

9 September 2025

Dear Families,

Can you believe we are already in week 8! As always it has been a busy term full of learning and fun, and we still have many more special events to go.

This week, students from years 5 and 6 had a special visit from the camp Kianinny organisers. They were given some information about camp and learnt about the exciting activities planned for their upcoming camp to Tathra.

Mark your calendars! Our school science fair will take place on **Thursday, 25th September** (Week 10). Students have been busy preparing their experiments, making observations and hypotheses and preparing their science fair projects for display. We look forward to celebrating their hard work with all our families. Don't miss out on the sausage sizzle fundraiser during the event.

We are thrilled to announce that we have achieved our first whole school acknowledgment as part of our PBL initiative. Students have been earning tokens for demonstrating our school values of being safe, respectful, and positive learners. To celebrate, we'll have a **Pyjama Day on Friday of Week 9**—a fun reward for everyone.

A group of students from years 3 and 4 participated in a soccer gala day on **Wednesday, 3rd September**. We had two teams competing and their teamwork and sportsmanship were commendable. Thank you to Mr Swinbourne for organising the event and Ms Kylie for supporting on the day.

Our band students had a busy week, joining Theodore and Calwell primary schools for combined band sessions. The Year 6 band showcased their hard work with a small concert here at Richardson, it was a joy to hear their progress.

Congratulations to our students from Richardson Primary school who competed in the regional athletics carnival on **Monday, 25th August**. We had a large number of students compete and we are incredibly proud of their efforts! Thank you to families who were there cheering on our kids, and a big thank you to Mr Smith and Ms Kylie for assisting on the day.

A few reminders:

A gentle reminder to all families to please drive slowly in the car park during drop-off and pick-up times. The front curb is designated for pick-up and set-down only; please refrain from parking there. Please park in the carpark provided or in the carpark with the copper logs near the preschool. This week we are trialling safer way for children to cross the road. A staff member wearing a high-vis vest will assist students crossing the road from the front gate in the afternoons. All students will be shown where to wait to cross the road.

We celebrate the number of students choosing to ride bikes and scooters to school! Please ensure that your child wears a properly fitted helmet. Remind them to walk their bikes and scooters while on school grounds and to park them in the bike shed upon arrival.

Spring is here and with the weather warming up, with that all students need to be in a SunSmart hat for outside play. We encourage students to apply sunscreen before school and sunscreen can be found in all units should students wish to reapply during the day.

Thank you to our wonderful P&C for organising this year's Father's Day stall. It was heartwarming to see our students choosing special gifts for their fathers and father figures. This event raised an impressive \$700.

