

4 April 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

Improve Student Learning and Achievement for All Students

As we come to the end of the penultimate week of Term 1 we reflect back on what has been a busy and exciting start to the year. Kindergarten has been actively engaged in their learning this term and are closing in on their first 50 days of primary school. They have quickly adapted to school, the routines and expectations. Well done Kindergarten and to their teachers and Learning Support Staff.

It's thrilling to see Culture Break back this year offering their expertise and dance moves for our year 4, 5 and 6 students. Without giving too much away, there have been some fantastic choreographed moves taught to a classic Michael Jackson song. We are all looking forward to their dance performance later in the year.

The Year 6 students are embracing their leadership opportunities through a variety of different means. This includes leading our Student Representative Council, demonstrating fantastic leadership at our school carnivals and Year 5 and 6 students being appointed as house and vice captains last week. Congratulations to the following students who were elected by their house last Wednesday:

Fullerton - Ana Vaana , Yazan Habeb
Ashley – Hannah Herczeg-Clarke, Shinaye Byron
McBurney- Jayden Bailey, Yin Lin Tong
Hemmings- Lleyton Kelly , Amba-Rose Hunt

Thank you to all students, teachers, parent volunteers and Calwell High students, who helped make our Athletics Carnival so successful. Well done to our sports committee for organising such a well-planned event. It was fantastic to see so many students participating and trying their best in so many different events. A Richardson athletics team will be put together to represent our school at the Tuggeranong District carnival later in the year. The top two athletes in each event will be sent onto the next stage of competition.

This Friday at the school assembly, 6 April, we will be acknowledging students who participated in the swimming carnival and presenting them with their ribbons.

Develop an Expert Teaching Team

Last Friday our primary executive team had the opportunity to continue their professional development. This PD particularly looked at coaching and mentoring practices and how our leadership team can continue their own growth in this area. We again had the opportunity to work with Christine Topher along with other leadership teams across the A.C.T. We all went away from this PD a little more knowledgeable in this area.

Each Wednesday all teachers at Richardson are involved in Professional Learning Communities (PLC's) from 3.15pm onwards. These PLC's offer teachers a chance to meet together to discuss and plan key elements of our strategic plan. We appreciate all our teachers' dedication and professionalism towards these processes and playing their role in contributing to Richardson Primary School in a positive way.

Provide a Safe, Inclusive and Respectful School Culture

Over the past few weeks we have introduced a whole school reward system. Executive Teachers are handing out raffle tickets to students that are exhibiting the chosen weekly goal. We have handed raffle tickets out for students being in the right place at the right time and following adult instructions. Each week a winner is announced either at assembly or over our school's PA system and a prize given to the lucky person drawn from the raffle box. This week teachers will be looking for students who *speaks kind words to one another*.

On Friday the students in our Learning Support Unit moved into their new classroom situated near the canteen and afterschool care program. A lot of time and thought has been invested into their new classroom. It has been fitted with the latest smart board technology, a beautiful outdoor sensory area and a freshly painted and redesigned classroom setting. They are the envy of many teachers and students across our school. We wish 1-6T all the best in their new learning area.

Kind Regards,
Benjamin Smith
3/4 Executive Teacher

Student Awards

The following students will be receiving an award at assembly on Friday 6 April 2018.
Assembly is 9:15am in the Hall.

NAMES	CLASS
Claudia Stafrace	KA
Chloe Maniti	KA
Henri Fitrawan	KM
Ayla Peters	KM
Nevaeh Peters	1/2B
Anna Nguyen	1/2B
Dominic Talbot	1/2M
Kaycee Kelly-Edwards	1/2M
Ali Kafalaj	3/4I
Kayva Meldrum	3/4I
Zoe Martens	5/6S
Lleyton Kelly	5/6V
Yazan Habeb	5/6V
Kaylon Ward	1-6T
Brandon-Lee Gomez	1-6T

Dates To Remember

- 6 April** Kakadu Assembly 9:15am in the Hall
- 6 April** RSVP New Student Report Consultation Meetings
- 11 April** Last day to place orders for P&C Burger and Pizza Lunch
- 13 April** P&C Pizza and Burger Lunch
- 13 April** Last Day of Term 1
- 30 April** First Day of Term 2

Caring and Sharing



New School Board Announcement

Congratulations to the following parents and carers who were nominated and elected on Richardson's School Board.

