

Richardson Primary Reporter

Caring and Sharing

A small school achieving BIG Things

Dear Parents and Carers,

The 2024 enrolment window is due to close on Friday 2 June 2023. It is important for those enrolling in preschool, kindergarten, high school, and college for the 2024 school year, to complete the online enrolment process by Friday 2 June 2023 in order to receive an offer of placement from 24 July. Any enrolments made after the cut-off date will not receive an offer of placement until later in the year. Enrol online by visiting: <https://www.education.act.gov.au/public-school-life/enrolling-in-a-public-school>. If you have questions or require support, please contact the front office on 6142 3630.

Improve Learning and Achievement for all Students

On Tuesday we had over 20 students represent Richardson Primary School at the Tuggeranong District Cross Country Carnival at Mt Stromlo. All students represented Richardson proudly and we congratulate and commend them on their positive sportsmanship. We would like to thank Mr Smith, Ms Martin and Mr Behrendorff for supporting our students at the carnival.

This week the nurses from the Kindergarten Health Check team came to Richardson. Our kindergarten children had their hearing, sight and growth assessed. Families will be contacted if there are any concerns.

On Wednesday the school participated in National Simultaneous Storytime. This event is held annually and aims to promote the value and enjoyment of reading. Every year a picture book which is written and illustrated by an Australian author and illustrator is read simultaneously in libraries, childcare centres, preschools, schools, bookshops, and family homes. This year 'The Speedy Sloth' a book written by Rebecca Young. The book's theme was about the merits of having a go and celebrating all winners, especially those who don't come first.

Develop an Expert Teaching Team

Last week we farewelled Mrs Hayward. Mrs Hayward will return to us next year, but for now she has gone to do the very important job of becoming a mother. We wish Mrs Hayward all the best as she welcomes a second little person into her family.

Teachers and Learning Support Assistants (LSAs) have been upskilling in the literacy programs of InitialLit and MiniLit in to deliver intervention support for students.

The executive team have recently attended professional learning which was ran by the ACT Education Directorate. These opportunities for professional growth support and enhance our skills as leaders.

Provide a Safe, Inclusive, and Respectful School Culture

This Sunday 26 May is National Sorry Day, a time when we remember and acknowledge the mistreatment of the Indigenous people of Australia. This day gives people the chance to come together and share the steps towards healing for the Stolen Generations, their families and communities. Monday 27 May is Reconciliation Day, a public holiday and a time to reflect on our shared history and healing journey.

Next Wednesday we will welcome Constable Kenny Koala from ACT Policing. Kenny will be working with students from preschool, kindergarten, year 1 and 2 on staying safe in the community. This visit supports learning in the areas of personal and social understanding, and health and physical education.

Our Koori Preschool have been venturing to Namadgi to learn on Country since last term. Each fortnight, the children have the opportunity to be on Country, learning from the land and understanding their connection to the land. In week

8 and 10, we will be inviting all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students from years 3 to 6 to join the preschool children as mentors and guides. Please ensure that all permission notes are returned to the front office. If there are any family member who are interested in joining us, please contact the front office.

P&C News

Congratulations to the P & C for running a very successful BBQ last Tuesday at the Tuggeranong Cross Country Carnival at Stromlo. A hot sausage sandwich amongst the cold fog was highly sort after! We would like to thank Mel and Sam who gave up their time to run the bbq. Our P&C are looking for additional members, if you are interested and wish to contact our P & C team, please email them at richardsonps.PandC@gmail.com.

Kind regards,
Natalie Hogan

SCHOOL AGE CARE

Before and after school care is available at Richardson Primary School. Enrolment forms are available from 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.

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

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.

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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](https://flexischools.com.au) or you can download the new Flexischools App.

REMINDER: Please ensure you update your child's new classroom for 2023.

Looking forward to continuing our service to you.





Canteen team - Kerry & Lucy

Could \$500 help with next year's back to school costs?

Learn tips and tricks to grow your budget and saving skills. Save for 10 months. Get up to \$500 of matched savings for school expenses. Just in time for 2024.

Must meet all eligibility criteria:



-  Have a current Health Care or Pensioner Concession Card AND an eligible Centrelink payment*
-  Be studying yourself OR have a child in school (can be starting school next year)
-  Have regular income from work (either yourself or your partner)*
-  Be 18+ years old

*Many types of income and Centrelink payments are eligible



For more info, visit saverplus.org.au or call 1300 610 355.



