Wednesday 16 November 2016

FROM THE PRINCIPAL...

Thank you Mr Symes
Mr Symes has been appointed Principal of Pullenvale State School for 2017. We wish Mr Symes all the best in his new endeavours and I know that he will be a great leader for the community of Pullenvale. Thank you for your ongoing support of the staff, students and community of Regents Park State School. This move will be a great loss for Regents Park but a great gain for the community of Pullenvale. All the best in 2017 and beyond Mr Symes!

End of Year Expectations
We have only a couple of weeks until the end of the school year. This time of year gets very busy in schools as we are ensuring that right through to the last day we are providing the best education for your children. Please ensure that your child attends school every day up until the final day.

We maintain high expectations around behaviour at Regents Park State School. Behaviour that interferes with the learning in the class will not be tolerated throughout the holidays. With your ongoing support we will have a fantastic Term 4 at Regents Park State School.

Facebook
Ensure that you like us on Facebook to get all updated school information over the Christmas break.

Yours in Education
Brad Roberts, Principal
* Spend the day cooking with your child to help with their reading, maths and science skills. * Organise a craft day with your child. You could make birthday or Christmas cards, paint or create simple friendship bands with a mixture of buttons and big beads.

* Grandparents are wonderful resources. Your child could stay with them for some of the school holidays and they could help extend your child’s vocabulary skills by telling family stories.

* Help your child make a cubby house outside or inside with cushions and spare blankets under a table or a bed.

* Hold a treasure hunt. You could hide toys, books or treats all over the house and garden and let your child search for them to discover the treasures you’ve hidden.

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**BEHAVIOUR SPECIALIST NEWS**

**SCHOOL WIDE EXPECTATIONS**

**STAR FOCUS - RESPECT**

We demonstrate respect when we speak and behave in a considerate and well-mannered way. All members of the Regents Park State School community have a shared responsibility to work cooperatively with all members of our school. Below is how our community demonstrates RESPECT.

Our community demonstrates respect through:

- fostering a positive attitude towards school & staff at home
- recognising & valuing the diversity of backgrounds & cultures that create our community
- accepting the existence & necessity of rules, regulations, policies & procedures
- valuing the rules, regulations & procedures of the schooling process
- facilitating learning through appropriate on site behaviour
- liaising initially & regularly with classroom teacher
- supporting the school to develop resilient, responsible young citizens
- valuing the opinions of others
- accept professional judgements of staff
- committing to high expectations of the behaviours & learning required to achieve excellence
- accepting and supporting school wide initiatives and decisions

We have now published all responsibilities and expectations of our community to demonstrate, model and support STAR behaviour. With a shared understanding of desired behaviours we can lead your children, our students to their bright future. We thank all members of our school community who demonstrate, model and support SAFETY, TEAMWORK, ACHIEVEMENT and RESPECT.

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**STAR CLUB**

STAR Club will be held in Week 10 this Term on Tuesday December 6. Our final weeks of the year are extremely busy and it is very important to us to consistently acknowledge the significant efforts and wonderful behaviour of our students. If you are interested in participating in this celebration of STAR behaviour, please contact Andrew Eggins through the Administration office to register an activity or donate your time to assist our staff on the afternoon. We truly appreciate all contributions of time and talent.

**STAR BEHAVIOUR**

SAFETY…TEAMWORK…ACHIEVEMENT…RESPECT

Let’s all work together to demonstrate STAR behaviour and have a stellar finish to the year.

**STAR Focus**

The STAR Lesson being taught this Wednesday afternoon is... At Regents Park we are resilient. In particular we will be exploring ‘The Catastrophe Scale’ to look at situations that may arise and identify “How bad is it?” I encourage you to discuss with your children what they learned in class on Wednesday about how they can be resilient.

At Regents Park we are STARs!

Andrew Eggins

Behaviour Specialist

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**2016 GRADUATION NEWS**

On Wednesday 7 December at 7:00pm, the Year 6 students will be celebrating their much anticipated Graduation Ceremony. The teachers and students have been rehearsing tirelessly since the beginning of the Term to make sure the ceremony runs smoothly. The students will commence their Graduation celebrations at 5:30pm with a High Tea in the Library, followed by the ceremony at 7:00pm. Students are to wear smart attire, appropriate footwear and no makeup is required (basic makeup optional). All staff, parents, friends and family are welcome to the ceremony however the High Tea is for students ONLY.

Mary Neary

Year 6 Teacher
MUSIC NEWS

Instrumental Music Concert
All children who play an instrument will be required to be at our instrumental music evening, tonight. The concert commences at 6:30pm with a gold coin entry for anyone who wishes to witness the hard work of our ensembles and our senior and junior concert band. All students are required to wear their full music uniform to the concert. This consists of our music shirt, full length black trousers, black socks and black shoes.

Lessons and Rehearsals
Next week lessons will run as normal but we have had our final early morning band rehearsals. All school instruments will be collected next week for servicing.

Instrumental Music 2017
We are close to finalising our numbers for 2017. Most students in Year 3 have now returned their forms if they are interested in playing an instrument. An accessory list will be sent home shortly. Lessons will commence in week 3 for all beginners.

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

PREP 2017 NEWS

Transition to Prep 2017 Date reminders
Friday, 18 November 9:00am to 10:45am
Friday, 2 November 9:00am to 10:30am
Our next Transition to Prep day is this Friday 18 November, 2016. The children will meet in the hall at 9:00am to be grouped for 3 rotations – an introduction to the library, a PE lesson with Mr Vine and a music lesson with Mrs Ludwig. The parents will remain in the hall for a presentation by Mrs Boyle about Beginning to Read. The uniform shop will also be open for uniform orders. The session will conclude at 10:45am.

The next Transition to Prep day will be on Friday 2 December, 2016. The children will meet in the hall at 9:00am where they will meet their new teacher for 2017 and go into their classroom. Parents do not need to remain for this session. The children need to be collected from the hall again at 10:30am. Any questions or children requiring interviews for enrolment, please contact the school office on 3802 4333.

Thank you
Sue Cartner
Transition to Prep co-ordinator

HUB NEWS

Volunteer Expo
This week we hosted the first Volunteer Expo at Regents Park. 18 different stall holders were represented and offered a variety of volunteering opportunities in everything from environmental conservation, community service, training assistance dogs and indigenous tutoring, to volunteering with Queensland Police Service and Life Flight (formerly Care Flight)! If you missed the event but want to know more about how you can increase your skills to help gain employment or simply want to do something to help others, you can contact me on 3802 4333 or email me at marlob@chappy.org.au

Mental Health First Aid Course
Can you tell the difference between a suspected heart attack and a panic attack? Would you know how to help a friend or relative if they displayed symptoms of depression or anxiety? Just like completing a first aid course to assist someone with a medical emergency, the mental health first aid course will train you on how to respond in a mental health emergency. Usually costing is $300, this FREE, FULLY ACCREDITED course will run in the HUB on Monday 28/11, Tues 29/11, Mon 5/12 and Tues 6/12 from 9:00am to 12:00pm. Please see me if you are interested in attending.

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