From the Principal

School Council
If you would like to nominate to be on the School Council please do so by return email. The Council meets once a term at 3pm at school. They review the budget, discuss changes to uniform, decide on contributions and charges and discuss relevant data.

Wacky hair day
The Student Council is organising wacky hair day to raise money for leukaemia on Friday 11 March. All students are invited to come to school with wacky hair (sprayed, ribbons, colours, glitter etc) and to bring a gold coin donation.

Swimming events helpers
Many thanks to all who have already volunteered. You should have received a roster for the carnival by email. If you haven’t or still wish to help, please email me. Everyone is welcome to come to the carnival on March 15th at 12.00pm.

School photos
Photo day is next Thursday. Please send children to school in smart school dress with hair tied back, no brightly coloured hair adornments, sensible footwear and no patterned or coloured socks.

Canteen
The Canteen is seeking volunteers for next week – two on both Wednesday and Friday. If you can help please ring Kathy on 0420 683 077. Children do love to see their parent in the canteen.

Questions
As always, please email me any quick queries or questions and I will respond as soon as I can. I will also put some common questions and answers in the newsletter – see p3. Remember if something sounds crazy or unbelievable then it probably isn’t true – please don’t hesitate to ask.

Lisa Dentith
From the Principal continued

School photos - process for next week
Each student has a photography order envelope with instructions.
- Please order online through Kapture’s website as your payment is secure and can be easily verified at any time.
- If you order online please DO NOT return your envelope.
- Alternatively pay cash and return the provided envelope to school on photography day.
- Any parent who forgets their envelope on the photo day will have five days to complete an order online. Late payment envelopes cannot be accepted by the school office or by Kapture.
- Should you have any queries, please call Kapture on 9240 1714 or email enquiries@kapture.com.au.
- All students will be photographed individually for school records and included in a class photo available for all families. Should there be any reason why your child should NOT be included in the photo shoot – please contact the school office.

Kids Tryathlon
Richmond students often compete in this event. It is on Sunday 10 April. Thanks to parent Meesha Astill who has registered Richmond as a team. There is a discounted entry of $5 off for each student who joins the School’s Group when registering online. This is entirely organised by parents, not the school. To find out more, visit: try.weetbix.com.au

Courts upgrade
We are getting our courts resurfaced. The surface had become very loose and unsafe. So far the first layer is done. Next week we are having a green coating and line markings added. Then it will be back to normal use.

Natureplay garden
The new garden is in the warranty period of stage one and the committee are busy ensuring that everything is working well. The next stage will be to erect a gazebo, a bbq and do more planting. It is evolving really well thanks to the hard work of the volunteers on the natureplay committee and those who have helped at busy bees. Thank you.

P&C Executive
The new P&C executive committee met last night to plan the social events for the community for the year. An awful lot of discussion and work goes into these events and I know everyone looks forward to them. A calendar will come out shortly, but some of the things planned are some breakfasts which are always popular, a disco, a dads’ bowling evening, a mums’ night, a parents’ theme party, kids water slides, dads and kids camp, family movie night and some working bees for the grounds.

The executive is always looking for volunteers to help so if anything grabs your attention – helping with advertising, collecting money, promotion, bbqs, serving food, decorating venues etc please email me or Phil to let us know of your interest.

Any new ideas are very welcome – but please offer to assist if you come up with something.

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Treasurer
Shaun Mitchell

Executive committee
Lisa Dentith
Cheryl Pech
Brigid Marciano
Mike Harwood

P&C Committee
Committee meeting are open to everyone (to be able to vote fill in a membership form at the office and pay subs – 10c). We meet once a term at Zephyrs at 9.30am. Dates are always in this newsletter. The main business is building community – organising events for the Richmond community to gather together and enjoy themselves.

Class Parent Reps
Thanks to all the class parent reps. The main jobs are:
1. Organise flowers for ANZAC service
2. Organise class cake stall on assembly day
3. Organise class parent social events
4. Assist the teacher where required
5. Assist the P&C where required
From the Principal continued

Recent Questions
Email your question.

Q: What is the SIM assembly?
A: SIM means School of Instrumental Music. We have about 50 students who learn an instrument through these external music specialists. Those students will perform at the SIM assembly.

Q: What is the Anzac assembly?
A: The Anzac assembly / service is held in the quad at 9am and the whole school attends. (PP-6). We usually get quite a few parents there. All students bring in a flower or two and the class parent rep makes up a bouquet for the class to lay at the flagpole during the assembly. This year it is on the last day of term 1.

Q: Can girls wear bikinis for the swim carnival?
A: Yes, but we prefer a one piece.

Q: Is the school closed on Easter Tuesday?
A: Yes. The school is closed from Good Friday to Easter Tuesday inclusive.

Q: Why can’t children arrive at school before 8.30am?
A: There are no staff on duty. We have before school care to assist parents.

Q: When is the Chaplain at school?
A: Mondays and Wednesdays.
EMAIL: francesh@youthcare.org.au

Q: How come the year 1s are in rooms 2, 3 and 7. Why not switch room 7 to room 4 so year 1s are all together?
A: Room 4 is one of our biggest classrooms and houses 33 year 4 students. Room 7 is the smallest classroom and houses 22 year 1 students. The rooms have to be matched to the size of the class and age / size of the students.

Q: Where can I get a copy of the curriculum?
A: Western Australian Curriculum (PP-6) www.scsa.wa.edu.au/

NAPLAN – year 3 and 5 students
The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) is an annual assessment for students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9.

The assessments are undertaken nationwide, every year, in May (week 3, term 2). Year 3 and 5 parents please ensure your children are present at school for Naplan tests (start 9.00am) as follows:

Tuesday 10 May
Year 3 Language and Conventions (40 mins)
Year 3 Writing (40 mins)
Year 5 Language and Conventions (40 mins)
Year 5 Writing (40 mins)

Wednesday 11 May
Year 3 Reading (45 mins)
Year 5 Reading (50 mins)

Thursday 12 May
Year 3 Numeracy (45 mins)
Year 5 Numeracy (50 mins)

There is a Naplan website with further information including sample tests. Go to: http://www.nap.edu.au

Student Free Days 2016
Tues 26 April first day T2 (day after Anzac)
Fri 3 June week 6 T2 (WA Day long weekend)
Mon 18 July first day T3
Mon 10 Oct first day T4

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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
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.

Rotary Club of Osborne Park film night to raise funds for the Yarloop-Waroona bushfire victims. My Big Fat Greek Wedding 2. 7:45 pm 24th March Cygnet Cinema in Como. Drinks will be served from 7:00 pm. $30 The proceeds will be used to provide trauma counselling to the affected people and provide stockfeed for farm animals. Bookings online http://www.trybooking.com/KITT .

Would you like to play AFL? Auskick to Y12
Boys and girls are welcome at the East Freo Power!
Register online:

Come Play Rugby!
The Cott Junior Pirates are looking for boys and girls aged between 5-14 years old to join our club. Come and learn some new skills and make new friends in a fabulous, unique club environment. (NB. No tackling for all games up to U8s). For more info or to register your interest contact Emma 0418 953 542 or emreilly76@hotmail.com https://www.facebook.com/groups/cottjuniorrugby

Nightfields – A free footy program for boys and girls aged 6-16.
Held at Bruce Lee oval every Wednesday from 3:30-5pm.
Come down and join in on games and activities. Healthy snacks will be provided.
Please bring a water bottle

Drum lessons at Richmond after school:

Tennis lessons will recommence at Richmond before school in term 2 following the courts resurfacing. The work is due to finish March 12th.

Violinsports
Keyboard and guitar lessons at Richmond after school 9328 8438