Important Dates

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School App’ – Reading Eggs and Study Ladder

At our last Student Representative Council meeting held on Monday 17 August, one of our students/classes suggested that the new school app’ (Skoolbag) had a hyperlink to our very popular Reading Eggs and Study Ladder. As of Wednesday, 20 August there is now a new link on our app’ home page titled, “Learning Links”. Clicking on this link will send you to a page offering the two hyperlinks to Reading Eggs and Study Ladder. This will be very useful to students and families who may utilise either or both programs for homework or to entertain. The app’ has proven very popular and I again encourage families to engage with this resource.

Mathematics Computation Quizzes

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Long Service Leave

As of Friday 4 September, I will be on Long Service Leave until the end of Term 3. Mrs McGrath will be the Relieving Principal with Miss Deal the Stage 3 Relieving Assistant Principal during my leave. Most of the community is aware that I take leave at this time as it causes less disruption to the running of the school. Over the past few years I have been painting the house during my leave. Apparently this year I have other projects that need my attention...........

A Few Staff Announcements!!

Farewell Mrs Thompson

On Thursday 23 July, Mrs Thompson announced her retirement. She will officially end her service at the end of 2015. Mr Domars, who has a vast arrange of expertise in music, has been continuing Mrs Thompson’s music program and has settled very well into Richmond Public School. There will be a number of opportunities to farewell Mrs Thompson before the end of the year and I’m sure there will be many ex-students who would like to thank her for all of her hard work and dedication to music at Richmond Public School and within the Hawkesbury.
Good luck Mrs Harris!

Mrs Harris has informed me that as of Term 4, she will be moving with her family to Port Macquarie where her husband has gained a promotional position. This will mean that Mrs Harris’ last day at Richmond Public School will be Friday, 18 September. Mrs Jenny Carter, who has worked with the Enrichment Group over Term 3, will be replacing Mrs Harris to ensure the success of the Enrichment Program is continued.

Congratulations Mrs Micallef!

Congratulations to Mrs Micallef who is pregnant with her first child. This is certainly an exciting time for her and her family. Mrs Micallef has informed me that she will be working through until the end of the year.

I know you would join me in congratulating her and her husband and wish them all the luck in this wonderful journey.

Great Work Dancers ~ Hawkesbury Dance Eisteddfod

Congratulations to Richmond Public School’s dancers who achieved a Highly Commended award on Tuesday, 25 August at The Hawkesbury Dance Eisteddfod. It was again wonderful to witness our dancers who were now performing on a formal stage rather than under the C.O.L.A at school or in a cramped area of the shopping centre. The dancers looked very professional in their capes kindly purchased through funds from our hard working P&C. Thank you to Mrs Howell, Mrs Wilkinson and Miss Fedele who organised for the dancers to perform at the eisteddfod. Congratulations dancers. Great work!!

Gala Days– Congratulations Richmond!

The students of Richmond Public School have competed in a number of Gala Days recently. Gala Days at Richmond Public School are definitely a priority considering the cancelling of the Primary Schools Sport Program (P.S.S.A) within the Hawkesbury; something I did not agree with cancelling. To ensure students at Richmond Public School are provided with the many opportunities and experience available, Richmond Public School attempts to compete in as many Gala Days that are logistically possible. In the past few weeks we have had students compete at a Netball Gala Day and a Touch Football Gala Day. In both events, our students tried their best, competed fairly and ended their day with an experience and a smile. All reports from our parents/caregivers and teachers was that our students’ behaviour was excellent; well done! Thank you to Miss Deal, Miss Bailey and Miss Bray who organised for the students to compete at the Gala Days and to the many parents/caregivers who supported our school and students. I attempt to get to every Gala Day to watch the students during the day and there are a number of Gala Days coming in the future and I again look forward to witnessing their smiles from such experiences.

Registration of NSW Schools (Reminder)

The Board of Studies, Teaching and Educational Standards (BOSTES) is an integral body in the development of curricula being implemented in NSW schools. BOSTES also advises the Department of Education in all aspects of teacher quality and content quality. In an additional role within BOSTES, the body has decided that all public schools in NSW must be registered. Presently, all private/independent schools are required to be inspected every 5 years to ensure their registration with BOSTES and the Department of Education. This process is now going to be implemented in all NSW public schools.

