

26 February 2025

Dear RPS Families,

It has been a wonderful start to the school year. Students have returned to school with a positive attitude and an eagerness to learn which is fantastic to see. Term 1 is going to be a busy term with several school events on the horizon.

Last week, we hosted our community breakfast. This coincided with the opening of the new pump track which is situated behind the school. Our school principal, Anna Wilson, officially opened the pump track and cut the ribbon at 8.45am. Following this, students had the opportunity to ride on the tracks. K-2 students enjoyed the first official rides, followed by students in years 3-6. Students were reminded of the safety rules of the track and everyone's helmet was checked prior to heading off. It was lovely to have so many of our families and community enjoy a sausage while watching the fun.

On Tuesday and Wednesday last week, all classroom teachers presented information sessions to families providing valuable information about the year ahead. Teachers talked about what learning will be taking place in the classroom, structures and routines as well as extra-curricular events such as excursions. If you couldn't attend the information session or would like additional information about the upcoming year, we encourage you to speak to your child's classroom teacher. We would like to thank all families who attended the information sessions. We would also like to thank the teachers at RPS who made clear and informative presentations.

Next Wednesday, 5 March is our Drop in Day. This is a great opportunity for you to visit your child/ren's classroom and observe the excellent teaching and learning happening in our school. Timetables will be posted to Seesaw the day before so you can select what learning area you would like to see. We look forward to you visiting next Wednesday.

Our Kindy welcome assembly hosted by our 5/6 students is on this Friday morning at 9:15am. Parents are invited to a 'coffee and chat' session with Anna and Sally after the assembly. This is an opportunity for many of our new families to connect with the senior leadership team and ask any questions or share feedback about our school. All welcome.

From Wednesday 12 March to 24 March, Year 3 and 5 students will be participating in NAPLAN. NAPLAN is a national test which assesses students' literacy and numeracy skills. Students sit assessments in writing, reading, spelling, punctuation and numeracy. If you have any questions or would like to remove your child from the NAPLAN assessments, please speak to your classroom teacher or Paul Swinbourne. (Year 3-6 executive).

Just a reminder that school gates don't open until 8:30 am. We have had several children waiting in the car park from 8:00 am unsupervised. YWCA run a before and after school program for families needing early morning care.

Kind regards,
Paul Swinbourne
Executive Teacher

Student Awards

The following students received an award Friday 28 February 2025	
NAMES	CLASS
Millie Shepherd	KT
Austin Walker	KT
Luke Morosi	1/2D
Haira Fitrawan	1/2D
Michael Byrne	1/2R
Phoebe Wicks	1/2R
Riley Caughlan	3/4C
Johnny Lea	3/4C
Kavya Bhandari	3/4M
Lincoln Lloyd	3/4M
Nova Kibblewhite	3/4M
Kayden Fleming	5/6B
Estelle Meek	5/6B
Sakina Gulani	5/6G
Pema Thaye	5/6G
Leo Erett	3-6W

Have you registered an account to access the Parent Portal?

Parent Portal is a secure online platform used to share student information between you and your child's teachers.

You'll be able to access a range of information and services about your child's school life using the Parent Portal.

Use Parent Portal to:

- notify us if your child is sick or explain an absence
- book parent/teacher interviews
- receive academic reports
- receive our school newsletter
- receive messages from your child's teachers
- make payments
- access the school calendar

Parent Portal is used by all ACT public schools from preschool through to year 12. If you have children at other ACT public schools, you don't need to sign up to the system twice. You can access their information from one account. You can also access Parent Portal through the *Sentral for Parents* app. Download the app from the [App Store](#) or [Google Play Store](#).



You can create your ACT Digital Account now if you don't have one already. Create an account and complete the level 2 ID verification by visiting: <https://www.myaccount.act.gov.au/>.

If you want to read more about the Parent Portal, head to our website: <https://www.richardsonps.act.edu.au/>
You can contact the school on 6142 3630 or send an email to info@richardsonps.act.edu.au if you need your access key or have any questions.



Yerrabi Yurwang
Child & Family Aboriginal Corporation



2025 Yuma Day

Beginning of year celebration

In memory of our Inaugural Patron and Esteemed
Ngunnawal Elder, Aunty Agnes Shea

● **March 15th**

● **10am - 2pm**

● **Yarramundi Cultural Centre**

This free event is for Aboriginal children and their families, along with
friends, parents, and caregivers.

Please register interest via the QR code here:
Or to get involved email: bsteff@yerrabi.org.au



Deadly Kids



Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander families with children 6 years and under are invited to attend the Deadly Kids Playgroup.

When: Wednesdays during school term

Time: 9:30 till 11:30

Where: Child Development Service
26 Weingarh street Holder.

Tea, coffee and morning tea is provided.

Deadly Kids is a play-based program, where families and their children can come and play, learn and have a yarn with our Early Childhood Teachers.

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Please advise of any dietary requirements



Deadly Kids



Term 1 2025 Calendar

Day/Time: Wednesday 9:30am - 11:30am

Where: Child Development Service
26 Weingarh Street Holder

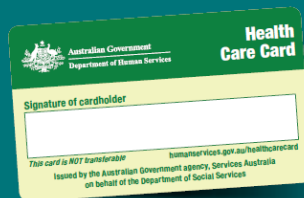
School Week	Session	Date
Week 1	1	05/02/2025
Week 2	2	12/02/2025
Week 3	3	19/02/2025
Week 4	4	26/02/2025
Week 5	No Group 😞	05/03/2025
Week 6	5	12/03/2025
Week 7	6	19/03/2025
Week 8	7	26/03/2025
Week 9	8	02/04/2025
Week 10	9	09/04/2025

Looking forward to seeing you for a cuppa, a yarn and a play 😊

Janine and Kellie mobile: **Currently not working sorry!**

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For every dollar you save, you'll get a dollar from ANZ to spend on educational costs, up to \$500.

To join, you need to meet all of these requirements:

- ✓ Be 18 years or older
- ✓ Have a current Health Care or Pensioner Concession Card
- ✓ Have a child in school, starting school next year, or be studying yourself
- ✓ Get a regular income (can be you or your partner)
- ✓ Agree to join in free online financial education workshops



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