

16 May 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

Improve Student Learning and Achievement for all Students

Last Wednesday we held our annual cross country carnival and we were impressed by the involvement and sportsmanship shown by all of our students. A special congratulations goes to all students who won a place and will proceed to the next regional carnival. As always, we are thankful to the organisers of the carnival who helped it run so smoothly. Many thanks to all staff, our parent helpers and student leaders who excelled on the day!

The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) is an annual national assessment for students in Years 3 and 5. Students are participating in tests this week in reading, writing, language conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and numeracy. It is important to be supportive of your child throughout this time and encourage them to try their best, knowing that it is just one checkpoint in time to mark progress.

Rostrum is a speaking competition run in schools across the ACT. During class time, students in years 3-6 will be involved in planning, drafting and delivering a speech on one of this year's topics. Speeches run for three minutes and it is an excellent opportunity for students to practise writing an engaging speech to deliver to an audience.

Develop an Expert Teaching Team

Last week the Kindergarten and Preschool team attended professional learning on speech and language development. If you are concerned with your child's communication development, there are many support agencies in Canberra to assist your needs. The Child Development Service (CDS) provides assessment, referral and linkages for families where a child is at risk of developmental delay. Information about Child Development Service referrals and Drop In Clinics can be found at <http://www.communityservices.act.gov.au/childdevelopment/service/referrals>. If you would like to talk to your child's teacher about your child, please book in a meeting through the front office (02) 6142 3630.

Our literacy partner Christine Topfer, visited our school last Friday to work with members of the executive team on embedding quality literacy practices into the daily timetable. It is always a pleasure to host an esteemed author and share our fantastic work with her.

Provide a Safe, Inclusive and Respectful School Culture

We hope all of the Mums and special ladies in children's lives enjoyed their Mother's Day on Sunday. Thank you to the P & C committee for organising the Mother's Day stall to acknowledge all the significant families who impact children's lives.

Friday 18 May 2018 is **National Walk Safely to School Day**. Children will be encouraged to **walk** and commute safely to school. It is a community event seeking to promote road safety, health, public transport and the environment. We invite all families to walk to school and then attend our community pancake breakfast in the canteen area. You will have earned a pancake or two after your walk!

On Monday 21 May the Dugong class and their families will attend a 'mums and cubs' learning session at the National zoo and aquarium. This excursion supports student learning on animals and by inviting families to attend we hope to strengthen our current home/school partnerships.

On Monday 28 May, Canberra is acknowledging 'Reconciliation Day' as a new public holiday. Each year it will be observed on the first Monday of National Reconciliation Week, recognising the anniversary on the 1967 referendum and celebrating the importance of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture and history in our city and nation. National Sorry Day is 26 May. 2018 is the 10 year anniversary of the formal apology to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, particularly the stolen generations, whose lives have been affected by past government policies. Students will be participating in learning activities throughout Reconciliation Week to acknowledge this historic event.

Cultural Integrity Community Consultation – Engaging with our Families and Community

You may have noticed a display has recently been added to our foyer area. As a school we are working towards increasing our knowledge and understanding of what it means to live and work in a community and environment that has at its core, Cultural Integrity. To successfully grow as a community we need your input and would absolutely welcome your thoughts and feedback about where you think we are currently sitting in relation to the Education Directorate's Cultural Integrity Continuum. Attached to the notice board is additional information if you would like to learn more. Alternatively, please speak with Zuzette Fahey or Nicole Agius.

Kind regards
Michelle Smith
Executive Teacherp

Student Awards

The following students will be receiving an award at assembly on Friday 18 May 2018.

Assembly is 9:15am in the Hall.

| NAMES | CLASS |
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| Layla-Fay Jeffries | KA |
| Skye-Marie Bowen | KA |
| Dheer Sunksh | KM |
| Kaylee Gardner | KM |
| Richard White | 1/2B |
| Cade Clarke | 1/2B |
| Izzabella Comanderi | 1/2M |
| Kira Batchelor | 1/2M |
| Sophie Nguyen | 3/4SM |
| Lara Henriques Costa | 3/4SM |
| Eossy Tempest | 5/6S |
| Indiana Dunn | 5/6V |
| Brayden Exposito | 5/6V |
| Isaac England | 1-6T |
| Yasin Mahmud | 1-6T |

Dates To Remember

- 18 May Kinder Garden Assembly 9:15 – 10:00
- 18 May Walk to School Day
- 18 May Community Breakfast
- 21 May Koori Preschool Zoo Excursion
- 23 May Flexischools Lunch Orders
- 25 May LSU Grand Opening
- 28 May Public Holiday
- 29 May Koori & Seahorses School Photos
- 30 May K – 6 School Photos
- 30 May Flexischools lunch orders
- 1 June Dolphins School Photos
- 1 June Kakadu Assembly 9:15 – 10:00
- 6 June Flexischools Lunch Orders
- 11 June Queen's Birthday Public Holiday
- 13 June ACT Cross Country
- 15 June Iterika Assembly 9:15 – 10:00
- 18 June Koori Preschool Incursion
- 20 June Flexischools Lunch Orders
- 27 June Flexischools Lunch Orders
- 6 July P&C Movie Afternoon
- 6 July Last Day Term 2
- 23 July First Day Term 3

Caring and Sharing



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.