Grants for women returning to work

Did you know there's a Women's Return to Work Program that supports Canberrans looking to get back to work or study?



The Office for Women provides grants of up to \$1,000 and can connect you with a mentor to support you on your pathway to employment.



Grants can be used for courses and training that increase work skills, study equipment such as textbooks or a laptop, clothing, transport and childcare costs to help you return to work.



Workshops are run regularly and cover resumes, applying for jobs and interview skills. You also get free individual sessions with a career mentor!



Who can apply? ACT women on low incomes who have been out of the workforce for more than 6 months.



Scan the QR code with your phone camera to get information about the Return to Work Program.

You can also email rtw@act.gov.au to ask questions and get advice.

PARENTLINEACT.ORG.AU

TELEPHONE PARENTING COUNSELLING

Professional Counsellors are now just a phone call away!
(02) 6287 3833



Student Awards

The following students will receive an award
Friday 26 May 2023

NAMES	CLASS
Jayden Stephenson	KT
Ghadeq Saeed	KT
Zoe Hunt	1/2D
Ulopi Mataele	1/2D
Lilly Konemann-Fister	1/2M
Parker Fensom	1/2M
Alira Stewart	1/2S
Riley Goddard	1/2S
Milla Worsley	3/4B
Isabel Burger-Ciechan	3/4B
Asha Jolley	3/4G
Theodore Currie	3/4G
Claudia Stafrace	5/6G
Jelena Worsley	5/6G
Ahmed Saeed	5/6R
Ulia Vaana	5/6R
Rehaan Mohammed	2-6T
Xavier Lowery	2-6T

LOST PROPERTY

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.

Any items left at the end of Term will be given to charity.



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DAB Awards

Displaying Amazing Behaviour

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

Students awarded a Bronze Wristband

NAMES	CLASS
Matilda Meek	KT
William White	3/4B

Students awarded a Silver Wristband

NAMES	CLASS
Ulopi Matele	1/2D
Zoe Hunt	1/2D
Lucy Collins	1/2S
Alexander Limphongern	2-6T
Annabelle Bonaccorso	2-6T
Xavier Lowery	2-6T

Students awarded a Gold Wristband

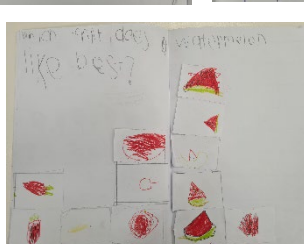
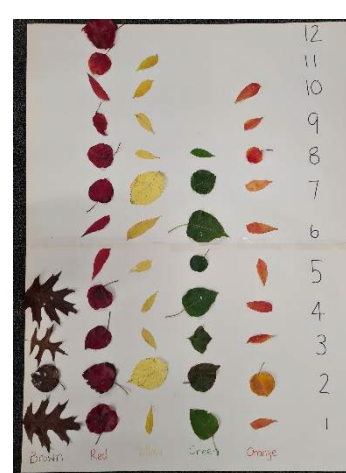
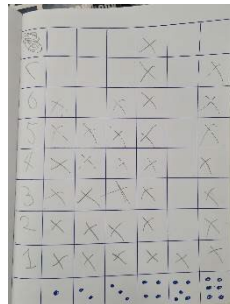
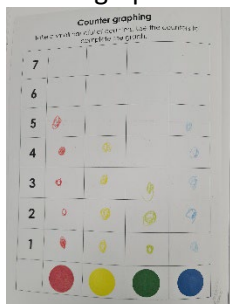
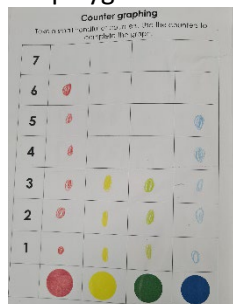
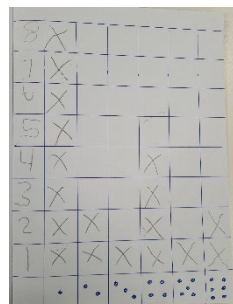
NAMES	CLASS
Chloe Champness	1/2M
Parker Fensom	1/2M
Lucas Fleming	1/2S
Desmund Tong	3/4B
Urwah Saeed	3/4B

Every
ACT public
school
is a
great
school

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NOW FOR
2023

Enrol online by 3 June to receive
an offer from 25 July 2022.
Need assistance?
Visit education.act.gov.au or
call the Enrolments Telephone
Service 6205 5429.





