

15 September 2023

Richardson Primary Reporter

Caring and Sharing

A small school achieving BIG Things

Dear RPS Families,

As the term draws to an end, I would like to share with you a summary of highlights, both in terms of student learning and achievement and opportunities for community engagement, that we have had across the school in term three.

- Preschool MEGAfauna excursion to the Botanic Gardens
- Whole school excursion to the Canberra Theatre to watch the stage show, 'Are we There Yet?'
- Constable Kenny Koala visits
- InitialLit reading successes across all K-2 classes
- Parent helpers assisting during InitialLit sessions
- Assemblies hosted by our SRC for NAIDOC Week as well as years 3 /4 and Kindy
- Community BBQ Breakfast and Drop In Day
- Koori Pre health checks
- Years 5 and 6 combined band practice
- Book Fair
- Science Fair and year 5/6 fundraising BBQ
- Book Week assembly/dress up day with literacy rotations
- Weekly Richardson Interests and Pursuits Program (RIPP), including our visits to Warrigal Aged care
- Whole school NAIDOC celebration at Tidbinbilla

Miss Marie will email you our Term 4 calendar. You will notice a number of new initiatives including Grandparents Day and our inaugural Art Show.

Thank you to the 57 families who responded to our recent School Satisfaction Survey. This is the highest number of parent participants to date. The information you have provided will allow us to reflect on our school improvement journey so far and help inform areas of our school's 2024 Action Plan.

Thank you also to the school team who organised our whole school NAIDOC celebration at Tidbinbilla last week. Miss Sally, Mrs Hogan and Barb Fleming were the coordinators who not only planned the event but liaised with a number of community partners to run activities for our students on the day. Special thanks to Woolworths Calwell who provided our students with fresh fruit and a BBQ lunch. Thanks to our friends at Gudan Gulwan Youth Aboriginal Co and the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander section who also joined us and created some art. Thanks to Emma from Project Dust, who once again showcased and taught Indigenous dance, offering her time and expertise as a volunteer. Thanks also to Byamee from Native Fusion and to Mrs Hogan's parents for manning the BBQ station. We have posted photos and a compilation video of our learning on country to our Facebook page for your enjoyment.

Congratulations to the following students who received the People's Choice/Highly Commended Award for their Science Fair Projects.

- Junior Award – 1/2M
- 3/4 - Paige Goddard, Aurora Kibblewhite, Theodore Currie, Chloe Wicks, Lacey Shepherd, Isabel Burger-Ciechan and Estelle Meek
- 5/6 - Cade Clarke, Catherine McKay and Jaycob Robertson.

In staffing news I am thrilled to announce Ms Manda Fleming is now full time at Richardson Preschool.

Have Your Say: mobile phones in ACT public schools

The Education Directorate is reviewing policies related to student use of mobile phones and similar devices in all ACT public schools.

A new *Personal Use of Communication Devices in ACT public schools' policy* will be created to ensure that ACT public schools and classrooms are safe places that provide an effective and accessible learning environment for all students. It will outline the appropriate use of mobile phones and other communication devices by students.

By providing feedback, you can help make sure the policy meets the needs and expectations of parents and carers.

You can provide your feedback by visiting yoursayconversations.act.gov.au/mobile-phones-in-schools before 8 October 2023.

Triple P Positive Parenting Program - Supporting children through big milestones

The three Ps in 'Triple P' stand for 'Positive Parenting Program'. Triple P is designed to give anyone taking on a parenting role (including step-parents, foster parents, and grandparents) useful knowledge and skills to help with raising children.

Visit the Triple P website which offers a range of free online courses and resources to support parents in managing everyday challenges. Read their latest article on supporting children through big milestones may support your child with big transitions.

Contact Sally Johnson on sally.johnson@act.gov.au

Meals at School pilot program update

We're pleased to share that the Meals at School pilot program for Richardson Primary is progressing well. Unfortunately, the anticipated start this term has been delayed. We will continue working with the Education Directorate in planning a food delivery model which is suitable for our school community. We will update you when we have more information.

You can read about the Meals at School pilot [here](#).

Kind regards,

Anna Wilson
Principal



Student Awards

The following students recieved an award
Friday 15 September 2023

NAMES	CLASS
Amelia Banks	KT
Jayden Bonaccorso	KT
Djanarah Simpson	1/2D
Alyzah Peters	1/2D
Elijah Maki	1/2M
Nova Kibblewhite	1/2M
Stella Meldrum	1/2M
Lincoln Lloyd	1/2S
Freddie White	1/2S
Allie Oliver	3/4B
Malakai Kelly-Higgins	3/4B
Ben Waters	3/4C
Aurora Kibblewhite	3/4C
Skye-Marie Bowen	5/6G
Elizabeth Tearne	5/6G
Zara Meldrum	5/6L

Students awarded a Bronze Certificate

NAMES	CLASS
Pippa Wicks	1/2M
Chloe Wicks	3/4B
Aalyah Nicholas-Edwards	1/2S
Bailey Phillips	3/4C

Students awarded a Gold Certificate

NAMES	CLASS
Amele Ravouvou	1/2S

Students awarded a Silver Certificate

NAMES	CLASS
Tyler Shillabeer	3/4C
Asha Jolley	3/4C

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 Wristband

NAMES	CLASS
Celeste Jolley	KT
Jalal Kafalaj	KT
Luke Morosi	KT
Vatemo Ravouvou	KT
Yustina Chua	1/2D

Students awarded a Silver Wristband

NAMES	CLASS
Mohammad Kafalaj	3/4B

Students awarded a Gold Wristband

NAMES	CLASS
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Students awarded a Rainbow Wristband

NAMES	CLASS
Riley Caughlan	1/2M
Riley Goddard	1/2S
Jasmine Blowers	3/4B

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.

