

31 October 2018

Dear Parents and Carers

Improve student outcomes

It has been a busy and productive start to our final term for 2018 with plenty to celebrate so early in the term. Last week we received the exciting news that three students from our school were Mura Award recipients. The Mura Awards are in recognition of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students who demonstrate learning, achievement, participation and contribution to the life of our school. These students will receive scholarships which will go towards educational costs. Whilst the families of the students have been told the exciting news, the award winners themselves will find out at Friday's assembly.

We have been most fortunate to be able to launch the SPARK Mentored reading program in partnership with the Australian Business Community Network. We had 18 mentors meet and greet their mentees at the launch last Thursday in our school library. The mentors come from the business community, namely Optus, Price Waterhouse Coopers and Minter Ellison. The program will continue until 29 November 2018 with plans for the program to continue into 2019, with a new round of mentoring offered to different students. We are also inquiring into the 1:2:1 Mathematics mentor program, keep an eye out for this next year.

Change and transition at any time in your life is significant and current research shows that by investing early in the process better outcomes are experienced. Planning for transitions is well underway at Richardson Primary with dates set in our school calendar. To support students transitioning there are several formal and informal research-based approaches that we implement across the school. Last week saw our youngest students attend the first playgroup session in preparation for them commencing in our preschool classes in 2019. The session was well attended with lots of creative play and time to bond and form friendships for both students and families. The playgroup sessions will run each Thursday from 9.00am -10.00am in our Koori preschool.

Develop an expert teaching team

Term 4 sees our school teacher committees come together and feedback to staff the priorities and projects they have been working on throughout the year. The Coaching Committee led staff through a professional learning session last Tuesday and with collaboration from all staff, we have successfully implemented a peer observation model which will commence over the next few weeks. This process allows opportunities for all staff to reflect on their teaching practice and seek peer feedback. Teachers as learners leading the way; a great example for our students and community.

Late in term 3, Mrs Vince and myself attended a professional learning session hosted by the Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden program. Some of you may know about our school kitchen garden and chicken coop which is located on the far side of the school, beyond the hall. The garden is ripe (pardon the pun) for renewal. The Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program provides excellent Australian curriculum links and teaching tools to get students out into the garden, growing and harvesting produce and learning to prepare pleasurable food in our school kitchen. The emphasis on sharing these skills at home and in the future, selling excess produce at a market garden stall of an afternoon. Our RIPP program and lunchtime Kitchen Garden and MasterChef clubs have been working hard to utilise this learning space and students have drafted a list of resources to assist with the improvements. If you are a keen gardener, we would love to hear from you!

Provide a safe, inclusive and respectful school culture

Last Thursday, during the Kakadu Fun Day, students were recognised with a purple double dab for demonstrating amazing respectful and safe behaviour as they moved from stall to stall. On last count, Miss Marie informed me that she has entered 100 purple dabs in the system, an outstanding effort everyone and proof that high expectations allow students to achieve amazing things!

You may have noticed that Mrs Wilson has been working hard with the architects to refresh our school with a new colour scheme and refurbishments. These are now on display in the foyer and we warmly welcome your feedback. Mrs Wilson has also met with a landscape architect about our outdoor spaces. Standby for some news around possible transformation and beautification of these spaces and as always, we welcome your thought during the consultation phase.

During our week three RIPP session on Friday 2 November, we are looking forward to hosting our Grandparents afternoon where they will get to join in their grandchildren's RIPP activity. Grandparents of our year 1 and 2 students have also been invited to a morning session to provide expert advice and opinion on all things toy related from the past, to support and deepen the current inquiry.

Our Cultural Integrity journey is continuing, and a new section will be added in the coming weeks that represents and celebrates all cultures at Richardson Primary School. Keep a look out in the foyer area for the display. If you do not wish to have your child's name and nationality on display, please speak to the front office.

Warm regards
Nicole Agius
Executive Teacher



Literacy

Supporting Reading at Home

Phonological awareness is the ability to hear, identify and say the separate parts of words such as rhymes, and letter sounds.

Phonemic awareness is a sub-skill of phonological awareness. It is the ability to identify, say and manipulate the smallest sounds in words (phonemes).