A poster for ACT public schools enrolment for 2024. It features a large orange circle on a white background with a pattern of school-related icons like pencils, rulers, and calculators. Inside the circle, the text 'Enrol now for 2024' is written in large white letters. Below it, in smaller black text, is 'ACT public schools – where going local leads to great things!'. The ACT Government logo is in the top left corner of the circle. To the right of the circle, there are illustrations of a pencil, a ruler, and a dashed arrow pointing towards the text.

Enrol now for 2024

ACT public schools – where going local leads to great things!

2024 school year enrolment reminder

Have you remembered to enrol for the 2024 school year? If you apply by midnight 2 June you will receive an offer from 24 July 2023. Applications received after 2 June may receive an offer later in the year. Enrolments are open for students from preschool through to year 12. Going local leads to great things – apply online at <https://bit.ly/3Zqhoj9>

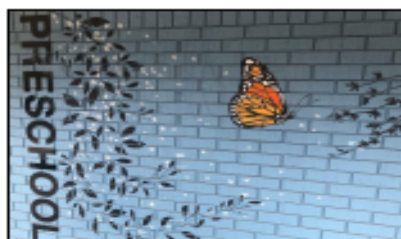
Need help or have a question? Call the Enrolments Helpline on 6205 5429 or

Stranger awareness safety message

This is a reminder to ensure your children and young people understand the importance of stranger awareness safety and information has been included on how to report an incident.

Please support us to keep our children safe by having conversations about moving safely around the community. You may wish to visit the Australian Federal Police website section on Child Safety for tips. In addition, the Safety4Kids is a non-government website that has useful information and links. The Constable Kenny website also has a number of tips for parents for younger children.

If you become aware of an incident or notice anyone acting suspiciously around a school or student, contact police immediately on 131 444 or in the case of an emergency call 000. If you witness an incident or if you have any information that could assist police, contact Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000. Information can be provided anonymously. We would also ask that you notify the school so we can also support the wider school community to be aware of incidents.



Voluntary Contributions 2023

Thank you
for supporting
our school

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www.richardsonps.act.edu.au



2023 VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS

Dear Parents & Carers

The School Board is writing to give you information about Voluntary Contributions. Donations from families are an important way to raise money for our school. A request for a Voluntary Contribution is no more than a request to help our school.

Why does the School Board Request Voluntary Contributions?

Each school is given an allocation of money from the ACT Government and this is linked to enrolment numbers. This money is carefully budgeted by the School to pay the costs for running the school such as the electricity, water, sewerage, maintenance, resources for all teaching units, photocopying, postage, IT and all operating costs. While funding is adequate for most of the school's basic needs, there are always other important items, which are needed to enhance the learning programs. Such as targeted teaching resources, sporting equipment and books for children linked to support the schools priorities. From time to time there are also unexpected expenses, which need to be met from the school budget.



How much in 2023

For 2023 the School Board has suggested an amount of \$60 per family. This is a suggestion only and other options are available.

Deb Clarke — School Board Chair

Sam Hearps — P&C President

VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTION

Yes I want to contribute \$60 per family to the school as a Voluntary Contribution

Please select:

- \$60 yearly contribution per family ☐
- \$30 x 2 semester instalments per family ☐
- \$15 per term per family ☐

Family Name: _____

Child's Name: _____ Class: _____ Child's Name: _____ Class: _____

Payment options:

Cash

Quickweb—Westpac QuickWeb online payment - <https://www.richardsonps.act.edu.au/payment>

Direct Deposit - BSB: 032-777

Account: 001770

Reference: Vol Cont./Family name

Anna Wilson— Principal (02) 6142 3630

PLEASE NOTE:

Voluntary Contributions can be paid by cash, cheque or direct deposit. These can be made at the front office on any school day. All information regarding payment of contributions is strictly confidential. If you have any questions, concerns or comments please contact the front office on (02) 6142 3630.





COST OF LIVING

Community Support & BBQ

**Mura Lanyon Youth
and Community
Centre**

**Thursday 1 June
9:30am - 11:30am**

**Come for a free BBQ
lunch and a chance
to win a \$100
Woolworths gift
card lucky door
prize**

Are you feeling the pinch?

Chat with participating services about support and advice relating to household bills and debt, emergency relief programs, government rebates and concessions and more!

PARTICIPATING SERVICES INCLUDE

