A note from the principal…

I would like to extend my sincere thanks to everyone for the fantastic start to the 2015 school year. Students, parents/carers, teachers and the administrative staff have all worked wonderfully together.

Classes

Every year schools have to estimate the number of students in each scholastic year. There are times when we are able to establish classes from the beginning of the year with no changes.

This year we needed to adjust some classes to ensure all classes had the appropriate number of students. I would like to thank the parents of the students who were affected by the change for their support and understanding.

Attendance

Regular school attendance has been proven to increase a child’s ability to succeed academically and socially.

Please ensure your child is at school before 9:00am. The beginning of the school day is very important as it sets your child up for their day of learning. Teachers outline the days learning and activities for the day so that all the students are aware of how the day is organised.

Regular absences from school impact negatively on a child’s learning. If your child is ill please keep them at home and provide the teacher with a note explaining why your child was absent.

Consider travel arrangements as taking children out of school for a number weeks and months during the school term can put your child’s learning back by 6 months to a year.

I would like to thank parents and carers in advance for their understanding and cooperation in this matter.

Uniform

School uniform should be worn every day unless there is a special event that requires students to dress in “mufti”.

Summer uniform

Boy Girls
Grey Shorts School Dress / Culottes with
Lemon Polo Shirt Lemon Polo Shirt
Grey socks Lemon socks
Boys and Girls
Black Shoes
Green cap / hat
Bottle Green Jumper/Jacket

I am looking forward to a wonderful 2015.

Mrs Elizabeth Rump

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Welcome to Kindergarten

It is amazing to see how well our students have settled into kindergarten. We will definitely aim to create beautiful memories for them in their first year of formal schooling.

We have been busy these past few weeks helping your child communicate effectively with teachers and peers and we hope to continue their oral development throughout this term. We have also engaged them in a social skills program to help them transition more smoothly into kindergarten.

Your child over the next few weeks will be formally introduced to all key learning areas which are Mathematics, English, Science and Technology, HSIE, PDHPE and CAPA.

We are pleased to see that most of our students are bringing healthy lunch boxes to school and we hope this continues through the year. A healthy diet and regular snacks/meals assist children to maintain their concentration and increase their capacity to learn.

Please ensure that all belongings such as hats, lunch boxes, water bottles and jumpers are clearly labelled with your child’s name.

Over the next few weeks please encourage your child to practice taking his or her jumper on and off, learn to open and close lunch boxes on their own, tie shoe laces and pack their own school bags. This will aid in developing their independence and promotes a sense of responsibility.

Please feel free to contact us if you have additional questions or concerns.

We are so excited to be teaching your children this year.

Regards,
The Kindergarten Team

Stage 1

Welcome to term 1! Stage 1 students have settled in well to their new classes and are well into their learning. In English, we are practising our recount writing skills and learning the different grammar used to make our writing more interesting. In Mathematics, we will be focussing on Whole Number, Addition and Subtraction, Multiplication and Division and Fractions and Decimals. In Science and Technology we are learning about how sound affects our lives and in HSIE students are learning about how features of the community change over time and how the past shapes the present. It’s going to be an exciting term filled with jam-packed learning.

The children look wonderful in their school uniforms. Please ensure that your children are dressed in full school uniform to school every day. Students also need a hat every day as our school has a “No hat, sit on the silver seats” policy. Please ensure all your children’s belongings are marked with their name. To encourage healthy eating, please send along healthy snacks for your child to enjoy during Crunch n Sip.

Lastly, we would like to encourage the students to complete their homework tasks and encourage you to ensure that your child is reading on a daily basis. Thank you for all your support.

Stage 1 teachers
Stage 2 News
What a fantastic start Stage 2 students have made to 2015! All students have settled really quickly into their new classes and are busy working towards all the learning goals we have set for this year.
We are currently working on our reading, writing and talking and listening skills around our recount unit. In Maths we are counting forwards and backwards by tens, hundreds and thousands. We have been working hard at locating position in and out of the classroom as well as playing with lots of 2D shapes. Students have really enjoyed learning this way. We have begun exploring the life cycle of living things including environmental effects on them like drought, fires and pollution. We are also growing our own beans to explore lifecycles. It is so much fun! Many of us have been learning to skip outside and fine tuning tricks with both long and short ropes. 3/4W will be performing some of these tricks at assembly in Week 6. What a busy term it has been so far!

Reading Eggs and Spelling City as often as they can. These websites are fantastic! We are pleased to see so many students remembering their crunch n sip and bringing healthy lunchboxes to school. We hope this continues throughout the year, as a healthy diet will assist students to concentrate and learn.

Please make sure your student is arriving to school on time and in full school uniform every day. It also helps that their personal property is clearly labelled. Stage 2 classes will participate in Stage sport on Friday so on these days students must wear sports uniform.

