understanding of meaning and comprehension. Fluent reading doesn't mean "fast". It looks at the ease of decoding words and phrases and incorporates expression. Listening to your child read aloud, will help with fluency discussions.

Sports: We are so lucky to be able to participate in a range of physical activities from skill development to competitive sports. Our students are able to learn new skills and understanding about a wide range of sports and we celebrate those who are successful in these opportunities. It takes a lot of organisation to make this happen and I acknowledge the great team we have to support this in our school.

Have a great week,
Mrs Kristy Glyde
Principal

REPTON 2022

AUGUST 2022

1st–5th Education Week
4th Aug- Open classrooms 2pm
9th– Billabong zoo excursion
10th – Debating v Narranga PS
P&C Meeting 5pm

22nd–24th Book Fair

16th – Book Character Parade
17th– Cricket Gala day (3-6)

SEPTEMBER 2022

23rd Last Day Term 3

OCTOBER 2022

10th First Day Term 4

Thought of the Week

Our schools encourage self-expression and help students become adaptable and independent learners.

~NSW DoE



Gaagal

Bindarray

Winda



K/1 Gaagal are learning all about living things this term. Last week we learned about plants, their life cycle and what they need to grow. We read the books 'The Tiny Seed' by Eric Carle and 'Jack and the Bean Stalk'. We are doing a few science experiments as well. We put celery in coloured water to observe what happens and how water is absorbed and we have planted bean seeds in jars to watch them sprout and in pots of soil.

Bindarray have used the cooler weather to inspire creative art projects. This week students created snowflakes using oil pastel, washed their work with blue and purple dye and sprinkled salt over the dye. The results are amazing, and the process was incredibly fun! Well done, Bindarray. You have all created a great interpretation of ice and snow.

We are all mathematicians and Winda have been excelling at working mathematically. We are looking at place value, manipulating whole numbers and working smarter not harder when it comes to numbers. We can partition numbers in multiple ways and love to solve the "number of the day". This week we will participate in the Australian Maths Challenge. Good luck!

WRITER OF THE WEEK

Gaagal

Bindarray

Winda



Charlotte



Penny



Cash

Win Bin Wednesday:

Well done Molly, Penny and Koobra!



STUDENT NEWS:

This week, we have been having fun practising soccer skills for our knock out game with Mr Stanley. We did AFL last week with Mark, and some athletics with Mrs Glyde too. It is fun to learn about lots of different sports.

Larissa



Garden Club

Our students volunteered to help Chris with mulching the gardens during lunchtime this week. Thanks so much- it looks great!



District Athletics:



On Friday we had the District Athletics Carnival at Bellingen High School. All students displayed great sportsmanship and congratulations to Sonny, Azalia and Alira for making it into the MNC team. Good luck at the next level.



Soccer:

On Tuesday, we went to Connell park in Bellingen and played against Stuarts Point Public for our first knockout game. We won 17-0. So we then had to play Orama Public School and we beat them 10-1. We had a great day and we are into round 3. We will have to keep practicing as it will get harder.



AFL: Paul Kelly Cup

On Thursday, we had a team participate in a gala day of AFL. We only had 2 coaching sessions before the day and no one had really played before. We played a lot and learnt as we went on. Even though we didn't win, we still had a great time.



KITCHEN GARDEN STALL



There is currently lots to buy from the garden stall. There is a great selection of succulents that the students have potted up, turmeric and mandarins from the garden, worm 'wee' - to get your own garden growing as spring approaches, second hand garden magazines and more. Prices are cheap so pop in and check out what is available.

CANTEEN NEWS

Don't forget,
Canteen is on this Friday!



NAIDOC Colouring winners

K1- Max
2/3- Hayley
4/5/6- Alira



COVID Baseline Measures:

These 'baseline measures' are aligned to the NSW Government's general community settings and include:




- staying home and getting tested if unwell, and only attending school when symptom free
- strongly encouraging mask-wearing for all staff and students, particularly in the first 4 weeks of term
- rapid antigen testing for symptomatic students and staff, and close contacts attending school to learn and work
- strongly encouraging COVID-19 vaccinations for students, staff and their families, including a booster shot (when eligible)
- strongly encouraging students, staff and their families to get a flu vaccination
- good hygiene practices
- maximising natural ventilation
- boosted cleaning during the day, with particular attention given to high touch surface areas
- responding to local COVID-19 conditions when necessary, by working with the department's Health, Safety and Staff Wellbeing team.

Welcome to The Lunch Makers program

Did you know that lots of perfectly good food gets wasted in Australian schools?

Food Waste Facts

Based on recent studies, we estimate that every student wastes more than 3kg of food each year. In Western Australia alone each year, students throw away:

-  3.5 million uneaten sandwiches
-  3 million pieces of whole fruit
-  1.3 million items of packaged foods

Starting this week our school is participating in The Lunch Makers program for the rest of the Term.

This program aims to:

- ✓ cut food waste at school and at home
- ✓ help families save money, and
- ✓ have a positive impact on the environment

We'll be exploring how we can reduce food waste by empowering students to be more involved in preparing and making their own lunch. We hope this will reduce the amount of food they throw away or leave uneaten.

We'll celebrate the students' new skills with a 'Make Your Own Lunch Day' in Week 9 this Term.

Keep an eye out for the inspirational ideas we'll be sharing over the coming weeks and encourage your kids to get involved!

P&C News:

Next Meeting will be at 5pm on the 10th August in the School Staffroom.



Agenda items: AP panel rep, P&C Facebook Page, Fathers Day stall, Bingo in October, Trivia Term 4, Jackets, P&C Code of Conduct and policies.

All welcome!