

31 October 2019

Dear Parents, Grandparents and Carers

### **Improve Learning and Achievement for all Students**

Sue Norton, our Director of School Improvement (DSI), visited our school this week to observe Professional Learning Communities (PLC) in action. PLC's are a collaborative way to discuss student data to improve learning outcomes and increase teachers' pedagogical knowledge and teaching practice. Teacher engagement is paramount to the success of each students' learning, growth and progress. This work compliments our collaborative planning sessions where teachers use information about student learning to plan appropriate learning engagements that cater for students' varying abilities.

Early intervention and strong transition processes are an important part of supporting students moving from home to Preschool, Preschool to Kindergarten and Year Six to Year Seven. This term, staff have been working with students, families and colleagues to develop transition plans to ensure each child's transition is successful.

Some of the transitions processes that will occur over the term include:

- 2020 Preschool and Kindergarten Information sessions
- Richardson Family Play group sessions for Birth to 4 years
- 2020 Preschool interviews with families
- Calwell High School Information night and transition day
- Caroline Chisholm High School Mash up Day
- Kindergarten transition visits
- LSU transition plans and class/school visits

### **Develop an expert teaching team**

I have been working with our support staff over the past few weeks developing their skills to support students in the classroom. These sessions focus on working with students from trauma backgrounds, understanding how students learn, building positive relationships and developing skills to enhance student learning. Our support staff are committed to supporting our students and should be congratulated on their dedication to achieve best outcomes.

The School Board and P&C held their last meetings for the year. Time was spent evaluating our action plans and celebrating our achievements. We discussed our strategic plan and planning for 2020. A big thank you to Deb Clarke and Emily O Neil for leading the School Board and P&C respectively this year. We have valued your input and support in driving our whole school improvement agenda.

### **Provide a Safe, Inclusive and Respectful School Culture**

Preschool will be hosting a Bush Tucker breakfast next week for our preschool families. This will be a great opportunity for the community to get together and plant a range of Australian native plants with edible fruits, nuts, seeds and leaves. Children will learn about bush food that has sustained generations of traditional Australians for centuries and how today it represents a rich and vibrant history in our country's culture. They will also take part in the voting of our new preschool class names for 2020. We look forward to sharing this with you next week.

Menslink PRIDE program for our Year Five and Six boys has commenced. The program focusses on personal and social capabilities and discusses values, relationships, bullying, social awareness, emotional resilience, positive masculinity and dealing with and understanding anger.

We're proud to be a Fresh Tastes graduate! Our school has been involved in Fresh Tastes since 2016 and the results are great! We've had a positive shift in our food and drink environment and culture. We were recognised for our achievements by accepting a certificate and a vertical garden gift from the ACT Government Fresh Tastes team. We want to thank all students, parents and staff who have been driving forward activities to make healthy foods and drinks a bigger part of every day school life. Find out more about Fresh Tastes at [www.act.gov.au/freshtastes](http://www.act.gov.au/freshtastes)

Best wishes  
Brooke Calvert  
Deputy Principal

# Student Awards

The following students will be receiving an award at assembly on Friday 1 November 2019.  
Assembly is 9:15am in the Hall.

NAMES	CLASS
Ella-Louise Barnes	Dolphins
George Novakovic	Dolphins
Thomas Banks	Dolphins
Cameron Waterworth	Dolphins
James Cooper	KB
Monica Comandari	KB
Aiva Hung	1/2Q
Kendrick Singh	1/2Q
Jaycob Robertson	1/2N
Lilly-May Riley	1/2N
Gloria Pesefea	3/4V
Dominic Talbot	3/4V
Apsara Singh	3/4V
Cody Herczeg-Clarke	4/5SG
Lareina Pupi Pesefea	4/5SG
Eissa Saeed	2-6T
Brandon Lee Gomez	2-6T
Shinaye Byron	5/6S
Riley Wilson	5/6S

# DAB Awards

## Displaying Amazing Behaviour

Congratulations to the following students who will receive their Silver 75 DAB Certificate at Friday's Assembly. These students have consistently displayed our signature behaviours of being Respectful, Positive Learners and Safe.

NAMES	CLASS
Grace Banks	KB
Jasmine Blowers	KB
Jame Cooper	KB
William White	KB
Connor Burger-Ciechan	KM
Angela Claudine Faigal	KM
Aurora Kibblewhite	KM
Benjamin Waters	KM
Ulia Vaana	1/2N
Lucas Batchelor	1/2Q
Lachlan Tearne	1/2Q
Clayton Wadley	4/5SG
Zoe Martens	5/6S
<b>Congratulations to the following students who will receive their Gold 150 DAB Certificate at Friday's Assembly.</b>	
Lara Costa Henriques Costa	4/5SG



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. Thank you.