Deb Clarke
Tali Perry
Jimmy Varghese

Thank you
Brooke Calvert
Assistant Returning Officer

New Student Report Consultation Meetings

Dear Parents and Carers,

The leadership team are currently updating the school's student report to align with the ACT Directorate's reporting policy and procedures. We would like to invite parents and carers who would be interested in learning more about the report, reviewing and providing feedback at one of the following consultation meetings - Monday 9 April 2.30pm OR Thursday 12 April 8.30am

Please call the front office on 6142 3630 to RSVP by **Friday 6 April**.

Kind regards
Brooke Calvert
Deputy Principal

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.

Iterika News

Where has this term gone? The students in 3/4I have had an exciting term of learning. The students have settled into the school year with determination and enthusiasm. They have been busy engaging in their inquiry unit called Melting Moments and have been participating in a variety of experiments around this topic. They have been learning about what makes an experiment fair or not fair and the elements that can influence this. In Mathematics the students have been focussing on the number strand, particularly place value and the use of various mental computation strategies including the split, compensation and jump strategies when using addition and subtraction. They have also begun looking at different 2D and 3D shapes and their properties.

In English the students have been exploring the text form of narrative writing. They have been learning a variety of reading strategies including predicting, compare and contrasting, skimming and visualising. We are looking forward to beginning new genres of writing in Term Two, planned around our inquiry unit.

Well done to all the students in 3/4 who have competed at either the swimming or athletics carnival this term. For some students this was their first swimming and athletics carnivals. We congratulate these students for having a go and participating. Thank you to all the parent volunteers who gave up their time to support either or both of these carnivals. I know your children appreciate you being there to support and cheer for them. We are looking forward to the Cross Country Carnival in Term 2.

Over the past week all students in 3/4 have been assigned their chrome books and have joined their google classroom. Already there has been work assigned to them and they are enjoying learning about the initial processes and operations of this technology. We look forward to using them throughout the year.

Thank you to the students who have returned their Seesaw note. If you have not returned your note or have lost it please see the front office for a new one to ensure your child can access this program in Term 2.

Mathematics

Melting Moments

Seesaw

Number strand

Google Classroom

Narrative Writing

Computation strategies

Cross Country Carnival - Term 2



School Boards

Expressions of Interest – Appointed Member

An opportunity exists to engage with a school community by becoming a member of a school board.

All ACT public schools are required to have a school board. The school board is responsible for the school's strategic direction, its budget, curriculum and related issues. Generally, school boards consist of:

- the school principal;
- two staff members;
- three parent and citizen members; and
- an appointed member.

Colleges and high schools also have two student members.

The Education Directorate is seeking expressions of interest from people to fill the position of *Appointed Member* on ACT public school boards. The appointed member is usually someone from outside the immediate school community, who is interested in and committed to public education.

Appointments extend for periods up to two years and an appointed member may also be re-appointed after the conclusion of their term.

If you are interested in becoming an appointed member on a school board, please complete the expression of interest form(email EDUSchoolBoards@act.gov.au) and return it to:

Governance and Community Liaison Branch

Email: EDUSchoolBoards@act.gov.au

If you have any questions, please contact:

Governance and Community Liaison Branch

Phone: (02) 6207 6846

Email EDUSchoolBoards@act.gov.au

Home Reading and Sight Words

Home reading and sight words have commenced across the K-4 classrooms. We strongly encourage parents and carers to read to, read with and be read to by their children every day.

In your child's home reading pouch, you will find a reading log book, home reading text and a sight word list. **We will be celebrating 100, 170 and 240 nights of reading at assemblies this year.** After 240 nights reading, children will have achieved marvellous munchers status and the coveted book award.

