Year 5 Camp
Our year 5 children are on camp at Emu Gully this week. We wish them an exciting journey and lasting memories. Thank you to the staff who have made this all possible.

Are you returning to Regents Park State School?
Letters have gone home asking if you have children returning to Regents Park State School in 2017. We need to know this as to plan for classes and set buildings and facilities up for 2017. Please ensure you let us know if you are returning.

How do we place children into classes for 2017?
We throw all of the names in the air and see where they land. The ones that land closest together, they are then placed in classes.............no not really. As a whole school we list the children in each level and we consider the following:

a) Academic strengths and weaknesses
b) Behaviour records
c) Social grouping

After this is considered, we then ask ourselves the question “Is this class placement going to allow the child to achieve at their fullest potential?” We then assign teachers to these classes. As you can see we allocate groups of students to teachers, not individuals.

Please be aware, even though students will be assigned to classes for 2017, this class configuration can change after day 8 of 2017 as this is when we receive our final teaching allocation from the government.

We appreciate your ongoing support.

Tip of the week for Language Development:
Write a letter together. Perhaps there is a relative or family friend that you could write to (you could even send your letter as an email or picture text message if you’d prefer). Talk about how you will start your letter, think of topics that you could write about, and discuss how we structure our sentences. Maybe your letter could be about something that your family did on the weekend, or at day care?

Brisbane Schools Music Festival
Congratulations to our Junior and Senior Bands who participated in the Brisbane Schools Music Festival for 2016. A special congratulations to the Junior Band who claimed a Silver in the competition. Thank you must go to Mrs Ludwig and Mrs Gittins for their tireless work with our students.

Yours in Education
Brad Roberts, Principal

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PERSONAL DEVICES
A number of students attend school with a personal device for a number of reasons including, travel safety. When your child arrives at school it is a policy that devices are handed in to the school office immediately as they enter the school grounds. Your child’s device will be stored in the office and your child will receive a number they quote at the completion of the day when collecting. For the safety of the device, privacy and potential misplacement, no students should be keeping any electronic device on themselves or in their school bag between school hours.

STUDENT HEALTH & WELLBEING
The health and welling of your child is our number one priority and while they are in our care and tutorage we wish to make sure any relevant information pertaining to your child which may impact them at school or their learning is communicated and accounted for. If you have information you know fits the above statement or your child’s circumstances have changed in any way, it is vitally important that you share this with your child/ren’s classroom teacher at your nearest convenience. The information you share with your child/ren’s classroom teacher is to support the education, safety and wellbeing of your child.

INITIAL DATES FOR SCHOOL IN 2017
In 2017 students will return to school on Monday 23 January. Thursday 26 January is the Australia Day public holiday. Students are expected to be at school by no later than 8:50am on Monday 23 January. There are many activities and routines you can work with your child on over the school break in preparation for a successful educational year at Regents Park in 2017. Of course there is also the benefit of Vacation Care which is run by Camp Australia with activities both on and off site. Please contact Susan, Camp Australia coordinator in the hall between the hours, 6 – 9am and 2.30 – 6pm on weekdays to enrol your child/ren.

VOLUNTEERS EXPO @REGENTS – RUN BY THE HUB
Where : Regents Park State School Hall - Emerald Drive
When : Monday 14th of November
Time : 2.30-4.30pm
Parking : Car park at the front of the school
All families and friends are invited to attend this wonderful community event.
In 2015 it was reported that Volunteers in Australia are worth over $5 billion in support to the nation including donations, salaries and participation. Families, friends and partners all have a role to play in society in supporting those with ill health, less fortunate and at risk. One way another we all require support in life from a volunteer/s. Now is the time to see how you can be involved and connect further with your local community networks.

LIFE ED 2016
Week 9 we will be hosting the Life Ed van. The cost to attend these sessions has been covered in the 2016 student resource scheme. Please make sure you have settled any outstanding payments as soon as possible so your child/ren does not miss this fantastic annual event.

Sam Symes
Deputy Principal

BEHAVIOUR SPECIALIST NEWS

Positive Behaviour for Learning

SWPBS - SCHOOL WIDE EXPECTATIONS

STAR FOCUS – ACHIEVEMENT
We demonstrate achievement when we are prepared and willing to participate. All members of the Regents Park State School community have a shared responsibility to work cooperatively with all members of our school. We have documented specific expectations for our students, our staff and our school community. Continuing in each edition of Platychat will be a deconstruction of each expectation to ensure our community has a shared understanding of desired behaviours.