5/6 Kakadu News

Wow! What a busy and exciting Term 3 we have had up in Kakadu. Our students have been engaged in so many interesting learning tasks where they have had opportunities to revise previous learning and experience new things.

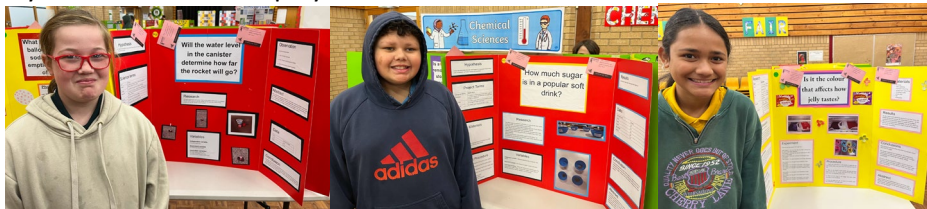
In English, 5/6 have been busy perfecting their procedural text writing skills and using them to write up their independent experiments for the Science Fair in week 5. We have now moved onto writing their own picture book narratives in 5/6L and biographical texts in 5/6G. Our students continue to do their Quick Writes for 10 to 15 minutes each day and we have some interesting serials being built on each day that are well worth checking out if you have the time to visit.

In reading, our students revisit and revise the many reading strategies on a regular basis and are finishing off their novel studies from last term after we took a short break to focus on our science projects.



In mathematics, we have been working on addition, subtraction, multiplication and division written strategies. We have also been working with negative numbers and will move onto area, perimeter, volume and capacity this week and finish up the term with symmetry and transformations of 2D shapes.

Our science lessons for the first five weeks of this term have been focussed on conducting and writing up our experiments for the Science Fair. Almost every student in 5/6 worked independently to conduct and write up their experiment using the Scientific Method to enter in the Science Fair. The Kakadu teachers were so proud of the students' efforts and the learning that occurred during this time. If you were not able to attend the Science Fair the projects are still in the classroom if you would like to stop by and have a look.



Our HASS unit this term has been a geographical inquiry into natural disasters. We have read several of Jackie French's picture books on this topic and used the stories told to help us understand how these events not only physically affect the people who are caught up in them, but provide an insight into the emotional toll these events have on people. The students are now working on an individual inquiry of a disaster of their choice and creating a Google slide presentation to demonstrate their learning.

In week 5 our bands took part in combined events with students from Theodore and Taylor Primary schools. Our Year 6 band hosted their event on Thursday afternoon which culminated in a community concert and Mrs Geeves had the pleasure of accompanying the Year 5 band to Taylor Primary on the Friday morning. Both groups



We have had many other important visits and excursions. We had Constable Kenny visit us in week 6. He told us about the importance of having a family password to keep us safe and about making right and wrong choices. He told us that when we are making responsible choices, we should always ask ourselves are we being kind, are we being safe and are we being healthy. He reminded us of the 3 rules to keep us safe online:

1. Ask for permission before logging on
2. Stay close to a trusted grown up and
3. Don't talk to people we don't know in person.



He also reminded us to wear our helmets when riding our bikes and scooters to school and around the community.

We had our Book Week celebrations at the end of week 7.



And the highlight of the term was our On Country learning day at Tidbinbilla last Tuesday to celebrate NAIDOC Week.



We wish all of our families a safe and happy holiday at the end of next week.

The Kakadu Team
Danielle Geeves, Cherie Lugg-Restall and Benjamin Smith

Term 3 Calendar

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 Last day of Term 3

Term 4 commences Monday 9 October 2023.

Under 18's International Wallabies v All Blacks VIKING PARK



FREE ENTRY

THURSDAY 28 SEPTEMBER

Gates: 1.30pm

Kick Off: 2.00pm

MONDAY 2 OCTOBER

Gates: 11.30am

Kick Off: 12.00pm

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2023 Winter School Holiday Junior Fishing Competition



Come and join us for the **FREE** Merimbula Winter school holiday Fishing Competition & Workshops.

Fish caught must be photographed on a DPI brag mat, with an event token. They are then recorded on a fish record slip and submitted to one of the Merimbula tackle shops.

Workshops are free and held from 10am till noon on Monday 3rd July and Monday 10th July at MBGLAC Clubrooms, Spencer Park. Bookings essential through juniorfishing.mbgglac@gmail.com

All rules and information can be found at www.mbgglac.com.au



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- An adult must be present
1. when registering at the Merimbula tackle shops to pick up a show bag,
 2. when attending the workshops and
 3. when attending the Presentation.

The competition is open to Small Fry (under 11yrs) & Junior (under 16yrs) as of 1st July 2023. The competition runs from 6am Saturday 1st July to 4pm Friday 14th July. The eligible species are:

Flathead, Bream, Trevally, Tailor and Australian Salmon.

OVER \$5,000 PRIZES & GIVEAWAYS

Competitors are invited to a FREE sausage sizzle at the Presentation event at Noon Sunday 16th July at MBGLAC clubrooms.

Competitors do not need to be present to win as prizes will be forwarded.

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