A note from the principal…..

We have been fortunate to be selected to be part of Early Action for Success government initiative that provides the school with additional resources, both human and physical, to further support our students in achieving expected learning outcomes in the early years of schooling. As part of this initiative I would like to officially welcome our Instructional Leader Ms Galanos who will be working with us for the next three years. Ms Galanos was appointed after going through merit selection and brings with her a wealth of knowledge and expertise to further enhance the learning outcomes of our students, particularly in Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2. I am sure everyone will make her welcome.

It has been a very busy and eventful term so far. This term saw the arrival of the XO Laptops through the sponsorship of One Education. The launch held on Wednesday 28 May was well attended and I would like to thank the community for their support. We were fortunate that the CEO Rangan Srikhanta and the Daryl Lo the School Partnership Officer of One Education were able to attend our launch and meet some of the parents and students. One Education gave our school the ability to provide every student with a laptop to enable them to develop their skills and knowledge in using technology and also connect them to the world beyond the classroom. I look forward to seeing all our students working with the technology and learning in different ways.

This week we celebrated National Reconciliation Week by holding a flag raising ceremony attended by Lesley Marks the Aboriginal Community Liaison Officer and Linda Hambley the Aboriginal Education Consultant during our special assembly. We were very fortunate to have Acknowledgement of Country workshops conducted by Linda Hambley to further help all students understand the Aboriginal culture and view some authentic Aboriginal artefacts. I cannot forget to mention 3/4M and their great performances both at the flag raising ceremony and at our formal assembly. Well done. All students across the school also undertook a variety of educational activities in their classrooms to raise their awareness of Aboriginal people and their history and also created some magnificent artworks that are proudly displayed in the hall. I would like to thank Ms Martyn for her great organisation of the entire week’s activities and would also like to acknowledge and thank Ms Alvi, Ms Yang, Ms Dakmak and Ms Naidoo for their great teamwork to ensure all events went smoothly. On Friday the 30 May all students will take part in some fun Indigenous games throughout the day which will be a wonderful way to end this fantastic week.

Earlier in the term all students participated in a sport experience conducted by Sports in Schools. The company provides qualified teachers and all equipment and is a great way to ensure all our students have the opportunity to be active, happy and healthy and aware of how important it is to take part in physical activities. As part of the Physical Development, Health and Physical Education curriculum the school will be accessing the services of Sports in Schools during term 3. The program will run on Mondays during term 3 and will include all students from Kindergarten through to Year 6. There is a minimal cost to parents of $2.50 per child per week. The cost has been subsidised by the P & C and sincerely thank them for their support of the program. The program normally costs $4.50 per child per week. As an additional incentive the company only requires the first two children in a family to pay so if families have more than two children they only pay for the first two. This is a great opportunity for all students. Further information regarding the program will be sent out next week.

The Mother’s Day stall was a great success and I would like to acknowledge all the helpers for their great work. Not only did they spend weeks organising the gifts but they also worked tirelessly...
on the stall to ensure all students could purchase a gift for their mother. Thank you.

Semester 1 progress reports will be sent home on Wednesday the 18\textsuperscript{th} of June. I encourage all parents to look at all aspects of the report including the teacher’s comments. Parent and teacher interviews will be conducted after reports have been issued. I encourage all parents to meet with their child’s teacher to discuss their child’s achievement and progress. Notes with the dates and times of when interviews will be held will be sent in the coming weeks.

Lastly and most importantly I would sincerely like to thank the community for their wonderful support of our school and all the events. Your support is very important to us. The partnership between home and school is vital to ensure success for all our children. I look forward to working closely with the entire school community and know there are many exciting and wonderful things to come.

Mrs Elizabeth Rump
Principal

Students participating in Sport in School

XO Laptop Launch

Dear Rego Members,

What a busy and productive way to begin Term 2, our P&C committee had only a short period of time to organise an Annual Mother’s Day Stall but our co-ordinators and volunteers have surely pulled this off wonderfully. The support we have received from the students and community was tremendous. We managed to sell all the beautiful gifts, a lot of mummies were spoilt, just happy faces all around!! But the most satisfying part is
knowing that the proceeds of this event will be donated to the school for the sporting program.

On that note I would like to thank Katy Nebhan & Virginia Willie for their great co-ordinating skills for this event, I’d also like to Tiva Mafi, Amel Jamal, Colleen & Hanan Elabed for their kind assistance.

This will be my last Newsletter as your P&C President, due to my personal circumstances I regrettably could not continue my time in this role, however, a new President along with new executive members of P&C committee have been elected and they will continue to assist the school and the school staff in providing and ensuring that the students have the best school environment.

Our new P&C executive committee:

President – Virginia Willie
Vice Presidents- Yomnah Antar & Tiva Mafi
Treasurer- Jade Winterstein
Secretary- Katy Nebhan

I would like our parents, carers and students to continue supporting our P&C committee and work together to achieve the positive outcomes for the best of our students.

Thank you for your support...

Eat Well, Rest Well, Learn Well & Play Fair.

Patricia Kucukakyuz
P&C Committee

Community Liaison

What a wonderful group of parents and carers we have at Regents Park Public School. The latter weeks of term one saw us partake in many exciting activities. On 3rd April the Playgroup Room was full of children eager to make hats to show off at the School Easter Hat Parade. It was a wonderful opportunity for the pre-schoolers to get involved with creative play and share the great results with the rest of the school community. Everyone was impressed with their hats and the dedication of parents who are a wonderful source of encouragement to all our children. Thank you to the event organisers Mrs Kula, Ms Fletcher and of course Mrs Elizabeth Rump for giving our future students the opportunity to engage in and enjoy school events. There will be many more to come throughout the year.

