

12 December 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

It is fitting to finish off a successful year with a number of opportunities to celebrate student achievements and come together as a community. On Friday evening we had an amazing turnout for our school concert and Community Celebration and fortunately this year it was a warm and dry event. Thank you to all the families who helped out on the night to make it such a success. This week, we are looking forward to celebrating the Year 6 Graduation Dinner and Disco on Thursday Night. The following Thursday 20 December will be the Year 6 Graduation Assembly. Semester two reports will be sent home this Friday, 14 December.

As the year draws to a close, it is a perfect opportunity to reflect on and celebrate all that we have achieved this year in our school improvement journey. The points underneath each of our three strategic priorities are a snapshot of what we have accomplished. A more comprehensive demonstration of our successes will be detailed in our Annual School Board Report due for release early next year.

Improve Student Learning and Achievement for all Students

- Introduced weekly teaching team collaborative planning sessions led by our executive teachers
- Created programming and planning templates for literacy, numeracy and inquiry
- Developed a whole school scope and sequence for inquiry learning
- Resigned the school report to align with the Australian Curriculum and provide more detailed information to parents
- Continued to use Professional Learning Communities to analyse student assessments and work samples to inform planning and teaching
- Provided professional learning by NeuEd and UR FaB to support students social and emotional needs in the classroom
- Commenced Literacy Target Intervention using the MiniLit resource to provide tier two intervention across the school
- Implemented Story Park in Preschool to share student learning with parents
- Developed a whole school data and assessment tool to track student learning and achievement over time
- Participated in the Writing Project, a recent post assessment of students' writing K-6 was conducted and we are proud to report that 97% of our students have had a minimum of 12 month's growth.

Develop an expert teaching team

- Developed a peer feedback model to enhance staff capacity in giving and receiving feedback
- Provided professional learning in giving and receiving feedback
- Continued to embed instructional leadership structures and processes that build professional capacity
- Fortnightly Professional Learning Community discussions based on student data to inform planning
- Completed a TAG observation of a peer providing the following feedback - tell something you like, ask a question, give a suggestion and something to try.

Provide a safe, inclusive and respectful school culture

- Essential agreements for behaviour and learning were created for each class and sent home to families
- SRC representatives from each class, meeting weekly to discuss and initiative student initiatives and fundraising, in particular, the implementation of *Waste Free Wednesday* and *Trash Free Tuesday*
- Relational and Restorative Practices via Adam Voigt professional learning for staff, students and parents
- Implementation of Positive Behaviour for Learning, key milestones were the establishment of our three pillars, *Respectful, Positive Learners and Safe*, development of expected behaviour matrix and the introduction of free and frequent rewards known as *DABs for Displaying Amazing Behaviour*

- Acknowledgment of DAB accumulation by students at assemblies in the form of the *Golden DAB* for house points and *Bronze Certificates* for individual achievement
- Provided professional learning to build staff capacity in using *Circle Time* to teach social emotional learning sessions
- Trialled using *Sentral* to track and record positive and negative behaviours across the school as a method to analyse and act upon
- *SeeSaw* and *Story Park* used across the school to share with parents the learning and achievements of students
- Commencement of Richardson Interests and Pursuits Program (RIPP) in Semester Two as a multi-age peer support program across the school successfully engaging with parents and volunteers to support the initiative
- Trialled the SPARK reading volunteer program in Term Four
- Significant improvements in the levels of parent and teacher satisfaction as reflected in our 2018 School Satisfaction Survey results.

2019 Staffing and Classes

This week staff collaborated in the creation of our classes for next year. We will have the same number of classes as this year, although, due to numbers in certain year levels, the multi-aged combinations will be different. At this stage we will proceed with two kindergarten classes, two 1 /2 classes, a 3 /4 class, a 4/5 class and a 5/6 class as well as our Learning Support Unit, two preschool sessions and our Koori preschool. Next Monday our 2019 class lists and photos of the teachers will be on display in the front office area.

