

# Richardson Primary Reporter

## Caring and Sharing

A small school achieving BIG Things

4 March 2020

Dear Parents and Carers

Term One is going quickly, it's hard to believe we have already reached the midway point. We have had a very settled and productive start to the year and it's lovely to see displays in classrooms and corridors beginning to grow.

### Improve learning and achievement for all students

In preparation for our Swimming Carnival on Wednesday 18 March, the school held house meetings last Friday to elect House Captains and Vice Captains for the year. Students will be responsible for leading their house at carnivals and collecting house point awards at assembly. The following students will receive their badges at assembly on **Friday 6 March**.

Congratulations to:

<b>McBurney</b>	<b>Captain</b> Mia Roberts -Kulmar Raymund Tong	<b>Vice Captain</b> Kai Clarke Gracie Webb
<b>Fullerton</b>	<b>Captain</b> Ava Chalk Riley Wilson	<b>Vice Captain</b> Liesel Perejoles Ali Kafalaj
<b>Ashley</b>	<b>Captain</b> Aily Dulguime Cody Herczeg-Clarke	<b>Vice Captain</b> Lara Henriques-Costa Jaliah Drazevich-Disney
<b>Hemmings</b>	<b>Captain</b> Zak Schumacher Lareina Pesefea	<b>Vice Captain</b> Mason Pratt Xavier Mini

### Develop an expert teaching team

This week we welcome Mrs Natalie Hogan as our new Executive Teacher for Preschool and Kindergarten. She comes to us with a wealth of knowledge and experience from a number of Tuggeranong schools, most recently Fadden Primary School. Please introduce yourself and say hello. I know our community will make her feel very welcome.

This week out teaching teams will have their first Professional Learning Community Meeting (PLCs). This is an opportunity for teams to analyse student data, reflect and plan for growth and improvement. Aiming for improved student outcomes for all learners.

We are pleased to announce that we have filled all the School Board positions for 2020. Congratulations to Deb Clarke and Chris Wicks who will be our parent representatives. The teacher positions have been filled by Ben Smith and myself, Deborah Watling. I'm looking forward to the opportunity to continue embedding our school's vision and improve student outcomes.

### Provide a safe, inclusive and respectful school culture

Breakfast club operates daily from 8.40-9.00am. This is made possible by our Learning Support Assistants and Kerry Buttriss a fabulous Parent Volunteer. Come along, have a chat and pick up some toast.

At the Week 3 assembly, Mrs Wilson launched the refreshed acknowledgement system for our Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) framework (see below). Student's DAB totals have been reset to zero and each student will work towards earning DABs by *Displaying Amazing Behaviour* and will be rewarded with an additional acknowledgement when they reach the totals below.

The PBL team and staff are currently reviewing the School Expected Behaviour Matrix (displayed in cabinet at the front office) for the last time so we can begin process of designing permanent signage that will be hung around the school.

## PBL Student Tangibles [Richardson's New PBL Levels](#)

	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4	Level 5	Level 6	Level 7	Level 8	Level 9	Level 10	Level 11	Level 12
<b>Student Tangible</b>												
<b>DAB's Required</b>	50	75	100	125	150							

Kind regards,

Deborah Watling  
Executive Teacher

# Student Awards

The following students will be receiving an award  
at assembly on Friday 6 March 2020.  
Assembly is 9:15am in the Hall.

NAMES	CLASS
Lacey Shepherd	KS
Urwah Saeed	KS
Connor Burger-Ciechan	1M
Allie Oliver	1M
Aurora Kibblewhite	1/2H
Ulia Vaana	1/2H
Cade Clarke	2/3F
Ayla Peters	2/3F
Riley Wilson	5/6SG
Ali Kafalaj	5/6SG
Dakota DeGroot	5/6SG
Kaylon Ward	K-6T
Thomas Studholme	K-6T

### Koori Preschool Program

The Koori Preschool Program consists of five Koori Preschools located at the following ACT schools:

- Kingsford Smith School
- Narrabundah Early Childhood School
- Ngunnawal Primary School
- Wanniasa School
- Richardson Primary School.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children aged 3-5 years can participate in a culturally safe play-based program for 15 hours per week to enhance and strengthen cultural connections, identity, and transitions.

Applications to enrol are made online through the ACT Education website [www.education.act.gov.au](http://www.education.act.gov.au)

For further information phone ACT Education on 6207 1106.

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## What is happening in Kirrang



Welcome back everyone to the start of a new school year. We especially welcome our new families and our new teacher Mrs Hope. It has been lovely to see how everyone has settled back into routines and into their classrooms.

In Kirrang this year, we have 2 classes – Year 1 with Mrs Martin and Year1/2 with Mrs Hope. The students have nominated an animal for their class. 1M are the penguins and 1/2H are the whale sharks. These animals were chosen as our shared learning space is called “The Beach”. Already in beach time, we have found out the Mrs Hope really enjoys singing. We have also been investigating the days at school through place value and tens frames. We have used ICT skills to create and discuss a daily calendar.

Our inquiry to begin the year is, *Choices we make affect our health and wellbeing*. Using observations, experiments and research skills, we have begun to ask questions about the different foods we eat, where it goes and why Mrs Martin can’t eat chocolate all day every day.

