

30 May 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

Improve Learning and Achievement for All Students

Monday was a public holiday where Reconciliation Day was observed across the ACT. Our school is taking the improvement of cultural integrity seriously. The National Reconciliation Week 2018 theme, 'Don't Make History a Mystery', has allowed us to explore our past, acknowledge our pathways towards reconciliation and celebrate the culture, contribution and resilience of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people as well as develop a deeper understanding of these important aspects of our national story. This Friday at assembly, I look forward to our senior students sharing their cultural integrity work with our school community.

Today marks the middle of the school term or 'hump week' and teachers are busy gathering data and drafting comments for the end of semester reports. Our new look report format provides detailed information about your child/ren's social development and academic progress and achievement. Specific comments are provided in the areas of literacy, numeracy and inquiry work, highlighting achievements and areas for development. The report is informed by ongoing observation, a variety of assessment tasks and grade level moderation of student work. After the reports have been distributed in week 10, we will be holding Three Way Interviews early in term three. This is an excellent opportunity for you to meet with your child/ren's teacher to discuss the report, their learning, set goals and identify support strategies as we move into second semester. Notes for these interviews will go out later in the term.

Our sporting and performing arts activities have been in overdrive of late. A number of runners represented our school at the Tuggeranong Zone Cross Country carnival yesterday at the Stromlo track. Mr Smith was most impressed by their supportive and persistent attitudes. Congratulations, we are very proud of you all! Today our Year 6 Ukulele Band joined with Calwell and Theodore students for a combined practice and our weekly Dance Nation performers practised this afternoon in the hall. Our dancers are perfecting their routine for the Schools' Dance Spectacular on Thursday evening 28 June at the Royal Theatre. They will join over 350 students from 14 schools across the ACT to bust their moves on stage. Please keep an eye out for the note coming home this week.

Develop an Expert Teaching Team

Every Tuesday and Wednesday afternoon after school, our teachers attend professional learning meetings. One of our priorities this year is around writing. Our 2018 whole school goal is to develop each student as an independent and effective writer. The outcome we aim to achieve is that every child will improve their writing and self-management skills to be responsible, independent and reflective and effective in their writing. In order to achieve this goal and outcome, we are collectively working on a series of key actions. So far staff have rated themselves on a Capacity Matrix, defined our beliefs about writing and ensured our practices aligned with these beliefs and yesterday afternoon we conducted an environmental writing walk in all of our classrooms. Using a checklist, we gathered information about how responsive our 'writing classrooms' currently are and discussed what our future actions will be to ensure that what we know about what constitutes an effective writing classroom is reflected in what we do every day. I will keep you updated with our progress in this space.

Provide a Safe, Inclusive and Respectful School Culture

After winning a grant from the Education Directorate to support the learning of our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students, Mrs Michelle Smith, Sue Turtle and an army of Koori preschool parents attended an excursion to the National Zoo. Our pre-schoolers had an amazing time and I thank Mrs Smith for making this learning opportunity possible.

Congratulations to Taylor Fitzgerald who has been nominated for this year's NAIDOC awards in the category of best apprentice/ trainee. Certainly if our school community had its way, Taylor would win this award hands down! She has taken on the challenges of her training head on and with maturity beyond her years. Taylor has been involved in classroom activities at the Koori preschool and across other units at the school. In the short time she has been at the school, she has applied herself 120% to learning how best to care for and teach our youngest learners. She has readily adopted the role of Indigenous Support Worker with enthusiasm and pride. Well done and good luck Taylor, we are so proud of you!

Kind regards,
Anna Wilson, Principal

Student Awards

The following students will be receiving an award at assembly on Friday 1 June 2018.

Assembly is 9:15am in the Hall.

NAMES	CLASS
Koa Jordan	KA
Ahmed Saeed	KA
Zara Meldrum	KM
Evangeline Pupi Pesefea	KM
Breeanna Ingram	1/2B
Caleb Lloyd	1/2B
Xavier Fensom	1/2M
Nathan Howe	1/2M
Liezel Perejoles	3/4SM
Rosemary Jimmy	3/4SM
Xavier Tarapata	5/6S
Shinaye Byron	5/6V
Darcy Lewis	5/6V
Bella Spencer-Brown	1-6T
Chantel Blowers	1-6T

Dates To Remember

- 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.

The Happenings in Kirrang

We can't believe that we are already half way through term 2!

In mathematics, the students completed a unit on time where they worked through activities with both analogue and digital clocks. We have now moved into investigating subtraction and starting to make connections between addition and subtraction.