Late in Term 2, I was approached by my Director who requested for Richmond Public School to participate in the trial of this registration process. After consultation with the staff, it was decided that we would allow for Richmond Public School to be nominated. On Wednesday 24 June, I was notified that 20 schools in NSW (out of 2200 schools) have been chosen to be inspected; Richmond Public School is one of the trial schools. On Friday 28 August, an inspector from BOSTES will be coming to Richmond Public School to inspect our curriculum implementation, primarily the English, Mathematics and Science curricula. They will also be inspecting our policy implementation processes focussing on our Incident Reporting Policy and Procedures and the school’s Attendance Policy and Register Codes. In true sense this is a compliment to the staff and community of Richmond Public School as;
1. The Director sees our school as a school with very tight procedures,
2. BOSTES will be able to confirm that what we do is correct; and
3. The school will be able to advise other schools on the inspection procedures; ensuring they are prepared for the registration process.

I will inform the community of the inspection results once the process is finalised.

**Richmond Public School’s Parent/Caregiver Library** *(Reminder)*

A number of years ago, Richmond Public School worked with the P&C in developing a Parent/ Caregiver Library. The aim of the Parent/Caregiver Library is to make available to parents/caregivers books that may assist them in dealing with any questions or concerns regarding their children. We now have a wide range of topics available. Parents/caregivers wishing to borrow from our Parent/Caregiver Library will need to see Ms Jameson and register themselves as external borrowers. Once this is complete, then borrowing may occur. Books purchased to date are books that deal with assisting your child who has been diagnosed with autism, healthy eating, puberty, mental health issues and tips on bringing up boys and girls. Recently, the school and P&C have received books on “Dealing with those Difficult Conversations.” Once again, these books are available in the Parent/Caregiver Library and I encourage you to utilise such a useful resource. Thank you to the P&C for their continued donation and thank you to Ms Jameson for organising and maintaining such a wonderful initiative.

**Public High School Orientation Date** *(Reminder)*

Families with students in Years 6 are advised that Public High Schools in NSW will be having their Year 7, 2016 Orientation Day on Thursday, 3 December. Our local feeder high school, Richmond High School, will be starting their Year 7 Orientation Day (Thursday, 3 December) at 9am. More details of the event will be sent home to students/families attending Richmond High School in 2016 in the near future.

**Earn and Learn – Final Date** *(Reminder)*

Woolworths Earn & Learn is back and it is now easier than ever to earn valuable resources for Richmond Public School. The final date to collect the stickers is Tuesday, 8 September 2015. For every $10 spent you receive one Earn & Learn Sticker, place them on a Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker Sheet. Once completed, simply place the Sticker Sheet in the Collection Box located in our front office or place the sheets into the Richmond Public School box in front of Woolworths – Richmond Marketplace.

**2016 Enrolments** *(Reminder)*

Richmond Public School’s enrolment numbers are at capacity point. Most classes are at Department of Education Enrolment Policy level and Richmond Public School’s Enrolment Panel has had to decline many out-of-area applications. If you have a student or know of a family whom intend on sending their child to Richmond Public School in 2016, please have them notify the office as soon as possible.

**Gary Ruzgas**
Principal
Netball Gala Day

On Thursday, 13 August, Richmond Public School took part in the PSSA Netball Gala Day. Due to wet weather, the carnival had been postponed at the end of Term 2. The new date was filled with sunshine and all players had an enjoyable day competing. Held at the outdoor netball courts in South Windsor, the day focused on giving students from Stages 2 and 3 the opportunity to learn about the sport. Richmond Public School supplied three teams on the day – a junior girls’ team, a senior girls’ team and a senior mixed team.

All of the students involved had the chance to play in a variety of positions on the day, so as to best learn about the game as a whole. Across the three teams, we managed to come away with more wins than losses and this was a credit to our persistence, teamwork and effort on the day. I am very proud of the students that represented our school and would like to commend the students for their sensible, safe and respectful behaviour. They each competed to the best of their ability and demonstrated fantastic sportsmanship on the court.

On behalf of Richmond Public School, I would also like to thank the parents that assisted with transport to and from the netball courts. Special mention also goes to Mrs. Green, Miss Morrison and Matilda McDonell who kindly volunteered to assist with umpiring on the day.

