

Dear Parents and Carers,

Term 4 is proving to be very busy. We have so many educational opportunities for children and their families this term.

Celebrating success

Congratulations to the following staff who are receiving recognition and awards for their brilliant work.

- Wednesday 25 October – Koori Butterflies attending the **ACT Children's Week Awards** Ceremony to receive an excellence award in recognition of the significant work they do teaching the Koori Curriculum at Richardson Primary School. Well done Sarah James and Auntie Manda.
- Friday 27 October – Mrs Anne Tow is a finalist for the **ACT Primary Teacher of the Year** she is nominated for her excellence and outstanding dedication to teaching. Good luck tonight, Mrs Tow.

We are very proud of the hard work and commitment of all our staff.

Improving learning and achievement for all students

Kakadu Funday 3 November 2023 Children in years 5/6 have prepared a day of fun as part of their learning about economics and fundraising. Mr Smith and Ms Kylie are selling tickets every morning and afternoon. There are lots of exciting activities being organised and thank you to all the families who have already supported this event. We are all looking forward to the day.

GeckoSports is about developing students' sporting skills and physical fitness whilst boosting self-esteem and confidence. All programs are developed with input from leading exercise scientists, physiotherapists, childhood psychologists, professional athletes, expert coaches, and primary school educators. GeckoSports will continue their program at Richardson on Thursday for the next two weeks. Children are enjoying improving their skills in table tennis and gross motor.

I would like to thank Amanda Hyde who is a **preservice music therapist** who has been working with our students. Children in years 3-6 have been provided an opportunity to explore self-expression, communication and listening skills, and group work through individual and small group sessions. Other activities have included song sharing and discussion, lyric substitution, song writing, and musical games. They have played songs of a variety of different styles, ensuring the preferences of each of the individual students are met.

This time of the year we are involved in helping children **transition** to the next stage of their schooling. We have children transitioning to preschool from home. Miss Glenise is running a preschool playgroup every Thursday for families joining our Richardson School community in 2024. Preschool to Kinder transition visits have been organised and information will be sent home to families regarding the days and times. Mr Smith is working with receiving high schools to plan visits for Year 6 students.

Soccer Gala Day Children in 5/6 have been developing their soccer team skills in preparation for the Soccer Gala Day on Tuesday 7 November. Teams are practising daily at lunch and recess on the oval with coaches Mr Behrendorff and Mr Smith.

Develop an expert teaching team.

Australian Curriculum V9 - Staff are continuing to work on the scope and sequence of learning to ensure we are covering all aspects of the revised curriculum. The latest Australian Curriculum review made improvements to the Foundation to Year 10 curriculum by refining, realigning, and decluttering the content. For teachers in schools, we need to review our documents and ensure we understand the changes and what is essential learning for all children.

Team Teach is a program that all staff will complete over the next two weeks. For most staff this is a refresher course. The training is designed to reduce and respond to occupational violence whilst developing positive relationships. This course promotes listening and learning, recovery, and repair, with a strong focus on keeping everyone safe.

Provide a safe, inclusive, and respectful school culture.

We are really encouraging everyone at school to be **SunSmart**. Please remember to ensure your child has a SunSmart hat and if possible, apply sunblock before coming to school. Hats are required once the UV levels reach three and above. If you check the weather on your phone, it tells you what the UV rating for the day will be. The 3/4 classes are researching how many children wear hats regularly on the playground and we will be giving DABs to children who are being safe by wearing a hat.

2024 Koori Preschool class names Thank you to everyone who supported the community consultation process, voting through Facebook, Seesaw, voting poll and a counter system. We now have the names for our two Koori Preschool groups; the Kookaburras and Emus. Ngunnawal elders are consulting with us regarding the Indigenous names.

Today we celebrated Grandparents Day. Year 1/2 ran the morning assembly and then our guests were invited back to the classroom for an activity and snack. We were hoping to welcome visitors from Warrigal Calwell, but unfortunately they were too sick to attend.

Family Drop In Day Wednesday 8 November families are invited to drop in and watch a lesson or two, to see what is happening in our classrooms. Classroom schedules for the day will be sent home on Tuesday and families can choose the best times for them to drop by.

