

12 May 2023

Richardson Primary Reporter

Caring and Sharing

A small school achieving BIG Things

Dear Parents and Carers,

Improve learning and achievement for all students

Last Friday our whole school walked to the Calwell playing fields for this year's athletics carnival. Students participated in a range of rotations including long jump, discus, running races and junior field events. Students also enjoyed a yummy sausage sizzle and hot chocolate organised by our wonderful P&C. Everybody had a wonderful day, gave their best in their athletics events and supported their houses through chants and cheering on competitors. A massive thankyou to all our wonderful volunteers for all of their support on the day and a HUGE thankyou to Mr Smith and his team for once again organising an incredible day.

This term we are very lucky to have Matt and his team once again from Gecko sports here on Tuesdays for the next 4 weeks. Students in years 3-6 are learning skills and rules for lacrosse and our junior classes are having lots of fun learning skills and the rules for hockey.

Home reading has begun this term in K-2. Home reading diaries, readers and an information handout were sent home with students early in week 2. Readers will be changed weekly, and teachers will keep a record of students' home reading so home reading certificates can begin to be handed out during assemblies later in the term. Please chat with your child's teacher if you have any questions about home reading this term.

Our Koori Butterflies continue to learn on Country at Namadgi this term. Last week the children investigated tools that the rangers use to care for country and the protective equipment needed when using these tools. The children went down to the river and saw wombat holes along the way. A big thankyou to Woolworths for the donation of fruit for the children's morning tea.

Develop an expert teaching team

In week 2 teachers engaged in a professional learning (PL) session run by Mrs Hogan and Miss Sally on conducting and analysing the reading assessments we use here at Richardson Primary. This PL was a good opportunity for teachers to refresh their skills in using these assessments and ensure consistency in collecting and analysing reading data across the school. In PLC'S, teachers revised our school beliefs around writing pedagogy and practice. Teachers shared expectations of what we will see in our classrooms in relation to these beliefs, it was an afternoon full of rich conversation and collaboration.

Provide a safe, inclusive, and respectful culture

What a wonderful turn out we had for our week 1 community breakfast! Thanks to all our families who came along, it was great to have a chat with you over a sausage sandwich. Thank you to Mr Smith and Ms Kylie for cooking.

It was also great to see so many families again on Wednesday of week 1 for the 1/2 learning journey. Students were so proud to show you the units of work they have been learning about, teach you some fun maths games and take you on an impressive gallery walk.

The 'Look Who's Talking Program' began this week. The program is an 8-week parent information course that shares information and ideas about helping babies and young children to develop strong language and thinking skills, developing their oral language and literacy.

This term we will again be opening our classrooms to parents and families for Drop-In Days in week 5. This is a wonderful opportunity for you to come in and observe all the amazing teaching and learning that is occurring in your child's classroom. More information to come.

Every Tuesday morning the library is open from 8.30-9am for families to have the opportunity to come in and read a book with their child/ren and to borrow and return books. We have a great selection of books to read and hope to see more families every Tuesday morning.

Richardson Interests and Pursuits program (RIPP) will begin this afternoon. This term students brainstormed potential activities they would enjoy participating in for RIPP and teachers used these ideas to plan their activities. Years 1-6 will be split into mixed aged groups and be assigned an activity for the term. Kindergarten will be doing something very exciting during RIPP time this term. Mrs Hogan and Mrs Turtle will be taking the kindergarten class to Warrigal aged care in Calwell on these afternoons to visit the residents there.

Reminder as the weather gets cooler to be dressing students in warmer clothing. Please label all of your child's clothing and if you are missing a jumper please come and have a look in lost property as we have a large pile of unclaimed clothing.

Kayla Catling
Executive Teacher

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.

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 12 May 2023

NAMES	CLASS
Zeenat Azimi	KT
Matilda Meek	KT
Scarlett McCurley	1/2D
DeeJay Kelly-Higgins	1/2D
Leo Erett	1/2M
Stella Meldrum	1/2M
Amele Ravouvou	1/2S
Lucy Collins	1/2S
Desmund Tong	3/4B
Urwah Saeed	3/4B
Malakai Kelly-Higgins	3/4B
Samson Marshall	3/4G
Aurora Kibblewhite	3/4G
Kaylee Gardner	5/6G
Ongo Mataele	5/6G
Ahmed Saeed	5/6R
Dominic Leney	5/6R
Alexander Limphongern	2-6T
Annabelle Bonaccorso	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.



