

20 February 2020

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Dear Parents, Grandparents and Carers

It has been a wonderful start to the new school year. We are delighted in how well our students have returned and engaged in their learning.

### **Improve learning and achievement for all students**

This week our kindergarten students will participate in the yearly BASE assessment formally known as PIPS assessment. This assessment is conducted twice a year, at the beginning and end of kindergarten to measure growth and progress from start to end.

We value and encourage our parents and carers being part of their child's learning. Each class has sent out new See Saw notes for you to read, sign and return to the school. This note allows teachers to capture your child's learning and post it for you to read, comment and keep up to date with what is happening in your child's classroom. If you have any questions, please see your child's class teacher.

Over the next two weeks parents from Kindergarten to year six have been invited to attend 'Getting to know you interviews'. This is an important part of transitioning into new classes for 2020 and a great opportunity for you to meet your child's class teacher. These meetings provide teachers with valuable information about your child to ensure that they have a successful year. Thank you to those that have made a time to meet their teacher. If you don't have an appointment, please contact the front office to confirm one.

### **Develop an expert teaching**

This week, Kindergarten and Year 5/6 will host the first assembly for 2020. This is a special assembly to formally welcome our kindergarten students to school with the support of their buddies in 5/6. During this assembly, we will also announce, congratulate and present the SRC members with their badges for semester 1. The school assembly is Friday 21 February 9:15-10:00am in the school hall.

We love working with our parents and community to create a love of learning that gives our children the best opportunities. We know that many of our parents and carers have great skills that would be an asset to our school future and our children. Thank you to Deb Clarke and Emily O Neil who did an amazing job on the school board over the last two years working with the senior leadership team and parents to lead our school's vision and improve student outcomes. These positions are renewed every two years and we have two school Board positions available. If you are interested please complete a nomination form from the front office by Friday 21 February.

### **Provide a safe, inclusive and respectful school culture**

Richardson Primary School continues to be a PBL (Positive Behaviour for learning) school. The PBL team have reviewed and evaluated the progress made last year and have some new and innovative ways to continue to actively engage our students in demonstrating respectful, positive learners that are safe. This will be launched at this week's assembly.

Communication with the school is important to the success of your child's learning. You can keep up to date with what is happening at the school by liking our facebook page, sign up to see saw and have an updated email address to receive weekly correspondence. We encourage you to contact the front office if your personal contact information has changed.

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The executive team and staff are here to support you and your child. If you have any questions or would like support, please contact the front office on 6142 3630 to make an appointment.

Kind regards,  
Brooke Calvert  
Deputy Principal

### **Koori Preschool Program**

The Koori Preschool Program consists of five Koori Preschools located at the following ACT schools:

- Kingsford Smith School
- Narrabundah Early Childhood School
- Ngunnawal Primary School
- Wanniasa School
- Richardson Primary School.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children aged 3-5 years can participate in a culturally safe play-based program for 15 hours per week to enhance and strengthen cultural connections, identity, and transitions.

Applications to enrol are made online through the ACT Education website [www.education.act.gov.au](http://www.education.act.gov.au)

For further information phone ACT Education on 6207 1106.

### **Flexi School Lunch Orders**

Healthy Kids Association welcomes you to another year of providing your school with healthy lunches.

We are a not for profit organisation and our mission is to promote and influence healthy food choices for children.

Your lunches will be delivered every Friday for the 11.00 break, lunch orders will need to be placed by 8.30am.

Order lunches online at [Flexischools.com.au](http://Flexischools.com.au). or you can download the new Flexischools App. REMINDER: Please ensure you update your child's new classroom for 2020.

Looking forward to continuing our service to you.

**Please Note:** There will be NO lunch order deliveries on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> February. Apologies for any inconvenience.

## **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.**

### **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***

### **SCHOOL TIMES**

9:00-11:00am

11:00 – 11:15am Supervised Lunch Eating

11:15-11:45am Lunch Time Play

11:45-1:15pm Middle Session

1:15 – 1:45pm Recess/Play

1:45 – 3:00pm Afternoon Session

# Student Awards

The following students will be receiving an award at assembly on Friday 21 February 2020. Assembly is 9:15am in the Hall.

NAMES	CLASS
Tyler Shillabeer	KS
Kailahrose Kahuroa-Simpson	KS
Paige Goddard	1M
Tobias Kerr	1M
Kafaongo Mataele	1/2H
Lilly-May Riley	1/2H
Zara Meldrum	2/3F
Xavier Fensom	2/3F
Nevaeh Peters	3/4D
Jorja Smith	3/4D
Clayton Wadley	5/6SG
Mia Roberts-Kulmar	5/6SG
Jaliah Drazevich-Disney	5/6SG
Eissa Saeed	K-4T
Chase Rustenburg	K-4T

## SCHOOL AGE CARE

Before and after school care is available at Richardson Primary School.

Enrolment forms are available from [www.ywca-canberra.org.au](http://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](mailto: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

## BEDWETTING PROGRAMME



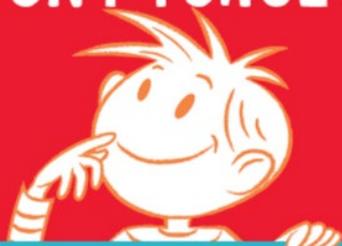
Based on

Sydney Children's Hospital Programme.  
Suitable for children from 5 years of age.