Well done to our three teams! I look forward to hearing about your future involvement with the sport.
- Melissa Deal (Stage 3 Teacher).

K-6A Work Samples

K-6A has been busy making their very own books in class! Below are a few of our stories.

Ajay and the Dinosaur
620 years ago Ajay was hunting dinosaurs. He decided to catch the dinosaur with a net. Ajay chased the T-Rex and caught him with his net. Now he has a pet dinosaur which goes to school with him. All the other kids are now starting to catch dinosaurs and bring them to school.
By Ajay

Warrior vs Dinosaur
A long time ago there was a king dinosaur sitting in his king chair. The dinosaur was drinking a mountain dew drink and sat it beside his chair. One of the king’s warriors was walking past and kicked the drink which made the king very angry. The warrior was put in prison for knocking over the king dinosaurs drink. In the end the king then got a Fanta drink.
By Jack

Fruit & Veg Month 2015 – Let’s Go Green!

Our school is participating in the fun of Fruit & Veg’ Month, which runs for the last 4 weeks of this term – Monday, 24 August to Friday, 18 September.

Our school will focus on this program on a Wednesday. This program will link in with our Green Team and No Waste Wednesday. On this day we will be encouraging students to eat more fruits and vegetables and even taste new fruits or vegetables.

As part of Fruit & Veg’ Month, students will be involved in various classroom and school based activities that aim to encourage them to eat more fruit and vegetables.

Mrs. Micallef
Fruit & Veg’ Month School Coordinator
K - 2 Sports Day

There was lots of action and fun on the school oval last Thursday, 20 August, as students from Kindergarten to Year 2 enjoyed their Sports Day. The day began with their races and students from 6R helped as marshalls, judges and ribbon presenters. There were plenty of close finishes but everyone was happy to receive their competitor's ribbon.
The races were followed by group activities, where students rotated around each group organised by 6R students. Activities included the egg and spoon race, fun with the parachute, under and over relays, bean bag races, throwing balls into a bucket, and more fun with hoops.
All of the students were kept as busy as possible and they tried their hardest at each activity. It was great to see so many parents cheering and encouraging their children. Some brave parents even participated in the parents' race, and there was also a teachers’ race, with Miss Kwok, Mr Shirvington and Mr Crye showing their speed skills. In fact, Mr Crye was, "ready to fly!"
A big Thank You to the Infants teachers for their assistance, and to the students of 6R for their careful planning of each activity.

Kindergarten Enrichment Program – “Little Violins”

As part of our enrichment program, some students from Kindergarten have been selected by teachers to begin to learn the violin this semester.
Violin lessons will be provided by Beth Horsborough, who is a qualified music teacher and a parent at our school. Beth is generously donating her time and expertise to introduce our young students to the violin. The instruments are loaned to students from our school library.
This is a unique program that our school is able to offer, at no cost to parents. Learning the violin at a young age can help to develop fine motor skills, listening skills, concentration and discipline. Students will be working towards a violin performance later in Term 4.

Term 3 Public Speaking – Oral Reading

The focus for Public Speaking tasks in Term 3 has been oral reading.
Students in all classes are working on reading aloud from a book. They are using expression, phrasing and fluency as well as eye-contact and body language to make it sound like an interesting story for the listener. Teachers have seen an improvement in these skills throughout the term. One student from each class will be chosen to present their oral reading at our Public Speaking Display in Week 9.
2015 District Athletics Carnival

Day 1 - Wednesday 19 August
Our super squad of Richmond Public School students ran in 800m heats and competed in Long Jump, Shot Put and Discus events throughout the day. We achieved some excellent results, with 8 runners making it to the finals for the 800m on Friday, 21 August. All of our competitors tried their best and showed great determination. There were some very close finishes in the 800m, with many races ending in a sprint to the finish line!
Richmond Public School gave their best in the field events and should be proud of their effort. An extra special mention goes to Georgia P who not only came 1st in Shot Put and Discus but set new District records for both events (Shot Put 9.25m and Discus 26.24m).
Well done team!
Mr Crye

