Dear Parents, Carers and Students,

A Fantastic Start to 2017
It has been a wonderful start to the 2017 school year. Teachers have been busy creating safe and supportive learning environments with their students. Classes have been focussing on getting to know their peers and building positive relationships to learn and support one another. We have also welcomed our new principal Anna Wilson who is very excited to be part of the Richardson community and looks forward to working with everyone. Already we have seen some quality work, fantastic reading, amazing questions and magical moments of success. We look forward to seeing more of this throughout the year.

Getting To Know You Interviews
Over the last 2 weeks we have seen our families come in and meet their child’s class teacher at the Getting to Know You interviews. We value your input and getting to know you as we work closely together to support your child and their learning. This is such an important part of your child’s success at school and if you have not had a chance to meet your child’s teacher we encourage you to make an appointment by calling the front office on 6142 3630.

PIPS (Performance Indictors in Primary schools)
Each year kindergarten students participate in a system wide assessment, PIPS. This provides data for teachers in the areas of reading, maths and phonological awareness and is used to plan, program and support students learning. Kindergarten students will commence the 30 minute one on one assessment over the next 2 weeks with their teacher. At the end of the year the students will complete another assessment to compare the results from the start of the year. All results are shared and sent home to parent and carers. If you have any questions please see your child’s class teacher or myself.

Personalised Learning Plans (PLP)
This term we will be focussing on developing personalised learning plans for our Indigenous students. This is an opportunity for the student, parent and teacher to create learning goals with the student to work towards this year. A letter will be sent home this week inviting these parents to join us at school to develop these plans together.

Student Wellbeing and Engagement
The executive team have been reviewing our school policies and procedures around student wellbeing and engagement. We will be collecting a range of data from students, staff and parents this term which we will gather, analyse and create specific actions that will support whole school improvement. A short survey is attached to this newsletter and we would really appreciate your input by completing the survey and returning it to school.

Hot Weather
The last week or so has seen some very hot days. We are very fortunate to have our classrooms air conditioned. However, we have been making alternate arrangements during lunch time setting up a range of activities in air-conditioned spaces. It is also a good reminder to make sure your child has a water bottle, healthy food and brings a hat each day to keep cool and hydrated.

Whole School Community Breakfast
Community breakfasts will be continuing this year. We warmly invite you, your child and family to the BBQ breakfast in week 4 Thursday 23 February at 8.30am. Come along and enjoy an egg and bacon sandwich and a juice while meeting the community. We look forward to seeing you!

Preschool Stay and Play
Next week, the preschool team invite all our Seahorses and Dolphins families to a Stay and Play Morning Tea Thursday 22 February from 9.00-10.00am. This is a lovely opportunity to meet other parents and their children as well as see your child in their learning environment. We look forward to seeing you!

Kind regards,
Brooke Calvert
The following students will be receiving an award at assembly on Friday 17 February 2017. Assembly is 12:30pm in the Hall.

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**DATE REMINDERS**

Assemblies Term 1 - 12:30pm in the Hall
- February 17: Iterika Assembly
- March 3: Kakadu Assembly
- March 17: Kirrang Assembly
- March 29: Possum Magic Assembly

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

- Breakfast Club every Thursday 8:15am-9am near the canteen
- Commencing February 14: Year 5/6 Band Practice – every Tuesday for Term 1
- Commencing February 16: Year 5/6 Band Practice – every Thursday for Term 1
- February 17: Parent Survey Due
- February 22: Preschool Stay and Play 9:00-10:00am
- February 23: Community Breakfast
- February 27: Kindergarten Parent Reading Workshop 3:15-3:45pm
- March 1: Emergency Contact List Due
- March 2: Questacon Science Circus K-6
- March 6 – March 8: Camp Borambola – Senior Students
- March 13: Canberra Day Public Holiday
- March 14: Athletics Carnival
- March 20: P&C Meeting 3:15pm in the Library
- March 22: P&C Easter Colouring Competition
- March 29: Adam Voigt visit details tba
- April 5: P&C Easter Bonnet Parade and Winner of Easter Competition Announced
- April 7: Kindergarten Health Checks
- April 7: Last Day Term 1

**NOTES SENT HOME**
- February: Year 6 TShirt Order Form
- February 14: P&C Fundraiser Expression Of Interest
- February 15: Parent Survey
- February 15: Richardson Community Calendar T1

**SCHOOL TIMES**

- 9:00am School commences
- 11:00-11:30am Recess/Play
- 11:30-1:00pm Class Programs
- 1:00 – 1:15pm Supervised Lunch Eating
- 1:15 – 1:45pm Play
- 1:45 – 3:00pm Class Programs

**SMOKE FREE**

All public school grounds in the ACT are smoke-free. A government policy, which prohibits smoking at all government schools came into effect on January 1, 2008. It applies to all staff, departmental officers, students, contractors and visitors, including volunteers. Under the policy, smoking is no longer allowed in enclosed and open spaces, such as ovals and car parks, or in grounds managed by the ACT Department of Education.

Richardson Primary School acknowledges the Ngunnawal people, the traditional custodians of this land. We would also like to pay respect to the United Ngunnawal Elders Council and to the Elders, both past and present of the Ngunnawal nation. We also extend that respect to other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in our community.
Possums have had a busy start to the year and are starting to settle into the routine of school. Thank you to all the families who were present on the first day of Kindergarten to help your child settle in.

