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**Mathematics Computation Quizzes**

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**Debating**

Congratulations to The Richmond Thinkers in winning their “Zone” in the Premier’s Debating Challenge. The debating team, consisting of Jasmine D, Ebony C, Lucian B, Lachlan C and Ellyce B, finished the competition as undefeated champions against eight other local schools from the Hawkesbury. These clever debaters had only one hour to prepare for each debate, then shone with well thought out arguments, witty rebuttals and memorable team lines. Well done team!

**The Night of Notables**

Stage Three have been involved in inquiry based learning with their Night of Notables unit of work. The students in Stage Three have been working very hard to bring parents a night of entertainment and inspiration. Students explored the wonders from science, religion, exploration politics, the humanities and other academic fields, art, music, cinema and sport. Students have found it very interesting to study individual gifted and talented contributions to our world. Classes took parents back through time, others across the seas, and some, right here in our own backyards, to identify some inspirational people who have changed lives. Parents, as members of the press, also had an important job to do. They matched up the notable person with the student as bio riddles were performed.

This unit of work was not a competition. Some students have had more parental involvement than other students, and that’s fine. The most important aspect is the journey and the learning that has taken place, the executive management of time, both at school and home, and managing necessary resources.

(There are photos of the event further into this Newsletter)
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.

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.

Last day of Term

The last day of Term 3 is Friday, 18 September 2015. Our educational journey recommences for all students on:

Tuesday, 6 October 2015

Thank you to all of our parents who have assisted the school and the students during the term. Your assistance and support is indeed appreciated! Have a safe term break and we look forward to a busy and productive Term 4.

Lisa McGrath
Relieving Principal

ICAS English Competition Results

Congratulations to the 63 Richmond Public School students who participated in the 2015 English ICAS Competition. The competition was very challenging with a high level of comprehension skills being assessed. Well done to the following students for their hard work and dedication.

Merit Certificates
- Year 2 - Kaidan C,
- Year 3 - Jessica P,
- Year 5 - Lucien B and Ebony C,
- Year 6 - Jesse M and Mason T.

Credit Certificates
- Year 2 - Sasha B and Niah H,
- Year 3 - Paige N,
- Year 4 - Maudi-Rose P and Karla S,
- Year 6 - Ashley C, Abbi G, Bradley J, Leo L, Kelsey M, Lucy M, Brydie M, Serena M, and Sebastian R.

Distinction Certificates
- Year 4 - Layla G,
- Year 5 - Junette C, Lachlan P and Kiara W.
- Year 6 - Ishaya C, Mitchell H, Oliver H, Tahlia K, Catherine M, Isaac N, Emma P, and Alvin W

High Distinction Certificates
- Year 6 - Levi M and Georgia P

R.Redemski - Competition Co-ordinator

KJ Writing Samples

Narrative
One day Tigey went to Jupiter and invited his friends for a party. They got lost on a mean alien planet. The mean aliens put a whirlpool around them. The nice aliens helped them get out of the whirlpool and talked to the mean aliens about being mean.
Asha KJ

Poem
A Rainbow...
is as red as an apple.
is as orange as an orange.
is as yellow as the sun.
is as green as the grass.
is as blue as the sky.
is as purple as a grape.
Silas KJ
Congratulations Rachel!

Last Thursday, 27 August, Rachel N. 3/4F attended the regional final for the Multicultural Perspectives Public Speaking Competition. Last term she was the winner of the local final where she was up against students from the Hawkesbury area. As part of the competition on Thursday, Rachel competed against students in the greater Sydney region. Firstly, she was required to present a prepared speech, which she wrote based on the topic, “Multiculturalism in Schools”. The second part involved Rachel presenting an impromptu speech where she was given 5 minutes to prepare a speech on the topic, “Lying”. She is to be commended on a fantastic effort as she was placed in the top 4 students at the event. In addition, the other top 3 were all Year 4 students, whereas Rachel is in Year 3! Well done!

Miss Bray (Public Speaking Coordinator)

Sydney Taekwondo Championships

A big Well done to Seth S, Chloe L, Lucas C and Joshua B who competed at the Sydney Taekwondo Championships on Sunday, 30 August 2015. It was a really long day where they did such an amazing job in both sparring and patterns. They received 2 gold, 2 silver and 1 bronze medal.

Stages 2 and 3 AFL Gala Day

On Tuesday 8 September, 2015, students from Stages Two and Three attended the AFL Gala Day run by Auskick AFL. The Gala Day was held at Bensons Lane and other participating schools from the Hawkesbury also accompanied our students.

The teachers, coaches and AFL NSW staff were all extremely impressed with the positive behaviour and good sportsmanship displayed by Richmond Public School. Although the junior division played for fun, they were still committed to serving their team and working together to achieve some excellent scores. Our senior teams played competitive games and also received some fantastic results. Our Senior Boys’ won each game they played, including the grand final. The Senior Girls’ team also won each of their games but missed out on winning the Grand Final only by one point which was scored by the opposing team in the last 30 seconds! Overall it was an extremely pleasant and enjoyable day for students and teachers.