Day 2 - Friday 21 August
Richmond Public School students continued their super athletics efforts on Friday 23 August, competing in a full programme of track events. Students competed in 100m, 200m, 800m and relay heats and finals. We achieved some fantastic results in the heats and saw a number of students progress through to the finals of these events. Similarly, both our junior and senior boys and girls relay teams did a tremendous job and showed excellent team ethic and sportsmanship. Each student applied 100% effort toward their participation in events and represented our school with great pride. An extra special mention goes to Georgia P who placed 2nd in the 200m final and Torri C who placed 2nd in the 800m final. We wish both girls the best of luck as they head off to represent Richmond Public School and the Hawkesbury District at the Regional Athletics Carnival.
Great effort Richmond Public School!
Miss Bailey

Recognising Reading Progress

During Literacy sessions, students are guided to develop skills and strategies to help them read more difficult texts. Teachers constantly monitor this progress and when students reach a higher reading level, this is celebrated and recognised with a certificate. Congratulations to all the students who have moved up in their reading levels this term!

Hawkesbury Dance Eisteddfod

On Tuesday 25 August, the 3-6 Dance Group went to the Hawkesbury Eisteddfod. All of the dancers spent the morning session in class and at the end of recess we all had to race down to the new hall. We quickly got into our costumes and had our gold eye shadow applied by our make-up artist (Miss Fedele). Then we ran through our dance, “Magic to do” a few times and got on the bus to take us to the eisteddfod. When we got there we waited on a grass patch for what felt like eternity. Then we went inside and watched a few dances before it was our turn. As the music started something awful happened, it was skipping and stopping and starting as it had for other performances but because of all of our practises we were flawless. Overall it was a great day and we were awarded a Highly Commended and we can’t wait for our next performance. The dancers just want to say thank you to Mr Ruzgas for paying for the bus and to Mrs Wilkinson, Miss Fedele and Mrs Howell for being awesome Dance Group teachers.

By Chloe B. 5/6B
P&C News

Just a reminder that our next P&C meeting is to be held on:

**Monday, 31 August 2015.**

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.

Agenda Items Include:

1. Dance-a-thon organisation;
2. Final organisation for the Father’s Day Stalls;
3. Registration of Schools – Results; and
4. Wi-fi Quotes – Discussion with Mr Shirvington regarding the quotes.

Belinda Scholte
P & C President

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Richmond Reminders

- **Café** is on again tomorrow (Friday, 28 August) in the staffroom at 2:30pm. All parents and caregivers are welcome to join Mrs Stevens for a delicious afternoon tea.

- **Book Week Incursion, Visiting Author – Jess Black** notes went out to all students. On Monday, 31 August Jess Black will be visiting Richmond Public School with the cost for this incursion being $6. Permission slips and payment need to be handed in to the office by tomorrow, Friday, 28 August.

- **Touchdown Morning Tea Cut-off** is tomorrow (Friday, 28 August). Make sure your orbits are placed in the touchdown box in the front office.

- The P&C are holding the **Father’s Day Stall** on Wednesday, 2 September with an additional stall selling the remaining gifts on Friday, 4 September 2015. Gifts range in price from $0.50 up to $15.00. Don’t forget to bring your money and buy that someone special a great gift.

- **Dance-A-Thon** notes went home today (Thursday, 27 August). Make sure you ask your friends and family to sponsor you for the Dance-A-Thon on Thursday, 17 September 2015. To reward students in their effort in fundraising the P&C will be holding a raffle to win some fantastic prizes, every student who raise more than $50 will go into the major prize draw to win one of two 16GB Samsung Galaxy A Tablets.

- Richmond Public School **Book Parade** is on Monday, 31 August at 11:10am. Don’t forget to come dressed as your favourite book character.

- Orders and payment for the **Pie & Footy Day** need to be returned to the canteen before Tuesday, 1 September 2015.

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Mathematics Problem Solving

**Early Stage 1**
18 Kindergarten children went to play on the equipment. Eight students were waiting for a turn on the Flying Fox. Six students were on the slide. How many children were on the Monkey Bars?

**Stage 1**
I got 34 presents at my party. Mum gave me 11 more. How many presents have I got now?

**Stage 2**
Pedro started the day with 927 pieces of fruit. He sold 254 pieces before lunch then 297 after lunch. How many pieces were left at the end of the day?

**Stage 3**
What is the mystery number? Add a half, a quarter, an eighth, and a sixteenth of the number together and you get 480.