A brief note from the principal…

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a very busy Term 4. As the term and school year draws to a close I would like to thank the students, staff and parents/carers for your support. It has been a pleasure working with the whole school community and everyone should be proud of their achievements.

Challenge Expo was a resounding success and well attended by the parents and carers. I would like to thank the Stage 3 teachers and students for all their hard work to create this event. I would also like to thank all the staff who helped ensure the event ran smoothly. The pony ride and the jumping castle were very popular with the fairy floss and slushies also attracting crowds. I would especially like to thank Mrs Woolaston who coordinated the entire event and also organised the rides, fairy floss and slushy machine.

Presentation Day was a wonderful event which was very well attended by our school community. Our invited guests were very impressed by our very talented students and the great performances on the day. I have to thank all the staff for their hard work in creating such a great event. I would like to thank Mrs Alvi, Mrs Yang and Ms Tiva Mafi for helping create such great performances.

A special thanks goes to Mrs Miles who coordinated the entire event including organising certificates and invitations and many other aspects of the Presentation day. I would also like to thank Mrs Kula for arranging and collecting the trophies and medallions.

You may recall earlier this term I sent out a parent survey asking for families to answer four questions. I would like to thank the twenty four respondents.

The results are as follows:

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Looking at the results I cannot justify creating a before and after school care service on school grounds. It would require significant investment from the school to create a suitable space and there is not enough demand from the school community for this service.

The result from the question regarding the school’s student welfare policy and the community’s awareness of it was evenly split. As a result we are looking toward developing a new welfare policy that reflects the expectations of the students, staff and parents and carers. We will be looking for community members to work closely with the school staff next year to develop a new student welfare policy that everyone has agreed upon. The survey indicated we have parents and carers willing to work on this project and look forward to this in the New Year.

On a final note I would once again like to thank everyone for their support throughout Term 4. I would like to mention our hardworking P & C and thank them for their efforts. I appreciate everyone’s contribution to the school that ensures it runs effectively and smoothly.
I wish you all a happy and safe holiday and for those that celebrate Christmas I wish you a very Merry Christmas and may the New Year bring only happiness to all.
Mrs Elizabeth Rump
Acting Principal

**Kindergarten**

Congratulations to Kindergarten for graduating and continuing onto Year 1 for many more exciting learning journeys.
Kindergartens have had a fantastic year! This year we have achieved so many milestones. Most importantly, we have made many new friends and have learnt to read and write.

In Term 4 we have been learning about Fire Safety. We were very fortunate to receive a visit from the firemen. We even had a turn on the hose!

In the holidays, please don’t forget to read and write with your children.

We would like to wish you a safe and happy holiday. Thank you for all the parent helpers this year as you have made such a big difference!
From the Kindergarten Teachers
Mrs Jones Miss Fletcher & Miss Yeung

**Stage One** teachers would like to thank all the students from Years One and Two for their hard work this year.
Our K-2 End of Year assembly acknowledged all students’ efforts and we celebrated with a special visit from Santa.
We would like to wish all children and families a happy and safe holiday and we look forward to seeing you in 2014.
Don’t forget to continue reading during the holidays and to buy essentials such as pencils, erasers and rulers in preparation for the new school year.
Stage 2 News
This term, stage 2 have been learning about Australian floral and fauna emblems. On Thursday 14th November, we planted two waratah trees in the remembrance garden. We chose this spot because waratah trees need sunlight, but also need sheltering from other trees. As Ms Anderson explained, waratahs grow best if you plant them in mounds rather than in holes in the ground. She showed us how to make the mound and border it using rocks. After that, Ms Anderson showed Eisa how to plant the Waratah tree. As we have learned, Waratah trees are “fussy” plants who need just the right conditions to grow into healthy trees, but we are hopeful that if we look after our trees and make sure they have the right amount of water and leaf litter, they will grow and start flowering by the time our year 3 students leave RPPS in 2016!
Stage 3 News

Challenge Expo was held December 3, 2013. We transformed our school hall into a fun, challenge filled venue. Year 5 and 6 had to design a challenging activity for the rest of the school. Once we decided on our activity, we had to bring in equipment and materials for the challenge. We advertised our stalls with posters and videos. For the first time we also had Pony rides, slushy machine and a fairy floss machine. The jumping castle was amazing for young and older kids. (As well as Teachers)

The Challenge expo was such a success. We raised $1700 for Stage 3!

It was a tiring but rewarding day. Thank you for all your support in helping us.

By Amelia Teekafa

P&C Final Updates for 2013

Dear Rego Members,

This is our very last newsletter for 2013 and what a year it has been!! P&C committee has achieved so much this year and we could not have done it without the support of the teachers, office staff, students and parents/carers.

December has been a very busy month for us with the end of the school year fast approaching and many events taking place. The Hangi Fundraising has been a huge success and I would like to thank Raema Toataua and Tiva Mafi for their incredible hard work and dedication.

The Challenge Expo was a memorable event, the students got to face some fun challenges created by Stage 3. There were lots of laughter and happy faces, well done Stage 3!!

Congratulations to all the winners of the Christmas Hampers. The gifts were generously donated by the wonderful people/businesses of our community below and I would like to say a BIG thank you to them for their kindness and support;

- Cincotta Chemist (Riverwood)
- Bed Bath Linen (Ahlam (Alana) Fashik) (Auburn)
- Katy Nebhan
- Donna Bailey
- Tiva Mafi

I would also like to thank our P&C members for their tremendous effort, who have gone above and beyond in volunteering themselves to the P&C commitments.

- Rabiha Kanj
- Raema Toataua
- Tiva Mafi
- Donna Bailey
- Hanan Elabed
- Yomnah Antar
- Katy Nebhan
- Leyla Kilic

And to all the parents who have made donations towards our fundraising events please kindly accept our big appreciation..

Overall, we have had such a busy but wonderful year as P&C, we would like to thank you all for your support and hope that we can continue to work and grow together to create the best school community for our children.
Have a safe and wonderful Christmas/Holidays and remember to continue reading books during the break...

Eat well, Rest well, Learn well & Play fair....

Note: School Banking will recommence on first Friday of Term 1 (2014).

**Merry Christmas & Happy New Year**

Patricia Kucukakyuz  
P&C President

**Community Corner – Term 4, week 10**

Hello to all parents and community members!  
Our kids from playgroup had a fantastic time on their excursion to Regents Park Library on the 7th November.  
Many children from different families were at the library to help celebrate Paint Auburn REaD, an initiative to encourage a love of reading from an early age. Our students took part in singing some songs and they even taught the librarian a few songs that we have been singing at our playgroup. Then they got to meet Loulou Szal, the author of ‘Hungry Mr. Croc’, who read her story and ‘One Fish, Two Fish, Red Fish, Blue Fish’ to them. After the story, they got to complete a colouring activity of Mr. Croc and they got to show off their great colouring and pencil skills.  
When the library visit was over, all the children got to play in the park and then rest in the shade with a nice picnic lunch.  
The children had a great time learning, singing and discovering new books.  
Rabiha Kanj  
Community Liaison Officer