We have begun to explore reading through the book Smarty Pants. We have been identifying rhyming words and words that start with the “s” sound.

We have been focusing on learning our numbers to 5 through the use of songs, creating our own number books using a range of fine motor skills and cooking and eating 5 Fat Sausages.

**LIBRARY**
In Week 3 the Possum’s will start their Library visits. Library bags were supplied through book packs these are still available at the front office if needed.

**REMINDER**
Please keep in mind that students are not allowed to bring toys or books from home. This can create problems at school if they are lost or damaged. We appreciate your cooperation on this matter.

**BOXES NEEDED**
In the coming weeks the Possum’s will start to do construction work using cardboard boxes. Please bring in any of your recycled boxes that we can use during construction e.g. cereal boxes, tissue boxes.
TERM DATES FOR 2017

TERM 1: Monday 30 January to Friday 7 April
Seahorse Class and Koori Class start school on Monday 30 January 2017 of Term 1 with all continuing students returning Tuesday 31 January 2017. Term break includes the Easter and ANZAC Day public holidays

TERM 2: Wednesday 26 April to Friday 30 June

TERM 3: Monday 17 July to Friday 22 September

TERM 4: Monday 9 October to Friday 15 December

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Kingdom Kids

When: Every Tuesday during school term
Time: 3:00 – 4:00pm
Where: School Library, Richardson Primary School
Bible Stories, craft, songs, games....
To register please collect a registration form from the front office.

Join the Buffs

Tuggeranong Buffaloes registrations are open and the Buffaloes invite all players, new and old, boys and girls, from under 6’s through to under 17’s, to come and play with one of the oldest Clubs in the competition. You can register online at www.playnrl.com or come to our registration day, 19 February, 10am – 1pm at Kambah ovals No. 1, Chirnside Cct, Kambah. www.thebuffaloes.org

Canberra Taekwon-Do Academy. Winning Nearly all the Gold and Silver at the National Australian Championships.
Come and Join Australias No 1 Taekwon-Do School today

Classes every Mon & Weds Night in the school Hall. Classes start at 6pm.
Contact Head Instructor and Australian Representative Ben Mott for details 0431 730 025 or Email Cantk academy@gmail.com
Hello once again to all Parents and Families,

Recently the P&C held our first meeting for the year, and a what a busy meeting this was! We would like to take the opportunity to introduce our new committee:

- **President:** Olivia Bocock (Ph. 0432 411 420, oliviabocock@hotmail.com)
- **Vice-President:** Tali Perry
- **Secretary and Public Officer:** Karen Hughes
- **Treasurer:** Mel Peters
- **Pre-school Sub-committee chair:** Kristy Worldon

**Sub-Committees**

- **Uniforms:** Julie Brimmer
- **Fundraising Co-ordinator:** Olivia Bocock
- **Year Six fundraising Co-ordinator:** Tali Perry

Please, as always, should you have any concerns, suggestions or questions, but are unable to make the regular meetings, feel free to contact any one of us either via the front office or by using our P&C Suggestion Box located in the front foyer.

The meeting was a wonderful opportunity to connect and get to know our new Principal, Anna Wilson, where we heard more about her visions and plans for the school. Some exciting times ahead for our students!!

We have got some brillaint fundraisers planned so keep an eye out for letters coming home and notes in the newsletters!

- Very soon a **Cookie Dough order form** will be coming home with your child. This went down a treat last year so we thought we would give everyone the opportunity, once again, to purchase some delicious ready to make cookie dough.

There are a variety of flavours, some Easter specials which come with Easter themed cookie cutters, it caters for Gluten Free and even the pet dog at home can benefit, with cookies for dogs!

- In line with our Easter Celebrations, the children will all be bringing home **Easter Colouring Competitions**. They are encouraged to enter the competition by colouring in the picture provided, and returning it with a **Gold Coin Donation**. Results will be announced at a **special assembly on Wednesday 5th April** with Easter Eggs up for grabs.

An **Easter Bonnet Parade** will also be held at the assembly, with a winner from each class scoring themseleves an Easter Egg also! More information to follow, closer to the time! But get your thinking caps on!

Keep an eye out for the first of many events coming up!

Our next meeting will be held **Monday 20th March, 3.15pm**, in the school library. Don’t worry if you couldn’t make the first one, you are always welcome!
Kindergarten Health Checks are happening this year!

All kindergarten students in the ACT are eligible to receive a FREE health check

VISION CHECK  
HEARING CHECK  
HEIGHT, WEIGHT AND BODY MASS INDEX (BMI)

If you have not returned your child’s Kindergarten Health Check Consent and Questionnaire

FIND — Information packs will be sent home early in Term 1

SIGN — Complete The Kindergarten Health Check Consent And Questionnaire

RETURN — To your school by 17th February 2017

Your school can provide you with the date of the health check.

Richardson Community Breakfast

Please join us from 8:15am on Thursday 23rd February under the Kirrang shade shelter for our Term 4 Community Breakfast.

We’ll have FREE bacon & egg sandwiches and juice! Thanks to CJ Meats in Chisholm and Woolworths in Calwell for their donations. Everyone is welcome so bring your family and meet all the fantastic people in our school community.

Hope to see you there!
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| 4. Do you have any concerns?                                             |     |    |

5. Any other comments?

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