

Richardson Primary Reporter

Caring and Sharing

A small school achieving BIG Things

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have reached the halfway point of term one. It has been wonderful to watch so much happening at school, I've particularly enjoyed seeing families back in school and connecting with staff and students in a lovely positive way.

Improve learning and achievement for all students

Kindergarten students have completed their BASE testing for the beginning of the year. BASE is conducted at the beginning of the year and the end. It provides teachers with information about students' literacy, numeracy, communication and language, and personal social and emotional development.

K-2 classes have completed their screening for InitialLit and are now into the second phase of the assessments that ensure we are meeting students at their point of need. InitialLit is an evidence-based whole-class literacy program providing all children with the essential core knowledge and strong foundations to become successful readers and writers.

Years 3 and 5 will be sitting NAPLAN between 13-25 March. NAPLAN assesses literacy and numeracy skills that students are learning through their regular school curriculum. Students sit assessments in writing, reading, conventions of language (spelling, grammar, and punctuation) and numeracy. Students are not expected to study for NAPLAN. You can support your child by reassuring them that NAPLAN is a part of their school program and reminding them to simply do their best. Some familiarisation and explanation of NAPLAN is useful to help students understand and be comfortable with the format of the tests. Teachers will ensure students are familiar with the types of questions in the tests and will provide appropriate support and guidance. We do not recommend excessive preparation for NAPLAN or the use of coaching services.

Koori Preschool have begun their 'On Country' learning. They began by having a visit to the local area close to school. They will be taking a bus to Namadji National Park next week.

1/2 classes are looking at history of transport and Mrs Hogan has organised a vintage car group to visit the school next week. So if you notice witches hats out in the car park we ask that you leave space for our visitors.

Develop an expert teaching team

The whole school staff, teachers and support staff are attending on going workshops to understand and deliver the Berry St Curriculum. Currently across the school we are all learning how to understand our self-regulation skills, this is linked to the general capabilities in the Australian Curriculum. Routines, regulating our movements, and being ready to learn lessons that are being taught now. Teachers will move into developing de-escalation skills with children, to help them understand the stress response and be ready to learn.

Provide a safe, inclusive, and respectful culture

Positive Behaviours for Learning (PBL) continues to be a strong theme throughout the school. We are moving to having not only individual DABs but whole class awards for classes that are demonstrating the school values.

Our Drop In Day saw quite a number of families taking the opportunity to visit classrooms and see their children working and lessons progressing. It was very good to see parents in the classroom, some even participated in the activities. We will repeat this next term again in week five.

I'd like to thank the people who gave me their feedback on the UV protection policy. With a few edits, I am asking the SunSmart council to approve and then we will be a SunSmart school. It is good to see more children wearing hats and taking care of their precious skin.

5/6 Camp will be going ahead this year. Mr Smith is finalising details and will be sending out information in the coming weeks.

We didn't get a big response for a 3/4 Camp; we are looking into an alternative option for this year. Next year we will try again.

Still to come this term:

- Look in a book every Tuesday – parents welcome to come and read with their child or borrow a book before school
- Learning Journey in week 10 Wednesday April 5
- Stay tuned for Cross Country and Athletics Carnival dates

Kind regards,
Sally Alexander
Deputy Principal

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 2022.

Looking forward to continuing our service to you.

Canteen team - Kerry & Lucy

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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.

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.

Student Awards

The following students will receive an award on Friday 3 March 2023

| NAMES | CLASS |
|------------------|-------|
| Haira Fitrawan | KT |
| Jack Champness | KT |
| Djanarah Simpson | 1/2D |
| Yustina Chua | 1/2D |
| Riley Caughlin | 1/2M |
| Nova Kibblewhite | 1/2M |
| Clea Morosi | 1/2S |
| Iman Azimi | 1/2S |
| Jasmine Blowers | 3/4B |
| William White | 3/4B |
| Ben Waters | 3/4G |
| Tyler Shillabeer | 3/4G |
| Paige Mosely | 5/6G |
| Faith Wadley | 5/6G |
| Zara Meldrum | 5/6R |
| Hani Wilson | 5/6R |
| Rehaan Mohammed | 1-6T |
| Lachlan Tearne | 1-6T |

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 50 Wristband

| NAMES | CLASS |
|-------------------------|-------|
| Anthony Konemann-Fister | 3/4G |
| Ben Waters | 3/4G |
| Connor Burger-Ciechan | 3/4G |
| Paige Goodard | 3/4G |
| Theodore Currie | 3/4G |

Students awarded a Silver Wristband

| NAMES | CLASS |
|-----------------|-------|
| Lauren Flaherty | 1/2M |

Students awarded a Gold Wristband

| NAMES | CLASS |
|------------------|-------|
| Nova Kibblewhite | 1/2M |

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.

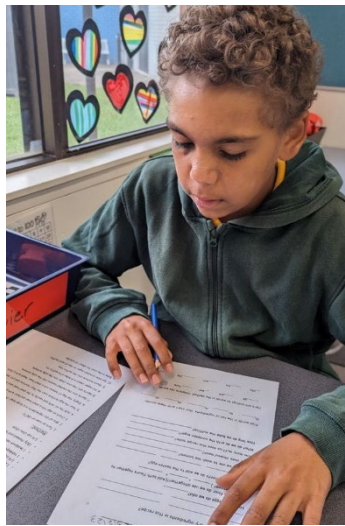
We would be grateful if such documents regarding medication could be sent to the school to ensure we are following the departmental policy and medical records are up to date.

