From the Principal

The P&C Dads’ and Kids’ camp is this weekend! We have over 80 tents booked in so far and it will be a fantastic night. It’s not too late to book – just register online at www.eastfremantle.baptistchurch.net.au or contact our P&C President, Phil Beeck 0405 112 135

The children and their dads will be cooking, playing games and hiding around the school with torches. It’s always loved by the children. A few people have asked about the website belonging to the Baptist Church – it is simply that Phil is the pastor there. The camp has no religious content at all.

Fete meeting at P&C
The P&C meeting this week was very well attended by over 20 people and the fete was the main item discussed. Please see attached an updated fete list and the first fete newsletter. We are always keen to hear about good fete ideas – please let us know. It will be a lot of fun to be involved in - please sign up as a helper on a stall or in a coordination team!

Contributions and Charges Letter
Thanks to everyone for paying their contributions and charges. We have sent out letters this week outlining all payments – please only pay those that you have not yet paid.

We could not produce personal invoices due to a problem with our system so please call our Registrar should you be unsure what you have already paid for. Sorry if it was confusing.

Everyone from PP to year 7 will need to pay the $12.00 for the Maths workbook. This could not be supplied by Campion and we had to privately source them. There was a line on the personal items list saying this would be invoiced later but I think a few people may have missed it. Thanks for paying this now – the children have been given the books.

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

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From the Principal continued

Chaplaincy feedback
The Chaplaincy program is sponsored by the Federal Government via the National School Chaplaincy and Student Welfare Program.

We are fortunate that we applied for the first round of funding three years ago and were successful. Since then we have had two excellent Chaplains at Richmond: Helen Vandersteen and Anne Wetmore. We are currently looking for a Chaplain for this year.

The Chaplaincy is a valuable source of pastoral care for students and parents and many families benefit from her support in times of need. It is entirely voluntary for students to see the Chaplain and there is no religious content to the role.

If you have strong feelings either way – in support of or against the Chaplaincy program, please email me your feedback. It is important that the Chaplaincy provides a service that the community wants and supports.

P&C Donations to the school
Thanks to the P&C who have already donated nearly $30,000 to the school for resources this year. These include regular donations like money for the computer lease ($9000), sponsorship of the Mathletics program for all students ($3200), end of year awards, book prizes, sports carnival prizes and library books ($6200).

The P&C have also made two new donations - $3200 to buy every classroom their own bag of sports equipment - balls, hoops etc - to use at recess and lunch times, and $8000 to buy updated Science resources for all children to use with the new National Science Curriculum. Many thanks! A lot of this comes from parent donations to the P&C as well as fundraising.

We have been discussing what to use the fete fundraising for. One idea is to upgrade the sound system in the undercover area, which is quite crackly, so that we can get the most out of performances - this would be something everyone would benefit from. Please email me any other ideas…Thanks!

Lisa Dentith

Classroom Roundup
In response to a suggestion made by a parent (thanks!) we will start to include a quick classroom roundup in the newsletter:

Year 7: Students are having extension lessons delivered by John Curtin College of the Arts teachers for two hours a week in History and Science. Year 7s from North Fremantle PS come weekly to Richmond to share in these specialist lessons. This is great preparation for high school.

Year 5, 6, 7: Students are heading to Parliament House & the Constitution Centre in town. They have been having specialist literacy lessons from Mrs Rowe and Mrs Horsley and the year 5s have been writing with Mrs Dentith.

Years 4-7 are currently doing a new 4-week orienteering program

Year 4-7: Students have been swimming – training, trialling and their swimming carnival at Fremantle Pool is coming up!

Year 4: Students have started faction footy and are tired out!

Year 3, 4, 5 & 6: Students have just done a St John’s First Aid course

Year 3: Students are going to the Hills Discovery Centre to enrich their Science program. They have been studying fur and feathers!

Year 1, 2, 3: Students are doing a 6 week circus skills course.

Pre-primary/year 1: The pre-primaries in room 1 have been lucky to have weekly specialist Italian, Art, Music and Phys Ed lessons with their year 1 classmates.

Pre-primaries: Students are going on an excursion to the Fremantle Shipwreck Museum, having lunch at Ciceroľlo’s and visiting the aquarium!

Kindys and PPs: Students are starting a funky fitness program.
Parents & Citizens Association
Money aplenty is getting spent on the kids of Richmond Primary School at the moment by the P&C. At our very well attended meeting on Tuesday night we agreed to spend $29 600 on the following items for the kids: Mathletics, end of year awards, sports carnivals, computer lease, library books, kindy books, sports equipment for each class to use at recess and lunch and $8000 worth of new science resources. I’m sure you will hear all about how your kids are benefitting from these items as the year goes on.

