

## Caring and Sharing

A small school achieving BIG Things

Dear Parents, Carers and Students,

We are halfway through the term already and are thrilled by the positive start we have had to the school year. Students from preschool right through to year six have settled quickly into learning routines and the classrooms are buzzing.

This week we would like to welcome back Mr Bartholomew, who has returned from leave. There are a number of staffing changes for the remainder of the term. Ms Calvert will be taking leave from Monday next week (week 6) and will be returning to work in week 10. Ms Grady will be acting Deputy Principal in Ms Calvert's absence. We want to ensure there is minimum disruption to 5/6G so Ms Grady will continue to teach the class for 2 days a week with Miss McGrath covering the additional three days.

The Community Breakfast was a huge success and we were very pleased to see so many parents joining us for this event. We were equally excited to see so many parents at the Preschool Stay and Play morning tea last week. We are looking to offer a few more initiatives like this during the year to encourage community spirit and connection with Richardson Primary School.

We have an assembly this Friday starting at **12:30pm** hosted by Kakadu Unit. It would be great if you could join us to celebrate the amazing learning and student achievement that is happening in classrooms. We will be presenting our semester one SRC representatives with their new badges, as well as announcing our new House and Vice Captains.

Last week we held a routine fire drill. Fire drills are an important part of fire safety procedures for many reasons. Not only do they ensure that all staff, students and visitors to the premises understand what they need to do if there is a fire, but they also help to test how and review our fire evacuation plan. We would like to congratulate all staff and students on the effectiveness of the drill. The staff responded promptly and the students did a fantastic job at following directions to evacuate the building.

A reminder that we are currently trying to transition the newsletter from hardcopy to an electronic version. If you have not already done so can families please send the front office their latest email address via [info@richardsonps.act.edu.au](mailto:info@richardsonps.act.edu.au) with Newsletter as the subject. Alternatively, if you do not have an email address please notify the front office.

Kind regards,  
Kate Davis

### Newsletter 1 March 2017

#### DATE REMINDERS

#### Term 1 Assemblies - 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**

**March 1** Emergency Contact List Due

**March 2** Questacon Science Circus K-6

**March 6 – March 8** Camp Borambola – Senior Students

**March 8** Athletics Carnival Note Due

**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

**April 5** P&C Easter Bonnet

Parade and Winner of Easter Competition Announced 9:30am in the Hall

**April 7** Kindergarten Health Checks

**April 7** Last Day Term 1

#### NOTES SENT HOME

**YEAR 6 SHIRT ORDER FORMS ARE NOW DUE**

# Student Awards

The following students will be receiving an award at assembly on Friday 3 March 2017. Assembly is 12:30pm in the Hall.

NAMES	CLASS
Charlie White	KC
Xavier Fensom	KC
Leyla Everett	KM
Harry Lowes	KM
Monica Brimmer	1/2C
Tyler Roberts	1/2C
Sara Singh	1/2F
Joshua Gil	1/2F
Hannah Herczeg-Clarke	3/4F
Rosemary Jimmy	3/4F
Lacey Everett	3/4M
Jao Antrea	3/4M
Ana-Ruta Vaana	5/6G
Samuel Doublé	5/6G
Joseph Doublé	5/6P
Kayden Lewis	5/6P
Brandon-Lee Gomez	1-6L

## SRC REPRESENTATIVES SEMESTER 1 2017

Congratulations to the following students who will be representing their class on the SRC.

<b>Executive Members</b>	Bradley Burger-Ciechan Jordan Perry Evie Hodgkinson Maddie Costello-Evans
<b>Year 5</b>	Yi Lin Tong Max Schumacher
<b>1-5L</b>	Brandon-Lee Gomez
<b>3/4F</b>	Logan Robson Teah Borg
<b>3/4M</b>	Jao Antrea Lacey Everett
<b>1/2C</b>	Loken Bramboeck Anna Nguyen
<b>1/2F</b>	Richard White Isabella Reynolds
<b>KC</b>	Xavier Fensom
<b>KM</b>	Caleb Lloyd

## BOOK CLUB

Welcome back to another year of new books and fabulous adventures! We are looking forward to hearing all about the books you read and the new things you discover. This year there will only be one book club magazine a term. You will have two and a half weeks in which to get your orders back to school from the Wednesday the notes come home. This terms orders are due back by 17 March 2017. Please ensure correct money is handed in with your order and that you have filled out the payment slip correctly.