Thank you to those families who have returned all the notes that have gone home at the start of the year. If you have not returned (or need a new one) the medical form and Seesaw note please see your class teacher or the front office.

We look forward to an exciting year of learning in Kirrang.

Barbara Martin, Kathryn Hope, Deborah Watling



## Home Reading Community Workshop

**Who** - Parents, carers, grandparents, community members who are supporting children at home to read

**When** - Friday 20 March  
8.30-9.00am

**Where** - Library

**What** - We will share with you the importance of reading, what is reading, strategies to support reading at home and how to create a supportive literacy environment

**RSVP** - Monday 16 March  
(return the note below or drop-in or call the front office)



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RSVP - Home Reading Workshop

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Students name \_\_\_\_\_

Class \_\_\_\_\_

## 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***



## SCHOOL AGE CARE

Before and after school care is available at Richardson Primary School.

Enrolment forms are available from [www.ywca-canberra.org.au](http://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](mailto: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



## **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.

## Flexi School Lunch Orders

Healthy Kids Association welcomes you to another year of providing your school with healthy lunches.

We are a not for profit organisation and our mission is to promote and influence healthy food choices for children.

Your lunches will be delivered every Friday for the 11.00 break, lunch orders will need to be placed by 8.30am.

Order lunches online at [Flexischools.com.au](http://Flexischools.com.au). or you can download the new Flexischools App. REMINDER: Please ensure you update your child's new classroom for 2020.

Looking forward to continuing our service to you.

Canteen team - Kerry & Lucy



## 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.**

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.

## Parent/Carers Workshop

### Literacy Accessibility Tool

*Boost reading and writing confidence*

### Read & Write for Google Chrome (RW4G)

Read & Write for Google Chrome (RW4G) offers support for Google Docs and the web and is especially beneficial for students with diverse literacy needs. It offers a range of powerful support tools to assist students to gain confidence with reading, writing, studying and research e.g. text to speech, speech to text, word prediction.

RW4G is available free for all students and teachers in ACT Public Schools. Students can access the tool anywhere at school, home etc. The licence has been extended for the next 3 years.

#### Workshop details and registration

Two workshop sessions will be offered, if you are interested in attending please register for **one** of the workshop dates by emailing to [michelle.vanpuyvelde@act.gov.au](mailto:michelle.vanpuyvelde@act.gov.au) and/or **6207 4225**.

Term 2 2020, wk.2

Thursday 7th May 4.00-5.30pm

**Venue:** Centre for Teaching & Learning Hedley Beare

51 Fremantle Drive Stirling ACT

**Room:** Mezzanine

Term 3 2020, wk.6

Tuesday 25th August 4.00-5.30pm

**Venue:** Mount Stromlo High School 220 Badimara St, Waramanga  
ACT

**Room:** Library

*If you want to learn more about Read & Write for Google Chrome below are links to a variety of videos.*

- [https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLvSZbmGbKpCTkk3S93CXtQWNf50f\\_Ow3D&disable\\_polymer=true](https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLvSZbmGbKpCTkk3S93CXtQWNf50f_Ow3D&disable_polymer=true)
- <https://www.texthelp.com/en-au/products/read-write/read-write-for-google/>
- <https://www.texthelp.com/en-au/sectors/education/schools/>

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**Saturday 2 May 2020**

**9:00am - 1:00pm**

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Market Stalls  
3m x 3m for \$45

**Gilmore Primary School  
Heagney Crescent, Gilmore**

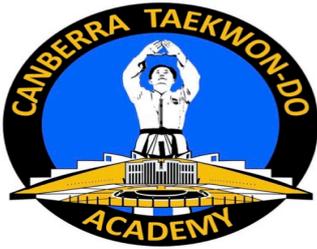
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Classes held every Monday & Wednesday at 6pm in the Richardson Primary School Hall.

Contact Ben on 0431 730 025 or email [ben@canberratkdacademy.com.au](mailto:ben@canberratkdacademy.com.au)

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**#SafeParking**

## Safe parking behaviours

Unsafe driving and parking behaviours increase the potential road safety risk for children around schools. Road safety is a shared responsibility, it is important the road rules are followed near our school to ensure the entire school community feels safe.

Please remember children are more at risk than adults around schools because they are smaller and less visible to drivers. They are also less predictable and less experienced, which makes them more likely to make errors of judgement.

Failing to follow simple road rules like parking on the verge, in no stopping zones, in bus stops, near children's crossings, on footpaths or across driveways increases the risk to children around schools. Please do the right thing to create a safe environment around our school.

We are  
in a different  
league



### Tuggeranong Buffaloes

Contact: Jade Uttley  
Email: [buffaloes,secretary@gmail.com](mailto:buffaloes,secretary@gmail.com)  
Phone: 0432 706 209  
Home Ground: Kambah Playing Fields  
Register at <https://www.playrugbyleague.com>



### FREE KIDS BUSH DANCE - SATURDAY 28 MARCH

The Monaro Folk Society is celebrating its 50th Anniversary of musical events in Canberra

We are hosting a special free day at Yarralumla Woolshed showcasing our activities.

This includes a Kids Bush Dance between 12.30 and 2.00pm

For info see: [www.monarofolk.org.au/kids-bush-dances](http://www.monarofolk.org.au/kids-bush-dances)

