What’s Happening:

**MARCH**

26-27  Brisbane Leadership Year 6
28    Easter Hat Parade  
      Easter Raffle to be drawn  
29    Public Holiday—Good Friday

**APRIL**

1       Public Holiday—Easter Monday
3       P&C Meeting 6 pm—All welcome
12      Last Day Term 1
29 & 30  Staff Development Day

**MAY**

1       Students return to school for Term 2

**CANTEEN ROSTER**

Friday 29.3.13  No Canteen—Good Friday  
Friday 5.4.13   Riana Kemp/Ashley Chelman

**P&C meeting- change of date**

The P&C meeting has been moved to the 3rd of April at 6pm. We look forward to seeing you there. All welcome. 
*Kim Shaw, P&C President*

**Easter Raffle**

We will be holding an Easter raffle to raise funds to support programs at Repton School and we are requesting donations of Easter eggs or other Easter-related gifts to help with this fundraiser. Items can be left at the front office. The raffle will be drawn at the Easter Hat Parade on Thursday 28th March. The Easter Hat Parade will commence at 2pm and the raffle will be drawn following this event. All parents and families are welcome to join us for this event. Thank you for your support. *Tickets for the raffle are attached.***

**Fundraising event a great success!**

Congratulations to everyone who assisted with the P&C fundraising event on the 22nd and 23rd March. Thank you to all the families who cooked cakes and other goodies for the stall. A special thanks to Leisl Dowling for setting up the cake stall at Bellingen IGA on Friday 22nd March, and to Alicia Gwynne, Christina Rixon, Bec Fieldes, Nadine Rahman and Mala Austin, and her friends (Lauren and Bec), for helping to run the stall throughout the day. They managed to raise over $600 in the selling of raffle tickets and cakes. Well done, team!

Although we didn’t have a large number of participants at barefoot bowls, we still managed to have a fabulous afternoon of fun at North Beach Bowling Club. Thank you to the parents, school staff and community members for supporting this event and showing off some amazing bowling skills. Thank you to North Beach Bowling Club for the use of their facilities for the day.

A special thanks to Kim Shaw and the P&C for organising this fundraiser which raised a total of $1172.30 for the students at Repton Public School. The community support is valued and appreciated by all of us at Repton.

**Easter Break and School Holidays**

We wish all our families a safe and enjoyable Easter long weekend. School continues as normal from the 2nd of April until the 12th of April when we then break for the end of term school holidays. The first day back for students in term 2 is Wednesday the 1st of May. The staff return on Monday and Tuesday the 29th and 30th of April to participate in 2 days of professional learning. They will be engaging in learning about the new English curriculum and a Community of Schools project called Tools 4 Learning. More information regarding both of these programs will be included in the newsletters in term 2.

Sally Ryan

**Dear Parents,**

Repton PS will be hosting a visit of a number of refugee students from Orara High School. This visit is part of a unit of study on Refugees being undertaken by the Year 5/6 class. Repton students will be interviewing young refugees from Burma, Afghanistan and Sudan and then writing a refugee biography. The visit will be on Thursday 4th April from 1.00pm. Parents are welcome to attend.

Carol Sheppard

**GUITAR LESSONS**

There will be a make up Guitar Lesson on Tuesday 9th April, for those students who attend guitar lessons. Please bring your guitars on this day.

**2012 Annual School Report- now available**

The annual school report is our evaluation of the school, its teachers, students and school community during the past year. Read the 2012 report to find out statistical information about us, such as how our students have performed against national minimal standards for reading, writing and numeracy in the NAPLAN tests, and details of the learning outcomes of students.
Term 1 Week 9

26th March, 2013

K/1 Merit Certificate—Layla & Laurin
Student of the Week—William

2/3/4 Merit Certificate—Keziah & Hannah
Student of the Week—Jacob

5/6 Merit Certificate—Patrick & Reece
Student of the Week—Max

WIN BIN AWARD—Brooklyn/Jonathon/Patrick

Sports Award—Patrick & Tim
Environmental Award—Sebastian

Library Award—Indi & Aaliyah
Environmental Award—Layla

Kids in the Kitchen—Sebastian & Millie

CLASSIEST CLASS AWARD 5/6
The report also summarises our school's initiatives and targets, and other educational practices, achievements and aspirations.

The annual school report is available on our website www.repton-p.school or you may request a copy from the school.

