

Caring and Sharing

A small school achieving BIG Things

Dear Parents and Carers,

Schools are never quiet places and I am pleased to report that we must fit the norm as we most certainly have not been quiet over the last couple of weeks. Below gives a brief insight into the happenings of our school and hopefully puts you all in the 'bigger picture' as to where we are heading over the coming weeks.

Improve Learning and Achievement for all Students

This week our year 3 and 5 students undertook NAPLAN (The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy) testing. The suite of tests include reading, writing, language conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and numeracy. Our year 3 and 5 teachers have worked hard to prepare our students to do their very best. Whilst these tests are a 'snapshot' of our students' literacy and numeracy knowledge and skills, we need to remember that those tests are unable to measure all of what makes our students the valued people that they are. The people who design and mark these tests don't know our students as well as our teachers do.

This week our Preschool engages with the National Quality Standards (NQS) Assessment and Rating process. An assessor from the regulatory authority will be onsite Wednesday and Thursday, observing practices and procedures and holding interviews with our educators and the leadership team. The assessor will gather evidence of our achievement in relation to the seven quality areas. It is an exciting time for us to engage with this important school improvement cycle. We look forward to reading about our preschool's strengths and areas for development.

Develop an Expert Teaching Team

Developing a culture of continuous professional improvement amongst all staff is a key priority at Richardson Primary School. During the last few staff meetings, Mrs Wilson led our teachers through professional learning on classroom observations and peer to peer feedback. In the coming weeks staff will be evaluating and improving their own practice which in turn will lead to outcomes for our students.

This term we see lots of new visitors to the school in the way of practicum students from the University of Canberra. These students stay with us for varying lengths of time and are expected to fully immerse themselves in the whole school experience. Having these students with us is a great way to reflect on our own practice and answer the many questions these keen and attentive new educators have. We welcome them all and hope they enjoy their time with us and get to form a connection with the wider Richardson Community.

Provide a Safe, Respectful and Inclusive School Culture

Last week saw our annual cross country carnival take place. This is an opportunity for all students to test themselves and take part in a fun but often gruelling and challenging event. It was great to see the team spirit displayed amongst the different houses and it was evident that even if you were not wearing the 'correct' house colour, you still managed a cheer from the other houses as you passed the crowd at the start/finish line. It is always great to see so many of our community at these events and we all know that the students love having the significant adults in their life there to share in their success. I would like to personally thank all the staff and students who contributed to the success of the day. They say 'it takes a village to raise a child' and events such as the cross country carnivals really do rely on all members of staff and our extra support staff to help make it run smoothly, so thank you!

This week the staff have been introduced to a new whole school approach to behaviour called PBL (Positive Behaviours for Learning). PBL is an evidence-based whole school framework designed to improve learning outcomes for all students. It is team driven, using a problem solving approach (data, systems and practices) that engages the whole school community, students, staff and parents. As we delve deeper into this practice, you will become more aware of the positive impact it will have on the student behaviours and the tone and culture at Richardson Primary School.

Our school has been fortunate enough to be selected to have some of our younger students take part in an Early Years Extension program. This involves some students from our Kindergarten, year 1 and year 2 classes visiting other schools to engage in a variety of maths based enrichment activities. We hope that these students have a great time and come back with even more enthusiasm for maths!

Individual Learning Plan (ILP) meetings for 2017 will take place in week 5. The ILP provides a consistent approach to determining the needs of individual students so that teachers and others involved are able to work together to improve outcomes for the student. A team including parents, teachers, the school psychologist, the deputy principal and a member of the student support team will look at the particular needs of students and the support they require to access school programs and participate in the curriculum.

Kind regards,
 Craig Lambert
 A/g Executive Teacher

Student Awards

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.

