

17 February 2023

# Richardson Primary Reporter

## Caring and Sharing

*A small school achieving BIG Things*

Dear Parents and Carers,

The first 3 weeks at Richardson Primary School have been jam-packed full of learning. Each class have been working to establish a successful learning community by building trusting and collaborative relationships. When the culture is right, our students feel safe and willing to take risks with their learning. Here at Richardson we do this in many ways:

- All classes have worked together to create essential agreements. Essential agreements aim to set the tone for learning. A copy of your child's classroom essential agreement will be emailed home soon.
- Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) expectations are being taught. Teachers unpack the expectations with our students and then reinforce desired behaviours by rewarding DABs (Displaying Amazing Behaviour) tickets.
- Students participate in social and emotional learning lessons which aim to support them in recognising and verbalising their emotions and building strategies help them regulate.

When we invest early and establish a positive, caring and trusting school culture, our students are provided with every opportunity to succeed.

Have you heard that broad-brimmed hats are the latest rage? The Cancer Council of Australia tells us that UV damage accumulated during childhood and adolescence is linked to an increased risk of skin cancer in later life.

At Richardson Primary School we:

- ✓ Require all children and workers to wear hats when they are spending time outside between August and May. Recommended hats include broad-brimmed, bucket with deep crown and legionnaire.
- ✓ Students without an adequate hat (or clothing) are required to play in the shade, 'No Hat, Play in the Shade'.
- ✓ Minimise, where possible, outdoor activities and events between 11am and 3pm during the daylight saving/summer period.
- ✓ Students who choose to wear sunglasses are supported. A close fitting, wrap-around style meeting AS 1067 standard will offer best eye protection against UV damage.
- ✓ Encourage children to use available shade for outdoor activities, especially during the daylight-saving period.
- ✓ Require all staff and encourage parents to act as positive role models by demonstrating sun protection behaviour.
- ✓ Ensure the school and all staff are aware of their Work Health and Safety responsibilities and duty of care regarding Occupational UV Exposure.
- ✓ Regularly reinforce sun protection practices in a positive way through student and teacher activities.
- ✓ Ensure that the Directorate's sun protection policy is reflected in the planning for all outdoor events (camps, sporting activities, excursions).
- ✓ Have a generous amount of shade with the number of trees and shade structures throughout the grounds.
- ✓ Provide sunscreen to each classroom which is accessible to students.

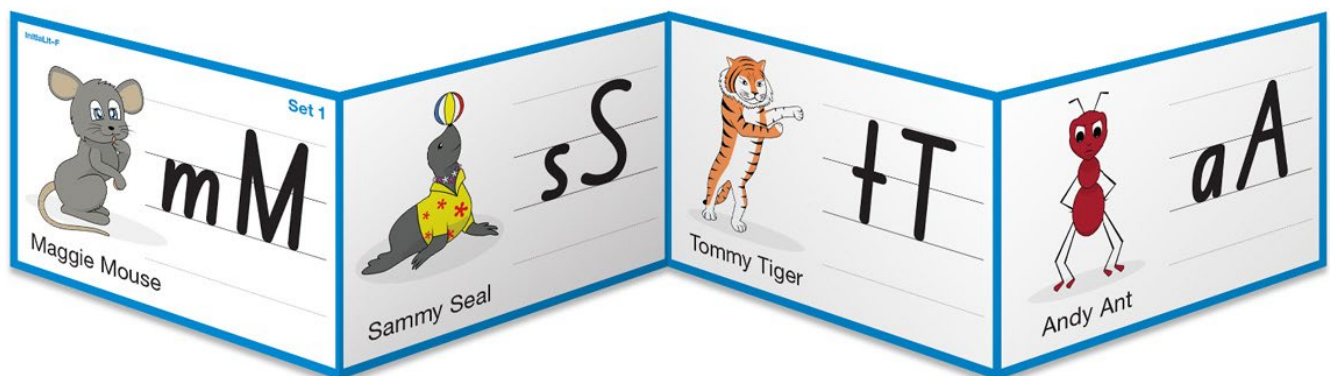
Please ensure your child comes to school with a broad brimmed hat. We will remind students to apply sunscreen and if they don't have a hat, they will be re-directed to play in the shade.