Miss Fedele, Miss Deal and Mrs Micallef.
Making Healthy Lunchbox Choices

When children eat healthily, they are more likely to behave better, listen well and concentrate for longer. Packing a healthy school lunchbox will help children to learn and play, as well as be happy at school.

Steps to planning a healthy lunchbox:

1. **Make time to prepare.** We all live very busy lives so it is important to plan ahead. Have fresh fruit and vegetables, milk and yoghurt as well as bread and crackers all bought in advance.

2. **Shop wisely and save money.** Buy fresh fruit and vegetables in season to ensure good quality and value for money.

3. **Make your own snacks** e.g. snack packs from fresh ingredients which you can buy in bulk.

4. **Be “environmentally friendly”**. Put sandwiches and other items in reusable containers.

5. **Choose a variety of foods** from the five food groups (see below).

6. **Include a bottle of water**. There is no need for sweetened drinks such as juice, cordial or soft drinks as these contain too much sugar.

If possible, involve your children! These activities may help to encourage your children to eat their new and improved lunchbox treats:

- Take them shopping and let them help choose fruits and vegetables for their lunchbox.
- Let them help prepare and pack their own school lunchbox.

Remember to also pack an extra fresh fruit or vegetable snack for our daily *Crunch and Sip* time!

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<td><strong>Breads and cereals</strong></td>
<td>Source of carbohydrate which is a major energy source for the brain and body.</td>
<td>All types of bread – whole meal, multigrain, white, pita or other flat breads, fruit loaf. Rice, pasta, crackerbreads or crispbreads, rice crackers.</td>
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<td><strong>Fruit</strong></td>
<td>Good source of fibre and vitamins.</td>
<td>Fresh whole fruits or cut up and placed in a container.</td>
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<td><strong>Vegetables</strong></td>
<td>The more often fruit and vegetables are available and easily accessible for children (chopped up and ready to eat), the more likely they are to eat them.</td>
<td>Vegetable pieces as a snack e.g. cherry tomatoes, capsicum strips, snow peas, small corn cob or baby corn. Carrot, celery and cucumber sticks as well. Salad vegetables or coleslaw in a sandwich.</td>
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<td><strong>Dairy</strong></td>
<td>Major source of calcium. Include one serve in lunchbox every day.</td>
<td>Low fat milk, cheese or yoghurt.</td>
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<td><strong>Lean meats, fish, poultry, egg, nuts and legumes</strong></td>
<td>Protein for growing bodies.</td>
<td>Cold meats or chicken. Tinned fish such as salmon, tuna or sardines. Boiled eggs, baked beans, hommus.</td>
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Night of Notables 5L, 5/6B and 6R
6R NIGHT OF NOTABLES

The 31 students in 6R have spent most of this term researching a notable person and their study culminated in a "Night of Notables" presentation last Thursday. The School Hall was transformed into a plethora of learning centres created by each student. Each of these included an information report, a time-line, a quote and any extra information, pictures, videos, slide shows or artefacts or that illustrated the achievements of their chosen notable. Their efforts were amazing with each display being colourful, artistic and a source of well researched information. Some displays included a boat, a horse, a beautifully designed horse jump, a netball hoop, a live bearded dragon and even creatively made banksia men.

The students really "looked the part" as they presented their bio-riddles with some adding a little drama to entertain the audience, for example, Bindi Irwin danced with her dad, Edward "Weary" Dunlop treated an infected leg, Bruce Lee demonstrated his kung-fu skills and the hills were alive with the Sound of Music. Students were able to explore some of the unique qualities of their notables as they answered questions from "the press".

The evening concluded with the audience and students mingling around their learning centres and sampling the delicious foods that their notable would have been familiar with.

R. Redemski
Class Teacher
Book Week Parade 2015
P&C News

Thank you to the parents/caregivers who attended our P&C meeting held on Monday, 31 August.

1. Father’s Day Stall – The Father’s Day Stall was a great success being held on both Wednesday and Friday. Thank you to Jodie Stanley and all of her helpers
2. The next P&C meeting will focus on the “Carols on the Green” to be held in December.
3. Our AGM is next term and we ask all interested members to consider nominating. A nomination form for all interested persons will go home early in Term 4.

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

Monday, 26 October 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.

Belinda Scholte
P & C President

Richmond Reminders

- **Café** is on again tomorrow (Friday, 11 September) in the staffroom at 2:30pm. All parents and caregivers are welcome to join Mrs Stevens for a delicious afternoon tea.

- **Canteen Volunteers Needed**, if you are able to help please return the canteen note that went home with students on Tuesday, 8 September to the school office by Friday, 18 September 2015. Any time that parents can give is a big help.

- **Sports in School Program** notes and payment are due back to school by Friday, 18 September. The program starts on Tuesday, 6 October and goes for five weeks.

- Year 6 students who are wanting to order a **Graduation Bear, Footy or Soccer ball** need to have the orders and payments into the School Office by Wednesday, 16 September.

Mathematics Problem Solving

**Early Stage 1**
Boris is 11 and his brother Fred is three years younger than him. How old is Fred?

**Stage 1**
We brought 50 cupcakes. I ate 19. How many cakes have I got left?

**Stage 2**
There are 81 elephants in the herd. 41 are female. How many males are in the herd?

**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?