The following students will be receiving an award at assembly on Thursday 11 May 2017. Assembly is 12:30pm in the Hall.	
NAMES	CLASS
Zavier Exposito	KM
Tylar Jeffries	KM
Georgia Brown	1/2C
Griffin Fisher	1/2C
Isabella Reynolds	1/2F
Anna Silipa	3/4F
Sabastian Campbella-Saga	3/4F
Xavier Tarapata	3/4M
Brayden Exposito	3/4M
Nasser Hamdan	5/6G
Bailey Campbell	5/6G
Jayden Bailey	5/6P
Chantel Blowers	1-5L

BOOK CLUB

- One book club magazine a term
- 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 19 May 2017
- Please ensure correct money is handed in with your order and the payment slip is correctly filled out

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.

Richardson Primary School Preschool to Year 6 Enrolments for 2018

If you have a child you would like to attend Richardson Primary School in 2018 please ensure you complete an enrolment form. All enrolments for Preschool to Year 6 are done online please go to - www.education.act.gov.au

If you have a child in Richardson Preschool 2017 their enrolment will transfer to Kindergarten 2018; no other enrolments required.

If you would like to discuss your child's enrolment with the school Principal, Anna Wilson, please phone 6142 3630 to make an appointment.

BREKKY CLUB

Richardson Primary Brekky Club
When: Thursdays
Time: 8:15am
Where: Near Canteen



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.



Once again the school is participating in the Chief Minister's Reading Challenge. The challenge is to have each child read 15 books from next week until the challenge ends on the 8th of September. Students can make their own book choices, including novels, non-fiction, poetry, or books in a language other than English. Students record the books they have read throughout the Challenge on the Student Reading Record. The students will keep track of these in their classrooms either on paper or through using Google Classroom. If you would like to keep a record of the books your child reads at home, please contact the school and we will send one home.

Students in Preschool, Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 can read books themselves or with someone else and record those books.

Here are some other tips on how to encourage your child to read at home:

- Let your child choose their own books
- Visit and join your local public library
- Relax and enjoy reading time with your child
- They may like to do echo reading with you (parent reads and the child echoes back), shared reading with you (taking turns to read) so that your child can hear what fluent readers sound like or independent reading (to themselves).
- Take turns on reading pages of a book
- Find audio books that they could listen and follow along whilst listening
- Read the books together with funny voices, or take turns to read different characters
- Talk about your favourite parts of the books and which authors you like the most
- Try reading in different locations like the backyard, coffee shop, and lounge room floor

Mother's Day Stall

Show mum how much you care with a beautiful gift, chosen specially by YOU!

Wednesday 10th May 2017

Gifts range in price, starting from 50c - \$10.

There will be 1 gift/student purchased throughout the day with the opportunity to purchase more at the **3.00pm** stall which will be held at the front entrance to school.



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CANTEEN MENU 2017



SNACKS

Homemade popcorn	\$1.00
Homemade garlic cheese bread	\$1.50
Small tub of summer fruit	\$1.50
Small tub of jelly & fruit	\$1.50
Small tub of cucumber, celery & carrot	\$1.50
Banana bread	\$1.50
Homemade muffins	\$2.00

TOASTED SANDWICHES

Cheese	\$3.00
Cheese & tomato	\$3.00
Ham, cheese & tomato	\$3.50

SANDWICHES & WRAPS

Rainbow Delight - layers of beetroot, lettuce, tomato & grated carrot	\$3.20
Captain Crunch - crunchy lettuce, ham & cheese	\$3.20
Egg Head Wrap - egg & mayo with crunchy lettuce	\$3.20
Chicken Wrap - chicken, tomato, cucumber, carrot, lettuce & mayo	\$3.60

HOT ITEMS

Pizza Single - ham & pineapple or supreme	\$3.50
Nachos - corn chips, salsa & cheese	\$3.50
Tortilla Wrap - beef mince with lettuce, tomato, salsa & cheese	\$4.00
Fried Rice - homemade with a choice of chicken or veggie	\$4.00
Pasta Bolognese - homemade sauce with cheese	\$4.00
Burger - chicken or veggie pattie with lettuce & mayo or sauce	\$4.50

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