

12 April 2024

Dear RPS Families,

After a long 11 week term, we made it! What a busy term it has been. As well as students' continued learning and achievement in classrooms, there have been many extracurricular and community activities and initiatives this term. Here's a quick snapshot:

- Community Breakfast
- Additional Koori Preschool Program
- Six senior Indigenous students participated in a 10 week program called Yuwan Ghuda (meaning strong children in Ngunnawal) with Dean Jurd, Kai Barratt and Aunty Barb
- Parent Information Sessions
- 5/6 Pump Track Co-design Workshop with Gareth from Iconic Trails
- NAPLAN
- Dance Nation
- ACT Domestic Animal Service visited junior classes
- Week 5 Drop In Day
- Cross Country
- Cricket Clinics
- Harmony Day
- Easter Hat Parade (thanks P&C!)
- Futsal tournament with students selected to represent the ACT Squad in Brisbane
- All Preschool classes learning On Country, and
- Learning Journey!

Today we farewell Mrs Lugg. After much deliberation, she has decided to accept an offer to teach Science at a local Catholic High School. As most of you are aware, Science is Cherie's passion and area of expertise and whilst we will miss her terribly, we wish her all the best. I am sure you will join with me in thanking Mrs Lugg for her excellent teaching across our school over the last four years.

On behalf of my colleagues, we wish you all the best for the two-week holiday period. Please note that there is a pupil free day on Monday 29 April. We look forward to seeing you all back on Tuesday 30 April.

Kind regards,

Anna Wilson | Principal



Kirrang Newsletter Term 1 2024



What a busy term we have had in Kirrang. We started the term by welcoming Ms Rhiki to Richardson. We have presented at Assembly, ran the Cross Country course, paraded our Easter Hats and this week celebrated our learning with our families.



InitialLit

Our Literacy program is taught through the InitialLit program. This program focuses on developing and mastering the necessary skills needed for reading. Students in Kirrang continue their learning in InitialLit 1 and consolidate and explore grammar and further spelling features through InitialLit 2.

Maths



This term we have been focusing on numbers, by investigating their order and place value. We use lots of different hands on materials including, number charts, unifix blocks, and MAB blocks to explore concepts. We have begun to explore addition by identifying the parts and the whole of a number sentence. We investigated sets and different combinations, that then led us into recalling number facts to 10 and 20 (friends of 10); doubles and identifying turn around facts. We also investigated some different types of graphs and learnt how to record results using tally marks.



Let's Appreciate our Food (Unit of Inquiry)

This term, we have been investigating where our food comes from. We made bread and explored the ingredients in Mac and Cheese. Alira and Kate presented their learning about eating different kinds of foods – the colours of the rainbow. Auntie Barb also came in to share with us how Indigenous people use their environment as a food source.



Thank you to everyone who came to our Learning Journey. The students enjoyed sharing their achievements with you.

We look forward to a well earned break as we get ready to launch into our Term 2 learning. Enjoy your holidays.

Barb Martin & Neelan Rhiki

