A note from the principal…

As Term 1 ends I would like to thank the students, staff and community for a wonderful start to the 2016 school year. We have celebrated Harmony Day acknowledging diversity and have built a better understanding of each other’s uniqueness. This is an important aspect of identifying and being Australian whilst recognising our own and others cultural backgrounds.

I believe we are very lucky here at Regents Park PS with our great community working together to ensure harmony within the school.

School Hours
Just a reminder that school starts at 9:00am and finishes at 3:00pm.
I understand that at times things may occur that make your child or children late for school or make you late to pick them up.
Your child’s best learning time is at the beginning of the day and it is important your child or children start the day well by being on time.
It is also very important your child or children are picked up at 3:00pm. If an emergency occurs that prevents you picking your child or children up on time please contact the school. You can arrange a person listed on your emergency contact list to pick your child up in your place.
If you have ongoing commitments that prevent you from picking your child or children up on time you will need to arrange appropriate after school care.
Your cooperation in this matter is appreciated.

Bridge Work at Regents Park
As you may be aware there will be a major upgrade of the bridge over the railway line which connects Auburn Road to Carlingford Road. This work is scheduled to start on April 15 until August 30. Please be aware there will be detours in place and this may impact on your travel times.
The pedestrian crossing in Amy Street will operate in the mornings and afternoons.

And finally…

I wish everyone a safe and relaxing holiday.
Please stay safe and I look forward to seeing you in Term 2.

Mrs Elizabeth Rump

District Swimming
Congratulations to Sheree and Aaron for making it to the Bankstown District Swimming Championships. It was a wonderful day and the students swam in many events and did extremely well.
A big thanks to Mrs S. for taking the students to the carnival and doing a fabulous job as time keeper all day!
Regional Basketball Trials
Congratulations to both Eisa and Niketa for making it into the Bankstown District Basketball teams and playing at the Sydney South West Regional Carnival on Monday March 7th. A lot of skill and courage was displayed by both students and they have made the Regents Park Community very proud!

Paula Anderson

TERM 2 CALENDAR
Term 2 starts Wed April 27th for all students
May 10-12 NAPLAN for Yr 3 & 5
May 27 District Cross Country
May 31 Stewart House Clothing Collection
June 16 Region Cross Country
June 29 Choir Rehearsal
June 30th Birrong GHS for Years 4 & 5 girls
July 1st Last day of Term 2

Kindergarten News!!!
Over the term our Kindergarten students have grown and they have developed a range of skills. Students are engaged in quality “Read To” sessions on a daily basis and most are now able to listen and respond to questions about the stories that are read to them. They are also involved in guided reading sessions where they are learning to read with one to one correspondence. In guided writing students are learning to record sounds and over time will learn to write simple sentences.
During Maths lessons students have been learning to count backwards and forwards from 1-20 and be able to identify numbers from 1-10. We have learnt about data, 2D shapes and time. In other learning areas we have been learning about our families, past and present, natural and built environments and road safety. Students are also having fun engaging in sport and dance which takes place on Fridays.
On Thursday we took part in our school’s hat parade. Students enjoyed creating their own hats and looked incredible during the parade. We have loved seeing our Kindergarten students grow over the term. They have developed a strong sense of confidence, and have developed good relationships with teachers, classmates and other students. They are learning to actively follow our School Rules which are; Value Learning, Show Respect and Be Safe.
We wish you a safe and enjoyable holiday
The Kindergarten Team

PBL STARS
Week 5 Assembly
Nasser 5/6D
Adam 4/5A
Angelyn 5/6D
Kelvin 5/6D

Week 7 Assembly
Fatima 3/4T
Mohamad Osman 3/4T
Angelyn 5/6D
Jennifer K/1F
Stage 1 News

Stage 1 students enjoyed showing their hats to the school at the parade last Thursday. They made the hats with the help of the Stage 2 and 3 buddies, and were very proud of how gorgeous they looked. Thank you to all of the parents who came and watched.

Students in Stage 1 have been learning about families. The students have shared stories about their families, and explained what makes their family special. Students have created family trees and read lots of stories around family life.

Stage 1 teachers have been attending Professional Development in implementing L3 (Language, Learning and Literacy). We have been making lots of changes in our classrooms and in the way we teach literacy. Thank you to Mrs Welch, Mrs Brutovska and Mrs Galanos who have been supporting us in the classroom.

