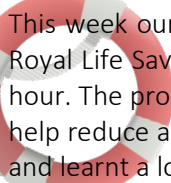


6 September 2024

A small school achieving BIG  
Things

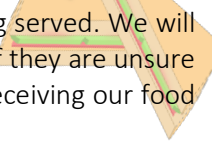
Dear RPS Families,

This fortnight we welcomed a new executive member to our team, Paul Swinbourne. Paul joins us from Harrison school and will be looking after the preschool team for the remainder of the school year. We look forward to working with Paul, if you see him around the school please introduce yourself.

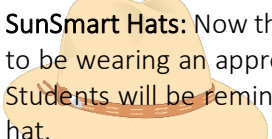


This week our year 2 students have been participating in the **Aqua Safe Swimming Program** at Lakeside Leisure centre. Royal Life Saving Australia runs the Aqua Safe Water Safety and Awareness Program with each of the lessons being one hour. The program aims to develop a sound knowledge of water awareness and safety. Participation in this program may help reduce a child's chances of being involved in an aquatic related incident. The students all had a fun week at the pool and learnt a lot about swim safety. Thank you to Ms Martin for organising and attending this program with our students.

On Friday of week 5, we celebrated **Book Week**. The theme for this year was **Reading is Magic**. Our Book Week assembly was TRULY magical, with so many amazing and creative costumes! After the assembly and parade students spent the day rotating through a variety of literacy themed activities with different teachers and students across the school including; origami, chalk drawing, drawing and a scavenger hunt. A HUGE thank you to Ms Martin and Mr Fraser for hosting the assembly, and to our wonderful community for the effort that went into the children's costumes, and for coming to watch and support the parade.



The **Meals in Schools** pilot in ACT public schools continues with most of the children liking the food being served. We will continue to email through the menu so you can talk to your child/ren about what they like or don't like. If they are unsure about a particular item, please pack additional food that day. The pilot will run until July 2025. We are receiving our food on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday each week.



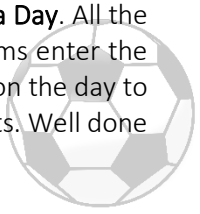
**SunSmart Hats:** Now that spring is upon us and the warmer weather has arrived, a friendly reminder that all students need to be wearing an appropriate SunSmart hat when playing outside during school hours and attending outdoor excursions. Students will be reminded to play in shaded areas if they are not wearing a broad brimmed, bucket or legionnaires style hat.

Richardson Primary is using **Parent Portal** – a secure online platform to share information between parents and carers and your child's teachers. With Parent Portal you can:

- notify the school when your child is sick or to explain an absence.
- book parent-teacher interviews.

- receive academic reports.
- receive the school newsletter.
- make payments.
- access the school calendar.
- update contact details.

On Wednesday, 4 September, around thirty students in 3 /4 represented our school at the **annual soccer Gala Day**. All the children had a great day out, enjoying the competition against other Tuggeranong schools. We had two teams enter the competition with both teams being quite competitive on the day. Thank you to our parents who came along on the day to support their children. Also, a big thank you to Mrs Collinson, Ms Kylie and Josh for attending with our students. Well done Richardson!



On Tuesday 10 September and Friday 13 September, our SRC will be fundraising for the Richardson students who are representing the ACT in Netball and Futsal competitions. The SRC plan to sell hot chocolate with/without marshmallows on these days. Posters are beginning to appear around the school and our SRC will be advertising soon to classes. The hot chocolates will be sold for \$2 each. Thank you to our families in advance for your support with this initiative.

*What's on the calendar?*

	Sep 2	Sep 3	Sep 4	Sep 5	Sep 6
7	AquaSafe Year 2	AquaSafe Year 2	AquaSafe Year 2	AquaSafe Year 2	Assembly AquaSafe Year 2
8	Sep 9	Sep 10	Sep 11	Sep 12	Sep 13
9	Sep 16	Sep 17	Sep 18	Sep 19	Sep 20
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Kind regards,

Kayla Hayward  
Executive Teacher

**Year 1 Phonics Check**

As part of the Strong Foundations reform program, ACT public schools will begin a phased introduction of the Year 1 Phonics Check starting with 26 schools this term. Our school has been selected to participate.

The Phonics Check is a quick and easy way for teachers to gauge the phonics knowledge of Year 1 students. It is designed to help teachers identify students who may need more help learning to read.

The first schools selected to participate were chosen based on demographic, location and size to provide a broad sample from across the ACT public school system. Insights from this first group of schools will inform a rollout of the Year 1 Phonics Check to all ACT public schools in 2025.

