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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

What a term!

We have had a very busy term with endless opportunities for our students. From sport to Life Ed., to camps and excursions. Thank you everyone for supporting us through this. We will be looking forward to term four and all that it brings. Please have a safe and enjoyable break.



Class placement for 2018

We are currently placing children into classes for 2018. A lot of thought goes into this process. We ensure students are placed accordingly to get the best out of everyone socially and academically. Please be aware, we carefully run this process. Once the process is completed, moving one child has a 'domino' effect and it could mean moving 5 or 6 children to get the class 'balance' right. Please be conscious of this when you see your child's class placement.



Could classes change between the end of 2017 and the beginning of 2018?

Yes. We receive indicative staffing at the end of 2017. We will be staffed on our student numbers that exist on day 8 of the new school year. This change is out of our control.



This could mean classes are changed after week 2 of 2018. Please be aware that this is a systemic issue and not driven from Regents Park State School.

Are you returning to Regents Park before day 8?

Some people do not return to school until after day 8 due to holiday commitments. Sadly, our staffing is affected by this unless you notify us of your intended return. If you are leaving us for another school in 2018 or you are not returning before day 8 in 2018 please let the office staff know asap so as we can successfully plan class placements with little disruption. If you have any questions around this process, please come and see us.

Thank you to the parents who use the pickup zone.

Parents are now moving to the front of the pickup zone and this is making the drop off and pick up very fast and effective. Thank you!



Mr Roberts
Principal

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL NEWS

Book Week

Wow! What an awesome week. A huge thank you to all families for the effort and support you gave to our Book week celebrations. Students and staff looked amazing at our book week parade followed by a relaxing afternoon spent with buddy classes reading under the shade of a tree. Thank you to the P&C for running a successful Book Fair and to our Regents Park community for supporting it. If you haven't visited our library yet try to this week. The artwork our students have done looks fabulous!

Life Education and Parent Session for Year 5 and 6

Life Education will be back again to visit our **Year 5** and **Year 6** students at the beginning of Term 4. The Life Education program 'Talk About It' focuses on Identity/Valuing Diversity, Puberty and Healthy Relationships. It allows students to talk about the influence of people and places on identities, recognise the influence of emotions on behaviours, discuss factors that influence how people interact, and describe their own and others' contributions to health, safety and wellbeing.

The Life Education instructor will be holding a Parent Information Session here at school on **Tuesday 3 October at 2:30pm**. Parents will be able to hear about the program and ask questions relating to the specifics of the program.

Thank you

As the end of Term 3 approaches I'd like to thank you for your continued support of our school community. Our students have been involved in many events this term from African Beat, Didge Dude, Life Education, excursions, camps, District Sport, Maths Team Challenge, sports days, book week and Star Club! These have been possible through the planning and organisation from our fabulous teachers and staff here at Regents Park, and your support. Wishing all our families a safe and restful holiday.

Emma Cairns, Deputy Principal

Term 3/4 Dates

SEP	13	Star Club
	15	P&C Movie Night LAST DAY OF TERM 3
OCT	2	PUBLIC HOLIDAY
	3	FIRST DAY OF TERM 4
	12	Oktoberfest
	16	STUDENT FREE DAY
	23 to 25	Year 4 Camp - Tallebudgera
	26	Prep Transition Day

SPACE NEWS

Please keep an eye out for the new National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) Workshops.

This is a new way of supporting people with a disability in Australia. The scheme will start to roll out in the Logan region from 1st July 2018. The Queensland Government is funding workshops so there is no cost. Places are limited. For more information on the workshops please visit www.cru.org.au or call 3844 2211.

I also have flyers/information in the SPACE if you would like to know more.

Thank you and have a safe and enjoyable holiday.

Melissa Davis, HOSES

GUIDANCE OFFICER NEWS

ANXIETY

'A feeling of worry, nervousness, or unease about something with an uncertain outcome.'

Sometimes it can be helpful to have some level of anxiety. It helps us get ready for big events and motivates us to perform. It helps us avoid dangerous situations or reminds us to prepare for new situations. It helps us to be prepared and often to do our best.