Stage 1 Teachers

Stage Two

Stage Two students have worked well this semester in all areas. In addition to their work in English and Maths, Year Three have begun preparations for NAPLAN by practising past exams and questions in Reading, Writing and Maths. This should assist them in feeling better prepared for the tests early in Term Two.

Our excursion to Kamay Botany Bay National Park was a wonderful experience for the students. They participated in activities that were both educational and enjoyable and helped consolidate their learning in HSIE around Captain Cook’s arrival and the First Fleet. The photos below show some of the activities from the day.

In CAPA and PE we have been learning and developing our skills in Dance and Zumba Fitness. The students have begun to work in groups to choreograph their own unique routine to a short piece of music. We will be performing them to the stage at the end of the term.

We hope all students have a safe and relaxing break and we would like to encourage all students to continue reading throughout the holidays.

Thank you to those students who make our school proud by wearing full school uniform on a daily basis and by following our school and PBL rules consistently.

Stage Two teachers
Stage 3 has been extremely busy with their learning at school and around our community. Please look at the photos and read about the fun things we have done this month!
Young Leaders Day
Birrong Boys Science Day
Easter Show
MP Jason Clare visit

From Stage 3

MP Jason Clare’s visit
The Easter show farming exhibit was fun and it did keep me entertained. The animals, the dairy, the food and especially the flavoured drinks were interesting. Pretty much everything there was fun but I already knew what was coming and it didn’t surprise me the only surprising part was the food and drinks – I didn’t see that coming at all.

Yasin
Royal Easter Show
Yesterday stage 3 went on an excursion. We went to Olympic park we had to be at school at 8:05am. The teacher called the roll and then we started walking to the train station. Firstly we watched the sheep get sheared and went with a volunteer named Herbert. We went to pat a pig, the pigs were fast and the parents were big.
Secondly we went to see the sheep get shorn again but this time we got to touch some wool but only a bit. What we were supposed to do was go to the apples, so we did, and then we grew apples and wrote our names on it. Thirdly we went to a cooking class to make couscous and it was yum. Then we went to where all the animals were. We got to be on camera and we had to find the answers of all the questions we got.

Mattin
Easter Show

Birrong Boys Science Day
INFLATABLE BALLS flowing around during the speeches. Many other young leaders were also attending the day, and the hosts estimated that there were around 6000 students and teachers in the stadium.

But, my favourite speaker out of all of them was Winter - the winning surfer. The reason why I loved his speech was that he helped millions of homeless villagers in Indonesia by donating a tub of water costing $50 each. His speech was amazing because he is such a young person helping others which makes me feel proud of him. He has travelled to Indonesia more than 50 times. But overall we would like to say a huge Thank You to Mrs De Marcellis and Mrs Arevelo for taking us Prefects to Young Leader's Day.

Andy Truong

On the 29th of February, the school leaders of RPPS went to National Young Leaders Day at Allphones Arena in Olympic Park. There were more than 6,000 school leaders.

There we met Nathan Want, also known as ‘Dubsy’. Dubsy was cricket captain and that’s what inspired him to be a leader. Dubsy talked about leadership and he told us that you should always be proud of what you are, never give up on your dreams and it’s not always easy but it’s worth it. We had other famous people who talked a lot about leadership and I was so inspired by them, in fact everyone was inspired.

We would to thank Miss De Marcellis and Miss Arevalo for accompanying the School Captains.

Zaynab P

Hey everyone, I’m one of the prefects and we went to Young Leaders Day. We had lots of fun and we eventually got extremely tired because of all the walking. The crew and I saw many hard workers who kept trying harder and harder to make their dreams come true. We had some inflatable balls falling and since I was on the edge I could see everyone walking in and out. Okay, well just maybe an adult got nailed in the face with the giant balls but hey, they’re okay.

We ended up seeing lots of great people and other schools that looked amazing. Also guess what you’ll be jealous of this because we got to see SCOTT TWEETY. Yep. This was a great experience going there and I would urge everyone to go because this gives people good and fun learning. Anyway the one thing that we all learnt was “Just Because We Are Kids Doesn’t Mean
We Can’t Try!” Thanks to teachers for bringing us all!
Francis

Melanie Lee, Author, Illustrator and a mother of two. She moved from the busy, noisy, dirty and stressful life of the city to a beautiful, peaceful, clean, and calm life of the farm. She grew her own food, painted, wrote, and inspired everyone in the arena and even me. She told us her story of her life and what part she takes in being a leader. She told us that you don’t have to do big things to be a leader, it comes from the small things that you know are right . If you add up all the little things you’ve done, you might well become an extraordinary future leader.

