Dear Parents and Caregivers,

It has been another positive fortnight at RESS and students are progressing well in their classroom tasks. Red Track, Cupcake Day, the RS PCA visit, the Delta Dogs visit, and the JCU Teddy Bear Hospital visit to Prep have certainly provided great opportunities for our students to have fun at school. However, as we move into the second half of the term we usually notice some students starting to decline in their effort. It is important to address this proactively by reinforcing the message regarding the importance of giving 100% effort, 100% of the time. Continued high expectations from home and the school will ensure that students continue to focus on their effort through to the end of term.

D. Broadfoot
20th August, 2015

RED TRACK RESULTS
Railway Estate State School performed extremely well at the recent inter-school athletics carnival. Our school placed first overall, which is a great result. Our girls also won the overall girls perpetual trophy. Most importantly, the students had a fantastic day and represented our school to the highest standard. The sportsmanship, behaviour and school pride were outstanding. Congratulations to all of the students! Well done to the following students, who have been selected for NQ Trials: Flynn, Mathew, Alisiyah, Mikayla and Tahlia.

Prep Enrolments
We are now taking Prep enrolments for 2016. If you have a child that will be starting Prep at RESS next year, or you know of another family planning to enrol their child here, please contact the office to arrange enrolment. Please see the ‘Prep Information Night’ and ‘Prep Open Session’ information below:

INFORMATION SESSIONS - PREP ROOM
This session is to provide information for parents regarding Prep learning; class and playground routines; expectations; and how to help prepare your child for prep.

Wednesday 2nd September 2015 at 5:30pm
Thursday 3rd December 2015 at 5:30pm

PREP OPEN SESSIONS

Parents are welcome to bring their child/children along to see how Prep operates at RESS. Parents will need to stay with their children during these sessions.

Wednesday 11th November 9:30am → 2:30pm
Thursday 3rd December 9:30am → 2:30pm

Please book your place through the school office.

Guess who is coming to visit Railway Estate?
Harold and the Life Education Van will be at our school from Friday 21st August to Tuesday 2nd September. Students are invited to participate in the fun, exciting and educational programs below.

Prep - Clued Up
1, 1/2, 2 - Harold’s Heroes
3/4, 4/5 - Mind Your Medicine
5/6 - Mind Your Medicine AND On the Case (our 5/6 classes have a free 2-for-1 offer)

Visit the Life Education website for more information and heaps of resources you can use at home.

The cost to visit the van is $7 and is due by Thursday 20th August.

A range of Harold products are also available for purchase to help support this valuable program. If you would like to purchase any of the items below, please send the correct money in an envelope, clearly labelled with a name, class and order details, to the school office.

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How can parents help a Year 2 to 3 child read and write at home?

- If a child makes a mistake when reading aloud, don’t interrupt the reading, allow time for self-correction. If the mistake doesn’t alter the meaning, let it go till the end of the reading to then discuss.

- When your child is reading and becomes ‘stuck’ on a word, ask what would make sense.

- Encourage your child to read to younger brothers and sisters.

- Encourage your child to draw and write about books and to write stories or factual information for others to read.

- Read books that have been made into movies and encourage your child to talk about the differences between the book and the movie.

- Select a simple children’s cooking book and plan a cooking session with your child. Encourage your child to read and follow the instructions.

- Encourage your child to find an interesting article/photograph from a newspaper and tell you about it.

- Discuss favourite authors together and decide why you like them.

- Draw the child’s attention to weather patterns displayed in the paper and relate these to televised weather reports.

- Encourage your child to read and write letters, postcards, lists, birthday or Christmas cards and messages. Accept spelling inventions and work on them at the end (keep this positive and if there are many mistakes only work on 3 to 5 so your child does not get disheartened with his/her attempt)

- Buy your child games that provide simple instructions to be read and followed.

- Involve your child in planning for holidays. Read maps and map out the path you are to take. Read signs along the way.

- Encourage your child to help you find a particular street when using a directory.

- Encourage your child to retell family stories from holidays to friends and family.

We are hosting a CARNIVAL BOOK FAIR. Each class will be invited to preview the books during their library session. The preview sessions are an ideal opportunity for children to share and discuss the books with their teachers and peers. The selection of books at our Book Fair will include a wide range of quality books from the best Australian and overseas authors & illustrators. All books are discounted. When you or your child buys a book, our school benefits by receiving a commission (up to 35%), which we can use to improve our resources.

Our Book Fair selling times will be:
- 8:30-9:00am
- Beginning Monday 31st August

You, your family and friends are most welcome to share in the magic of matching children and books. Credit Card facilities are available. No AMEX please.

Remember ‘READERS ARE ACHIEVERS’

EXCLUSIVE ADVERTISING OPPORTUNITY - Railway Estate State School

Railway Estate State School has requested AustNews to provide their Newsletter service for a 12 month period. Distribution

- The school distributes newsletters every fortnight over a 12 month period to 180 families, teachers & staff.

- Your ad will be displayed on every newsletter.

- These are exclusive advertising positions (only one of each type of business on a newsletter)

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