

Wednesday 22nd March, 2023

Repton Public School

Newsletter – Term 1 Week 9

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Principal's Message

Harmony Day: Thank you to all families for contributing to the lunch celebrations. We appreciate those who could come along and to those who helped clean up, we are very grateful. Thanks to Ms V and Mick as well as Mrs Mills. The message was well received about acceptance of those who live in Australia and have a multicultural background. We learnt about cultural differences and how to accept diversity.

Acceptance: We acknowledged today as World Down Syndrome Day too, and show understanding to those who live with or support those with a disability.

Reading: We are highlighting weekly the importance of daily reading. Whether children are being read to or they are reading magazine articles or sustaining chapters in a novel, building a love of literature is key to language development. A range of topics and text types would benefit learning and support class discussion with all students from K-6. We are seeking some community tutors to support our school next term so if you know anyone who may be interested in supporting a reading program within the school, please ask around.

Election Day: Our P&C have organised to run the cake stall and sausage sizzle at Mylestom Hall for Saturday's election. They are seeking support for baked goods if possible and to come along and support the stall when you vote too. 8am-12pm.

Communication: Our school mobile is not in communication at the moment. We are waiting for a replacement. If you could please contact the office on 66554201 or by email, to explain absences or make alternative travel arrangements or changes to routine.

Supervision: Please remember teachers are not out on playground duty until 8:30am for morning supervision. In the afternoon, staff are on bus duty until 3:30pm.

Have a great week,
Mrs Kristy Glyde
Principal

REPTON 2023

MARCH 2023

- 28th Netball Gala - Yr 3-6
- 30th Dylan Edwards Gala
Day- league tag

APRIL 2023

- 3rd World Autism Day- wear blue
- 6th Easter Hat Parade & Raffle
Last Day Term 1
- 24th Staff Development Day
- 25th ANZAC Day
- 26th Students Return Term 2

MAY 2023

- W4 School Photos

Thought of the Week

Exploring, questioning, working systematically, visualising, conjecturing, explaining, generalising, justifying, proving... are all at the heart of mathematical thinking.



K/1 GAAGAL



Gaagal have had two special activities this week. Harmony day on Tuesday was very exciting! We wore dress up clothes, ate delicious food and had some parents come to school for lunch. It was wonderful to learn about the diversity of people and their lives around the world. On Monday Gaagal students had a bus safety lesson and a bus ride to Mylestom and back.

1/2 JULUUM



Scissors, paper, rock has never been so much fun! Students in Juluum enjoyed this fabulous adaptation of the game as they learnt about teamwork, resilience and respect during PE. They also enjoyed wearing orange in support of Harmony Day and thank all the families and school staff sharing a sample of their favourite dishes. What a wonderful week!

3/4 BINDARRAY



Everyone Belongs! What a great message to share with our students in Bindarray. Harmony Day/Week promotes the core values of respect, inclusivity, and a sense of belonging for everyone. We live in a multicultural country and embrace the opportunity to celebrate difference, raise awareness of the importance of respecting others and to stop discrimination. Speak up, stand up, show up, future leaders!

5/6 WINDA



Living in harmony and working together in harmony at school. Winda students worked excellently to explore this year's theme and learn more about Harmony Week. We explored scenarios, what it means to be a bystander, and what safe and responsible actions are available to them if they witness racist or discriminatory behaviours. Students were respectful of each others' opinions and enjoyed representing their learning as they began their 2023 Harmony Week posters. Great work, Winda!

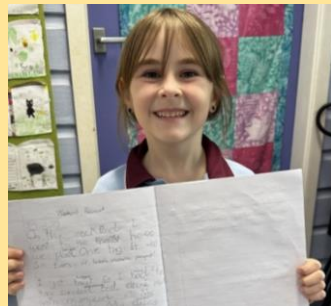
WRITER OF THE WEEK

Gaagal



Felix

Juluum



Elouise

Bindarray



Jay

Winda



Azalia

CAPA



Garden

The Kookaburra group had a hot and productive day in the garden. They planted some snake bean seeds, watered the herb garden, and collected worm wee from the worm farm. They then did some reviewing of our changing seasons which they applied by walking around our school grounds. They collected fallen leaves with lovely fall/autumn colours. With those they did some super fun leaf rubbing art! It was a great way to break up the sunny morning.