If you are feeling anxious you might feel uncomfortable, physically unwell (butterflies in your stomach, heart racing, wanting to vomit or go to the toilet). You might feel overwhelmed, frightened or even a sense of panic. All these feelings are normal and most of us experience them at some time in our lives. Don't panic if your child is demonstrating these symptoms, especially around exam time, when having to speak in public or when awaiting a report card.

If you are seeing anxiety that is excessive and persistent, as well as interfering significantly with a child's normal routine, then it is time to consider whether the anxiety has reached a level needing investigation.

When feelings and thoughts become intense, overwhelming, irrational and unable to be controlled, it is time to seek help.

Anxiety is a part of life but it should not become your life. There are many causes to anxiety of which family history of anxiety is often a common element, but anxiety can occur for lots of reasons.

What should I do?

- Talk to someone (e.g. the doctor, a friend or family member)
- Stay physically healthy – eat healthy food, drink water, exercise daily
- Work out ways to minimize the stresses in your life without having to avoid them
- Treat yourself - a massage, yoga, facial

Who better to look after you than yourself but be open to help if you need it? Often others see our anxiety before we do!

Vince O'Brien, Guidance Officer

LITERACY NEWS

A reminder to all students and parents to keep reading over the Spring holiday.

Reading over the two weeks will ensure less chance of students experiencing "learning loss" particularly in regards to their reading skills. Students need to continue using these skills, or risk losing them.

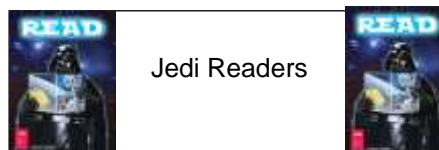
It is also a perfect time to allow students the opportunity to read a wide variety of materials. Let them choose a book from the local library, read the back of a cake mix or read the grocery list as you do the shopping. All these opportunities add up and will help facilitate a smooth start to term 4.

Term 4 will see the return of the Book Swap Shop and we are always needing donations to make this a successful experience for the students and families at Regents Park. If you can, please bring all donations to the curriculum office in the library.

Happy reading!

Kaylie Leighton, Lead Literacy

MASTER TEACHER NEWS



Jedi Readers

Our library is buzzing every Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday before school (8:30) as students from across the year levels engage in games and books together.

In Week 8, we had 92 students reading in the library with 2LN the winning class with the most students attending Jedi readers.

In Week 9, we had 56 students reading in the library with 2LN the winning class again.

Let's keep up the great work – Reading is fun!

Sue Cartner, Master Teacher

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC NEWS

Band Rehearsals Term 4

Year 4 – Monday at 7:45am – Junior Concert Band rehearsal (week 1- no rehearsal – holiday)

Years 5 and 6 – Wednesday at 7:45am – Senior Concert Band rehearsal.

Brisbane Schools' Music Festival (BSMF)

Both bands will be involved in this annual band competition held on Saturday 21 October at the Centenary State High School. As information comes to hand we will pass it on to you. A separate, and detailed letter has been sent home with all the information to those involved.

Equipment

Please ensure that all music tutor books, band folders and instruments are named clearly. All instruments need to go home at the end of the day. All students need to be practising regularly.

Parents of Year 3

2018 Instrumental Music Information Afternoon Monday 9 October (3:30pm)

Testing is continuing for the Year 3 students interested in playing an instrument in 2018. Letters have been sent home inviting parents to attend our information afternoon. Please return the bottom section to the office.

Instrumental Music Levies

A very small number of students have not yet paid their Instrumental Music Levy. If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact the office or the music department.

Louise Gittins, Instrumental Music Teacher

GERMAN NEWS

It's been a very busy term!!

Two online competitions have been completed by motivated students working independently on the challenges – in the World Online Science competition and the Queensland State Languages competition.

