Schedule of School Events

- 17-21 June – yr6/7 camp
- 18 June – yr 4 PEAC entry test
- 18 June – P&C 7.30pm
- 21 June – CHANGE assembly ECE2, rm 6
- 25-6 June – CANCELLED winter sports carnival
- 2 July – building program begins
- 5 July – assembly rm 8, music students
- 5 July – break up semester 1
- 22 July – student free day
- 23 July – students start term 3
- 26 July – 2014 applications for enrolment close
- 2 August - assembly rm 1, 5
- 5-9 August – yr 5 & 7 WAMSE national testing
- 6 August – school x country comp pm, yr 5-7
- 16 August – interschool x country
- 14-15 Oct – student free days Monday AND TUESDAY
- 29 & 31 Oct – interschool athletics
- 16 Nov – RPS fete 10am-4pm
- 19 Dec – last day for students

STUDENT ABSENCES

Please SMS absences to the school stating: Child’s full name, room, absence date, reason

SMS: 0417 973 697

Please do not try to call this number and only use it to notify of absences. THANKS

From the Principal

Term start and end dates – unusual days
Please remember that this term is only 9 weeks long. We break up on Friday July 5th. The beginning of next term is Tuesday 23 July. In term three, the term starts for students on Wednesday 16 October. The year ends on Thursday 19 December.

Year 7 at high school in 2015
Next year will be the last year that we have year 7 students at Richmond. I anticipate we will have around 12 year 7 students and 39 year 6 students. At the end of next year all year 6 and 7 students will graduate together. From 2015, year 6 will be our highest year group.

Kindergarten and Pre-primary enrolments
For the last few years I have been accepting more students into early childhood to balance the planned exit of the year 7s. This means that next year I will continue to accept more K and PP students and that our overall enrolled numbers should not change much. This is important in terms of the level of resourcing that the school receives.

I feel the school operates well with just over 400 students - there is a community feel, everyone fits into the undercover area for assembly, we don’t need demountable classrooms and we feel we know all the students individually and they do not get lost. At the same time, just over 400 is large enough to attract a full time receptionist, library time and other services. So it is my aim to continue to maintain enrolment numbers at around 405. This does not mean we will be taking out of area enrolments – there are plenty of in-area 4 year olds and we always run with wait lists.

Thanks
The year 6/7 camp is in Bridgetown next week. Many thanks to the parents who have volunteered their time to go along and brave the cold – we could not run it without you.

Lisa Dentith, Principal
An Average Week in the Classroom...for your interest
The curriculum is jam packed –as below. I often have this conversation with parents.

**Example of allocation of time to mandatory Learning Areas (25 hours in a week)**

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General allocation of hours to mandatory curriculum areas:

- 13 hours English and Maths *(mandated 50% of the week)*
- 2 hours Science
- 2 hours History and Geography
- 2 hours Technology and Enterprise including IT
- 2 hours Physical Education
- 1 Hour Health
- 1 hour Visual Art
- 1 hour Italian
- 1 hour Music

= **25 hours**

**Other things that we have agreed to try to fit in** *(therefore a mandatory area may get missed that week)*

- Assembly every second Friday
- Money collection
- Excursions/ incursions
- Guest speakers
- Instrumental Music
- Special programs - Dance, Gym Circus, Orienteering etc
- Interschool sports
- PEAC
- Kitchen garden / Recycling / environmental
- Camp
- Dress ups, book day, fund raising
- Chess, astronomy, photography
- Choir, band, musical items
- Sports days

**Things that we are regularly asked to fit in by parents:**

- Software based programs
- Bike Ed
- Values program *(this is part of Health)*
- Anti bullying program *(this is part of Health)*
- Dance / drama *(we do art/music instead)*
- Extension clubs
- After school sports teams
- Public speaking/debating *(this is part of English)*
- Crunch and sip program
- Entering specific competitions
- Murals, sewing, handicraft
- Road safety
- Cooking
- Gardening, tree planting
School Chaplain - position vacant
We are seeking a new School Chaplain. Please call Dawn France 0406 662 705 if you are interested.