A community shows it is prepared to assist their learners to achieve when it:

• provides students with all resources required during the school day

• ensures regular & punctual attendance

• accepts that students learn best when their parents/carers are actively involved in their school life

• supports the school in assisting students to learn through the support of staff and the school policies & procedures

• ensures students are presented appropriately

• is willing & prepared to be actively involved in students’ school life

• values and supports the school in assisting students’ learning

• encourages students to do their best

STAR Focus
The STAR Lesson being taught this Wednesday afternoon is… At Regents Park we treat the environment respectfully. I encourage you to discuss with your children what they learned in class on Wednesday about how we can show respect for the environment.

STAR Club

This Term STAR Club will be held on Tuesday, December 6 as a result of the Year 6 Graduation Ceremony on Wednesday.

At Regents Park we are STARs!

Andrew Eggin
Behaviour Specialist
BSM NEWS

Student Resource Scheme
All outstanding student Resource Scheme Payments must be finalised by Thursday, 10 November. Students will not be invited to participate in the 2017 Student Resource Scheme unless the outstanding debt is cleared.

Expression of Interest
Library Teacher Aide
Applications are invited for the Temporary position of TA002 Teacher Aide (Library) for 2017.

Please provide a brief resume of no more than two A4 pages of current skills and knowledge that you will be able to contribute to the provision of a quality educational service by providing high level support for teaching, learning and Library services.

Natasha Dunne
Business Services Manager

MUSIC NEWS

END OF YEAR CONCERT
The music department’s end of year concert will be held on Wednesday evening November 16 in our school's hall. All welcome.

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC 2017
Year 3’s have been screened, chosen and allocated instruments for next year. Thank you to those who attended our parent information afternoon. We are in the process of sending home information booklets to any who were unable to attend. Please return the enrolment form from the back of the booklet when you receive it as soon as possible to secure your child a place in the program for next year.

Year 4 Aladdin Production
The Year 4 students will be presenting an Aladdin production on Thursday 24 November at 2:00pm. The production will be held in the Activity Hall.

All Welcome.

Disney End of Year Concert
This year we will be holding an End of Year Concert with a Disney theme. The concert will be held on Tuesday 6 December at 9:30am in the Activity Hall.

Each class will be performing a Disney themed song.

Everyone welcome.

Leanne Ludwig and Louise Gittins, Music Teachers

HUB NEWS

Hi Everyone
First of all I would like to thank all for supporting our recent fundraiser with Jersey Mike’s Subs at Browns Plains. It was a huge success with over $3800 raised! I’d like to thank Jersey Mike’s for so generously supporting our HUB @ Regents Park. The funds raised will be used for various programs and projects in 2017.

Coming Up…

Wishing Tree
Due to an overwhelming response from families donating groceries, we no longer require any more items at this time. Our Emergency Support Team have now set up a Wishing Tree in the office, where donations of toys can be made. Please make a note if your toy is for a girl or a boy and if it is for a 5 to 8 year old or a 9 to 12 year old. The toys will be collected and wrapped and given to children within our school community who may not otherwise receive a gift at Christmas time.

Nutrition Workshop
Need hints on healthy lunchbox options, how to feed a fussy eater, how to read food labels and more, come to the HUB next Monday, 7 November at 9:00am. (Cost: free / children welcome)

Volunteer Expo
Monday, 14 November from 2:30pm to 4:30pm in the school activity hall. Do you want to learn some new skills, thinking of re-entering the workforce, gain confidence, try something new, improve your resume or looking for a way to ‘give back’?

If you want to know more about any of these opportunities please contact Chaplain Marlo on 3802 4333 or email marlob@chappy.org.au

Chaplain Marlo

1 NR NEWS
Wow! We are half way through Term 4 already. With so much to do we are racing with time. We are looking forward to our incursion later this Term. Our science unit this Term is focussing on the weather, so we are staying back one evening to observe how the day changes into night and the changes in the sky. This incursion is called ‘Star Gazing.’ It sure will be an amazing evening. With the weather warming up, swimming is another of our much loved upcoming events.

1NR has a fantastic group of kids that are doing amazing work this Term.

1NR and Neelam Raju

BROWNS PLAINS BLUE LIGHT DISCO
Theme: The Blood Halloween Disco
When: Friday, 4 November
Where: Logan West Community Hall, Wineglass Drive
Time: 6:30pm to 8:30pm.
Cost: $5.00 – no pass outs
Supervision: Full Police supervision
Food: Canteen

BLK – IT’S BLUELIGHT DISCO BUT SCARIER