### 50 Nights Reading Awards

Allie Oliver	KM
Jaidon Foster	KB
Faith Wadley	1/2N
Elizabeth Tearne	1/2N
Henri Fitzrawan	1/2N
Jackson Mullis	1/2Q

### 100 Nights Reading Awards

Lilly-May Riley	1/2N
Jaycob Robertson	1/2N
Kendrick Singh	1/2Q

### 170 Nights Reading Awards

Angela Faigal	KM
Izzabella Comandari	1/2N
Kira Batchelor	3/4V

### 240 Nights Reading Awards

Cade Clarke	1/2Q
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## Caring and Sharing

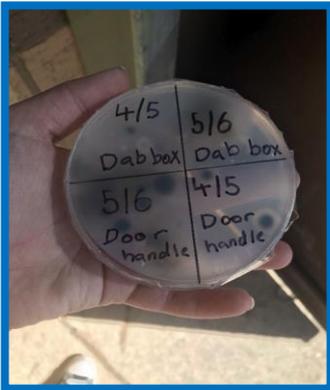


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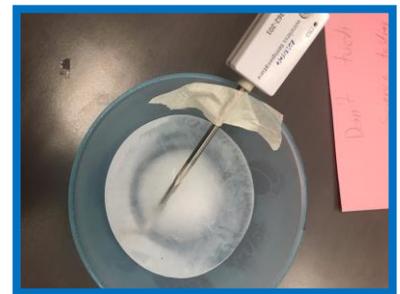
## Look What Is Happening in Kakadu

Term 4 is an incredibly busy time in the senior end of the school. The students have started the term working hard and engaging in all areas of the curriculum.



### Science Fair

The Kakadu students produced some very high quality science investigations for the annual Richardson Science Fair. They developed an inquiry question and turned it into a hypothesis that they then investigated using fair testing. The results were fantastic! The Kakadu teachers are very proud of all the students, for the standard of investigations and presentations of their findings. The year six fundraiser barbeque was a huge success. A special thank you to Hannah and Shinaye who volunteered their afternoon to help out at the barbeque. Also a big shout out to Sara-Jane and CanberraQuality Meats in Calwell for supplying us the sausages at a great rate.



### Year 5 Combined Band

This week, Richardson was the host school for the combined band practice with approximately 100 students from a number of schools across Canberra. The students performed for our school and community in a mini concert. The audience was very impressed with the standard of the band.



### Learning in Kakadu



The students in Kakadu are currently investigating writing to inform. We are focussing on writing descriptions of objects using the writing process. The students are all learning how to give productive feedback to other students and how to use feedback to improve their writing. The students are continuing with cooperative reading this term working together in small groups, they read the book and take turns to complete each of the cooperative reading roles over eight sessions. The students then present a small group presentation about their book to the unit.

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## Look What Is Happening in Kakadu Continued

In Maths, the students are challenging themselves with Maths Mastery, attempting to increase their scores each day, while reducing the time it takes them to answer 80 questions. We are continuing our work with fractions and decimals, measurement and linking science to maths using data collation and representation.



In Inquiry, we are learning about sustainability and the factors that impact on different environments. We are also learning about design technology through our unit on building bridges.

In Health, we are focussing on learning about the changes in our bodies and how to recognise and maintain positive relationships. The boys in years five and six are participating in the Menslink program which is supporting mental health. The students participate in daily PE sessions. All of the students particularly enjoyed taking part in Jump Rope for Heart last term.

## Year 6 Graduation

The money raised from the upcoming Kakadu Fun Day and other fundraising throughout the year goes towards our Year 6 Graduation. If you are able to help set up or plan for this event, please let one of the 5/6 teachers know. This year's theme is going to be 'Hollywood'! Our year six students are currently engaged in high school transition programs and visits, including the Passport to Success program.

We have a busy few weeks coming up in Kakadu. Please add these dates to your diary:

- Year 6 combined band Friday 15 November
- Bandstravaganza Monday 18 November
- Kakadu Fun Day Friday 22 November
- Year 6 graduation dinner Wednesday 11 December
- Year 6 graduation assembly Tuesday 17 December

### SCHOOL TIMES

9:00 - School Begins

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

### **Breakfast Club**

***A great way to start your day!***

**When:** Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday And Friday

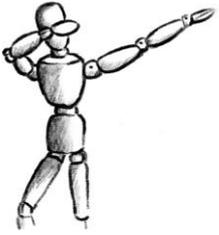
**Time:** 8.40am (Mon, Tues, Wed and Fri)  
8.15am (Thurs)

**Venue:** Canteen

**Who:** All students Preschool to Year 6

***We look forward to seeing you there***

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.



