

Dear Parents

Welcome to our second newsletter for 2019.

Whilst our Repton Schoolhouse Communications App keeps you up-to-date with the daily life at school, this newsletter provides a little more depth, looking ahead and reflections as we move through the year.

This term we started our much anticipated Enrichment Program. The children are thoroughly enjoying the different activities on offer.

Over the term, we will be welcoming two new teachers to Repton. In April, Ms Wai Shim and in May, Wang Laoshi. At the beginning of June, Ms. Samantha will also join us. For further information about these new members of our team, we will be uploading photos and bios over the coming weeks. We

are excited to have these talented and dedicated teachers joining the Repton Schoolhouse team.

Towards the end of the term we have two events that we would like to invite parents to,

Celebration of Learning, on Tuesday 28th May at 9 a.m.

Family Picnic (Morning Tea), on Thursday 30th May 10.00-11.00 a.m.

We hope you will find the time to join us in supporting the children and building our school community on these two days. You can find more detail about these events further down the newsletter.

Wishing you all a restful long Easter weekend!



Play Therapy Workshop

Thank you to all the parents who attended the play Therapy Workshop on Saturday 6th April with Yuan Armstrong.

We learnt that young children communicate through their play. Pretend play allows children to role play situations they may have worries about. A play therapist, can help the child discover alternative ways of coping with their worries. Play therapy helps children with anger, anxiety and sadness to more extreme concerns.

Play therapy helps children deal with feelings that are too overwhelming to put into words—in play they are able to express things, for which the language cannot be found.

Play therapy helps children work through difficult emotions. It helps them feel heard and seen, and for younger children, it often manifests in improved behaviour at school or in a reduction of overwhelming anxiety. Working through the threads of the underlying feelings in play therapy can be deeply reparative.

If you are interested, please contact the school.

Looking Ahead

Easter Celebrations



Our Easter celebrations take place on Thursday 18th April. We have been busy designing and making Easter Bonnets and have some special activities planned for the day at Hort Park.

The Hungry Caterpillar and Other Eric Carle Favourites

We have booked this show for all the children on 10th May.

Parents will be receiving a letter soon with the cost of the theatre ticket and transport to the theatre.

Please look out for the notification.



Celebration of Learning, on Tuesday 28th May at 9 a.m.

This is an opportunity to join your child in their classroom and be part of their Learning Journey. This event is child led (with a little help from the teachers). We are delighted that we will have visitors from Repton UK at this event too. The Repton representatives are eager to meet our parents so we hope that after the time in the classes you might be able to say hello.

Family Picnic on Thursday 30th May, 10.00 a.m. to 11.00 a.m.



Please join us for our family picnic at Jacob Ballas Gardens at the Botanic Gardens. This is a lovely social event for all families and the children. Due to allergies and sensitivities, families are requested to bring in their own morning tea to have on the morning with their children. More information will be shared closer to the date. Fingers crossed for dry weather!

School Fees

We are pleased to report that Repton Schoolhouse is an approved Child Development Baby Bonus institution. Please do contact Kristy if you have any questions or need assistance.

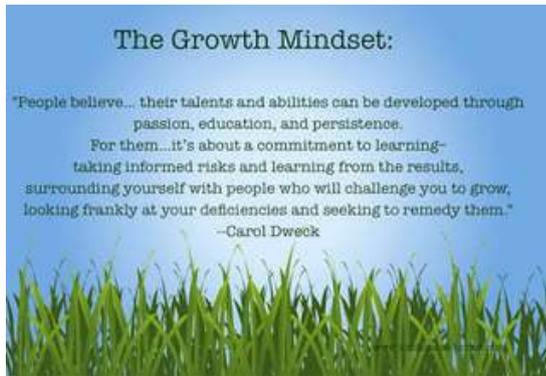
If you are withdrawing your child from Repton Schoolhouse, six (06) weeks' notice must be given before the commencement of the new term in writing and/or an official Student Withdrawal Form, which can be obtained from the Office. Verbal notification of withdrawal will not be accepted. The 6-week notification period excludes the school holidays, failing which, the security deposit will be forfeited. The notice of withdrawal date for this term is Monday 22nd April.

Nurturing Character, Inspiring Minds

Feature: Growth Mindset

As promised, this newsletter is an opportunity to share information on aspects of curriculum or the Repton approach. In this edition we are sharing information about Growth Mindset. The teachers attended an in-house workshop on this subject matter which beautifully compliments our Virtues Project.

The concept of growth mindset was developed by Stanford University professor Carol Dweck. In her research, Dr. Dweck found that children who persevered through challenges believed that they could improve. She coined the phrase we use today "growth mindset". Children who gave up or resisted challenges believed their abilities were fixed. Dweck called this "fixed mindset".



Working with children and their "mindset" empowers young learners. At Repton Schoolhouse we believe in the power of literature. We intend to use a literacy-based program that blends growth mindset, social and emotional learning, and mindfulness.

We teach the children,
We can make our brains stronger and smarter through effort and learning.
We all learn by making mistakes and trying again.
When we learn something new it makes our brains stronger.

If you are interested to know more there is a Parent guide attached to this newsletter.