Richardson Primary has a Facebook page to keep you up to date about things happening at our school on a daily basis. We would love you to "like us" and become part of our RPS Facebook Community.



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.

Iterika News

What a whirlwind start to term two! The cross country has been run and won and the students have made a great start to their learning. In our science unit *'Melting Moments,'* the children have completed their final pieces of assessment in which they had to conduct a fair test. The students had a great time finding out which chocolate type would melt the quickest out of milk, dark and white chocolate. The children had to pose a question, make a hypothesis into which chocolate would melt the quickest and slowest and learn to change a variable to make the test fair.

In English, the children have started to learn about different persuasive text. They have enjoyed writing about great reasons why a pet dragon would be or would not make a great pet. All the children were issued home reading logs this week. Some children have chosen books from our school library to begin their home reading log. Next week there will be class home reading books that the children can also select from.

In mathematics the students have been working on telling time, measurement and length. The students have worked through a series of maths activities with analogue and digital time. They have also been working on informal and metric units of measurement.

The students have started a new inquiry unit of work. We are looking at the Geography content in the National Curriculum and have some exciting and fun things planned in this unit.

Finally, to all the year three students who participated in the NAPLAN testing last week. Thank you for your efforts during this time.

Kind Regards

Benjamin Smith and Rozlyn Mitchell



SCHOOL AGE CARE

Before and after school care is available at Richardson Primary School. Enrolment forms are available from www.ywca-canberra.org.au or from the front office. Once you have completed the enrolment form you will need to scan and email to childcareaccounts@ywca-canberra.org.au.

Contact details for the YWCA:

Phone: 6180 5777

Address: Level 2, 71 Northbourne Avenue, Canberra ACT 2601

Postal Address: YWCA Canberra, GPO Box 767, Canberra ACT 2601



MEDICATION

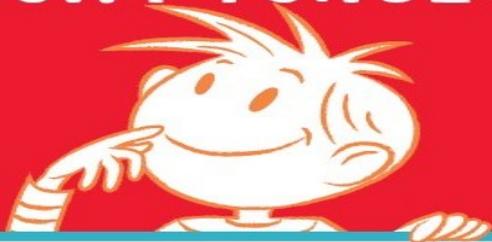
DEPARTMENTAL POLICY REQUIRES SCHOOLS TO ENSURE THAT:

Any request for administering medications must be in writing. The school **will not** administer medication without required documentation.

The medication must be accompanied by clear written instructions on the method of administration, timing and dosage, and signed by a doctor. Forms can be provided by the school upon request.

We would be grateful if such documents regarding medication could be sent to the school to ensure we are following the departmental policy and medical records are up to date.

DON'T FORGET!



SCHOLASTIC
Book Club

All orders due to the front office by Friday 18 May
NO LATE ORDERS WILL BE ACCEPTED



This week, the Education Directorate, on advice from our Principal, Anna Wilson, will block student access to YouTube. This decision has been made after numerous conversations with staff and some parents about students accessing inappropriate material.

If you have any questions or concerns about this decision please do not hesitate to contact the Principal on (02) 6142 3630.

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

Caring and Sharing



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.

Breakfast Club

A great way to start your day!

When: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday
And Friday

Time: 8.40am (Mon, Tues, Wed and Fri)
8.15am (Thurs)

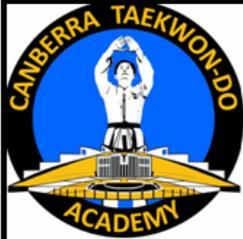
Venue: Canteen



Who: All students Preschool to Year 6

We look forward to seeing you there





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in a different
league**

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Email: buffs.registrar@gmail.com



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A presentation for parents:



The Ten Most Important Things you Should Tell your Children to Build Resilience and Happiness

The latest news from the science of positive psychology applied to bringing up children and teenagers. Come and join us for an evening with the acclaimed psychologist Michael Carr-Gregg. The presentation will be followed by a question and answer session with the audience.



Erindale Theatre

McBryde Crescent, Wanniasa

Thursday 7 June

7pm

Tickets \$25

For ticket enquires or purchase please contact
amy.blyton@ed.act.edu.au or call 6205 6011

Richardson Walk Safety to School Day & Community Breakfast Friday 18 May

Please join us from 8.20am this Friday to celebrate students' participation in the National Walk Safely to School Day.

Students walking to school will be presented with a special *Walk to School Day* sticker along with a colouring in poster to celebrate this event. There will be a checkpoint area at the front of the school where students can collect their sticker and posters from 8.20 am onwards.

After a visit to the check point, we encourage families to make their way to the canteen area, then Kirrang shelter to enjoy a pancake or two!

Everyone is welcome so bring your family and connect with all the wonderful people in our school community.



Hope to see you
there!