By engaging your child in simple phonological and phonemic awareness tasks, you can give them a head start in success in learning to read.

Here are some simple activities that will help develop your child's phonological awareness.

- Sing nursery rhymes with your child at home, in the car, or out and about.
- Read books with rhymes – for example, Dr Seuss and Pamela Allen books are a hit.
- Take turns to come up with words that rhyme. For example, "What other words sound like car?"

Useful websites with further ideas –

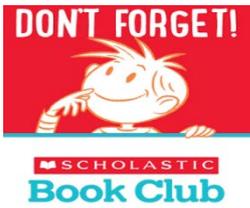
- www.fivefromfive.org.au
- www.readingrockets.org
- www.raisingchildren.net.au

Dates To Remember

- 01.11.18 - Preschool Playgroup
- 01.11.18 - Year 5 Combined Band at Theodore
- 01.11.18 - Senior Science Fair
- 02.11.18 - Yr 1/2 Kirrang Assembly
- 02.11.18 - Grand Parents visit RIPP
- 05.11.18 - Kinder Fire Brigade (10.00am)
- 05.11.18 - 2019 Preschool Interviews
- 06.11.18 - 2019 Preschool Interviews
- 06.11.18 - UR Fab Sessions
- 07.11.18 - Yr 5/6 Ian Potter Foundation Excursion
- 08.11.18 - Preschool Playgroup (9.00-10.00am)
- 08.11.18 - Calwell HS Orientation Day and Disco
- 09.11.18 - Chisholm HS Mash Up Day
- 12.11.18 - 2019 Preschool Interviews
- 12.11.18 - Year 1/2 National Museum Excursion
- 13.11.18 – 2019 Preschool Interviews
- 13.11.18 – Yr 6 Food Fundraiser
- 14.11.18 – Yr 6 Passport for Success
- 14.11.18 – Yr 6 Food Fundraiser

Book Club

Book Club orders are due Friday 2 November 2018.





Understanding and Responding to Feelings and Behaviours

UR FaB

Program in Schools

Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services

Hello from the UR FaB team,

Your child's school has volunteered to take part in the UR FaB early intervention program for children in Year 1 to Year 3. The program focuses on children's emotional and social development, and while we are here at Richardson Primary School, the team will be contributing to the school newsletter and providing information and ideas in regard to supporting children with their social and emotional development.

Today we are focusing on the importance of 'Together Time'. Children from birth to adolescence need time and attention from their parents. There are a number of benefits to 'Together Time':

- It helps a child to feel important and loved, and helps children to feel closer to their parent.
- The parent and child develop a stronger bond as it encourages communication between the child and the parent, and it provides the child with the opportunity to voice their thoughts and feelings.
- The child has an opportunity to model their parent's behaviour, while the parent can observe and learn about their child's strengths and weaknesses, temperament, activity level, and developmental stage, in order to better know them and guide them.
- Children want to be close to their parents and to be the focus of their emotions and this can be a powerful influence on a child's behaviour.

Research suggests that it is the quality of the time spent together not the quantity that is important, and that 10 – 15 minutes per day is enough.

Quality time involves:

- Play that is directed by the child, and a parent having their full attention to their child's world. Use time together, such as mealtimes, to talk and share a laugh.
- Focus on your child's strengths not his/ her weaknesses
- Laugh and have fun...make it enjoyable
- Avoid competing with your child
- Don't focus on the "correct" way or specified rules for a game. Don't use it as a teaching moment.
- Model cooperation by doing what your child asks you to do
- Praise and encourage your child's self-discovery and creativity; don't criticize
- Engage in pretend and make-believe play with your child
- Curb your desire to give too much help—give just enough support to avoid frustration but not so much you take over your child's exploration
- 'Attention rule' – attend to positive behaviour and ignore negative behaviour (results in increased positive social behaviour in the child). Don't give eye or verbal attention to annoying behaviours
- Use positive communication avoiding criticism
- Use descriptive commenting and praise

Quality time together gives the child the feeling, “my parent cares about me; my parent is willing to do something with me that I enjoy; and my parent did it with a positive attitude”.

