A.N.Z.A.C Day

Thank you to the many parents/caregivers who attended our A.N.Z.A.C Day Ceremony on Friday, 24 April 2015. It was lovely to see the support our students received on such a special occasion.

Thank you also to all the families who sent in flowers for our class wreaths that were laid at the base of our flagpole during the ceremony. These wreaths were transported to Richmond War Memorial where they remained for A.N.Z.A.C Day on Saturday, 25 April.

Congratulations to our school leaders who hosted our ceremony and carried out the proceedings in a very respectful manner. I would like to make special mention of Samuel. M and Selena. M who attended the dawn service at McQuade Park on Saturday, 25 April. It was a very solemn service and our two captains laid a wreath representing the students and families of Richmond Public School. I would also like to thank Bradley. J, Dennis. D and Levi. M who represented Richmond Public School at The Richmond Club’s A.N.Z.A.C day service later in the morning. These three boys read three pieces about A.N.Z.A.C Day and did a wonderful job representing Richmond Public School.

Well done Richmond Public School!

Mathematics Computation Quizzes

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NAPLAN

The National Assessment Program for Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) is to occur this term from Tuesday, 12 May – Thursday, 14 May. Students in Years 3 and 5 at Richmond Public School will be doing the assessments and have been preparing for them in Term 1 and during this beginning period of Term 2. NAPLAN is a diagnostic assessment. It assists schools in forming targets for the following year/s. The data is also used by the school to target students in specific areas of learning; both gifted and those requiring learning assistance.

Please ensure the students have a good night sleep before the assessments but please do not change their morning routine or diet during the assessment period as this could affect them during the assessment tasks.

Good luck to all of our students participating in NAPLAN, I’m sure they will do their best.
Richmond Public School – Nut Free (Reminder)

With the prevalence of anaphylaxis within schools, I would like to remind families that Richmond Public School makes every attempt to be a nut free school. I kindly request that parents / carers do not send their children to school with peanut butter sandwiches, with peanuts or with any nut related item. Our school canteen is very careful with this policy and makes every attempt to purchase items that were not processed on a machine that was used to make a peanut product.

I thank you in advance for you co-operation with this very important policy.

Richmond Public School App (Reminder)

As of Wednesday 25 March 2015, Richmond Public School now has its own app called Skoolbag. There are instructions further into this Newsletter in getting the app onto your phone. Both the Play Store and the Apple Store have the free app. This process was undertaken as part of the school’s Strategic Directions for 2015 under the Community Participation and Engagement direction. The app has many options for you to access including Alerts, Events, the school’s website, the fortnightly Newsletter and much more. In addition, the school is now able to notify families through their phones if an excursion is late or early and this certainly became a necessity last year with the Bathurst Excursion when the bus broke down and the students returned to school quite late. On the app you are able to turn on notifications for the grades your child/ren are in, thus ensuring you don’t receive notifications unnecessarily. When the school was notified earlier in the term that the app was available to staff to familiarise themselves with before it went ‘live’, I set aside time to explore the app and was very impressed that the school has gone in this direction.

Thank you to the Community Participation and Engagement Team for their work in this area.

I encourage all families to explore this great initiative.

Opportunity Class ~ 2016 (Reminder)

If you would like to have your child considered for Year 5 opportunity class entry in 2016, you will need to apply on the internet using a valid email address (not the student’s email address).

Detailed instructions on how to apply online will be available from 27 April 2015 in a printed application information booklet and at www.schools.nsw.edu.au/ocplacement. The application website opens on 27 April 2015 and closes on 15 May 2015. No late applications will be accepted.

Community Use of Richmond Public School (Reminder)

Richmond Public School is a community based school that aims at providing resources to businesses within our community which in-turn provides services to our community members. Resources within the school are hired to a number of business and while their products are not endorsed by the school, the school supports the effort of the business owners in becoming a success. Below is a list and contacts of the companies that presently hire the school’s resources:

GKR Karate – Tuesday nights – 0883 680 600

Beat Fitness – Monday and Wednesday nights – 0408 866 672 (Suzie)

Viva Fitness – Tuesday afternoons – 0415 903 766 (Wendy)

P.K. Taekwondo – Tuesday and Thursday nights – 0432 359 848 (Steve)

The Keyboard Academy – Thursday afternoons – 0405 510 965 (Julie)

Music / Band Tuition – Tuesday –Thursday – 0416 058 752 (Barbara and Kevin)
Hints for Home

Spellcheck
Is your child learning to spell? Struggling with the weekly spelling lists? Here are a few strategies that will help:
Find out more:

Homework planner
Kids and families run more smoothly when there’s a plan - so print out our 2015 homework and study calendar, which includes key dates and school holidays.
Find out more:

Gary Ruzgas
Principal

Hawkesbury Show Art
Richmond Public School entered over 50 pieces of art into four different classes at Hawkesbury Show this year.
Well done to all the students who were selected to represent our school.
A big congratulations to Tess M (5L) and Dylan P (K-6A) for being awarded 3rd place prizes for their artworks.

Peer Support Program
Peer Support is an important part of the annual school calendar at Richmond Public School. This program provides our Year 6 students with the opportunity to lead a small group of children from Kindergarten to Year 5 through a set of indoor and outdoor learning sequences. From this experience, Year 6 are equipped with a range of leadership, organisation and communication skills.
To allow for a variety of activities, the central theme of the unit changes each year. This year’s program follows a ‘Friendly Schools’ focus, with topics including ‘Friendship’, ‘Problem Solving’, ‘Decision Making’ and ‘Respecting Differences’. Each lesson ties in closely with the outcomes of the Personal Development, Health and Physical Education syllabus for NSW Education and is therefore a vital component of our whole-school learning program.
Peer Support started at the end of Week 2 and will be held each Friday during Term 2. In order to prepare Year 6 for this leadership responsibility, students completed two training sessions at the beginning of the term.
Thank you to Mr Redmski, Miss Bray and Miss Commins for helping to train our Year 6 leaders. We look forward to seeing their progress over the course of the term.

