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RPS Gala 2017

ARTS OF GOLD

By **DEAN BANOVA, Principal**

Last Thursday was another amazing night for the RPS community, as our Arts Gala went off with a bang!

Our Visual Arts program was very well represented by the beautifully designed exhibition of ceramic works in the art room and library.

Blythe's focus in Art classes with the students has been on form and glazing techniques and with our kiln working overtime every student had a piece showing off what they had learned with her.

The "fields" display theme complemented the earthy colours of the glazes and clay perfectly. Congratulations to our students and to Blythe for her amazing work.

As the night wore on, Stu had us all tapping our toes with a musical program that helped highlight the creative performance work our students are capable of.

The class items showcasing our recorder, tuned percussion and ukulele programs was a joy to



! Students showcased their musical chops across a range of instruments.

see and the mix of traditional songs and some Stu Cooper originals was very entertaining. Well done to Stu and all our performers.

A special thank you to parent and long-term RPS

supporter Shaun Thomas, who supplied an extensive sound system for all our performances.

Shaun arrived early for set-up and was one of the last to leave as the performances went on into the evening.

We very much appreciate Shaun's expertise and time, which had all our performers sounding great.

I would also like to personally congratulate all of our individual buskers and stage performers. It takes a lot of courage to get up in front of a crowd to perform and it gave me great pleasure to see some top-quality work.

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Diary Dates

November

1 3-6 Family Science Night 6.30pm

1 Prep 2018 — development play with buddies, 2pm-3pm

6 Report writing day (pupil free)

8 Prep 2018 information night 6pm-7pm



⊙ The Chinese Dancers added a touch of culture to proceedings.



! (Left):
The
Happy
Tappers:
so fast
their feet
were a
blur.

Our Arts beat true

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Thanks to string teacher Cathy Armstrong and teacher Lucie Kershaw for their work with our violin players – their busking raised \$150 alone!

And well done to our Happy Tappers (also known as the Mosley family and friends!) and our beautiful Chinese Dancers, who all brought a lot of colour and movement to proceedings. Thanks to Mandarin teacher Yan Wu, who choreographed the Chinese dance piece and made all the costumes!

It was also great to see some ex-students return, in particular the all-girl Green Girls band, who performed a mix of original and cover songs brilliantly. Thank you also to our parent band Mid Life Crisis, who finished the night off for us spectacularly.

There was a top-notch organising committee

who did a mountain of work to help this event's success. Thank you to parents Karyne Murphy and Cath Donnison, who organised sponsors and rosters with great aplomb. And a big thank you to Assistant Principal Lisa Marsden, who helped with the organisation and marshalled our teacher team in getting things set up.

The value of the Arts in education is well documented, with research showing how the skill development it supports has positive effects on learning in core areas.

An event like the Arts Gala I believe helps show this very clearly — in particular through the enjoyment and engagement it gives our students.

I'm pleased to see this event established as an annual occurrence as I value its place to celebrate



! Hard at work at Craft Central.

this integral part of our school culture and the great learning it represents.

And to quote Neil Young (as echoed by Stu in the last performance of the night) — Rock and Roll Will Never Die!



! Born to perform.



! The big crowd loved it.



! The ceramics exhibition was a feast for the eyes.



Thanks for making the Gala greater

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A big thank you to all those families who supported our Arts Gala. It was a very successful night, with lots of fun had by all.

A special thank you to our organising team including parents Karyne Murphy and Cath Donnison, ably assisted by Lisa Marsden.

Thanks also to the team of teachers and other volunteers who helped with the set-up and serving. Also well done to Krysia Mosley and her team who ran the Craft Stall, which was another great effort.

We have a number of sponsors to thank. Thanks again to Grill'd Swan Street, who helped in the running of the barbecue, Bertie the Butcher, who donated the sausages, and Bakers Delight, who donated the bread. Please support these great businesses who are patrons of our school.

It was an amazing team effort and another great RPS Fund Raising event!

— JEN CHANDLER
on behalf of the School Council fundraising committee

Student of the week



Grade Prep J

Chloe Hedger

For your amazing investigating on money when you were the focus child. Your money poster was fantastic and you should be very proud of your learning. Just remember, Chloe, the green notes are the best!

Grade Prep C

Arya Patel

For your amazing knowledge of reading and showing o'clock times in Maths. Well done Arya!

Grade Prep S

Madeline Story

For your amazing performance as the Grandma in *The Gingerbread Man* at our fairytale incursion Maddie! You had your audience laughing and showed an excellent have-a-go attitude! Well done!

