Welcome back!

Welcome back to school. I hope all of our families had a safe break and are now ready to return to our lovely learning environment.

A few things happened while we were away:

1. The installation of a Wi-Fi network started and should be completed within the next week;

2. The stage in our C.O.L.A area was painted along with the poles

3. 2015 NAPLAN data was analysed ready for planning for 2016 – 2017.

I would like to publicly thank Mrs McGrath for stepping in to the Relieving Principal’s role while I was on Long Service Leave. I would also like to thank Miss Deal who was the Relieving Assistant Principal while I was on leave.

Farewell Mrs Shoobridge

While I was on leave, Mrs Shoobridge was appointed to a lovely school up the coast. Mrs Shoobridge initiated and supported many changes at Richmond Public School. One in particular was the massive upgrade to our Administration Area where she had to co-ordinate the total move of our Administration Area to our old hall while the construction was taking place. Mrs Shoobridge was always approachable and at all times was concerned for the welfare of our students and their families. I wish her the best of luck at her new school.

Canteen Closures?

Unfortunately we are again experiencing a shortage of volunteers for our canteen. Unless we can locate willing helpers in our canteen, it will be closed on Friday, 16 and 30 October, and Friday, 13 and 27 November.

If you are able to assist on any of these Fridays, please call our Canteen Convenor, Brad Bowers on 0406 521 117.
Term Planner

There are many events happening at Richmond Public School this term, from our Sports in Schools Program which started on Tuesday, 6 October to our Picnic / Party Day on Monday, 14 December 2015. This is a very busy term and different to Terms 1-3 as the cut-off date for our Touchdown Morning Tea is half way through the term being Friday, 13 November 2015. This allows time for the engraver to work on our Voyager Medals ready for Presentation Day.

Please take special note of our ‘Carols on the Green’ Day which is to be held on Tuesday, 8 December and our Presentation Day which is to be held on Friday, 11 December. To improve the communication between the school and our families, I have attached a Term 4 Planner to this Newsletter. I hope the term planner will assist you in organising our school events with your busy schedules and ensure you can be part of your child’s education.

Touchdown Morning Tea

Congratulations to the 178 students who received Touchdown Certificates on Thursday, 10 September 2015. It was wonderful to hear that many parents, grandparents and friends were at the Touchdown Morning Tea assembly to support the students and celebrate their achievement. Just a reminder, that at the end of the year, five Touchdown Certificates must be presented to enable your child to be awarded their Voyager Medal. Storing the Touchdown Certificates in an album appears to be the safest and most secure way of keeping the certificates ready for the end of the year. Though the school is now purchasing SENTRAL to track student achievement, this has not yet been finalised as the company is still building the necessary server, I strongly encourage families to store the certificates in an album ready for the end of the year.

Thank you to Mrs Stevens who again worked through the early hours of Thursday morning to create such a wonderful morning tea. Thank you also to Baker’s Delight (Richmond Mall – Opposite Coles) for their donation of pastry goods and their support of our Touchdown Morning Teas.

Parent On-Line Payments - Permission Slip - Term 4 Excursions

The school has placed all instructions on-line within our website under the tab ‘Notes and Forms’. Within this area of the website you will find all instructions in regards to making a payment using our new Parent On-line Payment (P.O.P). Families have already used the option and throughout the year all reports have been positive. Please be mindful that a payment on-line is not an acceptance by the school of permission. Families must send in a permission slip with the indication that payment was made on-line and the receipt number clearly written on the space provided on the permission slip.

Kiss and Drop Off Zone and Bus Zone – Please be careful.

Our ‘Kiss and Drop Off Zone’ appears to be working well for most families. However, there are some drivers who are still parking there between the ‘No Parking’ times. A traffic ranger has been walking around the perimeter of the school fining people for traffic infringements. Parking in a ‘No Parking’ zone can result in a fine of more than $300.

As a reminder, the 8.30 – 9.30am NO PARKING zone means that you can stop, but cannot be more than 10 metres away from your car for a maximum time of 3 minutes.

Gary Ruzgas
Principal
Green Team News

We would like to thank Ellyce (5L) and her family for taking great care of the chickens over the holiday period.

If you would like to take care of the chickens during the next holidays please let Miss Bray or Miss Spiteri know.

Don’t forget No Waste Wednesday (Your lunch box can only have one piece of plastic or foil wrapping to earn a green Environmental Blast Off).

Literacy Week – Poetry

Richmond Public School celebrated Literacy Week at the end of Term 3. During library lessons, students created different types of poems as part of our, ‘Poem in your Pocket’ unit. The aim of the lessons was for students to create a poem which could be recited and shared. We have included some examples of the poetry below.

Earthquake
The ground is shaking.
Could this be it? An earthquake.
Time to move away.
  - Seth R (5/6D)

The Sun
Peeking through the clouds,
Shining brighter than them all,
Burning watching eyes.
  - Kelsey M (5/6D)

Shimmering Sea
Waves crash on the rocks.
The sea, a calm shiny blue.
Hot sand burns our toes.
  - Isabella C (5/6D)
**P&C Meeting**

Our next P&C meeting is on:

**Monday, 26 October at 7pm.**

Items to be discussed include:

1. Dance-a-thon evaluation;
2. Wi-Fi installation update;
3. Carols on the Green Organisation; and
4. Organisation for the next meeting which is to be the P&C AGM.

**Canteen News**

Mr Ruzgas has placed a notice in his section of the Newsletter asking for volunteers for the canteen, especially on Fridays. Presently in Term 4 the canteen will be open on:

**Monday, Wednesday and Friday**

(every second Friday starting from 9.10.2015)

Mr Brad Bowers is our Canteen Convenor who does an excellent job co-ordinating the canteen. He is happy to train new volunteers and it is a great way to meet new parents and caregivers. If you are able to assist in the canteen, please call Brad on 0406 521 117

Belinda Scholte
P & C President

**Richmond Reminders**

- **Café** is back! All parents and caregivers are welcome to join Mrs Stevens for a delicious afternoon tea tomorrow (Friday, 9 October) in the Staffroom at 2:30pm.

- **Group photos** will be taken on Wednesday, 14 October. Please remember to bring all required uniforms for these photos.

- **Sports in School Program** started on Tuesday, 6 October with all students participating. If your child would like to continue the program but you have not paid the $15 payment, please do so by Monday, 12 October.

- From all reports the **Dance-A-Thon** was enjoyed by all students. Please remember to collect any money raised and return it to the office to be eligible to go into the draw for some great prizes. All money needs to be returned no later than Friday, 16 October. The draw will be held on Friday, 23 October.

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**Mathematics Problem Solving**

**Early Stage 1**
There are 20 students in KH. 10 of the students are boys. How many students are girls?

**Stage 1**
Mum gave me 84 balloons. Dad gave me 12 more. How many balloons have I got now?

**Stage 2**
3 building blocks have a combined weight of 213Kg. What does each block weigh?

**Stage 3**
Francine took a maths test. She divided by 15.67 instead of multiplying by 15.67. The computation gave an answer of 25. What was the answer she should have given?