From the Principal

The P&C has had a busy and productive start to the year with the AGM and subsequent Executive Committee meeting. We are planning to have two events a term for the school community to socialise. Lots of effort and preparation go into these events so many thanks to all the volunteers in advance – I know everyone appreciates it.

The first event is the annual Dads and Kids camp on the oval on 20/21 March. Last year 99 dads camped out. We are hoping for 100 this year.

The main P&C project last year was the upgrade of the undercover area equipment. We have a new mixing desk, sound and lighting system, backdrop and microphones. The acoustics are much improved. Still planned is a projector for use in assemblies, the resurfacing of the floor and improvement of access via the side doors. The undercover area upgrade has been funded by fete profits.

Once this project is finished, the P&C plans this year to focus on the development of a nature play area on the site of the current kitchen garden. A parent led committee formed last year has conducted research about what the students would like, visited other similar projects and gathered information. Late last year they had plans drawn up by parent Sally Matthews (thanks) and the next step is trying to get hold of materials and volunteers to make it happen. See more information attached.

Some ‘green’ fundraisers this year, starting with bulb selling will raise money for this exciting project.

On a somewhat different note, apparently some parents are drinking alcohol after school on the oval whilst children play… Please can you not do this - the after school care is operating and students are still around. It is against school and DoE policy. Many thanks.

Lisa Dentith

Schedule of School Events

- 10 March – kindy photo day
- 10 March – yr4-6 swim trials
- 12 March – school photo day
- 13 March – assembly rm12/11
- 17 March – yr4-6 swimming carnival Melville pool 12.30pm
- 20 March – Dads and kids camp
- 27 March – assembly rm3/4
- 31 March – 9am-12pm interschool swimming @ Challenge stadium
- 2 April – break up
- 20 April – back to school
- 24 April – ANZAC service 9am
- 8 May – assembly rm10/13
- 12-14 May – NAPLAN yrs3 & 5
- 22 May – assembly rm2/9
- 29 May – student free day
- 5 June – assembly rm8/0
- 8-12 June – year 6 camp
- 19 June – assembly rm11/12
- 3 July – assembly SIM
- 3 July – break up
- 20 July - student free day
- 28 July – school x country yr4-7
- 4 August – interschool x country
- 26 August – field events (school)
- 28 August – athletics carnival K-6
- 25 Sept – break up
- 12 Oct – student free day
- 13 Oct – return to school

Early childhood off site 9339 3407 Canteen: 9319 1758
STUDENT COUNCIL

Citizenship Award
This is awarded by the Council each assembly to a student who has demonstrated good citizenship as nominated by staff.
Week 1-2 Zoe Hayne
Week 3-4 Noah Hirst

Mathletics year group champions
All students have a logon paid by the P&C. Each assembly the Student Council will award a certificate to the individual ‘highest points getter’ in each year group instead of to a class. This will allow individuals to earn recognition in their own right, regardless of what the rest of their class do. We will list the name, year and points earned this fortnight.
Kindy Otis Taylor Bullen 1260
PP Hannah Daniels 3163
Year 1 Ronan Williams 8270
Year 2 Zoe Hayne 7312
Year 3 Kye Benson 9654
Year 4 Claire Dean 7311
Year 5 Alinia Jiji 6640
Year 6 Morgan Taylor 3780

Ruby the Richmond Bear
Ruby is awarded to the class with the tidiest bag racks as judged by the Council.
Week 1-2 room 5
Week 3-4 room 13

Gold slip winner
This is drawn at random by the Council each assembly from all gold slips won that fortnight.
Week 1-2 Harrison Bain
Week 3-4 Leah Wray

Student Council organised events
Wednesday 18 March Harmony Day dress up as another country & parade

Waste Free lunch winners
This is drawn by rm 4 from all students who had a waste free lunch this fortnight.
Sam Hughes & Tilly Hay

P&C ASSOCIATION

Dear Parents and Carers,

Each year the Richmond Primary School P&C association publishes a school community directory for parents and carers.

The directory is a useful resource compiled using only information that you provide on this form—school records are not used—and inclusion is optional.

You may also place a business advertisement in the directory, for a contribution of $50.

For your family details to be included, please complete the form located at:

Alternatively, you may print and complete the attached form and return it to the P&C locked box in the school office, or include all contact details in an email, and send to cherylmpech@iinet.net.au

For your family details to be included, please submit this form by FRIDAY 13 MARCH 2015.