Music

Our Platypus group were next in line to begin learning our new choir songs, in preparation for the Compass Primary Schools Choir performance in Coffs Harbour during Term 2. After our singing, we formed into small groups to create music and explore some of our musical concepts such as tone and tempo. Great work, Platypuses!



Kitchen

In the kitchen this week the Emu group continued with the second round of the MasterChef fruit platter challenge. Platters were displayed with amazing planning, chopping and presentation skills. They worked well in their teams to build and present their creations for judging by our mystery judge! Well done everybody on a great effort!

CANTEEN IS OPEN ON FRIDAYS

Students of the Week



GAAGAL: **Felix**



JULUUM: **Julian, Hazel**



BINDARRAY: **Aidan, Poppy**



WINDA: **Cash, Nesta**



CLASSIEST CLASS AWARD: **Winda**



LEADER AWARDS:
Ava, Cash, Hazel, Florence, Max



Win Bin Wednesday

Ari, Elsie, Kaiden, Hayley

ASSEMBLY ROSTER

We would like to invite you back into our school to participate in celebrating our students during assemblies.

We hold an assembly on Friday 9:10-9:40am even weeks. One class will share something special during each assembly, see the roster. All parents/carers/families are welcome at all assemblies.

Term/Week	Class
T1 W10	Bindarray
T2 W2	Juluum
T2 W4	Gaagal
T2 W6	Winda

Donations NEEDED

Easter Eggs or Easter related gifts for our Easter Raffle are needed by Wednesday 5/04/2023

Could you also send in your Easter Raffle ticket money in by Wednesday —extra tickets are available at the office.



what is trans day of visibility?

Trans Day of Visibility is an annual international celebration of trans pride and awareness, recognising trans and gender diverse experiences and achievements.

On 31 March celebrate with gender diverse people all around Australia by sharing stories, starting conversations, and attending events.

Be Respectful...

- Follow instructions promptly
- Take care of personal and school property
- Use positive language
- Keep our hands and feet to ourselves
- Use our manners
- Listen actively



EASTER HAT PARADE THURSDAY 6TH April, 2023

We encourage all students to make an Easter Hat at home – keeping sustainable practices in mind.
We will begin the parade in the morning at 9.15 am.

All parents are welcome to attend.
The Easter Raffle prizes will be drawn after the Parade.



Register online today



The NRL Development in conjunction with the Bellingen Dorrigo Magpies JRL Club will be holding a Come & Try Registration afternoon on Wednesday 22nd March at Bellingen Park.
Time 4pm – 5pm - Register for the 2023 season @ <https://profile.mysideline.com.au/register>



Music Tuition: We welcome Luke from the Coffs Conservatorium on Mondays who will offer private tuition for interested students with individual fees for services. If you are interested in guitar, vocals, piano or drums, please contact the office for a note. Classes start Monday 27th March. Spaces available!



Mem Fox on Reading Aloud

Mem Fox, beloved Australian author and reading aloud advocate says in the introduction to her book *Reading Magic -Why Reading Aloud to Our Children Will Change Their Lives Forever*, that –

“It stands to reason that if we’re able to raise happier, brighter children by reading aloud to them, the well-being of the entire country will ramp up a notch. Children who realize in their first few weeks and months of life that listening to stories is the purest heaven; who understand that books are filled with delights, facts, fun and food for thought; who fall in love with their parents, and their parents with them, while stories are being shared; and who are read aloud to for ten minutes a day in their first five years, usually learn to read quickly, happily and easily.”

Mem doesn’t only advocate reading to children before they attend school, she believes that children should be read to right up into their teenage years.

“It’s beneficial to continue reading aloud to children for as long as they’ll let us, even after they can finally read themselves. One of my university teachers read to her children until they were in their late teens. She read books and poems they might not have been drawn to on their own – and they loved it!”

Over the next weeks and months, we will share with you *Mem Fox’s Ten Read Aloud Commandments*, 4 or 5 favourite read aloud books from our staff, along with some more gems from *Reading Magic* .

Mem Fox’s Ten Read Aloud Commandments - number 1
Spend at least ten wildly happy minutes every single day reading aloud. From birth!



P&C News

ELECTION BBQ & CAKE STALL

SATURDAY 25 MARCH

MYLESTOM HALL

8.00AM-12.00NOON

Volunteers needed

8.00-10.00 then

10.00-12.00

Cake/Slice donations

please drop donations to the
school office Friday afternoon
or on Saturday to the stall

Have you got an idea for the P&C?
Email us at Reptonpandc@gmail.com