Library days for each class are listed below. Students are expected to borrow and return books weekly. To participate in library borrowing they will need a library bag as well.
2/3B – Tuesday
3/4DM – Thursday
3/4W – Thursday

Stationary requirements for each class are listed in the newsletter; make sure your student has these items in their pencil case so they are prepared for learning each day. It would also be appreciated if each student could donate a box of tissues for class use over the year.

We are very much looking forward to a fun and exciting year together! If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to speak to us.

Kind regards,
Stage 2 Teachers.

Thank you to all the students who have completed homework and returned it to school each Friday. Homework is an important part of your child’s education. It is designed to be independent and not require assistance from parents. If your child requires additional work or extension, we encourage our students to go on to Mathletics,
News from Stage 3
Welcome back to another school year. We are very excited to be working with your children and watching them develop into responsible citizens. The teacher for stage 3, 2015 are:
4/5A Ms Arevalo
5/6M Miss Martyn
5/6W Mrs Woolaston (Assistant Principal)

Your child has been given all the exercise books that they will require in school. It would be helpful if your child could have the following equipment at school:
- Coloured pencils / Textas
- Glue Stick
- Barrel Pencil sharpener
- HB Pencils
It would also be appreciated if each child could donate 2 boxes of tissues to the class.

Semester One Units

English:
Natural Disasters – this unit looks at some of the terrible natural disasters that made headlines around the world in recent years. Students will be involved in reading, writing, spelling, grammar and punctuation activities with a focus on author purpose.
A Continent of Ice and Snow – this unit involves students reading and writing about the relationship between humans and the continent of Antarctica. During the unit, students will also have spelling, grammar and punctuation activities based on the topic.
Students will also participate in regular Literacy Contract sessions with a range of activities such as: writer’s notebook, reading journal, topic book studies and comprehension cards.

Maths:
Addition and Subtraction
Multiplication and Division
2D Shapes and 3D Space
Chance
Whole Numbers
Length, Perimeter and Area

Science:
Earth and Space – investigating how natural events cause rapid changes to the Earth’s surface. Understanding key features of the solar system and the contribution of people from a range of cultures over time to the advancement of science.

Material World – identify the observable properties of solids, liquids and gases. They compare and classify different types of observable changes to materials, considering how their properties determine their use.

HSIE:
Democracy – Students develop knowledge and understanding of the history of Australian democracy and significant events and people, before the 20th century, that have shaped the identity of Australia and are represented in national symbols.
Antarctica – Students explore issues and decision-making involved in human interaction in the Antarctic. The unit focuses on how beliefs about human interaction have changed over time and differ from person to person, depending on their perspective and interest in the area.

PD/H/PE:
Being Safe and Understanding Ourselves – students will explore different strategies they can implement to stay safe on the road and around water such as swimming pools. Students will also learn more about their characteristics and attributes along with learning how to build positive relationships with others.

Creative Arts:
Drama – In this unit students work in improvisation and movement to develop a performance in response to a natural disaster such as cyclones, bushfires or floods.
Visual Arts – This unit of work focuses on the subject matter of Antarctica and offers students the opportunity to explore animals and landscapes in their art making.

The year may have only just started but the high school process for students going to high school in 2016 is about to start.
Many high schools have an open morning/afternoon for parents and students to visit.
and see what the school has to offer. The dates we have so far are as follows:
Homebush Boys  6 March 9:30-11:30
Birrong Girls   5 March 10:30-12:30
Birrong Boys   3 March 4:00- 6:00
Concord        3 March from 5:30
Chester Hill   3 March 1:30-2:15
High School application forms will be distributed to parents on 9 March. We will also be having a High School information session at Regents Park Public School on 9 March at 3:15 in 5/6W classroom, to explain the application process and assist you in filling out the application.
All applications MUST be returned to school by 20 March.

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Swimming Carnival
Well done to all of this year’s swimming carnival participants! What a great effort by all swimmers. Here is some of the action……

Community News
Welcome back to all our wonderful students, parents and community members. I am delighted to be back as Community Liaison Officer at Regents Park PS for 2015! It promises to be an exciting year for our students and the broader community with numerous events in the pipeline over the coming months.

We were lucky to have the Cancer Council visit our school on Tuesday 10th February to run a free Healthy Lunchbox Session for our parents. It was informative and well received and I'd like to thank the Cancer Council and everyone who attended.

The school is in the process of setting up a ‘community space’ and we look forward to engaging with many more of you in the coming months. Although the Tafe Outreach Program is no longer running free English classes, I am looking into alternative funding in order to have classes up and running in Term 2. Further information will be provided towards the end of Term 1.

The playgroup will continue to run every Thursday from 9-10.30am in the Playgroup Room. This is a great way to introduce your child to the school environment and give them the opportunity to engage in interactive play and early learning concepts as well as social interaction. In our first session we read Brown Bread and Honey by Pamela Allen and children had a taste test, and yes, it is just as delicious as the king said it was!
Last week we made a lovely heart for everyone at Regents Park PS for Valentine's Day. All community members with preschool aged children are welcome to attend Playgroup so come along for some fun, games, craft and story time.

