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Repton Public School

Newsletter - Term 2 Week 3

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Principal's Message

Attendance: We have settled into the new school term and know that regular school attendance is crucial for our students' success and well-being. Each day in the classroom provides valuable opportunities for learning, social interaction, and personal growth. When students attend school consistently, they build strong relationships with their teachers and peers, which enhances their educational experience. We encourage parents to support their children in making school attendance a priority. Together, let's foster a positive learning environment where every student can thrive. Remember, everyday counts!

HPGE: We are excited to promote our High Potential and Gifted Education (HPGE) programs, designed to nurture and challenge our talented students. The HPGE programs offer a range of enriching activities and learning opportunities that encourage critical thinking, creativity, and collaboration. Through differentiated instruction and tailored support, we aim to help gifted learners reach their full potential and develop a lifelong love of learning. We invite parents to engage with our educators to explore how we can best support your child's unique abilities. Together, let's celebrate and cultivate the extraordinary potential within each student.

Opportunities: Keep on track with all the wonderful opportunities on offer through newsletters, calendars, Facebook, Seesaw and School Bytes. Your child may not be involved in every activity but sharing our experiences helps values our individual interests and differences.

Communication: Encouraging open communication with your child about school is essential for fostering a positive learning attitude. Regularly ask about their studies, friendships, and challenges to provide support. Use open-ended questions to promote conversation and listen actively to their responses. This approach can help your child feel valued and strengthen your relationships.

Chickens: Our silkie Tender has hatched some new babies for us to look after! We welcomed 3 new chicks to the brood. So exciting for everyone!! Next, we will be hatching some eggs using an incubator and brooder set so that all students can learn about the lifecycle of chickens and observe the hatching process. Now to find some fertile eggs...???

Regards
Kristy Glyde
Principal

MAY

- 15th Musica Viva Performance at Crossmaglen
- 16th BYO- Peter & the Wolf
- 20th Soccer at Orama
- 21st Pirate Day
- 22nd Salt/ Freshwater Arts excursion 5/6
- 22nd MNC Cross Country
- 24 – 25th Bellingen Show
- 26 -27th Sorry Day
Reconciliation week
- 29th MNC Boys touch Trials
- 29th Salt/Freshwater Arts excursion 3/4
- 27th Reconciliation Week

JUNE

- 3rd Soccer Gala Day
- 4th Readers Writers Festival
- 9th Kings Birthday
- 11th P & C Meeting
- 13th Year 6 Careers Day
Bellingen High
- 26th Athletics Carnival
Mylestom Oval
- 27th Year 6 Leadership Day – Bonville

JULY

- 1st Small Schools Athletics Carnivals
BHS & Raleigh School
Dance Festival



K/1 GAAGAL



Gaagal have had a fabulous start to term 2 and we are already deep into our Living World Unit. There are so many fascinating things to learn about our living world. We have made little greenhouses, and we are keenly watching seeds germinate and grow. Students are writing animal reports and learning the difference between fiction and non-fiction books. We have been learning how to classify animals and investigating mammals this week. In mathematics we have been learning how to use the counting forward and back strategy for solving addition and subtraction problems. We also welcome Miss Millie to our classroom. She is on Uni placement with us for 4 weeks. Keep up the great work Gaagal!

1/2/3 JULUUM



Juluum have had a wonderful start to term 2 with Ms. Ro. They completed their literary adventure with Author Sophie Scott, learning about Antarctica and all the amazing animals that live there. This week, Mrs Buckley returned from Italy and was delighted to find everyone ready for new learning adventures. We commenced our Living World unit, using the new Inquisitive online program to digitalize our work. Mrs Buckley is so excited to be back in class with this incredible group of students!