The fete was our main item of discussion. This will be on the 16th of November- so mark that in your diary now. This is a wonderful community event and we’d love to see every family in the school participate in some way. See Beatrice’s regular newsletter to find out how to be involved or sign up to run a stall or help out at one. Early thoughts on ideas to spend the fete money on include: new PA system for assemblies and more shade covers over play equipment. If you have other ideas, don’t keep them to yourself.

The Dads and Kids Camp is tonight and should be an amazing time of fun and connecting between the 75 dads and their 120 kids. The next thing on our agenda is an outdoor movie night scheduled for Thursday night the 18th of April on the school oval. There will be more info coming shortly on this, but put it in your diary now. Also look out for a disco in term 2.

Phil Beeck
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0405 112 135

DONATIONS…..
Carpet tiles
We would like to replace the carpet tiles that the juniors sit on for assembly as they are getting grubby. Does anyone have any way of getting us any free tiles??

Books
If your child has outgrown their books and they are in good condition and may be enjoyed by other younger children please consider giving them to our library!

After School Activities at School
The following organisations have 2013 contracts with us for use of our facilities to run activities for Richmond students. If you would like your child to attend, please pick up a flyer at the front office. They are user pays:

Marshall's Tennis: Tennis lessons – Thurs & Fri 7.45-8.30am
Total Chess: Chess Club - Wed 3.15-4.15pm
Violin Sports: Music lessons – Wed 3-5pm
Positive Groove: Dance lessons – Thurs 3.05 – 5pm
Camp Australia: After school-care – every day 3- 6pm

Swimming Training
Training at Bicton Pool is going swimmingly well! Keep the great work up swimmers – your commitment will shine through! Training takes place on Tuesdays and Thursday 7-8am at Bicton Pool so come on down and join in the fun. Breakfast provided.

Queries contact Kirsty 0424 434 219.

High School
Parents from all primary year groups are invited to attend a presentation about secondary schooling choices, to be held at Melville Primary School on Thursday 4 April 6.30-7.30pm. This would be valuable for anyone considering public secondary schools.

Discover more about the many secondary school opportunities available for your children at det.wa.edu.au/schoolsandyou.

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@det.wa.edu.au and put "newsletter" in the subject line

After school care
New families please note you can access after school care at Richmond via private provider, Camp Australia. Call 1300 105 343 or go to www.campaustalia.com.au or call in at the demountable classroom at school after 3.00pm to meet the staff
Tennis Coaching
@ Melville Tennis Centre
Corner Stock Rd & Canning Hwy, Melville
(after Melville Tennis Centre)
All ages & abilities welcome, classes all year round & holidays.
Call Glen 0433 340 646 or email
glen@poptennis.com.au

Raising Teenage Girls
- a workshop for Dads
Workshops available at East Victoria Park and West Leederville. Cost - $25 – 6.30-9.30pm. Places are limited so book now on 9489 6322.

The String Beans Ensemble –
Do you play a violin, viola, cello, or double bass? If you are aged between 8 & 12 the string beans ensemble may be just the thing for you.
Practice sessions North Fremantle Bowling Club Thursdays between 4-530pm.

The Buds Ensemble
Do you have a child who plays a violin, viola, cello, or double bass?
If your child is aged between 5 & 8 and is having music lessons, make practice easier for you both and join the buds orchestra for lots of music and fun!
Call Sally Purser on 0488 52370 or www.nofcad.org.au

Host Families needed in June/July
In June-July 2013 Student Exchange Australia New Zealand Ltd will be receiving exchange students from Europe, Canada, Usa and Latin America. We are looking for volunteer host families to welcome these students into their homes for between 2-10 months.
Please call 1300135331 or visit www.studentexchange.org.au

Phoenix Theatre
Project Pinocchio is a theatre show that is suitable for ages 8+ and is held at The City of Cockburn’s Memorial Hall in Hamilton Hill.
Show times April 4-7, starts at 8pm/Matinees 2pm. Tickets available through www.taztix.com.au or call 9255 3336

Perth Lions Futsal Youth Academy
North Fremantle Bowls Club
Friday’s 3.45-4.45pm.
For more information contact Phil on 0423 149 292

Fremantle Soccer Club
Fremantle Soccer Club still has a couple of places left in each age group. In most age groups it does not involve travelling and is a great family club. Contact Robert
0417 649 654 or
president@eastfreosoccer.org.au