Here are some tips to get you started –

- Pick a regular time to read – after breakfast, after dinner or before bed
- Make the time enjoyable and successful – mistakes will occur, and this is part of the learning process
- Let your child hold the book and turn the pages
- Look through the book and talk about the pictures
- You could read the book, your child could read the book, or you could take turns to read the book
- If your child cannot read a word, give them a few seconds to work it out
- Provide prompts – sound it out, look at the picture, re-read the sentence
- If needed, tell your child the word, and have them read the full sentence
- **PRAISE** success
- After reading, discuss the book with your child. Discuss characters, how it makes them feel, what could happen next (who, what, when, why, which and how questions)

Looking forward to celebrating amazing reading this year.

Deborah Watling and Nicole Agius



A promotional banner for the 'Coles Sports for Schools 2018' program. On the left is a circular logo with the text 'coles SPORTS for SCHOOLS 2018' and a silhouette of a runner. The central text reads 'SUPPORT OUR SCHOOL AND GET COLLECTING' in large white letters on a blue background. On the right, two athletes are shown: a male athlete in a grey singlet with 'coles BOLT' on it, and a female athlete in a grey singlet with 'coles PEARSON' on it, holding a tennis racket and a tennis ball. The bottom right corner features the 'coles' logo in white on a red background. Below the main text, a white box contains the text: 'We would love your help collecting Coles Sports for Schools for our school. Tell your friends and family to get involved as well, because the more vouchers we collect, the more sports gear our school will receive.'

Richardson Primary has signed up for the Sports for Schools Program for 2018. This means that any sports for schools vouchers you receive when shopping at Coles can be brought to classroom teachers or left in the front office. Once the program ends, we are able to exchange the vouchers for sporting equipment plus loads of fun extras to encourage all students to get healthy and active. All vouchers need to be collected and given to school by 30 April 2018.

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.



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.



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



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.

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

Caring and Sharing



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.

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





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YWCA Canberra Clubhouse Autumn 2018 School Holidays

1:00pm - 5:00pm daily



MONDAY 16/04/18	TUESDAY 17/04/18	WEDNESDAY 18/04/18	THURSDAY 19/04/18	FRIDAY 20/04/18
Humans of the Clubhouse Exhibition Launch Tuggeranong Hyperdome outside Best Friends 5:30pm - 7:00pm	Tour of the Technology Innovation and Cyber Security Operations Centre* 1:00pm - 5:00pm	ARTS AFTERNOON: Canvas art Shoe design art Bath bombs 1:00pm - 5:00pm	SCIENCE AFTERNOON: Galaxy in a jar lava lamps Geode crystals 1:00pm - 5:00pm	Interagency Youth Week Celebration at Woden Youth Centre*
MONDAY 23/04/18	TUESDAY 24/04/18	WEDNESDAY 25/04/18	THURSDAY 26/04/18	FRIDAY 27/04/18
CLOSED 360 Initiative (closed group)	CLOSED 360 Initiative (closed group)	CLOSED FOR ANZAC DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY	CLOSED 360 Initiative (closed group)	CLOSED 360 Initiative (closed group)



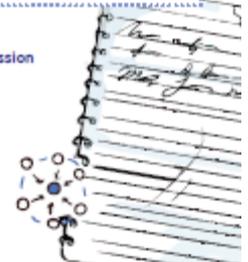
*Excursions require a signed permission form

Open to Clubhouse members only (free). Membership and excursion permission forms can be downloaded from our website.

YWCA Canberra Clubhouse, May Gibbs Ct, Richardson

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YWCA Canberra Clubhouse

The YWCA Canberra Clubhouse, located in Richardson, is a free, out-of-school learning space that connects young people in Tuggeranong with access to the latest technology, and the mentoring and support needed to grow their skills in science, technology, engineering, arts and mathematics (STEAM).