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 Silver Wristband

NAMES	CLASS
Djanarah Simpson	1/2D
Riley Caughlan	1/2M
Riley Goddard	1/2S
Tyler Shillabeer	3/4G
Chloe Maniti	5/6R
Charlotte Stafrace	5/6R
Conner Leney	2-6T

Students awarded a Gold Wristband

NAMES	CLASS
Johnny Lea	1/2D
Scarlett McCurley	1/2D
Lara Shepherd	1/2M
Freddie White	1/2S
Jaxson Howe	1/2S
Aurora Kibblewhite	3/4G

Every ACT public school is a great school

ENROL 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.

ACT Government

News from Kirrang

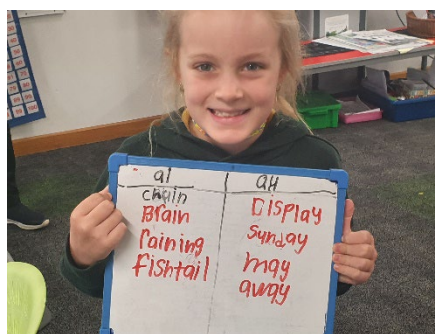
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ACT Public Schools
So much more to offer

We've had an amazing start to term 2. Students have launched themselves actively into their learning and we are all looking forward to watching them grow for the rest of the term. Here is a snapshot of what we have been doing over the first 3 weeks.

Literacy

We have jumped straight back into our InitialLit lessons. Students are continuing to use their knowledge of sounds and digraphs to blend words together. Each lesson consists of small group work, which targets the needs of the children, whole group activities and a writing component. We have also begun our home reading, which looks different from previous years. If you are unsure of how it works, please contact your child's teacher. Readers are due back on Monday and go back home Tuesday.



Mathematics

In maths this term we are focusing on building our number knowledge, addition, subtraction, skip counting, fractions, measurement and money. In our lessons you will see students engaging in hands on activities such as using manipulatives and games to consolidate learning.



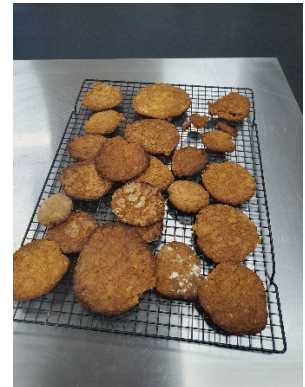
Science

In inquiry students have begun to explore how water alters its state with changes in the weather. This unit of inquiry has a science focus. Students will be encouraged to ask questions, make predictions, participate in guided investigations and record their observations. We launched this unit of work with a provocation of water and weather activities, to spark their curiosity and wonderings.



Other learning opportunities

We started this term by developing our understanding of what ANZAC Day commemorates and what the word ANZAC means. We learnt about the significance of the red poppies and created mixed media art works. After learning about the history of Anzac biscuits, students sequenced an Anzac biscuit recipe and then made their own. The students are really enjoying the Gecko sports lesson once a week, where they are learning some simple hockey drills and skills. At the end of week 2 students also participated in the Athletics Carnival. There was lots of cheering and our 8 year old's had their first experience at participating in field events such as long jump. Everyone else had the opportunity to participate in running races and small group rotations.



Parent helpers

A big thank you to all our parent volunteers who continue to support the learning program in and out of the classroom. Your assistance with InitialLit groups and Athletics Carnival has been greatly appreciated. If you have sometime where you would like to come in to assist with InitialLit groups, please let us know.

Thanks a million,
Barbara, Deborah, Amie and Tamara.

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Richardson P&C

Welcome to term 2, We hope to have another great term with you all.

Firstly, thank you to everyone who participated in our Easter eggs guessing competition and thank you again for all your crazy and colour hair. It was so good to see how creative you can all be.

We like to let you know that we do have a Facebook page (Richardson P&C Association). This is where we post all our fundraising things to and we also have an email (richardsonps.pandc@gmail.com) here is where you can email us any questions or concerns you have about anything to do with the P&C. Our next P&C meeting will be on 11th May at 3.15pm, in the library.