Congratulations to these achievers:
Science (World and Gold Coast)

Gold	Liam K		
Bronze	Kyle A	Torri F	
Credit	Lily H	Emma B	Mydiana I
	Jazmin P	Emjay L	Isaiah C-F
	Isabella N	Hyrum C-N	Dylan W
	Hana B	Xin W	

And for Languages

Credit	Isaiah C-F	Emma B	Jazmin P
	Kyle A	Xin W	

Last week four students were invited to visit Ormeau State School to participate in an extension German program with David Fermer and Inken Steeb.

David is a German Children's TV Program Producer and Inken works for the German Educational Facility, the Goethe Institut. David is the creator of a program entitled 'Deutsch mit Socke' and assists young children to learn German with a fun sock puppet.

Emjay, Isaiah, Jack and Jazmin spent a lesson preparing their puppets and then had a fun and crafty morning filming video clips with their 'buddies'.

An example of 'Deutsch mit Socke' can be viewed here ...

<https://www.planet-schule.de/sf/filme-online.php?reihe=1419&film=10005>.



It was a great morning of laughter. Thank you to Mrs Davis for providing transport.

Our Year 6 students are excitedly preparing for our Term 4 excursion to

Oktoberfest for Teens. This cultural event is held in Brisbane for thousands of students to experience a touch of Bavaria in Brisbane.

The deadline for payment is near!

Frau Hay, German Teacher

HUB NEWS

There's plenty on at the HUB next term with **First 5 Forever's** 0.5 y/o fun **FREE** early literacy program continuing every Monday from the 9th of October from 9:15am-10am and **24 Fit Club's** exercise group meeting on the MPA from 9:30am-11am (Cost \$5pp) to help you shape up for Summer!

On Wednesday morning beginning the 18th of October from 9am-11am **CRAFT HUB** will be on. Come and help us create

useful gifts from recycled items that we will sell in the New Year. Funds raised will be used to purchase resources for our school. On Thursday morning the **Hub Crew** will continue to offer coffee, cake and a chat in the Hub from 9am-11am, to anyone wanting to meet new people, make new friends and have a laugh!

We still have vacancies available for anyone interested in completing a Certificate 3 in Community Services here at the Hub every Friday from 9am-3pm during the school term. Some students may also be eligible to study for Free*, so why not enquire today?!

(*\$50 administration fee applies)

School Holiday Fun!

The Logan City Council's school holiday KRANK program for 5-17 y/o's is on again with a huge range of free and low cost activities to keep your child busy during the holidays.

For more info, check out www.logan.qld.gov.au/krank or collect a program from the Hub.

Finally, please remember that I'm here to support you, your child and your family and am available for a chat if you have concerns school related or otherwise.

Please feel free to contact me at marlob@chapy.org.au or call 3802 4333. I hope you have your family enjoy the spring holidays!

Marlo Bronzi

Chaplain & Community Hub Coordinator

CYBERSAFETY AND SOCIAL NETWORKING

Children of this generation use digital technologies in ways their parents could have never imagined, and as carers we need to be aware that the digital world contains risks. Cybersafety refers to ensuring online behaviour is safe, appropriate and responsible.

Chat and social networking are great ways for people to stay in touch, but many Primary School age children are yet to fully understand how to use these platforms safely. If your child has asked about installing or joining a digital social network, please consider the following.

- Protect passwords and user logon details.
- Never share personal information online or with people you do not know.
- Limit your friends list to only have people known in real life.
- Understand that some people online may not be who they claim to be.
- Use the privacy settings of social networks to protect your private information.
- Ensure that any social networking occurs in a space that is supervised by a responsible carer.
- Be careful of what is posted online! Every interaction and post leaves a trace, and once things like photos are online they can never be removed.

Did you know?...

Facebook, Instagram and Snapchat require users to be 13 years of age to have an account?



There is an amazing world of learning, fun and social interaction waiting on the web – let's ensure our students have safe and positive online experiences!

For further information, please visit the following Queensland Government website.

<https://www.qld.gov.au/education/schools/health/cybersafety>

Jason Dale, Teacher – 5/6JD

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