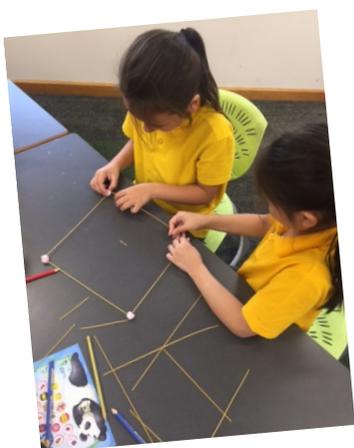
In English, the students have been learning about and writing procedural text types. They have had the opportunity to link their procedural writing to our current science inquiry unit. The spelling focus has been on long vowel sounds. The students have searched for these in the classroom and library books and recorded them for classroom displays. During reading, the children have made predictions about the story, what they think will happen and explained their thoughts with the other students.

We completed the first part of our science-based inquiry unit called 'Spot the difference' where the students explored how heating and cooling change a substance's properties and whether the change is reversible. We are now investigating how to combine substances into mixtures and separate components.

Finally, in social and emotional learning we have been identifying our own emotions, how to respond to these emotions appropriately and how all our emotions are important.

Warm regards

Johanna Barling and Barbara Martin



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.

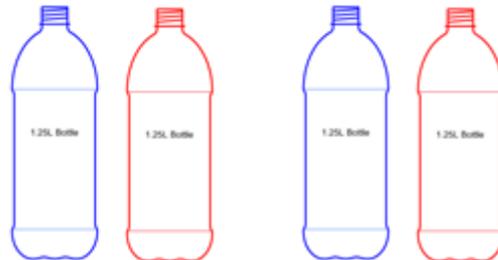
The medication must be accompanied by clear written instructions on the method of administration, timing and dosage, and signed by a doctor. Forms can be provided by the school upon request.

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.

WE NEED YOUR HELP

To finish repairs on our greenhouse the school needs approximately 200 1.25litre plastic soft drink bottles. If you can help the plastic bottles can be left at the front office.

Thank you



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)

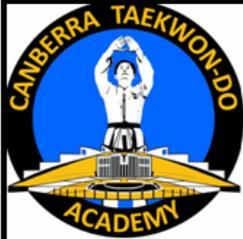
Venue: Canteen



Who: All students Preschool to Year 6

We look forward to seeing you there





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Mental Health Issues and Young People: FREE Parenting Forum

Carers ACT is hosting a unique opportunity for parents, carers and friends to learn how to recognise the warning signs and better understand depression, suicide, eating disorders, deliberate self-harm and other mental health problems in young people. Mental illness in our youth – often known as the ‘invisible disease’ - is growing at an alarming rate with many parents at a loss on how to deal with it. The speaker will be Dr Michael Carr-Gregg, one of Australia’s leading experts in parenting and child and adolescent mental health and founder of CanTeen for teenagers with cancer. *Bookings essential.*

When: Tues 19 June 2018, 7-9pm, Hellenic Club, Woden

More info: Ph 6296 9900 or email mhcarers@carersact.org.au

Register : through Eventbrite <http://bit.ly/2HIqSiy>

Cost: free

The Clubhouse
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Making healthy living ‘the norm’

With the constant onslaught of perfect stories and photos coming from the media, it is easy to think that healthy eating and regular exercise is only reserved for the ‘fitness fanatics’. For us ‘regular people’ working the 9-5 work day (or more), running businesses, raising kids, caring for loved ones and keeping our households functioning, it can all seem a little out of reach.

The thing is, healthy living is for everyone and we all have a right to live in a healthy body resulting from regular healthy behaviours. It’s even more important for our kids. They need to see that choosing healthy foods each day and regularly moving their bodies is a normal part of daily life. If they grow up with healthy living being ‘who they are and what they do’ then we’re raising a generation that hopefully won’t struggle with the same burden of chronic disease as the one before them.

Fresh Tastes is a free ACT Government service that is helping schools make healthy food and drinks a bigger part of everyday life for Canberra’s kids. Its goal is to make healthy eating normal for kids and their families, mostly at school, but at home as well.

On behalf of your school it’s my pleasure to say that they’re part of the Fresh Tastes family along with the majority of other primary schools in Canberra! Your school will be doing activities that help promote healthy eating and create a healthy environment for your children to learn and play in. It’s pretty exciting!

Stay tuned to hear more from me in the coming newsletters. You’ll get lots of healthy, practical tips for everyday healthy living and don’t forget to check in with your kids to find out what they’re learning at school as part of the Fresh Tastes service too.

If you would like to know more about Fresh Tastes visit www.act.gov.au/freshtastes. While you’re there, check out the video featuring yours truly on the success stories page.





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