Warm regards,

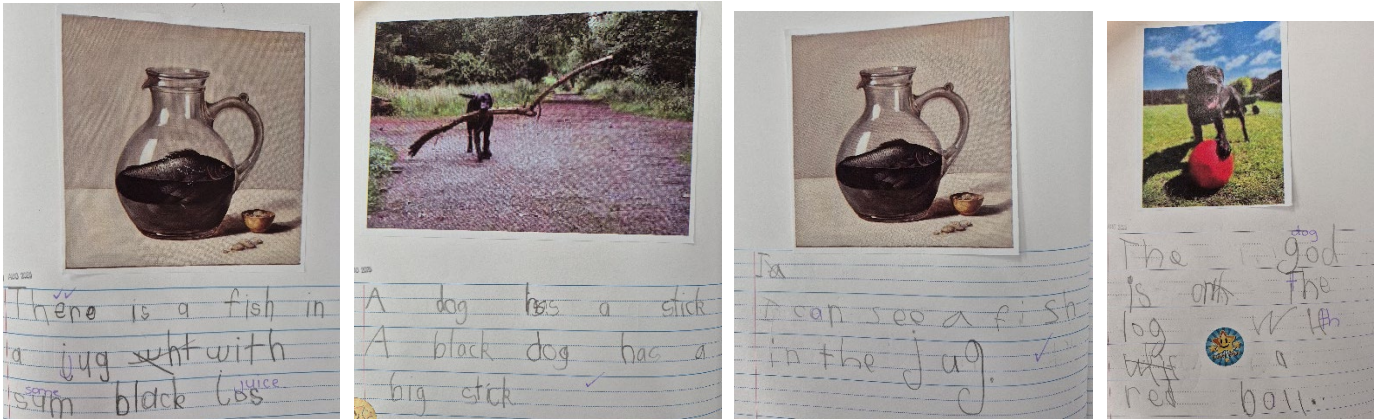
Kayla Hayward

Student Awards

| The following students received an award Friday 5 September 2025 | |
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| NAMES | CLASS |
| MJ Shepherd | KT |
| Emilia Twigg | KT |
| Jayden Bonaccorso | 1/2D |
| Ekaterina Chua | 1/2D |
| Seth Dencio-Parrey | 1/2R |
| Faris Geddawi | 1/2R |
| Hayden Ardern | 3/4C |
| Riley Goddard | 3/4C |
| Ellie Wilding | 3/4C |
| Charlize Cole-Pini | 3/4M |
| Sophia Weldon | 3/4M |
| Pema Thaye | 5/6G |
| Ben Waters | 5/6G |
| Chloe Wicks | 5/6G |
| Jaycob Bonaccorso | 3-6W |
| Alexander Limphongern | 3-6W |
| Elijah Maki | 3-6W |
| Chase Rustenburg | 3-6W |

What have KT been learning this term?

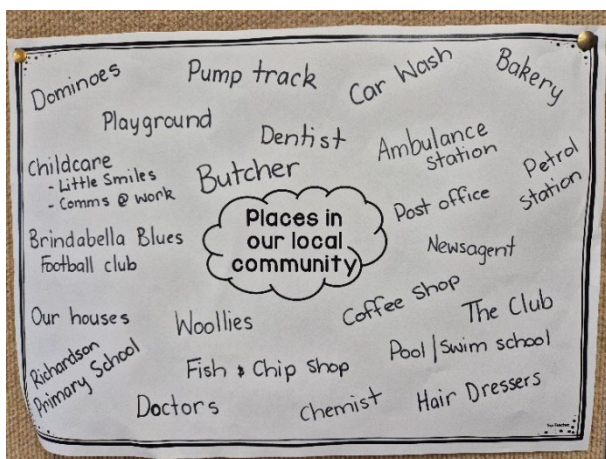
We have been doing a lot of work on our writing. We are focussing on trying to write words by listening to the sounds in them.



In Maths we are working on measurement, specifically comparing lengths. We have been finding objects that are longer, shorter or the same length. Then we lined up all the Kindergarten children to see how long a line of Kindies would be. It was very long!



As part of our inquiry, we have been looking at our local community. The children named all the places in the community they could think of, then we created our community using drawing and boxes.



101 Furtles Dalmatians for our 101st day of school!



Parent Portal – Changes to ACT Digital Account ID requirements

The ID requirements for accessing Parent Portal have changed to make it easier to register your account.

If you have had trouble signing up to Parent Portal because of the ID requirements, we invite you to try again.

To access Parent Portal, you need to verify your identity via the ACT Digital Account. Previously you needed two forms of accepted ID and now you only need one.

To register, use the [Parent Portal access link](#) and create or log in to your ACT Digital Account.

Please contact the front office on 6142 3630 if you haven't received an access key.

Parent Portal is a secure online platform used in all ACT public schools, from preschool to year 12.

Parent Portal allows teachers, parents and carers to securely share information about your child.

Parent Portal allows you to:

- notify us when your child is sick or explain why they are not at school
- book parent-teacher interviews
- receive academic reports
- get the school newsletter
- make payments
- access the school calendar and student timetable



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Every day, we work hard to provide the resources and support that our foster and kinship carers need to thrive. We understand that when carers are well-supported, children and families can truly flourish.

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Cool Kids Anxiety Group Program

What is Cool Kids?

Cool Kids is a structured group program that assists kids develop the tools to manage anxiety. The program also gives parents strategies to support their anxious kids.

What should I expect?

Cool Kids is a nine week program running from week 1 to week 9 of the school term. In term 4, Cool Kids will be run on Tuesdays (9-12 year olds) at Mura Lanyon Youth and Community Centre In Condor (southside) and Wednesdays (9-12 year olds) at Favier House in Braddon (northside) from 3:30-5:00pm.

Who runs Cool Kids?

The program is delivered by two accredited psychologists from Marymead-CatholicCare.

What is the cost?

The program is free.

Is my child suitable?

If your child's primary difficulty is anxiety, this program is likely for you! The program is generally not a suitable option for children who have experienced trauma or who have complex behavioural challenges.

Interested in attending?

Please call our intake team on 02 6162 6111 to book an assessment!