3/4 BINDARRAY



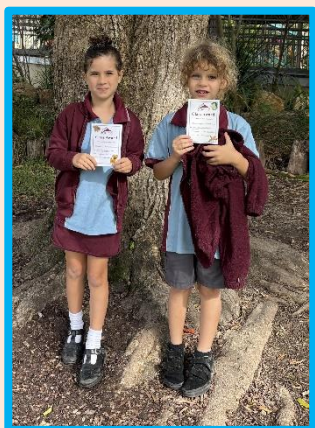
Bindarray have had a busy start to the term and have been thoroughly enjoying our new mentor text for English - 'Ned Kelly and the Green Sash'. This text has allowed us to compare and contrast perspectives and develop persuasive arguments as to whether Kelly was a hero or a villain. In Maths our learning has been very hands on - we have been working with concrete materials to learn to flexibly rename numbers up to the hundreds of thousands, and last week we surveyed a sample of Repton students to collect data, make predictions and interpret our results.

5/6 WINDA



Winda have very excitedly been looking after our newest chicks. The arrival of the chicks aligns perfectly with our science topic of living world and our maths topic of data collection. We have researched and created timelines focussing on the milestones our chicks should be reaching over the next few months. So far, we have observed that the chicks like to be kept close to their mum, Tender, so they can stay warm. We look forward to watching how the chicks grow over the next few weeks.

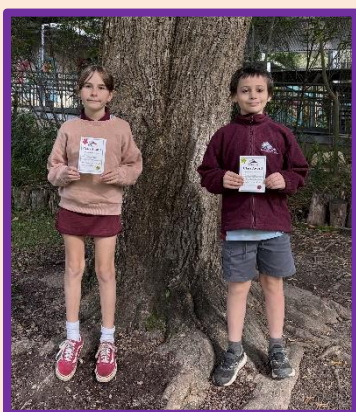
OUTSTANDING ACHIEVERS



GAAGAL: Scarlett & Kenai



JULUUM: Mimi



BINDARRAY: Lou & Tao



WINDA: Leo & Poppy



LEADER AWARDS:
Indi, Aidan, Leo (behind the tree) Jai, Bowie,
Archie, Florence & Ridley



CLASSIEST CLASS:
Juluum

WRITERS EXCELLING

Gaaagal



Juluum



Bindarray



Winda



Danika

Lachy

Charlotte

Wren

CAPA



Garden

This week due to lots of rain we were inside but spent this time creating designs for the scarecrow competition at the Bellingen Show. All students had some great ideas.

Brax, Oliver, Aaidan were happy to be out and about collecting buckets of worm wee that's ready to be bottled and sold.

Well done everyone.

CAPA

CAPA last week saw us continuing our work on creating three-dimensional artworks. We looked at transforming two dimensional tracings of our hands into what appears to be three-dimensional artwork. This was attained by using repetitive curved lines across the hand to give the illusion of the hand standing out from the page.






Kitchen

Students had a fantastic time in the kitchen this week, preparing a delicious meal of ratatouille and garlic bread. Working collaboratively, they chopped, sautéed, and seasoned with care, creating a colourful and aromatic dish. Many students were surprised and delighted by the vibrant mix of vegetables and how well the ratatouille paired with the warm, buttery garlic bread.

Communicating with our school

Repton Public School 02 6655 4201 Repton-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au

All contact with our school is to be consistent with the School Community Charter respecting that our staff are primarily engaged with the teaching and caring of our students.