This is an important milestone as part of the Strong Foundations program designed to strengthen literacy and numeracy outcomes for all students. You can read more on the Education Directorate website.



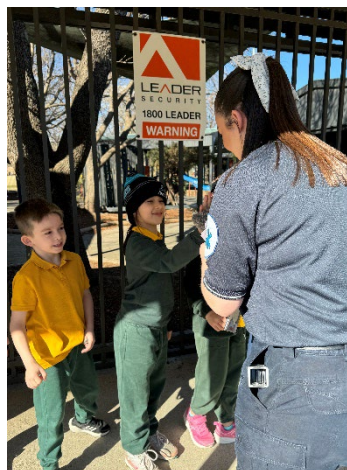




This week, out Year 2 students have had the opportunity to participate in the Aquasafe Program. Students have shown organisational skills through getting ready for their daily swimming adventure. The program equips students with the knowledge and skills for staying safe in and around water. We don't always swim in indoor swimming pools with lifeguards present. Students also learnt safe boating skills, including how to wear lifejackets and how to help others without getting themselves in danger also.



Earlier in the term, Constable Kenny visited the students and spoke about staying safe on the road. Road safety messages were reinforced and their importance highlighted. It's also great to see Constable Kenny, see his police car and of course hear the siren.





# Book Week

In Week 5, Richardson Primary celebrated Book Week. We held our annual dress up day on Friday morning. The costumes were amazing. There were many recognizable book characters present.

Later that day, students participated in multi-aged group activities, visiting different teachers and learning spaces to share the excitement of books together. Thank you to all the families who supported this event.



# Student Awards

The following students received an award  
Friday 6 September 2024

NAMES	CLASS
Billie Ardern	KT
Faris Geddawi	KT
Zoe Hunt	1/2M
Fateh Singh	1/2M
Jed Oliver	1/2M
Celeste Jolley	1/2R
Jimmy Johanson	1/2R
Iman Azimi	3/4C
Lucy Collins	3/4C
Parker Fensom	3/4C
Kavya Bhandari	3/4C
Elizabeth Tearne	5/6G
Connor Burger-Ciechan	5/6G
Jasmine Blowers	5/6G
Catherine McKay	5/6B
Lilly-May Riley	5/6B
Cerine Binoy	2-5Q
Chase Rustenburg	2-5Q

**GAME ON Richardson**

**Walk, Talk Workout!**  
Sunday 20th October 10-11.30am  
Richardson Primary School

10am Coffee van opens (free coffee and fresh fruit) and Welcome!

10.15am: Group fitness session with **NPP**  
*Niche Power Performance*

11.30am: Event concludes



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**GAME ON Richardson**

**Walk, Talk, Workout!**  
Sunday 20th October, 10-11:30am  
Richardson Primary School

**Run, Jump, Catch, Throw!**  
Wednesday 23rd October 3-4.30pm  
Richardson Primary School

**Navigate & Agility!**  
Thursday 31st October, 3-4.30pm  
Richardson Primary School

**Bike Skills & Drills!**  
Thursday 7th November, 3-4.30pm  
Richardson Primary School









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## PBL Awards Assembly

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

### Class Awards – KT 3/4C 5/6G

<b>Bronze Wristband</b> 	<b>Silver Wristband</b> 	<b>Gold Wristband</b> 	<b>Rainbow Wristband</b> 
	Tamika Sullivan Katherina Chloe R Phoebe	Chloe M Claudia	Matilda M Achilles Kaylee Zara Lilly-May Ongo
<b>Bronze Certificate</b> 	<b>Silver Certificate</b> 	<b>Gold Certificate</b> 	<b>Rainbow Certificate</b> 
Ahmed Clea Sidney JJ Milla Mohammed Elizabeth	Fateh James Cruz William Evangeline Lucas 5/6	Allie Theodore	Sarah Kayden Rex
<b>Bag Tags</b> Scarlett Lucas F Urwah Chloe W Paige	<b>Drink Bottle</b> Riley G Bailey Isabel BC Tyler Desmond Asha Chloe W	<b>Principals Award</b> Parker Bailey Lacey Desmond	



## TOURNAMENT

### DETAILS

9TH – 11TH OCTOBER

Dickson Oval, Antil St Dickson

**\$120 PER DAY**

### PURPOSE

Designed for talented cricketers aged 12 - 15. Players will experience 3 days of high intensity T20 Cricket while being coached and mentored by Cricket Australia Qualified coaches.