The following teachers are leaving RPS at the end of the year:

- Mrs Ashleigh Motbey – taking maternity leave
- Ms Tania Long – contract work in other ACT schools
- Ms Kimi Hall – contract work in other ACT schools

We welcome the following staff to RPS in 2019:

- Mrs Jenny Glover – transferring from Wanniasa Hills Primary School
- Ms Jayne Quirepel– transferring from Red Hill School
- Mrs Bianca Moore – new educator

The following teaching and support staff will remain at RPS in 2019:

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| • Ms Anna Wilson | • Mrs Anne Tow |
| • Ms Brooke Calvert | • Mrs Sue Turtle |
| • Mrs Nicole Agius | • Glenise Henderson |
| • Ms Deborah Watlin | • Kylie Crabtree |
| • Ms Rozlyn Mitchell | • Kylie Lee |
| • Ms Barb Martin | • Marie Annesley |
| • Mrs Michelle May | • Stephanie Bermingham |
| • Mr Ben Smith | • David Hutchison |
| • Mrs Emma Vince | • Taylor Fitzgerald |
| • Mr Andrew Fraser | • Branko Novakovic |
| • Mr Aaron Scarcella | • Ellen Sheridan |

It has been a privilege to be part of the growth and improvement at Richardson Primary School this year. To watch all the personal achievements and accomplishments of all our students has been amazing. I wish you all happy and safe holiday period. I'm looking forward to a phenomenal 2019!

Please watch over our school during the holiday break and report any suspicious behaviour to the police on 131 444 or 000.

Kind regards,
Deborah Watling
Executive Teacher

Kirrang at the National Museum of Australia



This term we visited the National Museum of Australia. We investigated artefacts from the past. It was lots of fun.



Merry
Christmas

This term in Kirrang...



Inquiry



This term we've been learning about minibeasts, also known as insects. We've been taking care of mealworms in our classes. We've also learned about ants, and ladybugs. We've learned that oviparous animals lay eggs.



Literacy



Our literacy focus has been on persuasive writing. We've read books like "Hey Little Ant", and "I Wanna Iguana", to learn about how people write letters to persuade others to do something they want. These books gave us the idea to write persuasive letters to Mrs Wilson, to convince her to add some new things around the school.



Numeracy

In numeracy we've continued to look at numbers, fractions, addition, subtraction, division and measurement. Did you know that when we measure things, the unit of measure needs to be exactly the same? Did you know that the more pieces you cut something into, the smaller the parts become? These parts are called fractions.



Thank you for joining us in a wonderful year of learning. It has been a pleasure working with all the children. Many thanks to all the families who have helped in various different ways, from reading to costuming and joining us on excursions, athletics carnivals and cross country events. We wish you all a Merry Christmas and a safe holiday season. See you all again in 2019.



~ Update from the P&C ~

 Richardson p & c association  richardsonps.pandc@gmail.com



The P&C would like to pass on our sincere gratitude to everyone that assisted with the Richardson Community Celebration and made it the success that it was.

The P&C BBQ raised a huge \$900; this will go towards education resources for our school in 2019.

The success of the BBQ would not have been possible without the assistance from local retailers: *Woolworths Calwell, Woolworths Erindale, Coles Chisholm, Coles Wanniassa, Aldi Lanyon and CJ*

Meats Chisholm. Thank you for supporting your local community.

Christmas Dress up Day – Friday 21 December

Our final fundraising event for 2018. For a gold coin donation, you can come dressed in Christmas theme or something special that reminds you of Christmas time. As it is a school day, outfits still need to be sun smart.

All proceeds of this fundraiser will go towards purchasing toy/s for the Kmart wishing tree.



Richardson Primary P&C 2019

Are you interested in being on the P&C? This is a chance to have a say in what fundraisers we have, how we spend funds raised, and stay up to date on the happenings of the school and the local community.

Please join us in 2019 for our Annual General Meeting (AGM). At the AGM all positions of the P&C are open for nomination. You can nominate to hold position or just vote on whom you want to hold a position. All parents and carers of students at Richardson are welcome.

AGM – Monday 18 February 2019 at 3:15pm in the school library.

*The P&C wish all families a safe and happy holiday break.
We look forward to working with the school and families in 2019.*



Congratulations to the Community Celebration Raffle Winners

- 1st Prize Family Zoo Pass – Christine B
- 2nd Prize Wheel Barrow – Sandy S
- 3rd Prize \$50 Movie ticket – Samantha S
- 4th Prize \$30 Rivers Voucher – Max S

Thank you for supporting our school!



100 Nights Reading Awards

Congratulations to:

Rosemary Jimmy

Dates To Remember

19.12.18 – Yr 6 Graduation Assembly
9.15-10.00am

21.12.18 – P&C Xmas Dress Up Day!

21.12.18 – Last day of School!!

Happy Holidays!



There is a basket near the front office that is full of lost property. If your child/ren are missing anything please take the time to check the lost property basket. Any items left after Friday December 21 will be given to charity.

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.

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

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



Shredded Paper

Anyone wanting shredded paper please call Vicki on 6292 8918.