Melissa Deal
Peer Support Coordinator

Congratulations James

Congratulations again to James Hill. He has been selected to represent NSW for Kumite at the Australian National Karate Championships being held in August 2015.
On Saturday, 21 March, James competed at the NSW State Championships where he received a Silver medal for the 12/13 years Kumite event.
Well Done James!
Parent Information Session –
Public Speaking

You are invited to attend an information session to help you assist your child with public speaking. We will discuss the way that public speaking is taught at school and give you practical strategies for helping your child with speech preparation at home. The information discussed in the session will target students from years K-6.

A session will be held on Monday, 11 May at 6.15pm in the library. This information session has been scheduled to fit in the timeslot before our next P&C meeting. Childcare will be available during this session, for those who cannot have their child looked after at home.

A second session, which will cover the same content, will be held on Thursday, 14 May at 2.30pm, in the library.

We value the role of parents in the process of developing public speaking skills and look forward to giving you helpful strategies to assist your child become a competent speaker.

Please notify the office if you are able to attend.

Samantha Bray, Jeff Shirvington & Melissa Deal.
Skoolbag is a mobile App for your school to communicate directly to both parents and students. It works through both smart phones and smart devices (such as iPads and Android Tablets). Ideal for:

- School, free push notification alerts
- School events
- School newsletters
- School documents
- School RSS feeds
- School social media (Facebook, Twitter)

How To Install Skoolbag On Your Smartphone

**iPhone & iPad Users**

1. Click the “App Store” icon on your Apple device.
2. Type your school name in the search, using suburb name will help.
3. If iPhone, you will see your school appear, click “Free” then “install”.
4. If iPad, change the drop list to “iPhone Apps”, your school will then be visible, click “Free” then “install”.
5. When installed click “Open”
6. Select “OK” to receive push notifications, when asked.
7. Click the “More” button on the bottom right of the App, then “Setup”.
8. Toggle on the Push Categories that are applicable for you.

**Android Users**

You must first have signed up with a Google Account before installing the app.

1. Click the “Play Store” button on your Android Device
2. Click the magnifying glass icon at the top and type in your school name, using suburb name will help.
3. Click the school name when it appears in the search.
4. Click the “Install” button.
5. Click “Accept” for various permissions (please note, we do not modify any of your personal data on your device).
6. Click “Open” when installed.
7. Click the “More” button on the bottom right of the App, then “Setup”.
8. Toggle on the Push Categories that are applicable for you.

Don’t forget to like us on Facebook! ⏳ Like

Find out more at www.skoolbag.com.au
P&C News
P&C Meeting

Our next meeting is to be held on:


As with all of our P&C Meetings, Mrs Stevens has kindly volunteered to mind the children of parents/caregivers who are attending the P&C Meeting. This is a service that is very rare to schools and one that the P&C truly appreciate.

Items on the P&C Agenda include:

1. Fundraising Projects;
2. The Queen’s Birthday long weekend adjustments to the P&C Meeting in Week 8;
3. Mother’s Day Stall evaluation; and
4. Canteen ‘Special Food Days’ Timeline

Belinda Scholte
P & C President

Mathematics Problem Solving

**Early Stage 1**
How many toes are there on two feet?

**Stage 1**
3 bricks balance a toy car. 8 bricks balance a book. If the car and the book are on the scales together, how many bricks will balance them?

**Stage 2**
Toni had 53 football cards, Ian had 38, Joe had 46 and Lisa had 29. How many cards did the four children have between them?

**Stage 3**
Twelve people are playing in a tennis competition. Each person must play one game against each other person. How many games are played altogether?

Richmond Reminders

- **Stage 2 – Elizabeth Farm & Experimental Farm Cottage** notes went home this week. Payment and permission slips are due in no later than Friday, 22 May.

- **Stage 3 Students** have the opportunity to attend the **Community and Road Education Scheme (CARES)** in June, each class will attend on a different day. Remember to get your permission slips and payment back before Monday, 1 June.

- **Parent information Session– Public Speaking** are being held on Monday, 11 May at 6:15pm and Thursday, 14 May at 2:30pm. RSVP to the office.

- The second instalment of $80 for **Stage 3 Canberra/ Snow Excursion** is due by Friday, 15 May. The third instalment is due by Friday, 12 June and the forth by Friday, 17 July.

- If your Child/ren would like to order a **Cheesymite Scroll or Cheese and Bacon Roll from the Hunger Buster Canteen** to enjoy on Tuesday, 26 May, please get your orders in by Tuesday, 19 May.

- **Café** is on again tomorrow in the staffroom at 2:30pm. All parents and caregivers are welcome to join Mrs Stevens for a delicious afternoon tea.

- **School payments days are Monday, Wednesday and Friday.** Payments may be put in the secure payment slot in the front office at any time through the week, as can on-line payments. Parents wishing to pay by card at the counter can only do so on Monday, Wednesday or Friday before 10am.

- Last chance to buy Mum or Grandma a beautiful gift from our **Mother’s day stall** tomorrow. Gifts ranging in price from $0.50 up to $15.00. Don’t miss out!