ENROLMENT INFORMATION

- Total Number as at November 16th: 404
- Number funded from Census Day: 405
- Number of overseas fee paying: 1
- Number of Preps enrolled for 2012, 79

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**Staffing**

Some decisions for 2012 still cannot be made due to the process I am currently undergoing in relation to excess staff who have been referred to our positions. Two of the referred staff have been accepted and offered positions, but will not impact on classroom teaching positions. One is Robyn Stephens, an ex-staff member who has been a numeracy coach for a number of years and will provide staff with a great deal of expertise in Term 1. Robyn will then take Long Service Leave for the rest of the year. The other teacher to join our staff is Melinda Brown whose school is closing down. Melinda has been a science specialist in her current school and we saw the obvious benefits she would bring to our school. Melinda will work with teams to enhance the teaching of science within our units of inquiry. I am still dealing with the third referral

Kelly Vimpani has been offered and has accepted a two year contract to continue in her LOTE position. Sharon Foley will teach Performing Arts to all grades each week in 2012. The children will have library sessions with Norm Powell for one semester only with class teachers taking the children to the library for the other semester. This system worked well during our building program with class teachers saying they enjoyed taking their children to the library for sessions themselves. It is very difficult for Sharon to report on the children against the VELS when she has them for only 6 months of the year and Library is not a reportable area of the curriculum.

**Learning and Teaching:**

The units of work for Term 4 are:
- P-2- What, why and how do you buy?
- 3/4- How does technology help us solve problems, investigate and communicate?
- 5/6- What makes us Aussies?

The professional learning for staff during this term has continued to be the areas of focus in our Annual Implementation Plan and Strategic Plan; e5, increased planning for daily use of ICT in class programs, peer observation and feedback, assessment and reporting and our Strategic Plan Committee meetings. Staff are currently in the process of writing end of year reports which will go home on Friday December 16th.

**Special Items/Events:**

**Artists’ Camp Fair and Art Exhibition**

The Art Show which had its official opening on the night before the Fair was again of a very high standard and the committee led by Andrew Robinson should feel very proud of their efforts in holding what is a very highly regarded Art Show within the art community. A highlight was that one of our parents, Craig Mackie
won the ‘Best in Show’ prize, and another highlight was the introduction of the two ‘Emerging Student Artists’ Sam Day and Isabella Magilton, both Year 6 graduating students. The Year 5/6 children who did the food waiting at the opening did a brilliant job.

The children’s art display highlighted the very diverse program that our Visual Arts teachers provide for the children at the school. We certainly have some very talented children within our midst at RMPS. Thanks to Cora Brownjohn and Pauline Wilson for the work you put in to the display.

The 2011 Fair was another huge success with great weather again this year. While we still do not know the final outcome financially the Fair was hugely successful in relation to community involvement. The school community was involved in all aspects of the Fair and it also brought the wider community together as well with many very positive comments about what a great community feel there is at the school.

We were very fortunate to have such a large and enthusiastic group of people working to pull all the aspects of the Fair together which was ably led by Michelle Blake and the Fair Committee. Thanks to Michelle and her band of helpers who had to undertake so many tasks before, during and after the event. I would like to also thank the members of the Finance Committee who spent most of the Fair collecting and counting money and were still counting at 9.30pm. I also need to thank the school’s admin team who always have a large number of tasks to do in the lead up to the Fair whilst still keeping the school office operating effectively.

**Artist In Residence**

Whilst the program has been completed for a while, the panels created by the Year 5/6 students have just been put up on the exterior of the school building and look fantastic.

- **Butterflies and Blossom by Arthur Streeton** has been placed outside Maria Pase’s classroom facing Devon St
- **Orchard at Box Hill by Charles Condor** is outside the Visual Arts room
- **Down on His Luck by Frederick McCubbin** on the far end wall of the school, near the bus stop facing Haig St
- **Woodsplitters by Tom Roberts** is also on the far end wall of the school, near the bus stop facing Haig St

**School Transition:**

Two sessions have now been held and have been very successful. The PFA have been fantastic in their support in providing a wonderful spread for the parents of the children attending the classroom sessions in the Junior area. The Year 2 and 4 children have also spent time in the 3/4 and 5/6 areas in readiness for their move in to those areas next year.

**The Walkathon:**

This event raised almost $9000 for the school which is a wonderful result. Thanks again to the PFA and in particular Tammy Currie and our PE teacher Tim Fearn-Wannan for their organisation and also to all the people who manned stations on the day and those who sponsored the children. The winners were announced at assembly last week.

**BER Building Project.**

Irrigation work on the oval was undertaken in the holidays. The old irrigation system was able to be re-used with some modifications due to areas that are no longer grassed. A new controller was installed which will operate the oval sprinklers and the garden dripper system.

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