**URGENT ATTENTION: Bus Bay Danger!**

Busways has contacted me on several occasions this year concerning the number of near misses when buses are trying to arrive and leave from the bus turning area at the front of the school. I urge all parents and visitors using the bus bay to park on the grass area and avoid stopping or parking in the turning circle when it is drop off and pick up time. Bellinger council is in the process of approving signage in this area that will display bus times and no parking or stopping instructions for motorists. The safety of everyone in our school community is our main concern.

Sally Ryan

**International Competitions and Assessments 2013**

Repton Public School will be participating in the 2013 International Competitions and Assessments for Schools, (ICAS) this year. The competitions are open to students in years 3-6.

This international competition is conducted by the University of NSW and has been running for over 20 years. Subject areas covered, entry fees and sitting dates for each paper are on a separate page of this newsletter. If your child would like to enter the 2013 International Competitions, in any of the listed subject areas, please fill out the entry form and return it to the front office with the entry fee by Friday 12th April.

**Brady’s Story**

This week I have included a story written by Brady Sharkey, who now attends Bellingen High School, in Year 7. He is a talented writer who has captured feelings, memories and images in a special story about his journey through Year 6 and into his early days at Bellingen High School. Brady gave me permission to share his story with you and I hope you enjoy it as much as I did. Sally Ryan

**I was there, I should know - By Brady Sharkey**

Originally I thought that year six would be the hell storm of the century but when the last of the days rolled by, I realised I was missing one last chance to see some of the people I had grown up knowing, many were going to other high schools and these young souls were some of the greatest friends I could ask for, so I knew that tears, no matter how small, would be shed. Then the last day rolled in, faster than a volley of bullets, and a sorrowful goodbye was to remain for many in the end.

Of course the day started with waking up and getting ready, then again, for the first time since late May, the maroon badge of school leadership would hang on my soft, light blue shirt, and the maroon hat I had possessed for three long years would sit upon my head one last time, the brim torn, the col-

our fading, like a worn out toy on the shelf, unused for centuries.

The school seemed so still when I arrived, though the children still moved, jumping, playing, laughing, it seemed so mysterious and unknown, I walked into class and fired up the computer, with my new thumb drive from the night before, I opened my greatest work. The lady of the light was a beautiful story, but before I could download it, the bell rang, and a terrible surprise lurked around the corner, prepared to strike.

Poetry had been a focus, and as one last job we had to read the poems aloud to all, many told stories, showing us the bright futures of everyday objects, others were amazing dramas, or beautiful and emotional journeys. From there one focus was in our heads...The year six gift.

In the art room, lay Sandy Milk, a shining spectacle, and the product of the Picasso Cow project that concluded not with victory, but with a new friend, however she was not our objective because there, on the only table that had not been packed away, sat a blank canvas, on this, the memory of our time would be displayed in the form of our names. Away we went, brushes moving with purpose, like boats on the ocean sea, as colour took form, lighting bolts of gold on a great ominous sky of black surrounded my name, while ocean waves flowed over Jasmine’s, Ella transformed a mere dragonfly into a breath taking beauty, Tom’s transformed into a world of brilliant candies and sweets, while Jack’s brought cubes back into spectacular and colourful fashion.

Like every year, the last day was home to talent contests that not only entertained, but they amazed, mystified and even sent us hurtling into the worlds of sideburns and tragically stupid deaths. We laughed and cheered at performances, we sat and we listened intently to the songs, and last of all we remembered the past and thought of the inevitable future of the land of giants.

After lunch, but one mere hour remained, until our presence would be left behind for all to remember, half of the time we cleared out the room that had been the hub of many great moments leaving only a bare space, and an ocean of blue carpet engulfing the floor, as the bell went ever closer to ringing, we sat and listened to the announcement of the raffle winners, before long the last thing I wanted to happen did. The bell rang.

Only minutes later, we were on the bus and heading home, one by one, our friends hopped off until it was us and Tom Lockman left so I reminisced the good times and annihilated the last of the worst forever, for now, a new life would begin, high school was coming, and I was ready… Ready for the next hell storm, and with friends, old and new, by my side, and nothing was ever going to stop me.

Even now, nothing will.