We always welcome feedback and new ideas. Feel free to contact me via email at katy.nebhan@det.nsw.edu.au, by phone on 9644 2404 or am I happy to meet you on Thursdays between school hours.

2015 Elections for Executive Committee
President
Virginia Willie
Vice president
Yomnah Antar
2nd Vice President
Tiva Mafi
Secretary
Currently Vacant
Treasurers
Janie Raphiana
Raema Koteka

Thank you Raema Koteka Secretary 2015

School Banking
Every Friday between 8.30am - 9am
Farewell to Barbara Perry and Welcome to Luke Foley AUBURN MP.

Up and Coming Events
Friday 6 March 2015     General Meeting
9.15am     Meeting Room
Friday 13 March 2015     Park Reach
3-5pm     Guilfoyle Park
19 March 2015     Harmony Day School
Sunday 22 March 2015    BBQ Bunning
7-4pm     Lidcombe
Saturday 28 March 2015  State Election
9-5pm     School

Regents Park Public School P&C Association

P&C
Welcome to Year 2015. We would like to show our appreciation to our new members this month on our first P&C meeting. We have 15 new members. Last year in December we had a Christmas hamper fundraising. All hampers were donated by the school and community. The classes that donated the most hampers were 1N and 3/4K. Both classes were rewarded with a free sausage sizzle and ice block. Overall, we raised $457. Thank you Barbara Perry, I.G.A Birrong, Jason Clare, Rebel Sport Auburn, Bunnings Warehouse Lidcombe, Hanan Elabed Family, Big W Auburn, Woolworths Beralta and Dooleys Lidcombe for supporting our Christmas Hamper.

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PHYSICAL CULTURE CLUB

MONDAYS - St. Peter Chanel Hall, Kingsland Road, BERALA
FRIDAYS - Berala Public School Hall, Harrow Road, BERALA

COME DANCING TO :-
KEEP FIT - HAVE FUN - MEET NEW FRIENDS
2015 CLASSES
Physical Culture or "Physie" is a form of dance for girls and women of all ages from 2/3 years to Grandmothers. It aims to build confidence, good posture, fitness and flexibility through dance.

Each age group has choreography that is age and ability designed and updated annually. It is all performed to modern music. It is comprised of several routines including aerobic style warm-up, basic ballet, exercises and a modern style jazz dance.

INSTRUCTRESSES - NICOLE BAKER & REBECCA WHITE
Bjelke Petersen Syllabus taught.

ENQUIRIES - Karen White
9793 2422 / 0408 263170
Denise Baker 9649 6218

Email: beralaphysie@hotmail.com
Or check out our website: www.beralaphysie.com.au

NEW MEMBERS WELCOME - FIRST LESSON FREE!

Learn Music on the keyboard at Regents Park Public School
Great songs! Musical games! Cool music knowledge!

▷ Convenient at-school venue ▷
▷ Small group - 45 min weekly lesson ▷
▷ Competitive rate - $27 per session ▷
(GST incl. Please do not forward payment to the school office.)
▷ Instrument not required initially ▷
▷ Music material provided ▷


Please call 9411 3122 to enrol

NEW FREE ACTIVITIES FOR FAMILIES, CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE OF REGENTS PARK

The Regents Park Reach Program aims to provide Regents Park residents, with new opportunities to get to know your neighbours, participate in free activities, and learn more about Council and community services in your local area. The new Program will offer a range of activities for families with children under 12 years old and a separate ‘youth zone’ with activities for young people aged 12-24 years old.

FAMILY ZONE YOUTH ZONE
• Free friendly activities for kids and families
• Jumping castle
• BBQ fundraiser
• Information on Council and community services
• Free sporting clinics
• Interactive workshops and games
• Music

LOCATION:
Guilfoyle Park is just a short walk from the Regents Park Town Centre.
Entry via Regent Street or Amy Street, Regents Park (located behind the Regents Park Library and Community Centre).
In the case of wet weather, activities will be cancelled.

Key Dates for 2015
• Friday 13 March, 3pm-5pm
• Friday 12 June, 3pm-5pm
• Friday 4 September, 3pm-5pm
• Friday 20 November, 3pm-5pm
Stationery Requirements for Students 2015
Everything to be labelled and replaced when necessary

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SAY CHEESE
School Photo Day is 11th March 2015

Have your child’s school memories captured forever
Please take time to read the relevant information on the MSP Photography payment envelopes and remember these helpful points:

- Don’t seal envelopes inside each other. You can pay for all children in one envelope however each child needs to have their own envelope on photo day
- Family envelopes are available at the school office upon request.
- Please enclose correct money as no change is given. Cash, cheques and money orders only (sorry no credit card accepted)

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