We had a Wonderful day and we would love to thank our extraordinary teachers who accompanied us on the way.
Remember, Master The Little.
Valerie

NATIONAL YOUNG LEADERS DAY
On the 29th of February it was National Young Leader Day. Humzah, Zam Zam, Valery, Mamou, Andy and myself got chosen to go which was a massive honour. It was going to be held at Allphones Arena and there were over 6000 people there!
I arrived at school at 7:45am. We had a chat about what was happening. At 8:00 O’clock we left school to go to the train station. We got to the first station and caught the train, and we arrived at Olympic Park at about 8:40. From there we walked to Allphones Arena which took about 10 minutes. There was a long queue but eventually we got in.
The first speaker was Natan Dubzy who has been a leader since the age of 10 and has been debating since the age of 14. One of the things he said was “it’s not going to be easy but it’s worth it” and the theme was “mastering the little” that’s because instead of taking all the big steps in life take the small steps because they all add up over time.
The second speaker was Melanie Lee who was an author of kids’ books and one of her books is called A Boy Who goes Into The World. She said that you need to let things go because she used to live in the city with supermarkets and technology but instead she went to a 35 acre farm.
Later it was lunch and I really started to think about the things that Dubzy and Melanie said like it’s not easy but it’s always worth it and letting things go.
After that we went back and all of a sudden they said they were going to throw massive beach balls into the audience which to be fair was pretty AWESOME!

Next Commissioner Andrew Scipione spoke and he came to talk about leadership and how he got from the lowest rank officer to the highest. His quote was also ‘little things add up over time’. Then Ben Austin came - he is the #1 Paralympian swimmer. He said once he raced a person who had no arms and half a leg and because of that Ben thought he could beat him because he’d raced people who had all body parts. He was wrong. The man ended up taking 1st place. He said “there are no limits”. Later Sean and Winter came to talk about their foundation that raises money for clean water around the world. They have raised money that fits 15 000 filters. Now that’s a big wave of impact!

Finally Scott Tweedie, a Google Magician, a chocolate maker and a Catcafe owner came to speak. They said you need to focus with no distractions. And just before it finished we left which I didn’t mind because I had a lot of fun.

By Mohamad Alsodany 4/5A
Community News
It has been a whirlwind of activity at Regents Park Public School with members of our wonderful community participating in all of our school events. As well as the Easter Hat Parade, Harmony Day and the opening of our new playground, our free English classes are still running as is the increasingly popular FREE Playgroup every Thursday morning. There will be free activities at Bunnings Lidcombe in Term 2 and more community events so stay tuned and have a wonderful school break.
Ms Katy Nebhan
Community Liaison Officer

Regents Park Public School is a PBL school. PBL means Positive Behaviour for Learning. Students at Regents Park are rewarded for following the school rules.

When students do the right thing they are given a ticket that they place in the PBL boxes near the office.
At each assembly a student is drawn out of each box and presented with a fabulous school drink bottle. All remaining tickets are then mixed together and the overall PBL Star is drawn out! This lucky student wins a FREE lunch order from the canteen.

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS AT YOUR LOCAL LIBRARY
All the Bankstown libraries have captivating and imaginative school holiday programs planned for 2016 April School holidays. Bankstown City Library and Information Service will once again present fun-filled activities for primary and high school aged children during the April School holidays. There will be FREE craft workshops for 5-12 year olds. Also we will have a Magic Show for $4 per ticket. Look for Minecraft Jam and Coding Club for kids 8-14 yrs where you can learn coding basics to develop games and animations (Bankstown Library and Knowledge Centre). All FREE School Holiday activities are held 2.30pm – 4.00pm. Bookings are required for all activities and can be made online http://tinyurl.com/bccsha or in person at each library. Bookings open on 4th April from 9am. Preschool Storytimes and Baby Rhyme Time sessions will continue during the school holidays at all library locations. For further enquiries please call Tara Cordina, Children’s and Youth Technical Specialist on (02) 9707 9731.