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Schedule of School Events

- 3 Aug **Jeans for Genes day** - all invited to wear jeans and bring a gold coin for research. Free choice of top but prefer denim!
- 7 Aug P&C
- 7 Aug School Council
- 10 Aug assembly rm 9 2
- 10 Aug Willetton uniforms here
- 16 Aug P&C mums' night
- 24 Aug assembly rm 1 6
- 7 Sept assembly rm Music
- 10 Sept jumps and throws
- 12 Sept athletics carnival
- 21 Sept AFL assembly rm 4 3
- 21 Sept break up
- 9 Oct Students return T4
- 19 Oct assembly rm 5 7
- 28 Oct DoRKs billycart race
- 1 Nov Outdoor classroom day
- 2 Nov assembly rm 13 10
- 16 Nov assembly rm 11 1
- 16 Nov P&C movie night
- 30 Nov assembly rm 2 9
- 6 Dec graduation
- 10 Dec 4-6 outback splash
- 12 Dec final assembly
- 13 Dec **break up**

From the Principal

It has been a big few weeks in sport. This week our interschool cross country team won the **Meritorious Shield in division A**. We are one of the smaller schools and the shield is presented to the winning school on handicap. This is a fantastic achievement for our team and continues a long history of success in cross country. We have previously won the shield in 2008, 9, 10, 11, 15, and 16!

Our interschool soccer teams are the **Melville District Interschool Soccer Champions** and received their trophy at assembly! Very well done... we have previously won the interschool AFL, but we have never won the interschool soccer before. Very proud of the team.

I have posted photos of both successes on Facebook.

I have applied to the Town of East Fremantle for a **pedestrian barrier** to safeguard children at the Canning Highway crossing. If you use and support this, please call or email Lara to add your name to a list I am gathering of parents who are in support of this idea.

Bell Shakespeare entertained us last week to complement the year 5/6 Romeo and Juliet studies. It was a very entertaining and professional performance.

Our new **peer support leaders** have started this week and have been brilliant in providing a pastoral support in the playground for younger students. They are wearing yellow vests.

Willetton Uniforms will be at school at 8.30am on Friday 10 August selling faction shirts at \$14. Remember that the Fraser shirt has changed from gold to blue this year.

The next P&C community event is a **mums' night** on 16 August. Tickets \$30 from Lara. A flyer is overleaf.

I have signed us up for **Outdoor Classroom Day** - a global campaign to get children outdoors to play and learn at school, and as part of their everyday lives. It will be on November 1.

Thank you to everyone who has embraced my 'day in the life of Richmond' **Facebook** posts. I am putting up a photo each day so that you can see what we are up to. It is always busy at school. The page now has 295 followers and has reached over 3k people.

Lisa Dentith



From the Principal continued

Recent questions ...email your question.

Q: Why didn't you have a fete last year? And why don't you parade in the Fremantle festival?

A: P&Cs historically organise school fetes. Our last two, 2009, 2013, were organised by the same parent, who left and no more volunteer/s could be found. It was on the P&C agenda a few times but generated low interest and agreement was reached to move on and run a number of smaller community events that were more manageable instead of one big fete. The P&C now runs lots of different community events, which are very well supported: *Big breakfasts; camp; billy cart race; mums' night; bike rides; movie night; water slides; disco; bowling; quiz nights; banking; bingo* etc. These events appeal to a wide audience and are easier to find separate organisers for.

We have been in the Freo parade but not as an annual commitment. The P&C (of which I am a member) is always happy to offer guidance and support if anyone wants to organise a parade entry.

Q: Why isn't there a chess club?

A: The organiser left last year. Hopefully we will have one again soon. Our current clubs are: *running club; photography club; gardening club; chorale*. Clubs depend on the interest and goodwill of the organiser. We are always open to anyone starting a club and would love to have chess, coding, digital media, anything science related, debating or drama. Of course like all 'add ons', these clubs are run voluntarily.

Lines of communication

It is very important that lines of communication are effective since many parents are time poor and not able to be present on the school site a lot. Please could you:

- Ensure you are on the distribution list for our weekly newsletter.
- Year 5 and 6 regularly check your child's Connect account to ensure they are using it, and encourage them to log in daily.
- Follow us on facebook.
- Book a parent teacher interview if you wish.

Specific queries and concerns

If you have a specific query or concern, please contact the following:

- General pastoral care: The class teacher. For bigger or ongoing issues please contact our deputy principal in charge of student services, Erika Holst-Marsh.
- Your child's academic progress: The class teacher. For bigger or ongoing concerns please contact our deputy principal in charge of curriculum, Dave Carder.
- Other more general school issues: Please contact either of the deputy principals or me.

Please could I ask that should a concern arise for you in relation to your child, you speak to the appropriate person sooner rather than later. Should your concern remain unresolved after speaking to the relevant teacher, or if it is significant, please do follow up by contacting me or a deputy principal directly so that we can work together to resolve it.

Our next P&C community event: Tickets from Lara



MUMS NIGHT OUT!

THURSDAY 16TH AUGUST 7PM

TICKETS \$30

Includes cover charge, glass of bubbles on arrival, canapés and ticket in the raffle.

Tickets available at the office or Tidy HQ
<https://pspc.tidyhq.com/public/schedule/events/20333-mums-night-out>

Young George

Organized by the Richmond P&C