Welcome to 2-6T! (A Small Group Program)

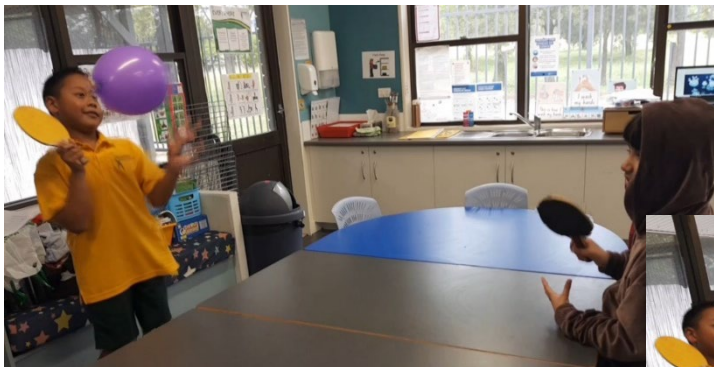
2-6T have made a great start to their learning this new school year! It has been wonderful to see how well students have been developing their academic, social and emotional skills. Here are some of the things we have been doing, both individually and as a group...



As always, all our students participate in weekly cooking/baking sessions, making links with **English, maths, science and technology** curriculum areas. Each student, junior and senior, individually completes the recipe from start to finish, under the guidance of staff and with varying degrees of support.



We've been playing a game of bingo where the pictures relate to our class essential agreement.



Learning with Ms Queripel

Students in the Cockatoos and Swans classes enjoying building new friendships and getting to know the learning space and routines in preschool.



Students in 1/2 are focussing on teamwork and perseverance during their Design and Technology lessons on Monday afternoons. They are inquiring into how to build a House of Cards using different techniques.

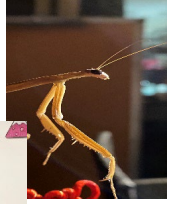
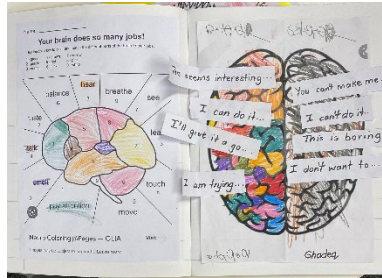
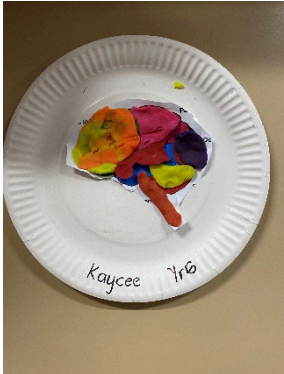


Students in 2-6T are inquiring into different special events as they have occurred each week. So far, we have explored learning about the Chinese New Year and Valentine's Day.



Science with Mrs Lugg

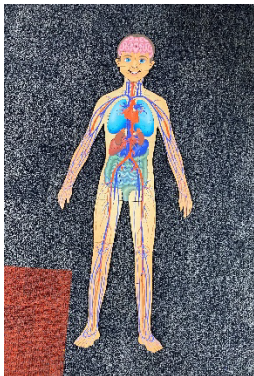
The students from K-6 have been studying the brain. They built a brain from play dough and now have some understanding of different parts of the brain and what it does.



Our ongoing study of the brain helps us to understand ourselves and why we think, feel and act the way we do.



We are going to help grow our brain by building on our growth mindset and try and change our set mindset. This will help us forever in life.



We exercised our cerebellum and cerebrum through an activity where we wore inertia hats. We needed to concentrate deeply and wonder why we were doing this activity.



March 2023

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thur | Fri | Sat |
|-----|---------------------------------------|--|---|--------------|---|-----|
| | | | 1 9am - 3.00pm: Family drop in Day | 2 | 3 9.15am: 5/6 Assembly | 4 |
| 5 | 6 | 7 8.30am Look in a book – Library Morning 9.30am: Responsible Pet Ownership | 8 | 9 | 10 9.30am: Responsible Pet Ownership | 11 |
| 12 | 13 Public Holiday: Canberra Day | 14 8.30am: Look in a Book Library Morning | 15 NAPLAN | 16 NAPLAN | 17 NAPLAN | 18 |
| 19 | 20 NAPLAN | 21 8.30am: Look in a Book – Library Morning NAPLAN Koori Pre Hearing Tests - Winnunga | 22 NAPLAN | 23 NAPLAN | 24 NAPLAN | 25 |
| 26 | 27 NAPLAN | 28 8.30am: Look in a Book – Library Morning | 29 | 30 | 31 9.15am: 1/2 Assembly | |

April 2023

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thur | Fri | Sat |
|-----|--|--|-----------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------------------|-----|
| 2 | 3 | 4 8.30am: Look in a Book – Library Morning | 5 Learning Journey | 6 | 7 Good Friday School Holidays | 8 |
| 9 | 10 Easter Monday School Holidays | 11 School Holidays | 12 School Holidays | 13 School Holidays | 14 School Holidays | 15 |
| 16 | 17 School Holidays | 18 School Holidays | 19 School Holidays | 20 School Holidays | 21 School Holidays | 22 |
| 23 | 24 | 25 Public Holiday Anzac Day | 26 | 28 | 29 | 30 |

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- Valley Dragons provide a fun, safe and competitive sporting environment for boys and girls from age 4 through to 17
- League tag and tackle options are available
- Training will be held on a Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday at Gowrie Oval. Day will be dependent on coach availability.
- Games are held on Sunday mornings, with exception of 16's and 17's which play on Friday evenings

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