# Positive Behaviour for Learning - PBL



Students and staff over the coming weeks will be consulted and have their say about what the reward system will look like when students have reached 150 DAB's and received their gold certificate at a school assembly. This is an important decision for our community.

This fortnight (weeks 2 and 3) students have engaged in learning about the processes and procedures for lining up after the bell. Teachers and staff have been handing out 'Free and Frequent' tickets (DAB's) when they have observed this positive behaviour in students. Ask your child if they received a DAB for lining up correctly during this fortnight!

Next fortnight (weeks 4 and 5) teachers will be explicitly teaching and rewarding students for displaying correct ICT and Online behaviours in classrooms.

This fortnight teachers have been targeting:	Next fortnight teachers will be targeting:
 <b>LINING UP</b> <div style="background-color: #f4b084; padding: 5px; margin: 5px 0;"> <b>Respectful</b>            • We line up at first bell         </div> <div style="background-color: #4f81bd; color: white; padding: 5px; margin: 5px 0;"> <b>Positive Learners</b>            • We are ready for directions         </div> <div style="background-color: #d9d9d9; padding: 5px; margin: 5px 0;"> <b>Safe</b>            • We keep our hands and feet to ourselves            • We wait quietly         </div>	 <b>ICT / ONLINE</b> <div style="background-color: #f4b084; padding: 5px; margin: 5px 0;"> <b>Respectful</b>            • We handle the devices with care            • We are respectful online users            • We respect others privacy         </div> <div style="background-color: #4f81bd; color: white; padding: 5px; margin: 5px 0;"> <b>Positive Learners</b>            • We use our devices for learning            • We only access approved sites            • We stay on task         </div> <div style="background-color: #d9d9d9; padding: 5px; margin: 5px 0;"> <b>Safe</b>            • We carry laptops with the lid closed            • We keep devices in the lockers            • We report inappropriate use to an adult         </div>

As always, teachers and staff are handing out DAB's for those positive behaviours we expect in all settings.

Kind regards,

Emma Vince  
Internal PBL Coach



## EVERYWHERE

Respectful	Positive Learners	Safe
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We are well mannered and speak politely</li> <li>• We respect school property and our environment</li> <li>• We put rubbish in the bin</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We participate</li> <li>• We do our best</li> <li>• We are all learners</li> <li>• We help others to learn</li> <li>• We follow teacher instructions</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We are in the right place at the right time</li> <li>• We stay in bounds</li> <li>• We move safely</li> <li>• We keep our hands and feet to ourselves</li> <li>• We walk our scooters and bikes</li> </ul>

Fresh Tastes is a free ACT Government service that helps Canberra primary schools make healthier food and drinks a bigger part of life at school. Our school has been involved in Fresh Tastes for three years. We've had many achievements that have helped improve the health and wellbeing of our students, families and staff. We'd like to share our success with you!

### OUR ACTION AREAS



**“Our school is very conscious of modelling healthy food and drinks. The modelling, explicit teaching and exposure to healthy food and drinks in our school community has been nothing but exemplary.” - Staff member**

### CHANGES TO OUR FOOD & DRINK CULTURE

We have made improvements to our:

- leadership on healthy food and drinks
- partnerships with school partners, families and students
- communication
- resources
- environment
- readiness for change
- knowledge to help make our food and drink culture healthier



### OUR KEY ACHIEVEMENTS

- We re-established our kitchen space, which is regularly used by our school community
- We developed our food garden and are using it to teach nutrition
- Our community is more involved in healthy food and drink activities

### WHAT'S MADE IT WORK FOR US

- Our fantastic Fresh Tastes action group
- Support from our school community
- Access to support and resources from Fresh Tastes
- Having appropriate school infrastructure (e.g. garden space and cooking facilities)
- Our school prioritises healthy food and drinks



# Student Representative Council

## How it works

The SRC meets once a fortnight. Before this meeting students engage with their peers, during a class meeting, to discuss ideas to improve our school, events that they might like to participate in and to clarify school rules and processes guided by the classroom teacher.

During the fortnightly SRC meeting, representatives from each class have time to share what their class discussed in their meetings and participate in decision making for the student body.

## **Term 3 – Weeks 1-2 SRC Meeting**

This fortnight the SRC discussed the following:

- *World Kindness Day* (Wednesday November 13<sup>th</sup>) and the non-perishable food drive for the Richardson Community Pantry
- *Jump Rope for Heart* – prizes have been ordered and should be on the way to school soon to be given out to students in classrooms
- *Positive Behaviour for Learning* – the two options for the reward system after students have reached the gold certificate and how students will have a say about what this looks like
- *Santa's Mailbox* – this will be an opportunity for students to send each other cards and well wishes for the Christmas holiday during the last two weeks of school (weeks 9 and 10). The SRC executive will be Santa's helpers and deliver this mail to classes each afternoon