Grade 1/2 T

Isla Went

For writing very clear and concise directions to follow on a street map. You could lead a blindfolded person through a maze with no trouble at all! Well done Isla!

Grade 1/2T

Sofia Tome

For showing her understanding of poetry by writing a super kind Cinquain Poem about her friend Isla. Great work Sofia Shakespeare!

Grade 1/2N

Max Morter

For the enthusiastic way you approach EVERYTHING at school and for the kindness you shows to everyone. Congratulations Max!

Grade 1/2KJ

Max Brass

For your curiosity and creativity as a learner. You set a high standard for brain use, Max.

Grade 1/2KJ

Jossie Kerr-Smith

For settling in so well in our class and showing excellent learning skills. We are delighted to have you in 1/2JK, Jossie.

Grade 3/4A

William Miles

For an excellent start to literature circles this term. You did a great job of finding facts and opinions in your novel *Polly and Buster*. Well done.

Grade 3/4J

Erin Mitchell

For having such a positive attitude towards school life. Well done for always trying your best and being kind and considerate to your classmates.

Grade 3/4S

Wentworth Walker

For the excellent improvements you've made with your reading comprehension — it's clear your hard work has paid off. Well done Wentworth!

Grade 5/6C

Ben Morgan

For showing great persistence and resilience in performing your slam poem on racism. Your performance was strong and you certainly convinced your audience! Nice work, Ben!

Grade 5/6C

Ollie Collinson

For your creativity, focus and tenacity during the Smoothie incursion. You worked hard all day as part of your team and created a delicious product. Go Ollie!

Grade 5/6S

Rita Cahill

Congratulations Rita for always working hard and being a great role model. I love how you always approach new tasks with enthusiasm. It was great to run into you at the local supermarket collecting information on marketing and advertising. I bet your Bizarre Bazaar product will be amazing!

Grade 5/6S

Arabella Spina

Congratulations Arabella for your great learning in Mathematics. You have done a wonderful job during our decimals unit. Well done!

Grade 5/6L

Henry Sutton

For your amazing cricket skills on Wednesday! Well done Henry, your teamwork and perseverance was impressive.

Grade 5/6R

Charlie Molinaro

Well done on your efforts at our cricket day Charlie. You hit them for 6!



KIDS QUIZ

Every week, we pose a quiz question based on the name of one of our wonderful students.

Write your answer on a piece of paper, along with your name and grade, and put it in the cream letter box in the office.

The first correct entry drawn will win a Student Pass for one hour.

The winning entry will be drawn on Wednesday at 3.30pm.

NOTE:

- > You may place only **one entry per week** in the box.
- > Each player must put in their **own entry** (no joint entries)
- > If you win, you are **win-binned** (disqualified) for one week, to give others a go.

This week's clue

This Grade 5 student's name and surname are an anagram of 'The NUN Story.'

Last week's clue:

No winner last week because one of the "N"s was missing from the anagram. Take two!

5/6 Slam Poetry

Verses from the heart

As part of the Grade 5/6 Inquiry Unit focusing on Social Justice, students were asked to create some Slam Poetry about topics important to them. Here are two examples:

Homelessness Rap/Poem

By ZAHLI NADJ

The dark streets or the dark park, wherever you lay if you're there you get no pay.

Bang I felt as vulnerable as a bullet hitting the centre of a helpless heart.

Homelessness creates hatred amongst you, brings no hero, no help and takes away the hope of life.

Do I have a purpose or am I just another person drifting away to my fate, another piece of dirt only to be tread on not loved.

To change these disturbing yet torturous thoughts we must show we care about the people lying in their own misery, the people struggling day in day out, you can ignore but WHY would you.

So bring happiness, bring peace and cease homelessness!

Gay Rights

By ALEC WOOLLEY

When love is love,
You cannot change,
Love lingers on like love lies through, All the same
It's no game

Remember,
Love is a flower in bloom,
In a bright light room
Love will always lead the way...

For love is love,
You cannot change,
Embrace your heart,
Clash!

Bash!
Your heart shall go one since,
Love is like,

A dove in flight,
Through the bad lines,
Love is the light in bad times,
Stopping this because of gender,

Is not what I call splendour,
So make a change
There is nothing out of range

Gay love,
Lesbian love,
Straight love,
All the same

It's no game
Remember,
Love is a flower in bloom,
In a bright light room

Love will always lead the way...



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Parent

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Parent

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"Enrique's confidence has increased enormously over the last few years thanks to Drama Time."

Parent

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