

2 June 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are sad to announce Brooke Calvert, our Deputy Principal, is leaving Richardson Primary and will take up a new appointment at MacGregor Primary in week 10. She has been part of our school for many years and will be sorely missed. We know MacGregor Primary School is so lucky to have Brooke as their Deputy Principal, and we wish her every success in her new position. We will farewell Brooke at our week 9 assembly (18 June) followed by a morning tea with parents in our staffroom.

### **Ribbon Assembly**

This week's school assembly is the Ribbon Assembly for our recent school athletics and cross country carnivals. If your child came in the top three in times for their running races and /or age group for their event they will be receiving ribbons. Please note, when there is more than one heat, only the top three times for the age group will be receiving a ribbon.

### **Cross Country PSSA**

Last Monday we took a group of students to compete at the Tuggeranong Regional Cross Country, held at Stromlo Forest. This saw the best cross-country runners from the Tuggeranong region compete against each other. Students finishing in the top ten for their age group are then selected to represent Tuggeranong at the ACT Primary School Cross Country. Well done to Kira Batchelor in year 5 who came in 8<sup>th</sup> in her race. We wish her well at the ACT event. We would like to thank Ms Kylie for looking after the children at Stromlo Park and for all children who represented Richardson so proudly. Great job everyone!

### **Reconciliation Week**

Reconciliation Week commenced last week, 'More than a word. Reconciliation takes action', and marks a significant date on our calendar. This year's theme is, 'More than a word. Reconciliation takes action', and urges us as individuals, families, communities and as a nation, to continue to build relationships between the broader Australian community and the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. This year marks twenty years of the reconciliation process.

On Tuesday 25 May, the Koori Butterflies preschool group travelled to the Mura Lanyon Youth Centre, to participate in Reconciliation commemorations. Our preschool children represented the Richardson community by performing an Acknowledgement of Country for the guests. The children were treated to some myrtle damper, fresh fruit, and story time.

Next week the preschool will be welcoming the paediatric team from Winnunga Nimmityjah on Tuesday 1 June at 2.45 pm. The team will be there to yarn with the families about the Connected Beginnings Program, which aims to support and help children with health, behavioural, or social and emotional regulation concerns from ages 0-5 years old.

### **Reports**

If your family circumstances have changed and you require more than one report, you will need to inform the front office by Monday June 14 to allow details to be updated on our system. Reports will be emailed to you on Friday 18 June. We will schedule our 3 Way Interviews for early next term.

### **Lost Property**

Winter has arrived this week and with this, so too have the jumpers, coats and the warmer layers of clothing. Already there is a large amount of unclaimed clothing at the front of the school. Rather than giving the clothing away, there will be opportunities to collect it morning and afternoon and throughout the day. If your child has lost a piece of warm clothing, please come and claim it. Also, just a friendly reminder to put your child's name and class on their clothing as it makes it much easier to return lost clothing to the rightful owner.

Kind regards,

Benjamin Smith (3-6 Executive Teacher)

# Student Awards

The following students received an award at assembly on Friday 4 June 2021

NAMES	CLASS
Iman Azimi	KS
Riley Goddard	KS
Mohammed Kafalaj	1/2H
Mike-Jeremiah Taiao	1/2H
Lacey Shepherd	1/2M
Kayden Fleming	1/2M
Catherine McKay	3/4G
Billy Vaughan	3/4G
Skye-Marie Bowen	3/4SG
Kafaongo Mataele	3/4SG
Thomas Studholme	5/6B
Jorja Smith	5/6B
Richard White	5/6R
Isabella Reynolds	5/6R
Alex Limphongern	1-6T
Chase Rustenburg	1-6T

## DAB Awards Displaying Amazing Behaviour

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

**Students to be awarded a Bronze 50 Wristband**

NAMES	CLASS
Evie Bosak	KS
Pippa Wicks	KS

**Students to be awarded a Silver 75 Wristband**

NAMES	CLASS
Lucas Batchelor	3/4G
Grace McLucas	3/4SG

**Students to be awarded a Gold 100 Wristband**

NAMES	CLASS
Joey Konemann-Fister	3/4SG
Charlie White	3/4SG
Kailahrose Kahuroa-Simpson	1/2M

## DAB Awards Displaying Amazing Behaviour

**Students to be awarded a Rainbow 125 Wristband**

NAMES	CLASS
Hamish Cumberland	1-6T
Caleb Lloyd	3/4SG
Desmund Tong	1/2H
Hani Wilson	3/4G

**Students to be awarded a Bronze 150 Certificate**

NAMES	CLASS
Kafaongo Mataele	3/4SG
Chloe Wicks	1/2H
Alex Limphongern	1-6T
Evangeline Pupi-Pesefea	3/4SG
Koa Jordan	3/4SG