Makes great bedding for animals!

Chief Minister's Canberra Gold Awards –

Have you lived in Canberra for 50 years or more?

If you or someone you know has lived in Canberra for 50 years or more, then nominate now for a Chief Minister's Canberra Gold Award. The Awards recognise long-term residents, businesses and groups that have made an important contribution to shaping our city and community through their long-term commitment to the ACT.

Nominations close in 8 February 2019 and can be made online at act.gov.au/cbrgold

Canberra Citizen of the Year Award

Do you know someone who acts for the good of our community? Someone doing great things in their field, who is making a difference to the lives of Canberrans? Then nominate them for the 2019 Canberra Citizen of the Year Award.

The Canberra Citizen of the Year is someone who makes an outstanding contribution to our community without expectation of remuneration or reward. They could be a researcher, a business leader, a journalist, artist, educator, an advocate for others in our community, or a leader in their field.

Nominations close on Friday 11 January 2019 and can be made online at act.gov.au/cbrcitizen

Contact: [Ian Hunter](mailto:ian.hunter@act.gov.au)
Ph: [620 59423](tel:62059423)

Illegal Parking around Schools during Fetes and Graduation Events

Parking safely and legally around schools is important for the safety of our students and staff. This includes parking around schools during and outside of school hours. Access Canberra are reminding drivers who choose to disregard the road rules and parking signs will get fined.

Spend your money at the fete not on parking fines!

Don't park:



By parking legally at school fetes you are keeping our kids safe!

Easier. Simpler. Here to Help.

ACT Access Canberra

Happy Holidays

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ACT Public Schools
So much more to offer



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*



Could \$500 help you with school costs?

Join Saver Plus and we'll match your savings, dollar for dollar, up to \$500 for school costs.

-  laptops & tablets
-  lessons & activities
-  uniforms & shoes
-  books & supplies
-  sports fees & gear
-  camps & excursions

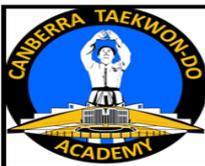
To join Saver Plus, you must have a Centrelink Health Care or Pensioner Concession Card, be at least 18 years old, have some regular income from work (you or your partner), and have a child at school or attend vocational education yourself.



Contact
Kathleen Watson
your local Saver Plus
Coordinator
Phone
0448 730 305
02 6283 7606
Email
kathleen.watson@thesmithfamily.com.au
Web
www.saverplus.org.au



Saver Plus is an initiative of the Brotherhood of St Laurence and ANZ, delivered in partnership with Berry Street, The Benevolence Society and The Smith Family and other local community agencies. The program is funded by ANZ and the Australian Government Department of Social Services. Go to www.anz.gov.au for more information.



Canberra Taekwon-Do Academy. Winning Nearly all the Gold and Silver at the National Australian Championships. Come and Join Australia's 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 Cantkdacademy@gmail.com

YWCA Canberra Clubhouse Summer 2019 School Holidays

Monday 07/01/19	Tuesday 08/01/19	Wednesday 09/01/19	Thursday 10/01/19	Friday 11/01/19
Mindfulness and Art 1:00pm – 5:00pm	Sphero Mini Golf 1:00pm – 5:00pm	Tie Dye 1:00pm – 5:00pm	Creating Board Games 1:00pm – 5:00pm	Minute to Win it Challenges 1:00pm – 5:00pm
Monday 14/01/19	Tuesday 15/01/19	Wednesday 16/01/19	Thursday 17/01/19	Friday 18/01/19
Making Optical Illusions 1:00pm – 5:00pm	Questacon* 1:00pm – 5:00pm	Glass and Science Tour Canberra Glassworks* 1:00pm – 5:00pm	RE@CH Media Festival Competition 1:00pm – 5:00pm	Create a Video Resume 1:00pm – 5:00pm

*Excursions require a signed permission form
Open to Clubhouse members only (free). Membership and excursion permission forms can be downloaded from our website.