End of year events Mr Fraser is creating a new space travel extravaganza for this year's movie. We will hold a movie session in the hall to celebrate the end of year and won't be having an end of year school concert.

Notice of School Board Vacancies Are you interested in being on our Richardson Primary School Board in 2024? If so, please reach out to Anna or myself and keep an eye out for the nomination process in the coming weeks.

Sally Alexander
Deputy Principal



Student Awards

DAB Awards

Displaying Amazing Behaviour

The following students will receive an award
Friday October 2023

NAMES	CLASS
Jayden Stephenson	KT
Haira Fitrawan	KT
Yustina Chua	1/2D
Fateh Singh	1/2D
Lara Shepherd	1/2M
Rosie Shillabeer	1/2M
Lauren Flaherty	1/2M
Noah White	1/2S
Riley Goddard	1/2S
Savannah Bates	3/4B
Chloe Wicks	3/4B
Lawson McCurley	3/4C
Tyler Shillabeer	3/4C
JJ Bowen	5/6G
Jelena Worsley	5/6G
Catherine McKay	5/6L
Charlie White	5/6L
Rehaan Mohammed	2-6T
Eissa Saeed	2-6T

Students awarded a Bronze Certificate

NAMES	CLASS
Lara Shepherd	1/2M
Nikola Mateta-Allen	1/2M
Lincoln Lloyd	1/2S

Students awarded a Silver Certificate

NAMES	CLASS
Nova Kibblewhite	1/2M
Stella Meldrum	1/2M
Freddie White	1/2S
Zach Rogers	1/2S
Lacey Shepherd	3/4C
Aurora Kibblewhite	3/4C

Students awarded a Gold Certificate

NAMES	CLASS
Rosie Shillabeer	1/2M

Congratulations to the following students who received their DAB Award at Friday's Assembly. These students have consistently displayed our signature behaviours of being Respectful, Positive Learners and Safe

Students awarded a Bronze Wristband

NAMES	CLASS
Piuela Talivakaola	KT
Zeenat Azimi	KT
Milla Worsley	3/4B
Elizabeth Tearne	5/6G
Lilly-May Riley	5/6G
Jaycob Robertson	5/6L
Aarav Bhardwaj	5/6L

Students awarded a Silver Wristband

NAMES	CLASS
Leo Erett	1/2M
Cruz Jacky	3/4B
Breeanna Ingram	5/6G
Lucas Batchelor	5/6L

Students awarded a Gold Wristband

NAMES	CLASS
Stevie Barnett	1/2D
James Cooper	3/4B
Mohammed Kafalaj	3/4B
Anthony Konemann-Fister	3/4C
Xavier Lowery	2-6T

Students awarded a Rainbow Wristband

NAMES	CLASS
Parker Fensom	1/2M
Djanarah Simpson	1/2D
Sophia Weldon	1/2D
Hayden Ardern	1/2M
Lauren Flaherty	1/2M
Kayden Fleming	3/4B

Nature Play at Preschool

At preschool, our outdoor program plays an important role in our day, through all seasons and in all weather. Our wonderful yard is full of natural resources and some of our favourite days are when man-made resources are kept to a minimum. Children explore their environment, including the native gardens, dry river sand and rock beds. Children engage in sensory experiences with different textures by touching natural items such as bark, sand, rocks and leaves. Nothing tastes as good as eating vegetables from our own veggie patch! We even planted a number of wattle bushes to provide extra hedging around our fence line last term.



The Koori preschool group further their outdoor experience by Learning on Country one day a fortnight. They have explored various natural environments in the Namadgi National Park, the National Botanical Gardens and Tidbinbilla Nature Reserve. Children gain cultural knowledge from the park rangers, and families join the group to share and extend the cultural experiences.



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.

LOST PROPERTY

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 at the end of Term will be given to charity.



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

VIKINGS
SUNDAY FUNDAY

SUNDAY 5 NOVEMBER
10AM - 2PM, VIKING PARK

A FREE EVENT FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY TO TRY OVER 20 LOCAL SPORTS

Find out more

It's sure to be an action-packed day of fun!

2023-2024

TUGGERANONG TORNADES

Tuggeranong Tornados Little Athletics
REGISTRATIONS NOW OPEN!

