From the Principal

School Swimming Carnival
Congratulations to everyone who participated, all the parents and supporters who came along, and to the medal winners:

Year 4:
Gold: Charlotte Harwood & Elliot Kane
Silver: Emma Byron & Joshua Burling
Bronze: Jasmine Pix, Ella Gaspar & Tom Van Ooran

Year 5:
Gold: Karla Igloi & Max Goddard
Silver: Jessica Kelly & Ashton Taylor
Bronze: Claire Dean & Cooper McManus

Year 6:
Gold: Jade Edmonds & Lucas Downs
Silver: Ella Flatau Harrison & Joseph Fonti
Bronze: Isabel Duncanson & Jordi Morgan

Murdoch University Awards - Miss Bowman
Our new teacher Miss Bowman has been awarded the CS and DL Sanders Prize in Education for best academic performance in the Bachelor of Education by a graduating student, and the Early Childhood Teachers' Association Prize for best academic performance in school experience and academic components by a student graduating in the Bachelor of Education (Early Childhood and Primary Teaching). Danielle also won the Vice Chancellor’s Prize last year and this year. She was one of over 2000 applicants for her job in year 1. Well done Danielle!

Questions
Please email me any quick queries or questions and I will respond as soon as I can. Recent questions overleaf.

Lisa Dentith

Student Free Days 2016

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Recent Questions

Q: Are we getting new back boards and hoops on the new basketball courts?
A: Yes, it’s in the pipeline.

Q: How can I register for Dads & Kids camp?
A: Go to www.dadsandkids.com.au
49 families have signed up so far.

Q: What is the online code to order school photos from Kapture?
A: HFBWTZ.

Q: Can the SMS absence phone number be used to advise of future absences or just those on that day?
A: Yes – use it for all absences, including past, current or future ones.

Q: My child says there is netball training before school?
A: Our interschool team trains with Mrs Button before school on Mondays.

Q: Can we get a ramp instead of steps from Osborne Road into the grounds by the Art room?
A: Unfortunately it is cost prohibitive to have ramps at all entrances. The main school entrance leads to a ramp to access all areas.

Q: How do students know if they are in the interschool swim team?
A: They will get a letter advising them this week.

Q: I heard we have to bring flowers on the last day of term?
A: The ANZAC assembly is 9.00am in the quad on the last day. Traditionally all students bring in a couple of flowers for the class parent rep to make into a bouquet to lay at the flagpole during the service.

Q: Do students have to have the Richmond PS school bag?
A: No but we do prefer the Richmond bag.

Q: Do kindys have to wear a uniform now?
A: Yes, the kindy T shirt and any bottoms.

Q: Do girls have to wear skirts over their bike shorts?
A: Yes.

Q: Which day do students start back next term?
A: Wednesday (27 April)

Q: Is it true that ‘Dads and Kids camp’ originated at Richmond?
A: Yes. Our P&C President Phil started the idea here in 2011. It’s hard to say how many schools are now doing it, but dozens in Perth and some over east.

Q: My son says there is a Richmond coding club - how can he join?
A: There is. It just started on Monday and runs before school for year 5 and 6 only. 35 students have joined. If it proves a success we will expand it. Four parents are running it with Mr Carder.

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In Brief:

- **Wacky hair day** raised $879.80 for leukaemia research. Special mention to Macklin Kelly, Shannon Lee, Adam Morgan, William Higham and Ben Bauer, all year 3, who shaved their heads, got sponsored and raised $340.

- **Room 12** raised $310.90 for their classroom from the assembly cake stall.

- **Willeton Uniforms** will be closed over Easter from 12.30pm on Thurs 24 March.

- **Check out** RPS Library Blog http://richmondpslibrary.blogspot.com.au to see some lovely book reviews by the children.

- **We are** installing new bike racks on the library wall between the library and the courts. It’s undercover and will provide a secure bar to chain bikes to.

- **Reminder** to register for the P&C parent directory cherylpech@iinet.net.au.
Poetry Competition
We are looking for interested students to enter the Dorothea Mackellar Poetry Awards. This is open for all students in Australia. The optional theme this year is “Waiting” and the school will be entering 30 poems. All submissions need to be in by the 20th May. For more information email Rebecca.Button@education.wa.edu.au.

All information about upcoming writing competitions will be placed on the pin-up board between room 12 and room 13 and included in the newsletter in the future. If you have any questions about any of these competitions please contact Rebecca Button room 12 at school.

P & C Association

P&C Sub Committee - Nature Play
Beck James; Lee Maloney; Meredith Fonti; Sara Millenbach; Simon Gevers.

Busy Bee – Sunday April 3rd, 2pm
We would love some volunteers at the next Busy Bee to help install some extra seating and make some enhancements to the stage area. Please bring gloves, a water bottle and a spade if you have one. Contact Beck James with any queries on 0407 018 151

Recycled Sculptures
The pieces from the Recycled Sculpture Competition have now been installed in the Nature Play Area and around the school. Take some time to check them out as they look amazing! Thanks to the families that created and donated their sculptures. Another big thanks to Simon Gevers for his professional installation of the art works.

Sand Play Area
The kids are loving creating sand pies with the old saucepans etc in the sand pit area. Families are welcome to donate other recycled kitchen pans, baking trays, muffin tins, cooking utensils, off cuts of plastic pipe and large smooth stones. We are seeking old unwanted items in keeping with the creative play area theme and school’s waste wise philosophy, so no new plastic sand pit toys and the like please. If you have any of these items to donate please drop them off into the box outside Lee Maloney’s classroom, Room 11. If anyone has access to wooden electric cable reels could you please let us know. We are looking for two that are no larger than 1.5m in diameter.

Kitchen Garden
If anyone is able to come along and help in the kitchen garden on a Friday between 12.10pm and 12.50pm we would love to see you. Extra adult help allows us to work in smaller group. A huge thank you to all the families that have been helping out with the watering.

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

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Would you like to play AFL? Auskick to Y12
Boys and girls are welcome at the East Fremantle
Power!
Register online:
All enquiries: registrar@eastfreopower.com.au

COME PLAY RUGBY!
The Cott Junior Pirates are looking for boys and girls
5-14 years old to join our club. (NB. No tackling for all games up to U8s). For more info contact
Emma 0418 953 542 or
emreilly76@hotmail.com
https://www.facebook.com/groups/cottjuniorrugby

Fremantle Sailing Club
School Holiday Sailing Courses
Monday, 11 April til Friday, 15 April or Monday, 18 April til Friday, 22 April 8:30 am till noon each day
Ph: 9435 8882 (Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday mornings) E: training@fsc.com.au

State Swim East Fremantle
Would like to invite all children at ‘Richmond Primary’ to attend a
Introductory Lesson*
Please phone 9339 4520 or email eastfremantle@stateswim.com.au
*New swimmers only

For tickets to back to the 80s go to:

Creative Kids Art Club
After School Art Classes now enrolling
Visit www.creativekidsartclub.com.au for more information or contact Jane on 0408194441 or email jane@creativekidsartclub.com.au

Experienced and Reliable Babysitter and Tutor
Current:
Drivers License
Working with Children
Senior First Aid Certificate
Police Clearance

Babysitting $25/hr Tutoring $35/hr
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