I am very pleased and excited to announce that Regents Park Public School will be holding a Fete on the afternoon of Friday 31st October 2014. Organisation of the event is well under way and I look forward to working with all of you to host a fun event that will bring together our students, community and local businesses. Please look out for notes going out with your children in the coming weeks for further information. If you have any questions or ideas please feel free to contact me via email at katy.nebhan@det.nsw.edu.au or by calling the school on 9644 2404. If you leave your name and number I will contact you for a chat!

On 21st and 22nd May we decided to get rid of the old and paint the walls, literally, in the Playgroup Room. The room is undergoing a complete makeover to create a magical and inspiring space for all the children in our local community. I would like to thank the wonderful Colleen and Virginia who gave their time to help me paint the room. The school is privileged to have such wonderful parents and carers. An official launch of the Playgroup Room will take place once the final touches are made. A note will be sent out prior to the event and I look forward to seeing many of you to celebrate and enjoy a lovely morning tea. It is never too late to join the Playgroup fun every Thursday from 9-10.30am. Everyone is welcome. I also encourage all parents and community members who are interested in improving their English to attend the FREE English classes run by TAFE Outreach every Friday from 9-12pm in the Community Room. Free child minding is available so do come along.

I look forward to more wonderful community activities in the coming weeks.

Katy Nebhan
Community Liaison Officer
Kindergarten

Term 2
This term, Kindergarten have been learning about How Things Grow and Change. The chicks have finally arrived! We watched them hatch from the eggs and grow into little chicks. The students made sure we fed them and gave them fresh water daily.

We had lots of fun in our Athletics Carnival! Students ran for two laps. Physical activity is very important in a child’s development. We highly encourage lots of outdoor activity! We always talk about eating healthy and staying active.

Literacy
We have been practising our writing skills and learning to write with a capital letter, finger spaces and adding a full stop at the end of our sentence. Please practise lots of writing at home with your child! Don’t forget to read their Home Readers! This helps develop a lifelong love of learning and helps in all areas of schooling.

Numeracy
In Maths we have been learning how to count from 1-30 forwards and backwards. We have also been learning about 2D & 3D shapes and heavy and light objects in our environment.

Kindergarten Teachers

Stage 1
Term 2 is well under way and Stage One students are working hard in all areas. This term in COGs we are looking at how the weather in Australia affects our lives and how people work together in our community. We are reading, writing and talking about informative texts in Literacy and looking at 2D and 3D shapes in Numeracy. Later in the term we are visiting the State Library where we will take a tour, hear a story and see how the people who work there help our community.

Below are some photos from last term’s excursion to the NSW Art Gallery where we viewed many Portraits and took part in guided tours.
Stage 2 has had such a busy start to the term. We have been busily preparing Year 3 for Naplan and supporting them through this new experience. We are glad to have all completed this test and we are eagerly awaiting our results. During this preparation we wrote many Persuasive and Imaginative text and here are a few to share.

**Dear Mr Tony Abbott,**

My name is Trist Wang and I am in year 3 at Regents Park Public School. I strongly believe that everyone should be living together in a Harmonious way therefore we must show respect, be safe and work together to create a happy community. Firstly, if we show respect we can help others by showing them we care. Secondly, being safe is important because by being safe we can prevent accidents and crime. If we are safe we won’t have to bother police and they can get extra rest. And the ability of having crime will decrease and so we can have a peaceful and content community. Finally, by working together we can create a happy community by sharing. We also have to accept that we are different but that we are one.

In Conclusion, I strongly believe that we must create a good community for people to live in therefore we must work together.

Thank You for Reading My Letter,
Trist

**The Box**

One day there was a boy named Tom. He looked like the coolest kid on Earth. His hair colour was blue, his jacket was black and his eyes were shiny and gold. His dream was to be a hero. One day he was walking on the street when he saw an alien spaceship. The aliens shouted “surrender Earth or die!” People screamed. Then Tom found a box, he opened it, inside the box was a map and script. The script said “follow the map to save Earth”. Dodging alien fire Tom followed the map to the beach. He found another box, but there was a problem. The evil aliens were all around him. Luckily he learned Kung-Fu at his Kung-Fu school. He killed the aliens around him and ran to the box. Inside the box was a laser gun, armour, a shield and a gun. Tom then found another map. He followed the map and shot more aliens and protected himself with his energy shield. Tom then found another box, inside was a portal maker. He made a portal and out came one million army robots under his command. Tom told the army of robots to attack the aliens. Then a battle began, good versus evil. They fought for five hours. The boss alien fought Tom, they fought for five minutes and Tom won. The Prime Minister called Tom a hero and Tom’s dream came true.

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This term we are learning about the local Government and the services that our local Council provides to us. We will be visiting our local Council to see what the Council and the Chambers provide for the community. We will publish our photos in the next Newsletter.

**Stage 3**

With no time to waste, Stage 3 students started term 2 with a bang! So much has happened so early in the term starting with Year 5 students who participated in Naplan testing. We all wish these students well.

During Naplan, year 6 students chose the style of year 6 T-shirts that they would like to have and extra notes to order the shirts can be found at the office. Year 6 shirts are a great investment for students who are going to High School next year as they could ask their friends, peers and teachers to write them a farewell message that they can keep forever.

As the term go on and we near the end of year, Stage 3 will hold many fun fundraising events to help raise money for the year 6 farewell, starting with a delicious cake stall that was held on Tuesday 27th May. The most amazing event that excited the Stage 3 students was the launch of the XO laptops. Along with every student in the whole school, Stage 3 students each have their own XO laptop which they use on a daily basis. It didn’t take long for them to grasp the new technology and take control of their own learning abilities.
More information about these XO laptops can be found on our school website.

😊 Stage 3 Teachers