Kind regards,

Cheryl Pech
P&C
School Community Directory Coordinator

Swimming – parent volunteers needed
Please can anyone volunteer to help with the swimming carnival? We need people for the time trials and the carnival. Tuesday 10 March 1.00pm and Tuesday 17 March 12.30pm at Melville Aquatic.
Call Charmaine 9339 5055
**Executive Committee Nominations:** two nominations have been received and will be ratified at the general meeting.

**Class parent reps:** The P&C is now calling for parents to volunteer to be their class parent rep. Please nominate yourself to your class teacher or to Lisa. The role is to work alongside the P&C to specifically do the following:

- Prepare class contact list for plays / social contact
- Organise class cake stall on assembly day
- Organise ANZAC flowers for your class
- Plan class socials for parents / kids
- Welcome new parents
- Round up canteen volunteers from your class to help in the canteen occasionally
- Promote info to parents re- P&C events

Advice and assistance is available from the office about how to organise cake stalls and ANZAC flowers.

**P&C Membership:** We would love you to become a member of the P&C this year. The annual fee is less than $1 and allows you to vote at all general P&C meetings. Meetings are once a term and often at a coffee shop in the mornings after school drop off.

**Nature play:** the P&C will be focussing on developing the nature play area next to the kitchen garden this year. Please see the nature play website to get an idea of what will be involved:


Here is some information about a similar project at Booragoon PS:


**Bulb fundraiser:** the P&C will soon be running a bulb fundraiser to raise money for the nature play garden being built in the kitchen garden area. Details to follow.

**Dads and Kids Camp**
**Register online…**
www.dadsandkids.com.au
Friday 20th March
5pm to 9am the next morning
school oval
$30 payment on the night.

Fathers and father figures invited with their children K- 6.

The night features:
- cooking your tea together
- night time family activities in the dark
- late night snacks & stories with dad
- a cooked brekky
- coffee for dads
- a short talk on fathering
- a take home activity to do with dad

**Phil Beeck**
President
philandhollyb@gmail.com
0405 112 135

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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.

Please can everyone remember to pick up after their dog if it is ever on the school grounds – its health and safety. Thanks!

Mathematics Enrichment Classes 2015
Since 1998 the Department of Mathematics and Statistics of Curtin University has successfully run a Mathematics Enrichment program for Years 5 -11. They will be running this program again in 2015. There will be 16 weekly sessions held at the Curtin University Bentley Campus. Classes typically take place between 4.00pm and 5.00pm. The cost for two terms will be $319.00 per student. Places are limited and early applications will be processed on a first-come, first-served basis. Applications are available on the website: http://maths.curtin.edu.au/enrichment.cfm. The closing date for enrolment is Wednesday 22nd April, 2015.

MAGGIE DENT

Every parent wants their children to thrive – to grow up happy, healthy, strong, kind and capable of realising their full potential. In this seminar, parenting author and educator Maggie Dent explores the 10 keys to parenting that support this goal. She acknowledges there is no “perfect” and that challenge, adversity and failure can actually help our kids grow stronger and smarter.

Where: John Curtin College of the Arts Theatre , 90 Ellen Street , Fremantle,
When: Friday, 6th March 2015
Time: 7 - 9pm
Cost: $35 (must pre-purchase tickets)
Booking Details: Peta Taylor, 0437 908 344 or petataylor1103@gmail.com
www.maggiedent.

Kids & Adults Concert – Explore the Orchestra
2.30pm or 3.45pm Sunday 8th March
(Concert proceeds to Radio Lollipop)

Kadidjini Community Hall (Dr Seuss Park)
Kitchener Rd, Melville

Pre-sold tickets only (no door sales)
Adults $10 Children $5
Tickets from Danielle
E: dts0906@gmail.com T: 94573685
M: 0415678905

Note from the School Health Nurse
Raising Children Network
Children are as individual and as different as their parents and making decisions about what’s best for raising children is very personal.

The Raising Children website offers up-to-date, research-based material on more than 800 topics spanning child development, behaviour, health, nutrition and fitness, play and learning, connecting and communicating, school and education, entertainment and technology, sleep and safety.

It covers grown-ups, newborns (0-3 months), babies (3-12 months), toddlers (1-3 years), preschoolers (3-5 years), school-age children (5-9 years), pre-teens (9-11 years), and early teens (12-15 years).

This is a website for Australian mothers, fathers, grandparents and anyone else who has responsibility for the care of children. www.raisingchildren.com.au

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