By phone 	By email 	In person 	By message 
<p>Urgent matters Urgent matters require an action or response from staff on the same day, like:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • your student's attendance • changes to arrangements that need to be communicated to your student • your student's health and wellbeing. <p>Non-urgent matters Including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • requesting a meeting with our school staff • requesting information about an upcoming school event • providing brief information to the school • raising a concern. <p>What you can expect If necessary, you will need to leave a message with our office staff who will identify the best person to respond to your call, if needed. The response will happen by the end of the next school day.</p> <p>Our school phone number is: 02 6655 4201</p> <p>You are welcome to phone our school during school hours 8.30am - 3.30 pm</p>	<p>Our school email address is: Repton-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au</p> <p>You can email us about non-urgent matters that do not require a same day response, like:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • requesting a meeting with our school staff • requesting information about an upcoming school event • providing information to the school such as specialist reports • raising a concern. <p>For matters that require an action or response from staff on the same day, please phone the school.</p> <p>What you can expect Emails will be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • read within 3 school days of receipt. • acknowledged, if required • assessed to decide what action is needed, including if a response is required • monitored between Monday to Friday. • during school terms only • responded to by relevant staff only. 	<p>Parents and carers are welcome to meet with our school staff.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We prefer you phone or email a request, briefly explaining the issues you wish to discuss, • or if the staff member is available at the end of the school day, have a very brief meeting. Please understand they may have other duties to attend to. <p>You are welcome to bring a support person or advocate, with prior notice, to be present at any meeting.</p> <p>What you can expect Our staff will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • respond to your request within 3 school days • discuss with you a mutually agreeable time to meet and agree on what will be discussed • decide who is best to meet with you. 	<p>To respond to an absence message sent by our school system or advise of a student absence by sending a text message to</p> <p>reply to SMS 0418 410 913</p> <p>with the following information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • student name • grade/class • date and reason for absence. <p>What you can expect Our staff:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • will record your response in the attendance system • will not reply to text messages. 

Compulsory school attendance

Education for your child is important and regular attendance at school is essential for your child to achieve their educational best. NSW public schools work in partnership with parents to encourage and support regular attendance of children and young people. ***When your child attends school every day, learning becomes easier, and your child will build and maintain friendships with others.***

The importance of arriving on time:

- Ensures that students do not miss out on important learning activities.
- Give students time to say hello to their friends before class.
- Reduces classroom disruption.

Lateness is recorded as a partial absence and must be explained by parents.

NSW Department of Education

Why attendance matters

When your child misses school they miss important opportunities to:

-  Learn
-  Build friendships
-  Develop life skills

Days missed = years lost

A day here and there doesn't seem like much, but...



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WIN BIN WINNERS

WEDNESDAY 7TH May

Oscar, Jai, Chloe & Mrs. Mills



WEDNESDAY 14th May

**Danika, Felix (Charlotte
absent) & Oliver**



#1

The difference

WELCOME TO COUNTRY AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

There is an important difference between a Welcome to Country and an Acknowledgment of Country, although both are about recognising the land and paying respect to the Traditional Owners.

A Welcome to Country is performed by a Traditional Owner who welcomes visitors onto the land they are standing on.

On my Country, only a Yorta Yorta Elder can deliver the Welcome to Country.

An Acknowledgment of Country allows visitors from the wider community to pay respect to the Traditional Owners of the land. It can be done by anyone, First Nations or not, on behalf of everyone gathered.

It is common in Australia for either a Welcome or an Acknowledgment – or sometimes both! – to be given before sporting, music and school events.

PODCASTING

Our STEM kits for the next 2 terms is a podcasting set including laptops and fancy Maono microphones with pop filters! Our 4/5/6 student had a great introduction lesson with Mrs Jones today and had a trial of the equipment. Looking forward to hearing some great episodes in the future! Supporting high potential achievements in our students and community!



P&C News

HAPPY
mother's
DAY

Welcome back to Term 2

Firstly, we trust that everyone enjoyed Mother's Day and got to spend some (wet) quality time with all the important women in your lives. 🥰

Thank you for your support of our **Mother's Day Stall**.
A special thank you to Karissa Rake's donations of the amazing Goodies from Sweet Red Oils (search Facebook more products!)

Another **thanks** to all the baking and support that went into the Election BBQ Stall. Miss Hunter and her dance group managed for the stall to raise funds for the upcoming performance.

Thank you, Miss Hunter & her dancers for another amazing FUN-draising event.



IMPORTANT 2025 P&C DATES

NEXT P&C MEETING: Wednesday 11 June from 3.30 at the school.

The kids play on the oval while we meet.

If you would like an online meeting link to join us please let us know.

Kids School Holiday Bingo

Tuesday 15 July

Tuesday 7 October

Other events

School Carnival canteen

Father's Day stall - 4 September

Colour run

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