

17 August 2023

Dear RPS Families,

We are already halfway through Term 3. We have so many opportunities for children to expand their thinking and demonstrate their learning. Across the school at 11:45 am everyone is involved in a 'quick write' for 10-15 minutes, every day. The children are becoming very excited by what they can do and love sharing their work. It makes being a teacher the best job in the world when a young person runs up with their writing and is so proud to share.

### Improve learning and achievement for all students

#### **Science Fair**

There has been so much activity in preparing science projects across the whole school. Next Thursday afternoon, 24 August, we all get a chance to see the students' hard work.

#### Quick reference events...

Community Breakfast and Drop-in Day Wednesday 16 August
Combined Band performance at Richardson Primary Thursday 16 August 1:40- 2:10 pm
3/4 Assembly Friday 18 August
School Satisfaction and Climate Survey emails sent out Friday 18 August
PSSA Athletics – Monday 21 August
Book Fair begins – Monday 21 August
Science Fair and Year 6 Fundraiser BBQ – Thursday 24 August
Book Week Assembly and Dress Up Day Friday 1 September
NAIDOC Celebration Whole School Excursion to Tidbinbilla Nature Reserve, Tuesday 4 September

### **School Satisfaction and Climate Survey 2023**

Each year, the Directorate surveys all parents and carers, school staff and students in Years 4 to 12 about their experience of public education. The 2023 surveys will be available online from 18 August to 8 September. We really encourage all families to take a few minutes to respond.

#### **Sun Smart**

It is time to learn to put on a hat and be sun smart. Please make sure your child has a hat to wear when outside playing or doing sport during the day.



The **beginning of August** is when UV levels start rising again. UV exposure causes 95% of skin cancers in Australia and most are preventable.

So whenever the UV hits 3 or above, we need to make sure everyone at school uses a combination of sun protection strategies (Slip, Slop Slap Seek, Slide. You can keep up to date with the live UV in Canberra using the [SunSmart Global UV App](#).

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## **Provide a safe, inclusive, and respectful school culture**

### ***First Aid***

Teaching and support staff completed their first aid training this week. We are all now up to date with CPR and First Aid.

### ***Reading and Writing Workshop***

Teaching staff reviewed the workshop model for teaching reading and writing. The model is designed to allow for effective Gradual Release of Responsibility in all parts of the lesson. We want our students to be doing their learning, and as teachers that means we need to scaffold their learning and release responsibility to them.

### ***Breakfast and Drop-in Day***

It was fabulous to enjoy a breakfast sausage with families on Wednesday morning. It was lovely to see families take the opportunity to drop in and see what is happening on just an ordinary school day.

### ***National Wattle Day***

This National Wattle Day, September 1 will mark the 35<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Golden Wattle (*Acacia pycnantha*) becoming Australia's national flower emblem. We will be planting some new plants in the preschool area. Planting will increase local biodiversity, promote canopy cover within the urban environment and add a visual impact for many years to come. Thank you to Transport Canberra City Service for providing the plants.

### ***Bullying No Way Day***

The National Day of Action theme for 2023 is 'growing connections'. This theme supports research findings that strong school community connections and social skills are protective factors in the prevention of bullying and help enable positive, help-seeking behaviours in students. Whether you're a parent, teacher, student or member of the broader community, everyone has a role to play in preventing bullying. Teachers use the lessons recommended through the Bullying No Way site and the Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) Preventing Bullying. These lessons continue and inform the basis for our Social Emotion Learning, that happens throughout each week.

### ***Book Week Assembly and Dress Up Day***



The amazingly talented illustrator Matt Ottley, the 2023 CBCA Children's Book Week ® theme "Read, grow, inspire" comes to life in the striking flying hero seahorse carrying young readers through an endless, boundary-less, sunlight lit space where imagination has unlimited scope for growth and infinite possibility. We are looking forward to seeing what inspires all of us when we read for enjoyment, get to know characters, and feel inspired by stories. We encourage all children to dress up and enjoy the fun for the day.

