

Repton Public School

Newsletter - Term 1 Week 9

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Principal's Message

Inclusion and Autism Awareness Day: This month, we celebrated Harmony Day and World Down Syndrome Day, and next month we acknowledge World Autism Awareness Day. We will celebrate this day dedicated to promoting understanding and acceptance of individuals on the autism spectrum with a silent disco. At our school, we believe that every student deserves to feel included and valued. These various activities are aimed at fostering empathy and understanding among our students. Let us continue to champion an inclusive environment where every child can thrive.

Environmental Education and Sustainability: In alignment with our commitment to fostering a sustainable future, our students have been actively involved in environmental education initiatives. This term, we launched a school-wide project focused on sustainability practices, including recycling programs, tree planting days, and waste reduction campaigns. Our students have shown remarkable enthusiasm and creativity in finding ways to protect our environment. By cultivating a sense of responsibility towards our planet, we empower our students to become informed and active citizens who care for their community and the world around them.

Community Involvement: Our school thrives on the strong partnerships we have built with our local community. These experiences not only strengthen our community ties but also provide invaluable opportunities for our students to learn and grow. We encourage all families to get involved in upcoming events and initiatives that further enhance our connection with the wider community. If you are able to volunteer to support our students, please get in touch as we would love to have your skills shared.

Student Voice: One of the cornerstones of our educational philosophy is the importance of student voice. We believe that when students are given the opportunity to express their thoughts and ideas, they become more engaged and invested in their learning. This term, we have implemented regular forums where students can share their opinions on school matters, from curriculum choices to extracurricular activities. We are excited to see how their insights will shape our school's future and foster a sense of ownership among our students.

Donations: We are seeking donations of Easter themed raffle prizes. Please send to the office to make hampers for our Easter raffle- Drawn April 11th at the Hat Parade. Don't forget to grab some tickets while you are there.

Have a great week,
Kristy Glyde
Principal

APRIL

- 2nd Autism Day – Silent Disco
- 9th Dylan Edwards NRL Gala Day Urunga
- 10th Cross Country
- 11th Easter Hat Parade & Raffle draw

HOLIDAY Fun

Tuesday 16th BINGO
North Beach Bowling Club

MAY – Term 2

- 1st School Photos
- 2nd District Cross Country
- 22nd District Cross Country

"Inclusion in public schools means providing all students with equitable access to education, fostering an environment where diversity is embraced, and every learner feels valued and supported."



K/1 GAAGAL



Another great fortnight of learning in the Gaagal classroom. In Mathematics we have been investigating shapes and the differences and similarities between 3D shapes. We have been doing lots of hands-on activities to explore this subject including tracing the shapes to make a picture, marble painting, building 3D shapes with a variety of things. We have also been working on counting backwards, subtraction and learning our doubles facts. Great work!

1/2/3 JULUUM



Our combined class Bindarray (river) and Juluum (mountain) have decided that Birrindaany (waterfall) describes our afternoon/Friday mix beautifully. This fortnight I caught Birrindaany deep in research about Australia and the amazing features it has to offer. We are holding an "Australia's Got Talent" showcase over the next few weeks and students are creating a presentation to share. Well done, Birrindaany!

3/4 BINDARRAY



This week has seen our lovely Bindarray students begin to draft their own version of 'The Thing About Oliver', changing the perspective from which the original is written. We have been analysing the structure of a narrative and explored the concept of building tension... ask your children about the tension balloon! In maths we have been busily measuring, recording and comparing lengths, and have applied these skills to measuring the perimeter of objects. We've had a very busy fortnight – well done, Bindarray!

5/6 WINDA



This week in Winda we have had a large emphasis on land rights and traditional land management through both our English and geography lessons. In English we have learnt about the Wave Hill Walk off and written our own letters of petition that demonstrate our perspective of who should be caring for the land. In geography we have investigated traditional land management techniques such as not over consuming and the use of fire. We are now creating our own seasonal calendars to show our understanding of Gumbaynggirr lands throughout the year.

OUTSTANDING ACHIEVERS



GAAGAL: Halle & Sage



JULUUM: Coco & Mavi



BINDARRAY: Hazel & Reef



WINDA: Jai & Lilah



**LEADER AWARDS:
Jai, Oliver, Owen, Didi, River & Charlotte**



**CLASSIEST CLASS:
Bindarray**

WRITERS EXCELLING

Gaagal



Juluum



Bindarray



Winda



Kenai

Sophia

Chloe

Edward

CAPA



Garden

CAPA

Kitchen

We have been focusing on sustainability in the garden with seed saving and this week we have started to propagate the seeds for next season. Following on from this week's botanical gardens visitors, we planted more trees that were donated to the school and mulched around them. We also focused on mulching our garden beds to help with water retention on hot days. Fingers crossed we will have plenty of winter vegetables coming up soon.