Margaret O'Donovan Physiotherapist  
Level 2, City Plaza Building  
222 City Walk  
CANBERRA CITY A.C.T 2601  
Enquiries - 6248 5066



**DON'T FORGET!**



**SCHOLASTIC**

**Book Club**

orders are due:

**Friday 21 February**



**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.



***Ice cream!***



***Ice cream!***

***We all want ice cream!***

Please support the Kakadu students  
in their first fundraiser for the year  
six graduation with a fabulous ice  
cream day!

Add **sprinkles** or **milo** for \$2

Week 5

Date: Tuesday 3 March and Thursday 5 March

Time: 11:15am Lunch time

Where: Iterika shade shelter

# Attention Kindergarten Parents!



## Kindergarten Health Checks are happening this year!

All kindergarten students in the ACT are eligible to receive a **FREE** health check



VISION CHECK



HEARING CHECK



HEIGHT, WEIGHT AND  
BODY MASS INDEX (BMI)



If you have not returned your child's Kindergarten Health Check Consent and Questionnaire



**FIND** — Information packs will be sent home early in Term 1



**SIGN** — Complete the Kindergarten Health Check Consent and Questionnaire



**RETURN** — To your school by 25 February 2020

Your school can provide you with the date of the health check.



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Services

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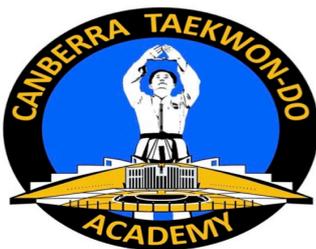
**#SafeParking**

### Safe parking behaviours

Unsafe driving and parking behaviours increase the potential road safety risk for children around schools. Road safety is a shared responsibility, it is important the road rules are followed near our school to ensure the entire school community feels safe.

Please remember children are more at risk than adults around schools because they are smaller and less visible to drivers. They are also less predictable and less experienced, which makes them more likely to make errors of judgement.

Failing to follow simple road rules like parking on the verge, in no stopping zones, in bus stops, near children's crossings, on footpaths or across driveways increases the risk to children around schools. Please do the right thing to create a safe environment around our school.



**Come and learn ITF Taekwon-Do in a fun and safe family-friendly environment from Australian ITF Team Representative and International Gold-Medalist, Instructor Ben Mott.**



**Classes held every Monday & Wednesday at 6pm in the Richardson Primary School Hall.**

**Contact Ben on 0431 730 025 or email [ben@canberratkdacademy.com.au](mailto:ben@canberratkdacademy.com.au)**

**Special discounts for Richardson Primary Students**



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We are  
in a different  
league



## Tuggeranong Buffaloes

Contact: Jade Uttley

Email: [buffaloes.secretary@gmail.com](mailto:buffaloes.secretary@gmail.com)

Phone: 0432 706 209

Home Ground: Kambah Playing Fields

Register at <https://www.playrugbyleague.com>



[nrl.com/play](http://nrl.com/play)

WEEK	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<b>WK 1 Feb</b>	<b>3</b> Kinder and butterflies start Parent morning tea 9:30-10:00am	<b>4</b> Year 1-6 start Parent morning tea 9:30-10.00am	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> Swans start Parent morning tea 9:30-10.00am	<b>7</b> Newsletter
<b>WK 2 Feb</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> Canteen Day
<b>WK 3 Feb</b>	<b>17</b> P&C AGM mtg 5-6pm School Board mtg 4.-5pm <b>Getting to know you interviews</b>	<b>18</b> <b>Getting to know you interviews</b>	<b>19</b> Newsletter <b>Getting to know you interviews</b>	<b>20</b> <b>Getting to know you interviews</b>  Kindergarten BASE testing	<b>21</b> Canteen Day <b>Kindergarten BASE testing</b> <b>Kinder Welcome and student leadership Ceremony</b> Kinder and 5/6 Assembly <b>Getting to know you interviews</b>
<b>WK 4 Feb</b>	<b>24</b> <b>Getting to know you interviews</b>	<b>25</b> <b>Getting to know you interviews</b>	<b>26</b> <b>Getting to know you interviews</b>	<b>27</b> <b>Getting to know you interviews</b>	<b>28</b> Canteen Day
<b>WK 5 March</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> Year 6 Ice cream Fundraiser	<b>4</b> Newsletter	<b>5</b> Year 6 Ice cream Fundraiser	<b>6</b> Canteen Day 2/3 and 3/4 Assembly
<b>WK 6 March</b>	<b>9</b> CANBERRA DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> Canteen Day
<b>WK 7 March</b>	<b>16</b> Meeting with ILP parents	<b>17</b> Meeting with ILP parents	<b>18</b> Newsletter RPS Swimming Carnival	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> Year 1 and 1/2 Assembly Canteen Day
<b>WK 8 March</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> <b>Preschool stay and play 9.00-10.00am</b>	<b>27</b> Canteen Day
<b>WK 9 April</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>1</b> Newsletter <b>5/6 Camp Cooba</b> <b>Kinder Health Checks</b>	<b>2</b> <b>5/6 Camp Cooba</b>	<b>3</b> Canteen Day <b>5/6 Camp Cooba</b>
<b>WK10 April</b>	<b>6</b> School Review	<b>7</b> School Review	<b>8</b> School Review	<b>9</b> School Review	<b>10</b> Good Friday PUBLIC HOIDAY

\*BREAKFAST CLUB MONDAY-WEDNESDAY 8:45-9:00AM, THURSDAY 8:15AM-9:00AM AND FRIDAY 8:45-9:00AM