Happy reading!

Richardson Book Club

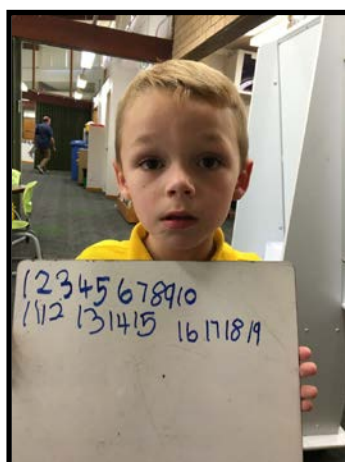
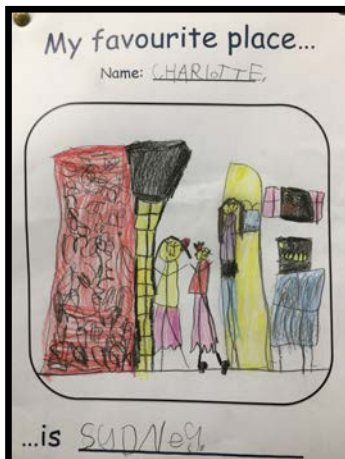


Richardson Primary School acknowledges the Ngunnawal people, the traditional custodians of this land. We would also like to pay respect to the United Ngunnawal Elders Council and to the Elders, both past and present of the Ngunnawal nation. We also extend that respect to other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in our community.

# WHAT'S HAPPENING IN KIRRANG

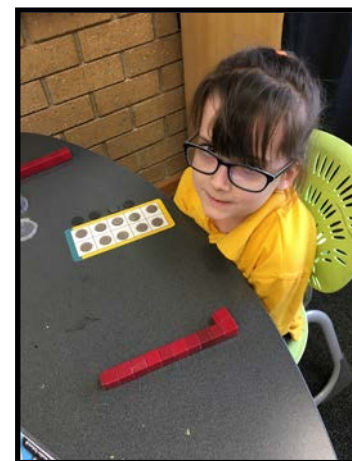
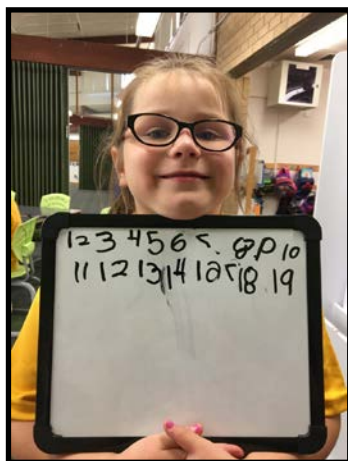
What an amazing start we have had this year! The students have settled into their studies and are producing some phenomenal work.

During our inquiry we have been looking at "Places and how people change them to suit their needs". The students have talked about their favourite places, about where we live and about how we can change an environment to suit our needs. This is their representations of where they love to go:



## MATHS

In Maths we have been looking at numbers and how we can break them down. Students have been doing lots of hands on activities to cement their understanding.



Last week we started our home reader program and are pleased with the response we have had. The students have read 299 books so far! Well done to all those readers! Please remember to continue reading every night, practise makes perfect!

Please remember to pack a hat, their home reader and fruit each day. Also their library bag on Thursdays.

Yours in education,  
Cintha Thompson and Andrew Fraser

## 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.

## 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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## 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](http://www.playnrl.com)

[www.thebuffaloes.org](http://www.thebuffaloes.org)



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# P&C NEWS

Hello once again,

We hope you and your family are having a wonderful Term 1 and are well and truly settled in.

## Lost Property

Since the beginning of the year the lost property pile has been significantly reduced. After many attempts to locate owners and get lost items picked up since last year, the pile just kept growing. Clothes that were left over the summer holidays have now been donated to families in need and named items have been returned to their rightful owners.

**PLEASE** remember to keep an eye on the lost property and check it regularly. Also, remember to label your child/rens clothes to make returning that little bit easier!

**Cookie dough order forms** went home last week, please see the front office if you require spares, and don't forget to get your orders in!