Our CAPA groups celebrated the summer that was by creating an artwork inspired by shells on the beach. Students used a layering technique to mimic the effect of a wave washing up on the shore, before decorating some shells using patterning and bright colours. We then made our shells pop out of the page by propping them up using folded cubes. Our three-dimensional artworks are on display in the office – be sure to check them out!

In the kitchen students have been learning how we can eat with our eyes as well as our sense of taste. We have been making two very healthy dishes, Rainbow Rice and K-Pow Fritters. These are a 'must try', at home as they have been loved by all students and teachers! We will make sure the recipe is in the next edition of the Newsletter.

HARMONY DAY

Harmony Week celebrates Australia's cultural diversity. In schools we celebrate inclusiveness, respect, and a sense of belonging for all Australians, from the Traditional Custodians of the land to those who have come from many countries around the world. Our community lunch was very well supported, and we loved completing activities in classrooms throughout the day. Thanks to all our wonderful staff and families who helped set up, cook, clean up and celebrate!



We have raised \$48 this year!
Keep collecting 😊

Botanical Gardens of Sydney

Our students welcomed Peter Dawe and Brenden Moore from Botanical Gardens of Sydney to our school last week. Both shared a wealth of knowledge and gave our school some beautiful natives and seedlings for our gardens! We were treated by some informative knowledge of local plants and Aboriginal perspectives were highlighted with storytelling and music. We planted some more trees and tested our soil to get things just right. We are learning more about our environment every day!



WEDNESDAY 19TH March

**Tommy, Archie, Arlo &
(Jay absent)**



WEDNESDAY 26TH March

Max, Carter, Mavi & Ashton (Owen absent)

High Potential Gifted Education (HPGE)

High Potential
Natural abilities

Domains

- Intellectual
- Creative
- Social-emotional
- Physical

Our focus on high potential and gifted education allows us to find the potential in **EVERY** child.

We have been investigating the 4 domains of potential and aligning our students with the areas of strength and development.

Working with our small school community allows us to provide more opportunities to develop talent and support each other grow.

world
AUTISM
awareness
DAY

UNDERSTANDING STARTS WITH YOU!

Wednesday 2nd April

To celebrate World Autism Awareness Day we will be holding a Silent Disco - hosted by Blue Sky Community Services.

**Come to school dressed as who you are, and what you like to celebrate about yourself.
Let's celebrate our uniqueness and individuality!**



EASTER HAT PARADE & RAFFLE

FRIDAY 11TH April 2025

Easter is just around the corner and our annual Easter Raffle is now open!

We are looking for donations and are urging everyone to sell tickets to family and friends.

Every student will receive a book of tickets. More tickets available at the office.

You can be a winner!

The Easter Raffle prizes will be drawn after the Hat Parade on Friday 11th April.
We will begin the Parade in the morning at 9.15am.

We encourage all students to make an **Easter Hat** at home – keeping sustainable practices in mind.



*All parents and family welcome to attend.
Thank you for your ongoing support.*



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- February 22: 5 meals from one chook
- March 22: Bike repairs & maintenance
- April 26: Intro to bush furniture
- May 31: Easy composting
- June 28: Visible clothes mending

No bookings needed! Arrive early at The Showgrounds each workshop morning to secure your spot. Market open from 7.30am, workshops from 9am.
For more info on each workshop email: bellogrowersmarket@gmail.com

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A space to
Stay and Play

Where friendships can be made through fun, leisure based activities built on your child's interest.

available at
Urunga Public School
Monday - Friday
BSC 7.00am-9.00am
ASC 3.00pm-6.00pm
VAC 7.00am-6.00pm



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to enquire about enrolment





P&C News

INTRODUCING THE 2025 P&C Committee

Thank you to everyone who joined us for our AGM followed by a standard meeting.

The committee (so far) this year is Vanessa Machon, Kellie Lee and Leah Sutherland returning to the committee for another year of fun. *A warm welcome to new members for 2025 Katie Caller & Karissa Rake. Thanks*

Our next meeting is tentatively scheduled for Wednesday 7 May at 3.30pm.

You can still contribute!

Don't worry if you didn't make the meeting, you can still be a part of the committee and contribute. We can join you to our P&C messenger chat, let Vanessa know at the office and we can add you.

Anyone can attend P&C meetings with no commitment required. Come to one of our meetings and see what you think. We have moved the meetings to 3.30pm so that parents can just stay on from pick-up time and the kids had a great time playing on the oval as we meet.

IMPORTANT 2025 P&C DATES

NEXT P & C MEETING Wednesday 7 May from 3.30 at the school. Students can stay and play on the oval. We will meet outside so we can multi-task our meeting with supervising the kids.

Kids School Holiday Bingo

Tuesday 15 April

Tuesday 15 July

Tuesday 7 October

Other regular events

Election BBQ & street stall

Mother's Day stall

Father's Day stall

Colour run



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