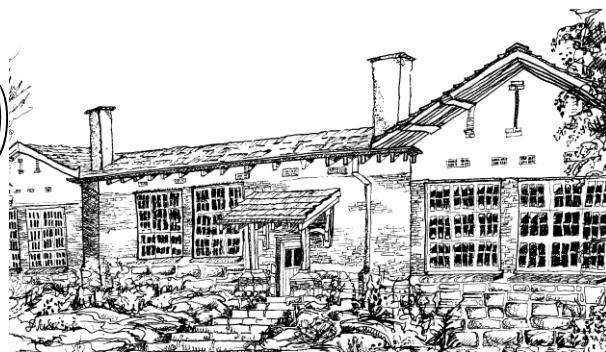


# RICHMOND NEWS



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## Schedule of School Events

- **23 May-** year 6 camp
- **30 May** **Special P&C** meeting 9.00am at school for voting
- **2 June** assembly rm8 rm0
- **2 June** mums night
- **3 June** **student free day**
- **17 June** assembly rm2 rm9
- **20 June** dental screening PP, and years and 6
- **29 June** Planting day
- **29 June** Sem 1 reports home
- **1 July** assembly Music
- **1 July** **break up**
- **19 July** **TERM 3**
- **3 Sept** Great Gatsby party
- **28 Oct** Halloween disco

## STUDENT ABSENCES

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

SMS:

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

### Student Free Days 2016

Fri 3 June	week 6 T2 (WA Day long weekend)
Mon 18 July	first day T3
Mon 10 Oct	first day T4

Cake Stall Room 11 \$447.05!

## From the Principal

### Next P&C Event – for mums

We are always busy at the P&C planning community events. The next one is for mums only – Thursday June 2<sup>nd</sup> from 7:30pm onwards at Young George. Tickets are \$20 and include a drink on arrival, nibbles and a raffle ticket. Tickets are available for purchase in the office – or call or email us to put your name down. Thanks Brigid for organising.

### Applications for 2017

We are now taking applications for 2017. Please go to our website, call in or ring the office on 9339 5055 to get an application form.

### Unpaid Billing Items

We have to send out invoices for all unpaid billing items each term. These will come home soon. They include unpaid charges and voluntary contributions. Obviously the latter are voluntary and if you prefer not to pay them, please let us know and they will be removed from your invoice.

### P&C Call for Expressions of Interest:

President, Treasurer and Executive committee.

Closing date for nominations is today. Voting will be at a special P&C meeting at school at 9.00am on May 30<sup>th</sup>. All P&C members are entitled to vote. Please come so we get a quorum.

### Long weekend

Quick reminder that next week it's a long weekend with both Friday and Monday off (3 and 6 June).

### Year 6 Camp

Students arrived at their Bridgetown camp safely and are having a ball this week. Parents please call the office on Friday afternoon to check the estimated bus arrival time – it could be after 3pm.

*Lisa Dentith*

## From the Principal *continued*

### Questions

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

### Recent Questions

Q: Is there a school policy on giving out party invitations at school?

A: We prefer that invitations be given out outside of school, but if that's not practical, teachers will hand them out for you discreetly at the end of the day. It can be very demoralising when everyone else is publicly invited and you are left out.

Q: .If my kindy child lives in the intake zone do I need to apply for pre-primary?

A: No. We will automatically roll your child over into pre-primary. But you will be asked for proof of residence at the end of this year.

Q: What do we do re schooling if we take the children travelling for a few months?

A: The Education Act says that children should be at a school. Options are:

1. Enrol them at the School of Distance Education – children do school work online with an assigned tutor.  
The student must be travelling overseas for a minimum of one school semester or 20 school weeks. (Proof: airline tickets and itinerary)  
The student should not have access to an English speaking school.
2. Register yourself as a Home Educator. You would have to demonstrate to the Education Department that you are fulfilling all requirements of the WA curriculum.
3. Enrol them at a school abroad.
4. Obviously the last option is they miss school and are recorded on the roll as 'unauthorised absence'.

Q: Is it possible to get a short lease in the intake zone, enrol a child, and then move back to our real house?

A: Technically it would be possible but it is against the spirit of local intake policy which is designed to protect local intake children. Those children could find themselves in oversized classes. We have enough space for all local intake children based on local

housing. If people move into the zone and out again deliberately and quickly, it becomes impossible to plan accordingly. Please don't encourage any family to do this. If space becomes too cramped, I am able to ask children to leave if I believe they have misled us on enrolment.

Q: Who do we inform if children are absent for a short time – eg: a week or two?

A: .All absence dates – even those in the future - may be texted to the office on the absence number **0417 973 697**. Class teachers should also be notified. Extended unauthorised absences – ie: holidays – should also be emailed to the Principal for her information please.

Q: How come category 3 students (out of area, with siblings at the school) sometimes get into pre-primary from kindy and sometimes they don't?

A: It depends how many spaces we have in the year group. For example, last year we only had two kindy classes to move into 50 pre-primary spaces. This year we have three kindy classes to move into 50 pre-primary spaces. Out of area children are the ones who miss out when there are a lot of in area children.

*Palmyra Dental Clinic will do their annual dental screening at school on May 20<sup>th</sup> at 1pm for pre-primary, year 3 and year 6 students.*

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## P & C Association

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**Mums Night Off!!** Please join us at Young George on Thursday the 2nd June. Class reps, why not make it your class catch up!! Look forward to seeing all you lovely ladies there!!  
*Brigid*

**Canteen** The roster is behind the canteen door.. Pop in to put your name down or contact me on 0411 442 035  
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*Peta Van Heemst – Canteen Manager*

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