WE NEED YOU!!!! - We would like to inform you all that currently have a **position available** in the P&C, which we do need to fill. The currently available position is **treasurer**. We do need to fill this in quickly as if they aren't filled the P&C is at risk of closing permanently. This may sound like a scary thing to do, but I can assure you that you will receive help and Mel C can show you everything she has learnt. She will be your go to girl if you have any questions about the role. So, if you are interested please let us know

50 years of IMP

Instrumental Music Program

To celebrate 50 years of IMP 1973-2023

the program will be holding a reunion band event and concert on Sunday June 18

at Llewellyn Hall, ANU School of Music

Reunion band rehearsal 10.00-11.30am and concert 2.00-4.30pm

Former SCB – Senior Concert Band – students and staff are invited to join the band for the day

Families, friends and colleagues of the program are invited to attend the free concert

Follow our facebook page – “50 years of IMP”

Link to register for reunion band as a player

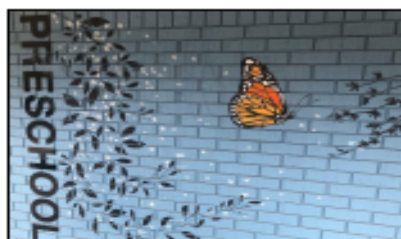
Link to access free concert tickets



<https://forms.gle/YHSBSrDEJw91DUtd7>



<https://www.trybooking.com/CGAJE>



Voluntary Contributions 2023

Thank you
for supporting
our school

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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.





Our Program

SwimX. is a specialised swimming program designed to improve swimmers abilities from technique to endurance. With over 8 years experience developing swimmers from Development to National level podium, our advanced coach specialises in stroke correction and comes with extensive coaching knowledge. As a previous National level swimmer themself, the coach loves developing swimmers both recreationally and competitively.

<p style="text-align: center;">Transition Squad</p> <p>Location: Tuggeranong Pool- 45min (Monday & Wednesday afternoon)</p> <p>Transition squad is designed to help swimmers who have reached the top level of swim school to develop technique in all four strokes, dives, turns and underwater skills. Beneficial for swimmers wanting to progress into competitive swimming or just wanting to improve technique and endurance.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must be able to swim 25m of Freestyle & Backstroke, with an understanding of breaststroke 	<p style="text-align: center;">Competitive Squad</p> <p>Location: Googong Pool- 1hr (Tuesday afternoon & Wednesday before school)</p> <p>Competitive squad is designed for swimmers who are training to compete. Sessions are competitive squad based with technique a main focus, but includes a range of training sets to get swimmers on the pathway to competing.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must be able to swim all four strokes (an idea of how to swim butterfly) 	<p style="text-align: center;">SwimFit</p> <p>Location: Tuggeranong Pool – 1hr (Monday & Wednesday afternoon)</p> <p>SwimFit is a squad based training program designed to allow swimmers of all ages to swim with no strings attached. Designed for swimmers who can already lap swim, but would enjoy a structured program to build stamina and receive stroke correction. This squad is for juniors & adults (lanes will vary depending on swim efficiency)</p>
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Next Steps

If you would like to find out more information about SwimX., the Squads, the coach or you have general enquiries, please email enquire.swimx@gmail.com

SwimX. looks forward to hearing from you!

Club Mojo for 7- to 12-year-olds (6 weeks duration)

Feeling out of control?
 Everything feel like it's too much sometimes?
 Feeling sad or losing your temper lots?

Get your mojo back at Club Mojo.

Club Mojo helps young people, aged 7 to 12 years to build their self-esteem, recognise and deal with their emotions in a safe and healthy way. This group will support kids to identify their strengths, understand their own emotions better, explore how they react to these feelings and how they might be able to gain more control for a better outcome. We help kids find strategies to build self-esteem and encourage healthy expression of thoughts and feelings.

Next group starting Tuesday, 23rd May, located at Grant Cameron Centre, 27 Mulley Street Holder.

Enquiries welcome:
 Phone: 0431 449 822
 Email: info@sanctuaryaus.org.au
 Website: www.sanctuaryaus.org.au

Join us for the Calwell High School

INFORMATION NIGHT

TUESDAY 23 MAY
5.30PM

111 Casey Crescent, Calwell

CALWELL
HIGH SCHOOL