The parent child relationship is an important factor in your child’s social, cognitive and emotional development. In prioritising time together and strengthening the parent child bond you are helping your child to feel safe and secure.

More on descriptive commenting and praise next time!

The UR FaB Team

Jo Vickers (Psychologist)

Alex Cobb (Psychologist)

Kindergarten’s Silkworms

Kindergarten have excitedly got Silkworms visiting our classes.

We have watched them hatch out of their eggs and they are now on their way to becoming beautiful big silkies that will spin a golden cocoon.

However we need your help...

We need Mulberry leaves...as that is all they eat!

If you know of anyone that has a Mulberry tree, or visit the coast or parks around Canberra where they are....please pick us a huge bag of leaves.

Thanking you

Mrs May and Mrs Motbey

Grandparents Forum – Toys and Games

Year 1/2 students are currently involved in a History inquiry titled ‘Moments in Time’. We will be exploring toys and games from the past during this learning.

We would like to invite grandparents of the 1/2 students to share stories and artefacts from their childhood with the group and play some of these games in small groups. This will run in conjunction with other Grandparent Day activities.

What – Toys and Games Exploration

Who – Grandparents of 1/2 students

When – Friday 2 November 2018

Time – 10am-11am

Where – 1/2 classrooms

If you would like to join us for this forum or require further information, please contact the office on 6142 3630, leaving your name and contact details.

Thank you

1/2 Team

Kakadu Fun Day

On Thursday all our hard work and planning around Financial Literacy, paid off in a highly successful fun day. This learning provided our students with an insight into the power of advertising and running a business to make a profit. Some of our stalls were more profitable than others but all stallholders worked together to create a fun and exciting experience for students across the school.



Highschool Transition

Next week students attending Calwell High School and Chisholm High School will participate in a transition day. Any information we receive from high schools is passed on to you as soon as possible. For the Calwell Transition Day students will be walking there and back from Richardson Primary with Mr Scarcella. If you would like to set up a different transportation plan please let us know. Some students may benefit from additional transition time, if you feel that your child would benefit from this, please arrange by talking to the highschool directly, or through Ms. Mitchell or Ms. Calvert.

Year 6 Graduation

The money raised from Kakadu Fun Day and other fundraising throughout the year goes towards our Year 6 Graduation. If you are able to help set up or plan for this event, please let one of the 5/6 teachers know.

Keeping Safe Online

In this newsletter we have attached information from the esafety commission around keeping your children safe online. A lot of apps have a direct messaging function that allows students to chat with their friends as well as people they do not know. These include applications such as: Pinterest, Snapchat and Instagram.

The esafety website is full of useful information around cyber safety for you and your child:
<https://www.esafety.gov.au/education-resources/iparent>

Important Upcoming Dates To Remember:

- Digital Technology Excursion - Wednesday 7 November
- Calwell Transition Day - Thursday 8 November
- Chisholm Transition Day - Friday 9 November
- BANSTRAV Rehearsal- Friday 16 November
- BANSTRAV Performance - Monday 19 November
- Community Celebration - Friday 7 December
- Lanyon Transition Day - Monday 10 December
- Graduation Dinner and Disco - Thursday 13 December
- Graduation Assembly - Wednesday 19 December

Trash Free Tuesdays

Don't forget Trash Free Tuesdays!! This is to encourage students to bring smaller amounts of waste in their lunch boxes and include more healthy foods. There is strong evidence to suggest that the food children eat has a direct impact on learning.

Please take time to have a look at the Trash Free Tuesday graph located in our front foyer, to see how your child's class is tracking with reducing waste and including healthier foods!



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



Save the Date! "Grand Parents Day"

On Friday 2nd of November, Richardson Primary School students would like to invite their grandparents to come along to our Richardson Interest and Pursuits Program (RIPP). Children will be sending out invites to this event in the next few days. Grandparents Day will commence in the afternoon at 2PM and will go through to 2.55PM. Children have selected new activities for this term's RIPP and are keen to share their chosen activity with their special visitor. We hope to see as many grandparents attend this event.

