Thanks to everyone for another busy and productive term at Richmond.

The P&C has had some great events (Phil’s report is inside). Thanks to everyone who comes along to the meetings every term and to the hard working executive committee – they organise so many social events for us.

The nature play garden may look to be making slow progress at site level, but behind the scenes the committee are hard at work gaining approvals from relevant authorities, finding appropriate contractors, fine tuning designs in line with DET safety guidelines for schools and sourcing donations of materials. They will start construction soon. As with all projects of this kind, much time is spent in planning and preparation.

Many thanks to parent Anna Hayne who is once again organising Operation Christmas Child, where students from Richmond each fill a shoebox of gifts for a less fortunate child abroad. Information and boxes are in the front office. Students have all learnt about this initiative in assembly.

Next week Mr Sneddon will retire from education after starting work as a teacher in 1977. He first worked at Richmond in 1988 and has worked here with just a couple of secondments elsewhere, for 27 years. He has been a senior teacher leading science curriculum at Richmond for many years, is a strong leader in the upper school and a much valued and respected colleague. We will certainly miss him. We all wish him well in his retirement plans (travel) and will farewell him as a school at the assembly on Friday. Mr Dan Osborne will be teaching in room 12 for the rest of the year.

Happy and safe holidays.

Lisa Dentith
**Operation Christmas Child**
Our shoe box appeal is a worthwhile cause which asks people like you and me from all over the world to put simple things into a shoe box for a child in need. It is very easy to do and highlights to us all just how lucky we are.

The collection date this year is **Friday 16th October** so if all boxes could be in at reception by then please.

Last year Richmond sent **76** boxes to children in Cambodia. Let us see if we can raise that count this year to **90**!

Pre- printed boxes are preferable as they are a uniform size and more economical to post. They cost 50c at school reception, grab a leaflet too. There are strict customs rules regarding box contents so please read carefully.

The website ‘Samaritan’s purse’ is also a great resource for you to use. If anyone has any questions or needs more boxes/leaflets please contact me, **Anna 0407998402**.

**Footy Colours Day**
On the last day of term, we will have our annual football themed assembly and students are invited to dress in footy colours and to bring a gold coin for cancer research.

**Enrolments 2016**
Kindy is complete and we are now looking at pre-primary places. Please call or email me with any additional queries. If you are in PP to year 6 and live in our zone, you will be accepted.

**Chaplaincy**
We are on the list for a new Chaplain but there are not many around. Youthcare organises the employment of Chaplains and potential interested applicants should contact that organisation.

**After school care**
I am reviewing this service. Please email any feedback to me.

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**Cake Stall**
Total = **$580.60**  Room 5 & 1

**Grandparents day**
We had a lovely grandparents morning today in pre-primary. Many thanks to all those who came - over 100 people had morning tea - and to our wonderful pre-primary staff.

**Next term**
Students will start school on Tuesday 13 October. Monday is a student free day.

**Swimming lessons**
These will be next term from Monday 23 November – Friday 4 December for years 1-6.

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**P & C ASSOCIATION**

It’s been another great term at Richmond (despite all the coughs and colds). The P&C continues to be active with lots of good things in the school.

The Bush Dance was a great night and huge success as was the quiz night which was not only great fun but raised $9000 for the school. In response we have bought the school some new video equipment and are looking at exercise stations around the oval.

Thanks for your participation in International Teachers Day also. It was great to thank our wonderful school staff for the excellent job they do and show our appreciation.

In term 4 we have 2 final events to finish the year.

The first is another **giant brekky on the 23rd October** and the second a giant after school play followed by an outdoor movie night on the oval on the 4th of December.

If you'd like to contribute in any way to the P&C or be there when the discussions are had and decisions made our next meeting is the **28th October at 9:30am at Zephyrs**. Meetings last only an hour.

Enjoy the holidays
Phil Beeck
P&C President
0405 112 135
COMMUNITY NOTICEBOARD

Not-for-profit ads are provided as a community service and are free. The School Council has decided to accept paid advertising from businesses at $30 per ad. This revenue will be spent on school resources. Businesses wishing to advertise should email a business card sized advert to the school. Services and programs on this page are not necessarily endorsed by the school.

Marshalls Tennis Academy Tennis Coaching Term 4
Richmond Primary School form and East Fremantle Lawn Tennis Club form
See brochure downloads at: marshallstennis.com.au

1-2-3 Magic and Emotion Coaching Parent Course.
To help manage difficult behaviour in children 2 to 12yrs. All 7 to 9.30pm. WEMBLEY $180pp or $340 per coupleTue 29th Sept, Thurs 1st & Thurs 8th Oct (2 to 12 yrs)Wed 14th, 21st & 28th Oct (2 to 5yrs)Wed 4th, 11th & 18th Nov (2 to 12 yrs)
The following are available as ‘In House’ courses.
Parenting Information Session (Including 10 take home tips) This 2 hr seminar is designed to improve your knowledge and confidence as a parent.
Bullying – Don’t Just Stand There
Protective Behaviours.
Engaging Adolescents (11 to 16yo) Private Consultations Available.
To enquire/register call 9382 1182 or go to www.behaviourtonics.com.au

COCKBURN BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION LAUNCHES COUGARS AUSSIE HOOPS:
Cockburn Basketball Association today launched a new and improved local Aussie Hoops program which is shaping up to be bigger and better than ever, with more than 100 local kids expected to participate. Aussie Hoops is Basketball Australia’s official junior game development program for children aged 5–10 years.
To register please visit www.aussiehoops.com.au
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