_School Banking - Wednesdays_
**KIDS IN THE KITCHEN—**This weeks recipe

**SAVOURY IMPOSSIBLE PIE**

2 cups milk  
4 eggs  
1/3 cup melted butter  
1/2 cup SR flour

Mix all together.  
Pour into a greased large pie plate.  
Add savoury ingredients (tuna, ham, cheese, onions, carrot, broccoli, zucchini etc).  
Cook for 45 minutes at moderate temperature.  
Feeds (4-6)

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**School zone safety**

A reminder to parents about the operation of school speed zones around the Easter holidays.  
School zones exist for the safety of children and families; they will operate on Thursday 28 March, then resume on Tuesday 2 April.  
Forty-kilometres-an-hour school speed zones operate across New South Wales at all school sites on gazetted school days, which are all days the school is open, even pupil-free days.  

**Practise to be a journalist**

This website could definitely make practising writing and spelling more interesting for all of us. Make a newspaper clipping with your own headline and story. Your child may even start imagining themselves as a publisher or journalist. [http://www.fodey.com/generators/newspaper/snippet.asp](http://www.fodey.com/generators/newspaper/snippet.asp)

**Safety locks**


**Back by popular demand**

Mention head lice and most of us instantly develop an itch. While head lice and nits, (the eggs of head lice) are certainly annoying and persistent, they’re not dangerous. Here’s everything you need to know to rid your kids of head lice and nits: [http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/environment/headlice/Pages/nitbusters.aspx](http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/environment/headlice/Pages/nitbusters.aspx)

**Sports Report**

Term 1 has been a busy time, both in school and out as students have participated in numerous sport activities. We have been running an Active After Schools Communities soccer skills sessions on Friday afternoons. All boys in years 2-6 have been developing their dribbling, passing and field awareness skills. A big thank you to Caitlin Watson for lending her expertise.

Our PDHPE program is also up and running on Tuesdays-Thursdays. Year 6 students have taken on the responsibility of running rotation activities for the rest of the school to engage in. We began with throwing and catching skills and right now we are developing kicking and movement skills.

Repton students have been busy representing the school in numerous sports. Both the boys and girls cricket teams took part in the PSSA knockout competition. The boy’s team travelled to Nambucca where they put up an impressive display before going down to a more experienced side. The girls hosted William Bayldon at the Myleston fields and played a marvellous match. Our team included 4 Year 4 students and despite playing against an experienced Y5/6 team, put on a brilliant display. The girls finally lost by 4 wickets, but it was run for run at the end of each over.

Things are looking good for next years team.

Our swimmers put on a slew of strong performances to progress through to Mid North Coast Zone Carnival. Max Shaw finished 8th in the 100m freestyle and 16th in the 50m freestyle, Jake Clonan finished 9th in the 11yrs Backstroke and Maeve Forest finished 13th in the 8yrs 50m freestyle.

There have been a number of PSSA trials taking place in the last couple of weeks. Soccer was held at Urunga fields 2 weeks ago. Max Shaw, Patrick Steward, Zac Rattray, Liam Niabet and Dylan Wellington were all asked to play in the Mid North Coast team as was Lara Brandt for the girls. Unfortunately these students will have to miss the trials as they will all be in Brisbane for a leadership conference, but they should all be congratulated on their efforts.

The Rugby League trials were held in Bellingen last week. Max Shaw, Fred Mitchell, Max Murphy, and Dylan Wellington made into the opens team and Joe Mitchell made it into the U11s team. They will all be trying out for the North Coast team this Thursday in Coffs Harbour. Well done boys and good luck for Thursday!

Tyran Fields also tried out for the North Coast Basketball team. Despite not being a regular player in the weekend competitions, Tyran managed to secure a reserves spot in the team and will be called in if there are any injuries to the side. Congratulations Tyran!

On the last day of this term we will be attending a 3 on 3 Basketball Gala Day. All of years 3-6 will be expected to attend as we have already nominated the teams and it will be a fantastic day.

Matt Neal Sports Coordinator.
2013 INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS AND ASSESSMENTS FOR SCHOOLS (ICAS) PERMISSION SLIP

Please return THIS section to your child's school.

I give permission for my child ___________________________ to participate in the following 2013 International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS):

☐ Computer Skills – 21 May 2013 ($8.80 GST inclusive)
☐ Science – 5 June 2013 ($8.80 GST inclusive)
☐ Writing – 17 June 2013 to 21 June 2013 ($13.70 GST inclusive)
☐ Spelling – 18 June 2013 ($12.10 GST inclusive)
☐ English – 31 July 2013 ($8.80 GST inclusive)
☐ Mathematics – 13 August 2013 ($8.80 GST inclusive)
☐ All of the above ($66.00 GST inclusive)

Please find enclosed entry fee.

Name of Parent/Guardian ___________________________ Date _______________

Signature of Parent/Guardian ___________________________