

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are officially halfway through term 2 and with the easing of COVID restrictions, we are slowly seeing more and more opportunities afforded to our students. A few years ago, it was considered 'normal' for students to venture out on school excursions two to three times per year, yet this term has seen some of our students attending their first ever excursion. We hope to plan and provide more of these exciting learning opportunities for our students as the year progresses.

The 2023 enrolment window is due to close on Friday 3 June 2022. It is important for those enrolling in preschool, kindergarten, high school and college for the 2023 school year, to complete the online enrolment process by Friday 3 June 2022 in order to receive an offer of placement from 25 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

Over the last few weeks, students from preschool to year 6 participated in the school cross country. Last Thursday saw the Swans preschool group complete their run with the help of the year 6 students who ran with them, and the rest of the school who came out to cheer them on. It was a fantastic display of support and encouragement as the children were cheered on by students, teachers and parents. On Tuesday we had over 30 students represent Richardson Primary School at the Tuggeranong District Cross Country Carnival at Mt Stromlo. All students proudly represented our school and we congratulate and commend them on their positive sportsmanship.

Last week Mr Smith and Mr Behrendorff took the 3/4 students on an excursion to the National Arboretum. After originally rescheduling due to inclement weather, the teachers and students were treated to a spectacular day of sunshine. While at the National Arboretum, students were challenged to think about the physical nature of the environment and the prior learning that has taken place in the unit of inquiry titled, 'Beneath our feet'. The real-life experience of nature at the National Arboretum saw the students thinking about the effects that weather has on landscapes over time. Students spent the day exploring the forests, trees, and mountain ranges that encompass the Arboretum.

This term the students in Kirrang have been immersed in a history unit of inquiry titled, 'A Moment in Time'. This unit focusses on the exploration of the similarities and differences between our own modern-day experiences and those of others from different periods of time. Last Thursday Mrs Martin, Mrs Williams and Mrs Hogan ventured out to Lanyon Homestead with the students from years 1/2. The students participated in a program titled, 'James' Diary' which focussed on one of the original families to inhabit the historical homestead nearly 200 years ago. With a focus on history, the students saw and experienced what life was like for early settlers in our local area. We were fortunate enough to have Barbara Fleming, our Indigenous Engagement Officer join us on the excursion. Barbara was able to share Indigenous perspectives with the students and talk to us about the native flora that both Indigenous people and early settlers relied upon. We also extend a big thank you to our parent helpers who joined us on the day.

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 'Family Tree' a book written by famous musician and writer, Josh Pyke was shared across Australia. The book's theme was about multicultural Australia, and the way society evolves together in unity, spreading joy, love, and spirit.

Develop an expert teaching team

As a teaching team, we continue to focus on embedding a consistent whole school approach to the teaching of reading, including assessment, curriculum and pedagogy. Last week we came together to learn more about the reading progressions and investigate the fundamentals of reading which include, phonemic awareness, phonics, vocabulary, fluency, and comprehension. Teachers worked collaboratively to dive into the reading progressions and formulate individual student reading goals based on the information we have collected about our students reading behaviours.

Provide a safe, inclusive, and respectful school culture

Tomorrow is National Sorry Day. Every year on 26 May, National Sorry Day remembers and acknowledges the mistreatment of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people who were forcibly removed from their families and communities, which we now know as 'The Stolen Generations'. National Sorry Day is a day to acknowledge the strength of Stolen Generations survivors and reflect on how we can all play a part in the healing process. Tomorrow our students will listen to, 'Sorry Day' by Carol Vass and Dub Leffler, a children's picture book about the Stolen Generations and National Sorry Day. Our students will learn about the recent history of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and country and develop their understanding of why our nation pauses to say sorry.

Next week we observe National Reconciliation Week. It is a time for all of us to learn about our shared histories, cultures, and achievements, and to explore how each of us can contribute to achieving reconciliation in Australia. We are fortunate to have Barbara Fleming, Indigenous Engagement Officer and Zuzette Fahey, Cultural Integrity Coordinator working with our school and supporting us with embedding this year's theme of, 'Be brave, make change'. Our students will engage in a range of learning experiences including a poster making competition and learning an Indigenous dance from Emma who owns 'Dust Dance'. Students will showcase their learning in our week 7 assembly.

P&C News

Congratulations to the P & C for running a very successful Election Day BBQ last Saturday. The democracy sausage was highly sort after with the P & C team selling out before the end of the day! We would like to thank the families and staff who gave up their time to help out on Saturday, as well as those who bought a sausage or drink. If you wish to contact our P & C team, please email them at richardsonps.PandC@gmail.com.

Kind regards

Natalie Hogan

Executive

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.

Year 1/2 off to Lanyon Homestead!



This term, the year 1 and 2 students have been exploring the concept of how life has changed over time. Our learning has included forming deep, meaningful questions and hypotheses aimed at expanding our understanding of History.

The students and teachers travelled to Lanyon Homestead, following the story of James Cunningham, who inhabited the homestead almost 200 years ago. James was a young boy who grew up in the area and was used as a focus for our exploration of the similarities and differences between our own experiences and those of others from different periods of time.



At Lanyon Homestead, we split into groups to engage in a range of activities around the site. In the gardens, the students learned about how food was grown on site due to the significant distance between the Homestead and local towns. It took two and a half days to travel to Queanbeyan using horse and carriage!



The students looked into each room of the homestead, noticing what was similar and different to their own homes. They formed opinions and ideas as they discussed their observations. The students saw the parlour room and drawing room, where the Cunningham family spent time together. Exploring the outer buildings, we noticed that the kitchen was in a separate building. Inside, the students were shown the oven, open fireplace and saw how food was stored in the underground cellar to keep it cool and fresh.

Out on the homestead lawns, the students played a variety of games that James and his friend Tom would have played all those years ago. These included croquet, skittles, egg and spoon races and hoop toss.



The Lanyon Homestead excursion was a rich learning experience that contributed to the unit of inquiry, 'A Moment in Time'. When the students returned to school, they were able to reflect on their new learning. They drew comparisons and differences between the life of James and the early settlers, compared to that of their own life in current day.

Caring and Sharing



Student Awards

The following students will receive an award on Friday 27 May 2022

NAMES	CLASS
Jaxson Howe	KS
Rosie Shillabeer	KS
Hayden Ardern	KD
Alira Stewart	KD
Kayden Fleming	1/2M
Estelle Meek	1/2M
Lacey Shepherd	1/2W
Lucy Collins	1/2W
JJ Adams	3/4B
Tobias Kerr	3/4B
Theodore Currie	3/4G
Zara Boyle	3/4G
Evangeline Pupi Pesefea	3/4G
Amber Murrell	5/6G
Maximus Hamilton	5/6G
Ron Kirby Cabais	5/6R
Jorja Smith	5/6R
Chase Rustenburg	1-6T
Rehaan Mohammed	1-6T

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 after Friday 27 May will be given to charity.



FLEXI SCHOOL LUNCH ORDERS

Healthy Kids Association welcomes you to another year of providing your school with healthy lunches.

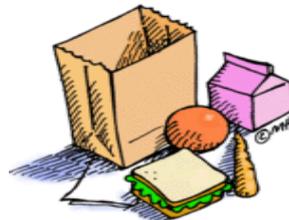
We are a not for profit organisation and our mission is to promote and influence healthy food choices for children.

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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school

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Enrol online by 3 June to receive an offer from 25 July 2022.

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call the Enrolments Telephone
Service 6205 5429.