Emma Vince  
SRC Coordinator

## ISSUE 7 IS OUR BUMPER CHRISTMAS EDITION



**ISSUE 7 OUT NOW!**

**Don't forget your Issue 7 Book Club orders which are due:**

**Friday November 1**

**Issue 7 is a BUMPER Christmas catalogue that is sure to have something for everyone!**

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## **Safe and Supportive Schools**

### **Positive Behaviours for Learning**

Many parents and carers will have heard about a program called Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) and wondered what it involves. PBL is a framework that schools use to get everyone – students, staff, families and the school community - on the same page to create a safe and supportive learning environment for all students. As part of the Program, schools create clear expectations and rules using positive language, for example "walk" instead of "don't run". This is done for all areas across the school and everyone involved in the school community. Students and families are involved in this decision-making process. Schools are supported in implementing PBL by an external PBL Coach and Senior Psychologist from the Education Directorate. To find out more, visit the [Positive Behaviours for Learning section of the Education Directorate website](#).

### **Resources for promoting safety at school and online**

We all have the right to be treated with fairness and dignity. We all have the right to learn and work in a safe, respectful and supportive school environment that values diversity - an environment free from bullying, harassment, discrimination and violence. This includes at school, in the community and online.

The Education Directorate website provides information and resources to help families. It includes links to useful websites such as the eSafety Commissioner who provides strategies for families around online safety and the Student Wellbeing Hub and Bullying No Way websites that provide useful information for parents and young people. To find out more, visit the [Safe and Supportive Schools section](#) and the Being Safe Online section of the Education Directorate website.

### **Safe and Supportive School Contact Officers**

We are committed to building a diverse and inclusive learning environment that benefits all our students. As part of this our school has two members of staff, one female and one male, who support and respond to students who may be experiencing bullying, racial or sexual harassment. They have undertaken specific training for this important role. They frequently remind students that they are available to help them with any concerns. If you would like to know more about the range of approaches we take to ensure our school is safe and supportive of all students, please talk to your child's teacher or the principal.

### **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

### **Parking unsafely and illegally around schools**

As we drive and park our cars around schools we all need to ensure the safety of school students is our priority. Parking illegally and unsafely across pedestrian crossings, corners and verges puts children at risk. We all need to help keep our children safe. Here is a short video demonstration: <https://youtu.be/AslMVXpA9Zc>

Access Canberra inspectors will be patrolling our school zones to help us ensure drivers do the right thing.



Calling all volunteers! The Richardson Primary Interests and Pursuits Program starts in week 3. Come and join our team of volunteers each Friday afternoon to engage with students and their chosen learning activities!

Please contact Mrs Vince  
[emma.vince@ed.act.edu.au](mailto:emma.vince@ed.act.edu.au)  
to join our team!



## FUNDRAISING HAS NEVER TASTED SO GOOD!

### BAKE YOUR VERY OWN DELICIOUS COOKIES!

Richardson Primary P&C's Billy G's Cookie Dough drive is well under way!

- There are 10 flavours of cookie dough, including a cheese flavoured Doggie Dough for your special furry family member!
- The cookie dough is packed in a reusable 1kg tub which makes 40 x 25g cookies. **38c-40c per cookie.**
- You can **RE-FREEZE** the cookie dough and thaw it out as you require for baking.
- You can keep the thawed cookie dough in your refrigerator for up to 4 weeks.

Please complete online orders/return form and monies by **Friday 15 November 2019**

Current scheduled day for pick up is **Wednesday 4 December 2019**



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# Gaming Awareness for Parents Session

Would you like to connect with your kids playing video games?

Are you concerned your kids are playing too many video games?

Come along and learn about the types of games being played and the good, bad and social aspects of gaming!



**Wednesday 20 November**  
**6pm**

**Namadgi Community Room**

Light supper will be provided - gold coin donation

Childminding is available (registration essential)  
Please RSVP to [romney.kelly@ed.act.edu.au](mailto:romney.kelly@ed.act.edu.au)





### DOES YOUR CHILD WANT TO PLAY CRICKET?

Registrations are open to play cricket for Tuggeranong Valley Cricket Club in the 2019-20 season.

There are different formats for different age groups including:

- Junior Blasters for 5-7 year olds at Chisholm and Conder
- Master Blasters for 8-10 year olds at Chisholm
- Junior Cricket from Under 10 through to Under 18s, including girls teams in various locations across Canberra.

Most games are on either Friday evenings, Saturday mornings or Sunday mornings.

For more information or to register please go to <https://www.playcricket.com.au/club-finder/club-details?id=3337>. If you wish to speak to someone contact TVCC Juniors Vice-President Rod Chancellor at [president@tvccjuniors.org.au](mailto:president@tvccjuniors.org.au) or on 0415 105 036.



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