Student Awards

The following students will be receiving an award at assembly on Friday 2 November 2018. Assembly is 9:15am in the Hall.

NAMES	CLASS
Claudia Stafrace	KA
Avia Hung	KA
Kaylee Gardner	KM
Evangeline Pupi Pesefea	KM
Charlotte Stafrace	1/2H
Breeana Ingram	1/2H
Kaycee Kelly-Edwards	1/2M
Sara Singh	1/2M
Mia Roberts-Kulmar	3/4SM
Raymund Tong	3/4SM
Kaylon Ward	1-6T
Bella Spencer-Brown	1-6T
Sabastian Campbell-Saga	5/6S
Sarah Buttriss	5/6S
Ana Vaana	5/6S
Arshi Mahmud	5/6V
Brayden Expositio	5/6V
Ben Waters	Dolphin Class
Sarah El Goul	Dolphin Class
Stella Ridley	Dolphin Class



100 Nights Reading Awards

Congratulations to –

- Jackson Mullis – KM
- Grace McLucas – KM
- Henri Fitrawan – KM
- Jaycob Robertson – KM
- Ella Stephen - KM
- Kendrick Singh - KM
- Evangeline Pupi Pesefea - KM
- Izzabella Comandari – 1/2M
- Olivia Britt – 1/2M

170 Nights Reading Awards

Congratulations to –

- Catherine McKay – KA
- Gloria Pesefea – 1/2M
- Izzabella Comandari – 1/2M
- Hanna Fitrawan – 1/2H

240 Nights Reading Awards

- Felicity-Jane Stel – 1/2H

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.

RIPP Term 4 – 2018

The **Richardson Interests and Pursuits Program (RIPP)** will restart on Friday 26 October, welcoming Kindergarten this term.

We would welcome any parent volunteers to assist with a group each week in any of the highlighted activities. Please contact the office leaving your contact details and activity you're interested in assisting.

Netball	MasterChef	String Art	Kitchen Garden
Tapestry/Weaving	Recorder	Loombands & Beading	STEM
Dance	Kite Making	Mindfulness Art	

We would greatly appreciate donations of –

- **Beads**
- **Loombands**
- **Wool**

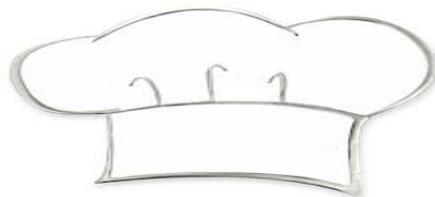
Please leave any labelled donations at the office.

In addition, please ensure your child has told you what their RIPP activity is for this term so in the event you need to collect them early from school the front office can tell you where they are located.

Regards,

Deborah Watling

Senior Master Chef



Senior Master Chef will be making lemon butter this term and are desperately in need of some glass jars with lids so students can take some home.

If you have any glass jars that you can spare please bring in to the front office.

Kind regards

Mrs Vince and the Senior Master Chef Students



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Forrest Primary School 60th Anniversary - Save the dates

Forrest Primary School is celebrating our 60th Anniversary of the opening of the school in 1958. Everyone who has any association with Forrest Primary School is cordially invited to be part of the celebrations.

The major celebratory events are as follows:

Wednesday 19 September: Art Show Opening Night - tickets can be purchased via <https://www.trybooking.com/WHGW>

Thursday 20-21 September: Art Show continues – opening hours 8.30-9.30 and 2.30-4.30 with a gold coin donation for entry.

Friday 30 November: Official Assembly and Fair – more details can be found on our Facebook Page closer to the date



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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



Calwell Little Athletics Club would like to invite you to join for the 2018/19 Season.

Discounts apply for multi registrations per family
Season 13th October – 9th March 2019.

To register please use the links below
www.clac.net.au
www.actlaa.org.au

Calwell Little Athletics Club would like to offer 2 free try out days for new members

We can't wait to see you there!
Where?

Calwell Playing Fields, Were St, Calwell

TUGGERANONG VALLEY CRICKET CLUB – JUNIOR BLASTERS FOR THE 2018/19 SEASON

- Registrations are still open for Junior Blaster program (5-7 year olds playing at Chisholm on Friday evening or Conder on Saturday morning).
- Cost - \$99.00.