YWCA Canberra Clubhouse, May Gibbs CI, Richardson
Annie-Lea Rowley YWCA Canberra Clubhouse
Ph: 6294 4633 or 0406 375 993 | E: annie-lea.rowley@ywca-canberra.org.au
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YWCA Canberra Clubhouse Summer 2019 School Holidays

Monday 21/01/19	Tuesday 22/01/19	Wednesday 23/01/19	Thursday 24/01/19	Friday 25/01/19
Ten Pin Bowling* 1:00pm – 5:00pm	Bank Indoor Skate Park* 1:00pm – 5:00pm	Interagency Coast Trip* 6:00am – 6:30pm	Interagency Pool Comp at Woden Youth Centre* 1:00pm – 6:00pm	Limelight Movie* 1:00pm – 5:00pm
Monday 28/01/19	Tuesday 29/01/19	Wednesday 30/01/19	Thursday 31/01/19	Friday 01/02/19
CLOSED Public Holiday	CLOSED GROUP Humans of Tuggeranong Photography Program 1:00pm - 5:00pm			

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**YWCA Canberra Clubhouse
Summer 2019 School Holiday Program
Permission Form**

Dear Parent/Guardian,

The YWCA Canberra Clubhouse is providing a free school holiday program to Clubhouse members. All excursions will be leaving from YWCA Canberra Clubhouse, May Gibbs Close, Richardson (Community room, Richardson Primary School) in the Snow Foundation Bus. If your child is not yet a member of the Clubhouse, please see the website or get in contact.

Please see below for the available excursions:

- Tuesday 15 January | **Questacon** | 1:00pm – 5:00pm
- Wednesday 16 January | **Glass and science Tour** | 1:00pm – 5:00pm
- Monday 21 January | **Ten Pin Bowling** | 1:00pm – 5:00pm
- Tuesday 22 January | **Bank Indoor Skate Park** | 1:00pm – 5:00pm
- Wednesday 23 January | **Interagency Coast Trip** | 6:00am – 6:30pm
- Thursday 24 January | **Interagency Pool Competition** | 1:00pm – 6:00pm
- Friday 25 January | **Limelight Movie** | 1:00pm – 5:00pm

What to bring:

- Water bottle
- Jumper/long pants in case it gets cold
- Enclosed shoes
- Bag/Backpack
- Swimmers, sun-smart clothing, towel, sunscreen change of clothes (**for coast trip**)

What not to bring:

- Any valuables or anything you don't want to lose (YWCA Canberra holds no responsibility for the loss of any possessions)
- No alcohol, drugs or dangerous belongings.

Staff Details:

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| • Clubhouse Coordinator: Annie-Lea Rowley | 0406 375 993 |
| • Youth Programs Team Leader (Driver): Ciara Duggan | 0450 962 868 |
| • Youth Engagement Officer (Driver): Tim Clement | 0417 431 447 |
| • Youth Engagement Officer: Belinda Quinn | 0420 424 525 |
| • Lanyon Youth and Community Centre: Katherine Higgins | 0417 459 297 |

Clubhouse Parental Consent form

The YWCA Canberra Clubhouse is an innovative, creative, out-of-school learning space where young people from underserved communities can work with adult mentors to develop new skills, explore their own ideas, and build confidence in themselves through the use of technology.

The Clubhouse strives to provide equal opportunities and empower youth by providing full access to resources and equipment, while promoting the importance of healthy, respectful and consistent relationships. It's a creative learning environment that nurtures a diverse community of lifelong learners, producers and makers.

You must return a signed parental consent form in order to attend the YWCA Canberra Clubhouse as well as returning a completed sign up form.

I have read the above statement and agree that my child is able to abide by the above conditions and therefore can participate in the above mentioned program. I also understand that the YWCA Canberra Clubhouse and its staff are not responsible for the whereabouts or the transport home of any of its members.

Parent/Guardian Signature:

Date:

Photograph Consent Form

I _____ provide consent for YWCA Canberra to record my image (photograph or video footage) for promotional purposes. I understand my image may be used in mediums including: publications and promotional material, and broadcast, print and electronic/social media.

I acknowledge that my image will be used without any personal compensation or remuneration. I agree to forgo any rights to my image including moral rights and copyright.

YWCA Canberra agrees not to use your image in a manner that may be deemed adverse or defamatory. The image will remain the property of YWCA Canberra and any personal details regarding this image will be kept confidentially and will not be used for any purpose other than related to your image.

You should understand that any image which is published online can be copied and redistributed without the knowledge of the person that uploaded it. Once published, we may not be able to retrieve or delete images if consent is withdrawn after publishing.

I agree my images can:

- be used to promote YWCA Canberra Clubhouse ONLY
- be used for ongoing future use (general ongoing use related to the role and function of YWCA Canberra)
- include my name with the image

You can withdraw your consent at any time by contacting YWCA Canberra

Name:

Participant's* signature:

Parent/Guardian Signature (required for people under 18 years of age):

Date:

(*we recommend that participant's over the age of 13 years sign this consent form along with their parent/guardian)