**Students to be awarded a Silver 175 Certificate**

NAMES	CLASS
Cade Clarke	3/4SG
Xavier Lowery	1-6T
Isabel Burger-Ciechan	1/2H
Isabella Reynolds	5/6R

**Students to be awarded a Gold 200 Certificate**

NAMES	CLASS
Kai Clarke	5/6R
Tom Banks	1/2H

**Students to be awarded a Rainbow 225 Certificate**

NAMES	CLASS
Henri Fitrawan	3/4SG
Bernalyn Diaz	5/6R



### 50 Nights Reading Awards

Paige Goddard	1/2H
Lacey Shepherd	1/2M
Urwah Saeed	1/2M
Allie Oliver	1/2M
William White	1/2M
Lucas Batchelor	3/4G

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## What's happening in Iterika

### 3/4G and 3/4SG

What an amazing term the students in Iterika have had! Every student is coming to school ready to learn and prepared to take on any challenges that the teachers set for them. We are seeing success for every student, every day, in all areas of the curriculum. Thank you to all of the families for sending your child to school with a full tummy and with healthy snacks and a water bottle to keep them ready to learn all day.

#### Learning in Iterika



In literacy, the students are fully immersed in writing and reading. In writer's workshops, the students are currently investigating writing to persuade and writing to recount, linked to our history unit. We are continuing to use the writing process with all forms of writing. The students are engaging in the planning, drafting, editing and re-crafting cycle. Our next step as budding authors will be to give and receive feedback from our peers and teachers to make improvements to our writing.

During reader's workshops, students are learning how to implement specific strategies to develop them further as readers. We are currently working on the strategies of creating images, chunking and synthesising. We have finally started our home readers. It is great to see so many of our students changing their books regularly, we have even had a few hit the 50 books mark already.

In numeracy, the students are learning about multiplication, division, addition and subtraction. We have been investigating angles, fractions and 2D and 3D shapes and their properties. We have been sharing our knowledge with others as experts in different areas of maths.



In inquiry, we are investigating the discovery, exploration and history of Australia. The students are developing inquiries into how Australia was discovered and how it has changed over time.

In media arts, the students are learning how to code simple interactive games and images. They are also engaging in online safety learning.



In biological science, we are learning about living, non-living and once living things. We have defined each of the terms and determined that living things breathe, eat and drink and reproduce. We have planted seeds and are investigating how they grow and see if it supports our theory.



In PE and health, we are enjoying playing modified games and are focused on resilience and sportsmanship. During social and emotional learning, we are focusing on building a positive self esteem.

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## Iterika - Reminders

Home readers are changed daily in Iterika. Please encourage your child to read every night. Your child can read to themselves, to an adult, a sibling, a special toy or even a pet.

Both classes visit the Library each week, 3/4SG on a Monday and 3/4G on a Thursday. Please remind your child to return their book each week.

Each morning at 10.00am, both classes have fruit break. Please ensure that your child has a healthy snack option, for example, apple, carrot sticks, cherry tomatoes, cucumbers, banana, oranges etc. We are also noticing a number of students coming to school without a drink bottle, please check that your child has a drink bottle in their bag each day.

With the weather becoming colder, please send a clearly labelled jumper or jacket with your child each day.

We regularly post photos and student work on Seesaw so please pop on and have a look at the wonderful learning that is taking place in Iterika.

We are always happy to have a chat with families, so please don't be shy, pop in and see us if you have any concerns or questions.

The Iterika Team,

Danielle, Jen and Ben

### SCHOOL TIMES

9:00 - 11:00am - School First Session  
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



### 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. **No medications can be left in students school bags.**

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.

## 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

## Breakfast Club

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

**When:** Monday - Friday

**Time:** 8.40am

**Venue:** Canteen

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

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



Did you know you could receive up to \$500 in matched savings for your child's extracurricular activity costs?

Here's a list of the most common activities our participants use their funds for:

- Swimming or dancing lessons
- Instrument lessons like guitar or piano to name a few
- Sports club fees like netball or football registration
- School camps
- Tutoring classes
- Foreign language lessons
- Scout membership fees

Check if you're eligible to join by visiting [www.saverplus.org.au](http://www.saverplus.org.au)

## COVID-19 reminder

A reminder that the COVID-19 pandemic is still with us and while many restrictions have been eased since last year, some restrictions are still in place in our school.

It is important that students stay home and get tested if they are unwell.

Visitors to our school, including parents and carers, should sign in using established processes, meet density requirements of one person per two square metres, and maintain physical distancing of 1.5m from other adults. Students and visitors also need to practice good hand and respiratory hygiene.

You can find more information on COVID-19 and ACT public schools on the Education Directorate website.

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## 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.



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### 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:

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