Registration is only via Playcricket.com.au - type in your postcode and select the Junior Blaster program.

Girls are welcome in the program.

For more information contact TVCC Juniors Registrar Tim Pike at registrar@tvccjuniors.org.au or 0416431096, or Bruce Trewartha on 0439887480.

Thank you
Bruce Trewartha
TVCC Juniors
Ph 62651848(w)
0439 887480 (m)
btrewartha13@gmail.com

Tennis Canberra Junior Coaching Times & Venues

With tennis rated the number 1 sport to help people stay healthy, we encourage our students to learn a game they play for life. There is no better time for students to join a tennis program as Spring is the perfect setting to run around after school or on the weekend with friends

- **Monday: Old Parliament House Tennis Club & Majura Tennis Club, Dickson**
- **Tuesday: Turner Tennis Club**
- **Wednesday: Barton Tennis Club & Reid Tennis Club**
- **Thursday: Majura Tennis Club, Dickson & Turner Tennis Club**
- **Friday: Erindale Active Leisure Centre (Tuggeranong)**
- **Saturday: Old Parliament House Tennis Club & Majura Tennis Club, Dickson**

For a limited time all new players receive a **FREE** tennis racquet & ANZ Hot Shots player shirt and have the opportunity to attend a trial lesson.

Sign-up & more information visit: www.tenniscanberra.com.au/junior-tennis

To contact us email play@tenniscanberra.com.au or call **0416 186 121**.

Thank you for the support and we hope to help compliment your students studies the number 1 sport for health,

Robbie Manzano



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A great introduction to Soccer! Children work with their parents to learn new soccer skills and develop their motor skills! Lots of fun games in a non-competitive environment



PINT SIZE

(4-5 YEARS OLD)

Children take their first kicks in soccer! They'll be introduced to shooting, dribbling, goal keeping and more! Children get to play lots of fun, skill based games. Grasshoppers get introduced to the Pint Size 1v1 Big Game!



INTRO TO MICRO

(5-6 YEARS OLD)

MICRO

(6-8 YEARS OLD)

The ultimate challenge for young soccer players! They'll learn the rules of the Grasshopper Soccer Big Game and develop their skills in passing, dribbling, shooting and more!



MICRO +

(8-12 YEARS OLD)

This program focuses on skill development and team work in preparation for club soccer. Children will enjoy all the favourite soccer based games, fine tune their skills as well as play the Grasshopper Soccer Big Game!



Would extra money at the beginning of next year help your family with Back-to-School expenses?

Do you hold a Health Care Card or a Pension Concession Card?

If so, you maybe eligible for a *Learning for Life* Scholarship. Contact Anna Wilson, Principal, or make an enquiry at the Front Office today



Alternatively, to find out more information you can call Lisa at The Smith Family on 0466 745 310 or by email on lisa.gibbons@thesmithfamily.com.au

**Opportunity available for Richardson Primary School students only*





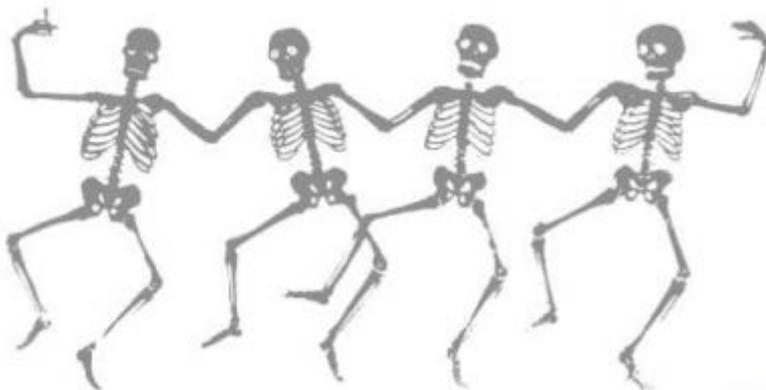
HALLOWEEN FETE

31 OCTOBER 2018

5:30PM TO 7:00PM

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 **STALLS**

 **FAMILY FUN**

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