Teams of 8 players (form your own team) or come along individually and be allocated a team.



### FORMAT

3 days of high intensity match play T20 cricket. When not playing players will be taken through our pro performance coaching stations to work 1:1 with one of our coaches on all facets of their game!!

Players will be exposed to a variety of match scenarios that aim to improve confidence, self belief, concentration, team work and leadership skills all while having a ball with their friends.

Pro performance player report with feedback provided to each player at the completion of the Tournament.



**BOOK NOW**



## HOLIDAY CAMPS

CAMP 1: 30TH SEPT - 4TH OCT

VENUE

DEAKIN

CAMP 2: 7TH - 11TH OCT

MINT OVAL

### PHILOSOPHY

We are passionate about helping each and every player achieve their goals and reach their potential through expert coaching in a fun, challenging, positive and professional environment. Through the game of cricket we ultimately aim to help our players learn, grow and develop into becoming better people.



### OUTLINE

Designed for cricketers of all ages and stages from 5-12. Players will experience up to 5 days of high quality coaching and T20 Games with specialist coaches in batting, bowling, fielding and WK focusing on the specific requirements of each player.

Players will be exposed to a variety of match scenarios and drills that aim to improve confidence, self belief, concentration, team work and leadership skills all while having a ball with their friends.

Pro performance player report with feedback provided to each player at the completion of the Camp.



**\$495 - 5 DAYS**

**\$415 - 4 DAYS**

**\$325 - 3 DAYS**

**\$120 PER DAY**



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## WESTON INDOOR SPORTS

CANBERRA'S HOME OF INDOOR SPORTS

## 2024-25 SUMMER JUNIOR & YOUTH INDOOR SOCCER

19 October 2024 to late March 2025

Break over school holidays and long weekends

For players of all skill levels

Boys, girls and mixed teams

Girls divisions for 8 years and older

5-a-side games for teams of 7 or more players

Register as an individual or as a part of a team (we'll find a team for you and your friends)



Not affected by weather... we're indoor



FOR PLAYERS AGED 5 TO 19 YEARS

### AGE GROUPS & APPROXIMATE KICK-OFF

Age	Division	Game Time Range
5-8	Rooball	Sat 1:00pm - 5:00pm
9-14	Juniors	Sat 8:00am - 11:30am
8-16	Girls	Sat 11:30am - 2:00pm
15-19	Youth	Sun 5:15pm - 6:00pm

Easy on parents - we set up and pack up

**Come and join the fun at Canberra's family friendly sports venue**

With over 20 years of experience in running sports for children, we understand what makes a safe and enjoyable environment for kids to learn and play.

Weston Indoor Sports is the only venue to have over 150 junior/youth teams, providing variety for teams and a vibrant and supportive community for players of all ages and skill levels.



Teams are placed in pools based on suitability (age, size, skill and intensity of play). Game start times can vary depending on the number of teams within each pool. If you have a time you can't play, let us know and we will do our best to work around it.

REGISTER AT: [westonis.com.au/kids-youth-soccer](http://westonis.com.au/kids-youth-soccer)

For more Information – Contact Weston Indoor Sports

Phone: 6288 0444

Email: [soccer@westonis.com.au](mailto:soccer@westonis.com.au)

Website: [westonis.com.au](http://westonis.com.au)



# HOLIDAY CAMPS

## SPRING 2024

- Camps for juniors aged 3+ and all standards
- Technical, tactical and point-play
- All equipment provided
- Tennis Australia qualified coaches

**WEEK 1: MON 30 SEP - FRI 4 OCT**

**WEEK 2: TUE 8 OCT - FRI 11 OCT**

Location: Weston Creek Tennis Club  
Dillon Close, off Namatjira Dr

### ENQUIRIES

Email: [info@csot.com.au](mailto:info@csot.com.au)

Phone : 0432 118 204

Head Coach - Robert Jamieson

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# ICTeach School Holiday Programs

SEP 30 - OCT 3

AGES 8-16

**WHAT'S ON**

**30/09 MONDAY**  
Build a game In Scratch

**01/10 TUESDAY**  
Movie Making and Film Tricks

**02/10 WEDNESDAY**  
Introduction to Python - Canberra

**02/10 WEDNESDAY**  
Introduction to Python - Cooma

**03/10 THURSDAY**  
Build a Game In Scratch

Registrations are open!  
For more information and to register, visit our website:

[WWW.ICTEACH.COM](http://WWW.ICTEACH.COM)

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