### ***Book Fair***

Thanks to Deb Clarke and our P&C for coordinating this year's Book Fair.

## ***Caring and Sharing***



**NAIDOC Celebration at Tidbinbilla Nature Reserve**

We are planning a day for the whole school at Tidbinbilla Nature Reserve, parents and family are welcome to join us but unfortunately, we are unable to take extras on the buses. Parents wishing to join us will need to make their own way to the park. We have a full day planned and are hoping for a beautiful day of learning on country.

**RICHARDSON PRIMARY SCHOOL**

# CELEBRATE NAIDOC WEEK!

Tidbinbilla Nature Reserve, Paddy's River Rd, THARWA

9.30am - Buses leave Richardson Primary  
 10.15am - All buses arrive at 'The Sanctuary' - 'Ribbon Gum Theatre' for a Welcome and Smoking Ceremony with Richie Allen  
 10.45am - Nature Walks, connecting to Country.  
 Pre/Kindy - Koala Walk  
 Year 1/2 - Children's Walk & Koala Walk  
 Year 3/6 - Sanctuary Walk  
 11.00am - Pre/Kindy board buses to Discovery Playground.  
 11.45am - Students from Year 1 - 6 board buses to Discovery Playground.

Students remain in year groupings and rotate through activities.

2.15pm - All buses depart Tidbinbilla Nature Reserve  
 3.00pm - Buses arrive at Richardson Primary School

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Tidbinbilla Nature Reserve, Paddy's River Rd, THARWA

Activity Rotations

\*Class teachers support students at each rotation

Time	P/K	1/2	3/4	5/6
11.15am - 11.45am	Painting & Playing	Students are on Nature Walks at 'The Sanctuary'		
11.45am - 12.00pm	BBQ			
12.00pm - 12.30pm		BBQ & Playing	Painting & Weaving	Indigenous Dance
12.30pm - 1.00pm	Indigenous Dance	Painting & Weaving	BBQ & Playing	Indigenous Food Tasting
1.00pm - 1.30pm	Board buses to RPS	Indigenous Dance	Indigenous Food Tasting	BBQ & Playing
1.30pm - 2.00pm		Indigenous Food Tasting	Indigenous Dance	Painting & Weaving

Thank you to the staff from Gugan Gulwan and Emma from Project Dust Dance for volunteering your time to support this cultural event.

Thank you to Woolworths Calwell for providing supplies for our BBQ lunch.

The Welcome & Smoking Ceremony provided by Richie Allen from Traditional Owners Aboriginal Corporation.



Looking for quality reading? The titles on the shortlist 2023 can be a great start, to inspiring young readers.

OR...

Come along to the Scholastic Book Fair and select books Monday August 21 to Friday 1 September.

Opening days and hours for the Book Fair are Monday, Wednesday and Friday 8:30 -9:30am and 2:45 – 3:45pm. The Book Fair will also be open Thursday 24 August when the Science Fair is on.

Thank you to the P&C and Deb Clarke.

# Student Awards

# DAB Awards

*Displaying Amazing Behaviour*

The following students will receive an award  
Friday 18 August 2023

NAMES	CLASS
Luke Morosi	KT
Tyrique Simpson	KT
Alyzah Peters	1/2D
Johnny Lea	1/2D
Nikola Mateta-Allen	1/2M
Stella Meldrum	1/2M
Aalyah Nicholas-Edwards	1/2S
Kiara Merlin	1/2S
Cruz Jacky	3/4B
Anthony Konemann-Fister	3/4C
JJ Adams	3/4C
Travis Bowen	3/4C
Auriol Lavaki	5/6G
Jason Bowen	5/6G
Evangeline Pupi Pesefea	5/6L
Ulia Vaana	5/6L
Lachlan Tearne	2-6T
Alexander Limphongern	2-6T

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
Ghadeq Saeed	KT
Haira Fitrawan	KT
Jed Oliver	KT
DeeJay Kelly-Higgins	1/2D
Kaycee Kelly-Edwards	5/6G