### Improve learning and achievement for all students

This year, Kindergarten, year 1 and 2 will be implementing the InitialLit program. 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. The program consists of whole class explicit instruction, groups and independent activities, storybook lessons, games, spelling, grammar and vocabulary, and handwriting lessons. Teachers will also be supplementing the program with additional writing lessons. InitialLit focuses on teaching students phonics skills they need to read as well as vocabulary, oral language and listening comprehension.

InitialLit will run Monday to Friday in the morning block. Please ensure that your child/ren arrives to school on time so that they do not miss any of their InitialLit lesson.



You will have noticed that student book packs looked a little different this year with the introduction of 'dotted-third' exercise books. These books will support the teaching and learning of handwriting across the school, Kindergarten through to year 6. Students will write for authentic purposes for a range of audiences daily whilst learning correct letter formation, forming letters of a consistent size, further developing fine motor skills and dexterity.

### Develop an expert teaching team

At the beginning of the year, all staff members at Richardson Primary School attended Berry Street training. The Berry Street Education Model focuses on supporting children with their learning, growth, and well-being. It aims to support children with learning to regulate their emotions, recognise stress, implement strategies to be calm and ready to learn. As a staff we will continue our learning journey with the Berry Street Education Model into next year.

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

Following several years of feeling disconnected from our community, this year we look forward to welcoming families to be onsite and in our learning spaces. We started the year with our Welcome BBQ Breakfast, and it was pleasing to see so many of our families join us regardless of the colder than normal weather! We look forward to hosting a community breakfast at the beginning of each term.



This week we held our K-6 parent information sessions. Families were provided with information about classroom routines, expectations, the teaching and learning programs and what the year has in store for students. It was a fabulous turn out and many parents have told us they appreciated the opportunity to connect with teachers and clarify questions. One parent stated, "I attended two information sessions, and I must say that they were fantastic! I learnt so much about what my kids are doing at school. The teachers did such a good job!". The slideshows that were presented at each session will be emailed home to families as will a curriculum document that provides information about the learning in your child's class.

On Wednesday 1 March, we will hold the first of our 'Drop In Days'. These open days will provide families with the opportunity to witness teaching and learning in action. You are invited to pop in at a time convenient to you and see your child engaging in learning. Family members are encouraged to quietly walk through, observe, and watch the magic happen!

At the end of the term, Learning Journeys will occur. Learning Journeys are a celebration of progress and provide an opportunity for your child to share their learning with you.

We look forward to passing you in the hallway, seeing you on our playground and welcoming you into our school.

Kind regards.  
Natalie Hogan  
Executive Teacher

Richardson Primary School acknowledges the Nggunawal people, the traditional custodians of this land. We would also like to pay respect to the United Nggunawal Elders Council and to the Elders, both past and present of the Nggunawal nation. We also extend that respect to other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in our community.



# Learning in Action @ RPS

Kindergarten students are learning to break words into syllables.



Preschool children are learning to make new friends.



Students in year 1/2 are actively engaged in InitialLit lessons every morning.



The students in 2-6T are reinforcing literacy and numeracy skills during cooking lessons with Ms Tow and Ms Kylie.