Kindergarten enrolments for 2014
Enrolment applications are now being accepted. Applications close on July 26, 2013. Please can parents let their friends know this information if they have a child due to start kindy. Applicants will hear back from us in August.

The scheduled district Winter Sports carnival for years 5-7 has been cancelled.

Fete 2013 Your help is really appreciated. There are still big and small roles for anyone who’d like to assist in any way. Please contact Jane on rpsfete2013@gmail.com

Interested in onsite Before School Care at RPS? If so please email me at bowiefamily@bigpond.com – include a rough idea of how many days and number of children you have that would use the service. All responses will be treated as confidential and will be used only to indicate school community demand.
Katina Bowie, RPS Parent

PEAC testing Year 4 blanket testing will continue to be conducted in Term 2/3 of each year. Richmond’s test will be on Tuesday June 18. This is the ONLY blanket testing that will occur. Students who are absent for the school test will not automatically be given the chance for ‘catch up’ testing. In Term 3, schools will be given an opportunity to nominate students who they believe are operating approximately 2 years above their chronological age but who were absent for the Year 4 blanket testing.

Please make sure your year 4 child is present for the test if you want them to be considered for PEAC, since the only guaranteed way to get into PEAC is to sit the Richmond test on June 18 and score in the top 1-2%.

Entertainment books
Books are still available. Order forms available in the office. Jane 0419 923 619

School Health Nurse
Please note that there is no longer a year 7 immunisation program, this is now offered in year 8.

Also the school nurse provides screening of vision, hearing and development for all kindy students and/or any child commencing school for the first time in Pre Primary and Year 1 on completion of a consent form, including children that are new to the country. This service in no longer offered in year 6 and has been this way for some time.

For those children that have previously been seen in Kindy or Pre Primary or Year one or any older children that parents and or teachers have concerns with, please see Charmaine Cook to complete a request to see the school nurse form. The nurse can then conduct a vision, hearing, and or weight assessment.

Leona Stephens, School Nurse

Recycled Uniform
A reminder to all parents that we run a popular recycled uniform program at the school.

Donate good quality school dress items to us (the boxes are in the sick room).

Please feel free to take any items that you would like for your own child. You don’t need to donate in order to take!

We aim to promote recycling to the children! Everything in life does not always need to be brand new…

Getting this Newsletter
New families please note this newsletter is only distributed by email.
To register for the distribution list please email us on Richmond.PS@education.wa.edu.au and put ‘newsletter’ in the subject line.
East Freo Junior Football Club
Quiz Night
Friday 21 June
$200 – table of 10
0408 280 125

Relationships Australia
Raising Girls-a workshop for Dads
Tuesday 2nd July @ 27 The Crescent
Midland
Time 6.30-9  Cost $25.00
For further information phone 9489 6322.

Tackers
Claremont Yacht Club
Free Introduction Tackers Sailing at
Claremont Yacht Club
Wednesday’s 19th & 26th June & 3rd July 2013.
For more information about sailing and
different types of courses available visit

Construction Zone 2013-06-13 Escape
to Narnia
Kids Holiday Club
Pre Primary to Year 6
July 15 – 19
9am – 12pm
Register today
www.eastfremantle.baptichurch.net.au

“PARENTS NEEDED! Researchers at the
University of Western Australia are investigating
how parenting influences children's beliefs about
themselves, and how this changes as children
grow up. We are looking for parents of 8-11 year
old children in Australia to complete an
anonymous survey (15 mins for parents, 10 mins
for children). The survey is online
at: www.tinyurl.com/mychildisspecial

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**Found in assembly area on 24/5/2013.**
New black shoes – Ms COCO 21
Please contact office
9339 5055

**Found** – One blue shoe (Big Trees)
size 30
Please contact office on 9339 5055