### Students awarded a Silver Wristband

NAMES	CLASS
Kailahrose Kahuroa-Simpson	3/4B
Elijah Maki	1/2M

### Students awarded a Gold Wristband

NAMES	CLASS
Stevie Barnett	1/2D
Noah White	1/2D
Sidney Simpson	1/2M
Samson Marshall	3/4C
Alira Stewart	1/2S
Clea Morosi	1/2S
Kiara Merlin	1/2S
Annabelle Bonaccorso	2-6T

### Students awarded a Rainbow Wristband

NAMES	CLASS
Urwah Saeed	3/4B
Allie Oliver	3/4B
Chloe Wicks	3/4B
Ben Waters	3/4C
Connor Burger-Ciechan	3/4C
Theodore Currie	3/4C

### Students awarded a Bronze Certificate

NAMES	CLASS
John Lea	1/2D
Stella Meldrum	1/2M
Estelle Meek	3/4C
Lacey Shepherd	3/4C
Aalyah Nicholas-Edwards	1/2S
Evie Bosak	1/2S
Asha Jolley	3/4C
Isabel Burger-Ciechan	3/4B
Aurora Kibblewhite	3/4C

### Students awarded a Silver Certificate

NAMES	CLASS
Rosie Shillabeer	1/2M
Estelle Meek	3/4C
Lawson McCurley	3/4C

### Students awarded a Gold Certificate

NAMES	CLASS
Amele Ravouvou	1/2S

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

We are very pleased to see how well 2-6T students continue to engage in their learning as they further develop their academic, social and emotional skills. Take a look at some of the things we have been doing this term, both individually and as a group...



Preparing for the Science Fair, our inquiry has been around parachutes.



Weekly cooking/baking sessions, make links with **English, maths, science and technology curriculum areas**. Students individually complete the recipe, under the guidance of staff and with varying degrees of support.



Reading through the recipe first.



A birthday surprise for Miss Gabby!



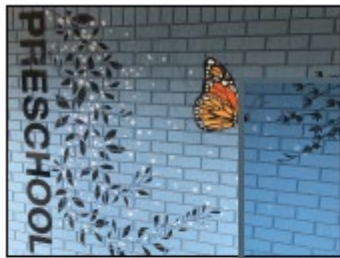
Having fun while developing gross motor skills in the hall each day.



It is exciting to see our students now willing to 'have a go' and to see themselves as writers. After each daily writing session, they are encouraged to share their written thoughts and ideas.

## Term 3 Calendar

Aug 14	Aug 15	Aug 16 Community BBQ Breakfast 8.30am Family Drop in Day 9am – 3pm Koori Pre Internal Check In	Aug 17 Year 6 Combined Band	Aug 18 School Satisfaction Survey Opens National Day of Action against Bullying & Violence Assembly 3/4 Year 5 Combined Band at Taylor Primary
Aug 21 Book Fair Kenny Koala Visit 3-6	Aug 22 Book Fair	Aug 23 Book Fair	Aug 24 Book Fair Science Fair 3pm – 4.50pm	Aug 25 Book Fair
Aug 28 Book Fair ACT Fire & Rescue Visit for Kindy	Aug 29 Book Fair Book Week Dress up Day for Preschool	Aug 30 Book Fair	Aug 31 Book Fair	Sept 1 Book Fair Book Week Assembly & Dress up Day
Sept 4	Sept 5 NAIDOC Event Tidbinbilla	Sept 6	Sept 7	Sept 8 School Satisfaction Survey Closes
Sept 11	Sept 12	Sept 13 Koori Pre External Check-In	Sept 14	Sept 15 Assembly Kindy
Sept 18	Sept 19	Sept 20	Sept 21	Sept 22



**Richardson**  
PRIMARY SCHOOL  
PRESCHOOL-YEAR 6  
Opened 1984



## 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 school's 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: 082-777  
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.