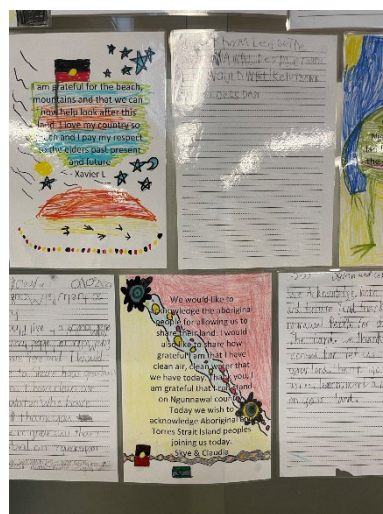
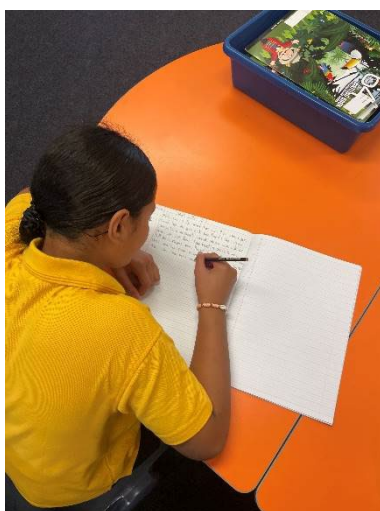
# Learning in Action @ RPS



Students in 3/4B are focused writers, using dotted-third books to support letter formation.



Visual arts lessons with Mr Fraser are always a favourite.



Students in year 5/6 have been working to craft personalised Acknowledgement of Country statements.

### **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](http://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

### **SCHOOL AGE CARE**

Before and after school care is available at Richardson Primary School. Enrolment forms are available from [www.ywca-canberra.org.au](http://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](mailto: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



### **February 2023**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14 3.30pm: K-2 Information Sessions	15 3.30pm: 3-6 Information Sessions	16	17	18
19	20	21 8.30am: Look in a Book (Library)	22	23	24	25
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# YWCA Canberra Clubhouse

AT RICHARDSON PRIMARY SCHOOL



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## YWCA Canberra Clubhouse overview

YWCA'S Canberra Clubhouse is a free, out of school learning space that provides young people, aged 10 to 18 in the Tuggeranong region, with access to the latest technology, as well as mentoring and support to grow their skills in science, technology, engineering, arts, mathematics, and music (STEAMM). With the essential support from our cross-sector partners, volunteers, Tuggeranong community, and our dedicated staff, members can thrive in a supportive environment that fosters their creativity and learning in areas such as coding, 3D printing, photography, film making, textiles, game design, web design, tactile and digital art, electronics, music production, and more. At the Clubhouse, members will engage in long-term projects in collaboration with other members and with the support from a dedicated Clubhouse staff member.

## Application and membership

To ensure the Clubhouse is delivering a high quality program that aligns with the Clubhouse Network Learning Model, prospective members must complete an application to become a member. Applicants can request to attend one of the two days available with a limited number of places available. Membership to the Clubhouse will now be on a term-by-term basis, meaning an application for membership will need to be submitted each term. Applications will be assessed on their suitability for this program based on the Learning Model, interest in STEAMM, and prior engagement in the Clubhouse program. Priority will be given to young people who live or attend school in the Tuggeranong region. Equitable access is important to us, we will do our best to accommodate all eligible young people. Applicants will be contacted in the last week of the school holidays with the outcome of their application and successful applicants will need to complete a more comprehensive membership form to give additional information and to provide consent. If a place is not able to be offered, the young person will be placed on a waiting list and contacted if a place becomes available.

## Structure

The Clubhouse will be structured as follows:

- Mondays will be dedicated to projects focused on engineering and technology
- Wednesdays will be dedicated to projects focused on art and music

The following is what members can expect in a typical afternoon at the Clubhouse:

- 3:00pm - afternoon tea (fruit and filling snacks)
- 3:15pm - circle time for group bonding, announcements, and project brainstorming/updates
- 3:30pm - working on projects
- 5:00pm - working on projects with gaming and free play also permitted
- 6:00pm - Clubhouse closes

## Open hours and contact information

- Mondays and Wednesdays from 3:00pm to 6:00pm
- Street address: Richardson Primary School, May Gibbs Close, Richardson, ACT
- Postal address: Mura Lanyon Youth and Community Centre: 22 Sidney Nolan Street, Conder ACT, 2906
- Phone: 6185 2090/ 0400 300 781
- Email: youth@ywca-canberra.org.au
- Website: www.ywca-canberra.org.au

Scan for application









## 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



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**To fill in an online enquiry form, [CLICK HERE](#).**