Coming up, we have the **Easter Colouring Competition** and the **Easter Bonnet Parade**. Keep an eye out for a letter with the colouring competition entry picture which will be coming

home soon! A special prize giving will be held *Wednesday 5th April at 9:30am* to announce the winners. The Easter Bonnet Parade will be held and judged at the same time.



Kakadu are hosting our assembly this week, *Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March, 12.30pm*. Come along and see what exciting things the kids have been up to. Some members of the P&C will be available to meet/greet and ask any P&C related questions after assembly has finished.

Should you not be able to make the assembly, then please, as always, feel free to use our P&C Suggestion/Question box located in the front foyer. All suggestions can be made anonymously if you prefer.



A reminder that our next meeting will be held on **Monday March 20<sup>th</sup>, 3,15pm, in the library**. Come along, everyone is welcome and the more the merrier!!

Olivia Bocock  
P&C President

### **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

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## BILLY G'S GOURMET COOKIE DOUGH FUNDRAISER

The response to our Billy G's Gourmet Cookie Dough Fundraiser has been fantastic. Thank you to everyone who has purchased or sold tubs to date. Your support is greatly appreciated as all funds raised will be used to support Richardson Primary School throughout the year.

Don't forget, you can only purchase the cookie dough through fundraising and it is not sold in retail stores, so stock up!

### MAKE YOUR EASTER HOLIDAY SPECIAL!

Purchase the Gingerbread dough and receive a FREE Gingerbread Man cookie cutter.

Purchase the Shortbread dough and receive a FREE Easter Bunny cookie cutter.

The kids will love baking bunnies and gingerbread men over the Easter holidays.

Paying for your orders

Return exact payment with your order form to the front office for yourself and multiple orders for family, friends and neighbours.

**SIMPLY SCOOP, BAKE AND ENJOY!**

- The cookie dough is packed in a reusable 1kg tub which makes 40 x 25g cookies. That works out to be only 35c-40c per cookie.
- You can REFREEZE the cookie dough and thaw it out as you require for baking.
- You can keep the thawed cookie dough in your refrigerator for up to 4 weeks.
- There are FREE PRIZES!! The more tubs you sell the better the prize!

Cruiseabout Holiday Promotion: simply by purchasing or selling a tub of cookie dough you will have the chance to win a \$5,000 Cruiseabout Gift Voucher. You have to be in it to win it so start selling today! To enter please go to [www.australianfundraising.com.au/win](http://www.australianfundraising.com.au/win).

Should you require another Billy G's order form, please go to the front office.

Please return your order & EXACT PAYMENT by WEDNESDAY 8<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2017 TO THE FRONT OFFICE

Current scheduled day for pick up is 29<sup>th</sup> March 2017.

We thank you for making our Billy G's Fundraiser a huge success!

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# ATHLETICS CARNIVAL 2017 REMINDER

Dear Parents/Carers,

The 2017 Richardson Primary School Athletics Carnival will be held on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> of March, Week 7 Term 1. It is a whole school event and we encourage all students to participate.

**Who:** All students K-6  
**When:** Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> March  
**Where:** Calwell Playing Fields, Were St Calwell.  
**Cost:** Nil  
**Transport:** Walking to and from school  
**Depart School:** All students will depart Richardson Primary School at **9:30 am sharp**. We will walk together to Calwell Playing Fields and aim to commence events at 9:45am.

**Depart Calwell Oval:** Kindergarten to Year 6 students depart at approximately 12:30 pm

***If it is raining on the day please listen to major radio stations or check the Richardson Facebook page or Richardson Primary School App for any cancellation.***

**What to bring:**

- **Water bottle**
- **Weather appropriate clothing and a sun safe hat(in House colours if you have them)**
- **Appropriate attire to participate in athletics events**
- **Packed recess and lunch**

We welcome parents to come along on the day and would value any assistance you can offer.

**Please return permission slip by Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2017.**

*“Staff accompanying students on excursions will take all reasonable care while the students are in their charge to protect them from injury and to control and supervise their behaviour and activities. Parents should be aware that staff members are not responsible for injuries or damage to property which may occur on an excursions where, in all circumstances, staff have not been negligent. Parents should warn children of the risk to themselves, to others and property, of impulsive, willful or disobedient behaviour.”*

Regards

Craig Lambert & Jordan Peters  
Athletics Carnival Coordinators