Members can drive their own projects according to their interests and ideas, and staff provide support and assistance. Clubhouse mentors also engage with members by sharing their experience and knowledge. The Clubhouse also offers a free school holiday program during each school break. A Clubhouse membership is free and a form can be downloaded on the Clubhouse website.

Clubhouse opening hours:
Monday - Friday, 3:00pm - 6:00pm.

Mentoring out and Partnering with the Clubhouse

By mentoring or becoming a partner, you or your organisation could be part of a global movement working for better outcomes for young people from underserved communities.

As a Clubhouse mentor, you can explore areas such as coding, 3D printing, photography, videography, visual art, green screen effects, music, virtual reality, and more. Come in once a week or once a month, it's fully flexible and so much fun!

The sustainability and success of the Clubhouse is determined by the support of corporate and philanthropic partnerships. These partnerships may comprise software and hardware contributions, professional mentoring for clubhouse members, and financial contributions to cover operating costs.

Get in contact to discuss the exciting ways in which your organisation can contribute to the YWCA Clubhouse.

Humans of the Clubhouse

The Humans of The Clubhouse project echoes the principals in the famous Humans of New York project by Brandon Stanton. It's aim and tagline is to 'showcase YWCA Canberra Clubhouse Youth and the people who support them'. This is captured through portraits and quotes from interviews of Clubhouse members, staff, mentors, and partners. Not only are the skills of Clubhouse members celebrated in the project itself, but many of the profiles in the project are Clubhouse members.

Working with mentors and staff, clubhouse members interview the featured people and photograph them, edit the photos, and design the layout of each profile. They capture, in just a photo and a couple of sentences, a glimpse into each person as a unique individual. The exhibit will be showcased at Tuggeranong Hyperdome during National Youth Week to promote Tuggeranong pride.

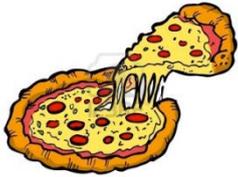
YWCA Canberra Clubhouse has many interesting projects.
Get in touch to find out more.

360 Initiative

Now in it's second year, YWCA Canberra Youth Engagement together with the Clubhouse are offering a program called the 360 Initiative. The 360 initiative offers an opportunity for young leaders to learn about the many aspects involved with starting a clothing brand business, including how to set up an ABN, marketing, manufacturing ethically and more. Included in the program, the young people will create a unique design that sparks a conversation about a social justice issue. These designs will then be manufactured onto clothing or accessories, and be launched at an event later in the year. T

he 360 Initiative aims to make young people feel empowered through peer support and take a leadership role in creating a stronger supportive community through education.

For more information, please contact the Mura Lanyon Youth and Community Centre on 02 6294 4633.



P&C PIZZA & BURGER DAY

Friday 13 April 2018



The P&C are having a pizza and burger day. This year we have added the extra option of **Domino's Pizza Slices!** (Choices listed below)

- Domino's Pizza Slice: \$2 per slice (maximum 5 slices/child)
- Beef Burger: \$4.00
- Chicken Burger: \$4.50
- Juice Box: 50c

Please complete the order form below by completing student details and their order requests. Please return your order in a labelled envelope to the front office by ***Wednesday 11 April** with the correct payment included as change cannot be given.

PLEASE NOTE ORDERS CANNOT BE ACCEPTED AFTER THIS DATE (11 April) AS INGREDIENTS AND SUPPLIES WILL HAVE ALREADY BEEN PURCHASED.



P&C PIZZA AND BURGER DAY FRIDAY 13 APRIL 2018

Name: _____ Class: _____

Total amount enclosed: _____

Please select ✓ from below :

Beef Burger	Chicken Burger	Pizza Slice	Quantity(Maximum 5 slices/student)
Cheese	Cheese	Ham and Cheese	
Lettuce	Lettuce	Cheese and Pepperoni	
Tomato	Tomato	Cheese	
Tomato Sauce	Tomato Sauce		
BBQ Sauce	BBQ Sauce		
Juice Box(randomly selected flavour)	Juice Box(randomly selected flavour)	Juice Box(randomly selected flavour)	