FREE 'COME & TRY' DAYS
SAT 14 & SAT 21 OCT
8.45AM - 11AM

2023 - 2024 SEASON
STARTS SAT 14 OCT
8.45AM - 11AM

KAMBAH OVAL NO.3
KETT STREET, KAMBAH

FOR MORE INFO & TO REGISTER VISIT
WWW.TLAA.ORG.AU

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GIRLS ONLY FOOTY
6 TO 12 YEARS

7 WEEK PROGRAM
23rd October - 4th December

MONDAYS
5.30-6.30pm

Isabella Plains Oval
Cromwell Cct

SCAN TO REGISTER TODAY!

ALL SKILL LEVELS WELCOME

24 hr Tennis Challenge

Ronald McDonald House Charities ACT & South East NSW

CSOT
Canberra School of Tennis

All proceeds go to Ronald McDonald House Canberra

- DURATION: 1 hr per lesson**
- STARTS: Fri 20 Oct 4 pm**
- ENDS: Sat 21 Oct 4 pm**
- COST: \$25 per lesson**

Cardio Tennis is a Tennis Australia program. It is a fast, fun and high intensity tennis workout. Bring your friends, family or work teams!

Take the challenge to support a great cause - sign up for minimum 1 hour sessions!

The Canberra School of Tennis 24hr marathon will be followed by a 3-hr Community Tennis Day: 1-4 pm on Saturday 21 Oct.

Sign Up!

Weston Creek Tennis Club **Wilson** **FUNDAMENTAL**

www.mhccact.org.au
0408 486 191
mark@csot.com.au



Its time to Run, Jump and Throw!

Calwell Little Athletics Club registrations are now open. Children 3yrs – 17yrs old are invited to come run, jump, & throw with us.

The season starts with registration pack collection on Saturday 14th October. With our first Saturday club meeting starting at 8am Saturday 21st October at the Calwell playing fields.

Tiny Flames / Tiny Tots start their weekly fun at 9am. Tiny Flames is for children aged 3-4. We provide a modified program that is designed to develop the children's fundamental movements of running, jumping and throwing through fun and enjoyable activities.

U5 to U17- There is no standards or requirements athletes must meet to be able to participate in Little Athletics, meaning children of ALL abilities are more than welcome to join in. Athletes will participate in different running, jumping, throwing, and walking events on a week-to-week basis.

Come and Try days are available and you can register for these via the website

<https://littleclac.wixsite.com/athletics> or

<https://registration.resultshq.com.au/CentreRegistration/FamilyDetails/405bf317-7f91-405a-bd37-e95bbc36125b>

Canberra & the greater region

Cartoon Fun Workshops

NSW residents can use their \$50 Creative Kids Vouchers towards our programs

\$39 per class

Classics: 9am - 1pm / 2pm - 5pm
 Thursday nights: 6pm - 9pm
 Early drop off: 8pm - 9pm (Free)
 Late pick up: 5pm - 6pm (Free)

www.illustrating-man.com.au

EARLY BIRD

Book the 10 classes (Classes 1 & 2 for each day) & we will give your child the Thursday night program for free. Do not select Thursday night. We will manually add your child to the Thursday night class.

VENUE

Greater ACT & Surrounds (Canberra)
 Chisholm Community Centre
 33-37 Hume Street, Chisholm ACT
 Mon-Fri 9am-5pm Sat 10am-3pm
 Register to go to us on littleclac.com.au

BOOKINGS

- We do not have a waiting list on our website
- Booking at www.illustrating-man.com.au is essential. We do not have a waiting list on our website
- Check Creative Kids Voucher details on our website to see if you are eligible to use it
- Please ensure your email address is correct
- We will email you an invoice with the class details
- Check your bank or credit card details
- Booking PayPall - we will add to your PayPall email

\$50
CREATIVE KIDS
VOUCHER

Workshop for children 4 to 10 (Canberra, Intermediate & Greater)
 In Canberra children need to be full 10 years to attend.
 Check if your Voucher with Children Checkit.

Canberra Region has 40 participating schools and clubs. We are currently looking for schools and clubs in Canberra, Queanbeyan, Gungahlin, Woden Valley, Belconnen, ACT, Canberra, NSW, Sydney, Wagga, Orange, Lismore, Newcastle, Queensland, Victoria & Tasmania.

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